

ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - DATE ADDED: _____

1. NAME

Historic: Thomas Atkinson House

and/or Common: Atkinson-English House, Old English House, Atkinson-Till House

2. LOCATION

Street & Number: 63900 Highway 59

City, Town: Tensaw

State: AL

County: Baldwin

---Vicinity of: 1.0 m. SW junction Co. 80

Zip: 36579-

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category

- District
 Building(s)
 Structure
 Site
 Object

Ownership

- Public
 Private
 Both

Public Acquisition

- In process
 Being considered

Status

- Occupied
 Unoccupied
 Work in progress

Accessible

- Yes: restricted
 Yes: unrestricted
 No

Present Use

- Agriculture
 Commercial
 Educational
 Entertainment
 Government
 Industrial
 Military

- Museum
 Park
 Private residence
 Religious
 Scientific
 Transportation
 Other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Anabeth Jane Slaughter

Street & Number: 64900 Highway 59

City or Town: Tensaw

State: AL

Telephone: (251) 937-1417

Zip: 36579-

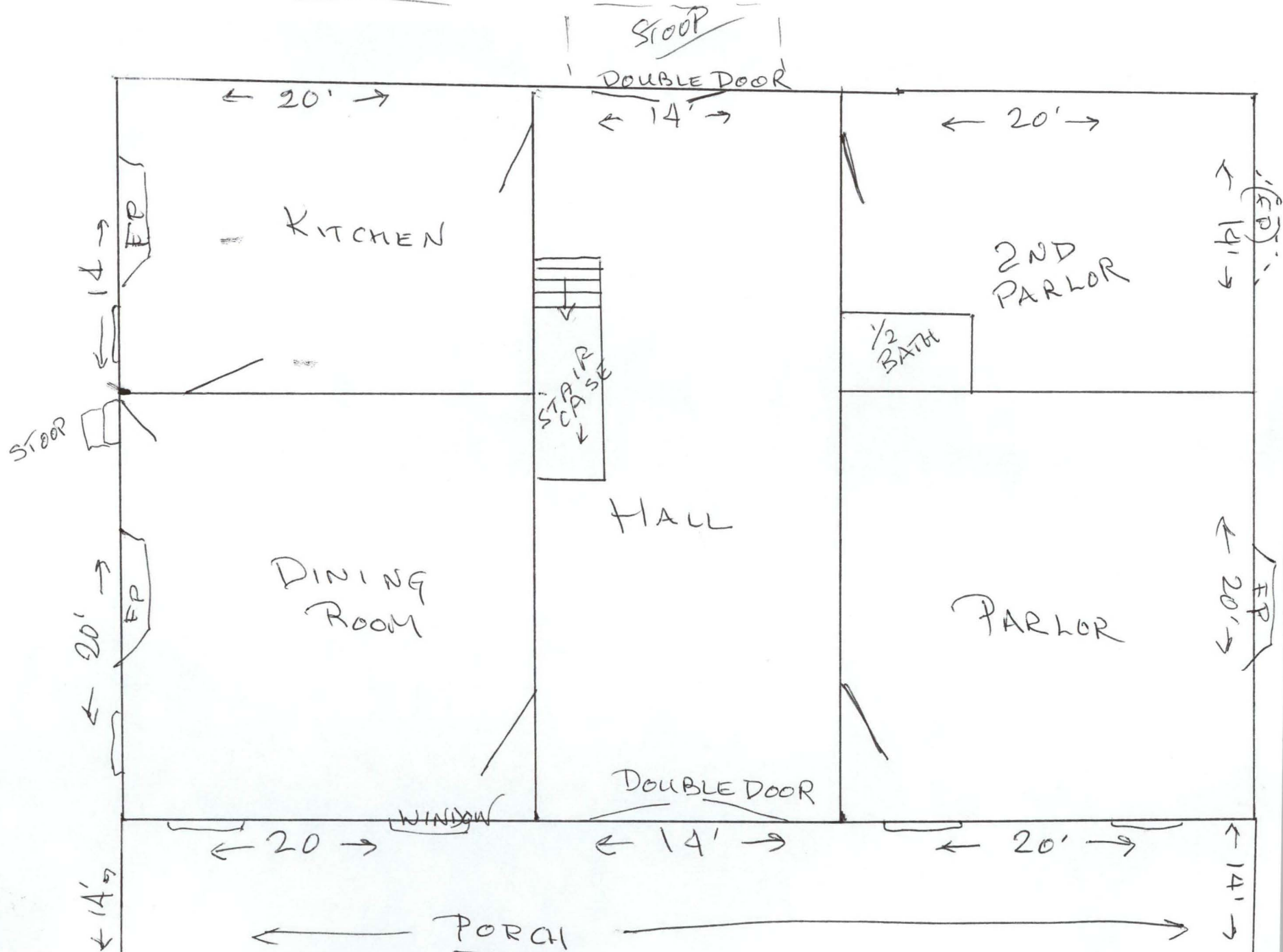
5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

(Use space below to sketch floor plan and site plan or attach additional sheet.)

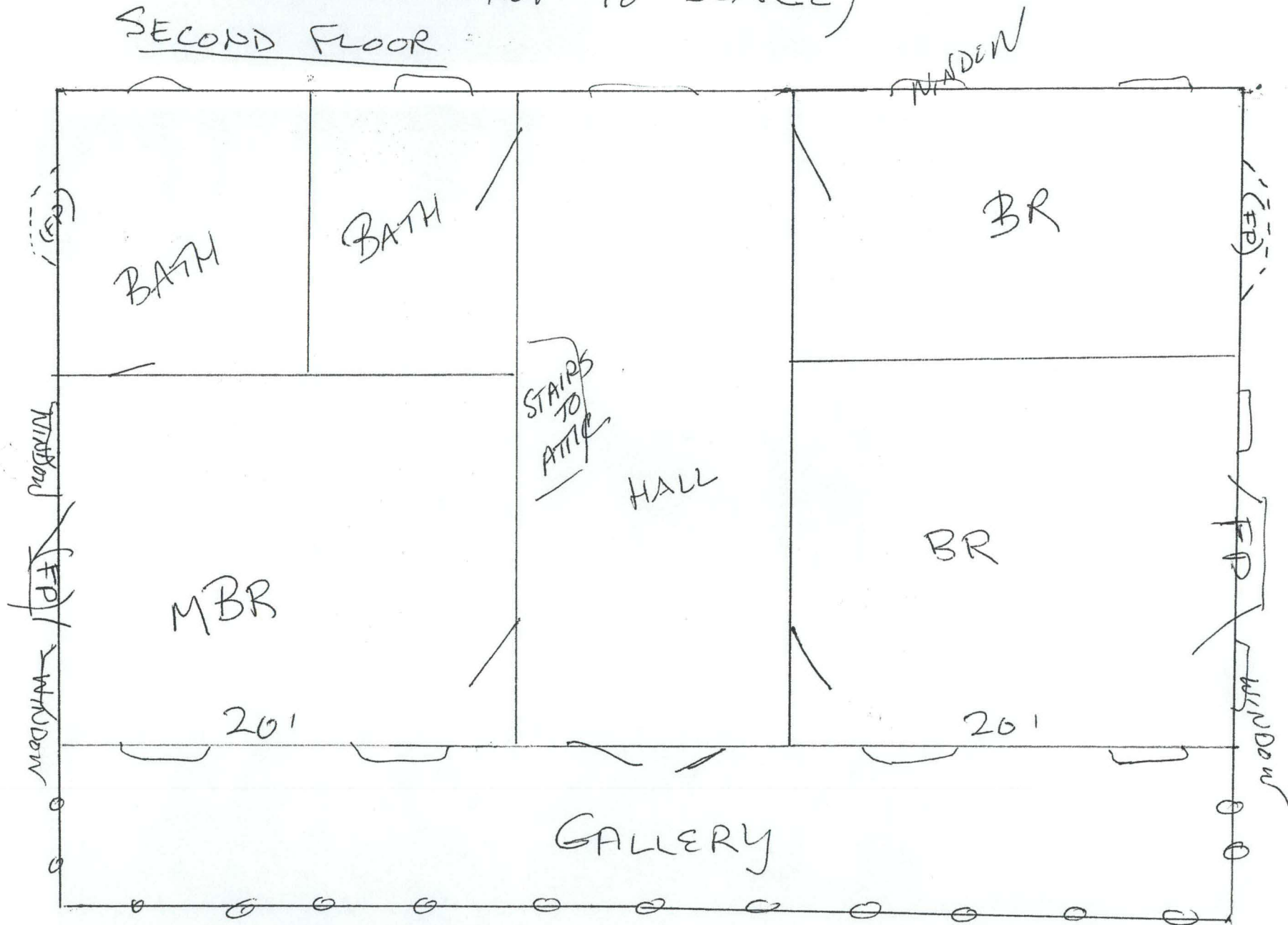
sheet attached with floor plan

THOMAS ATKINSON HOUSE (NOT TO SCALE)

FIRST FLOOR



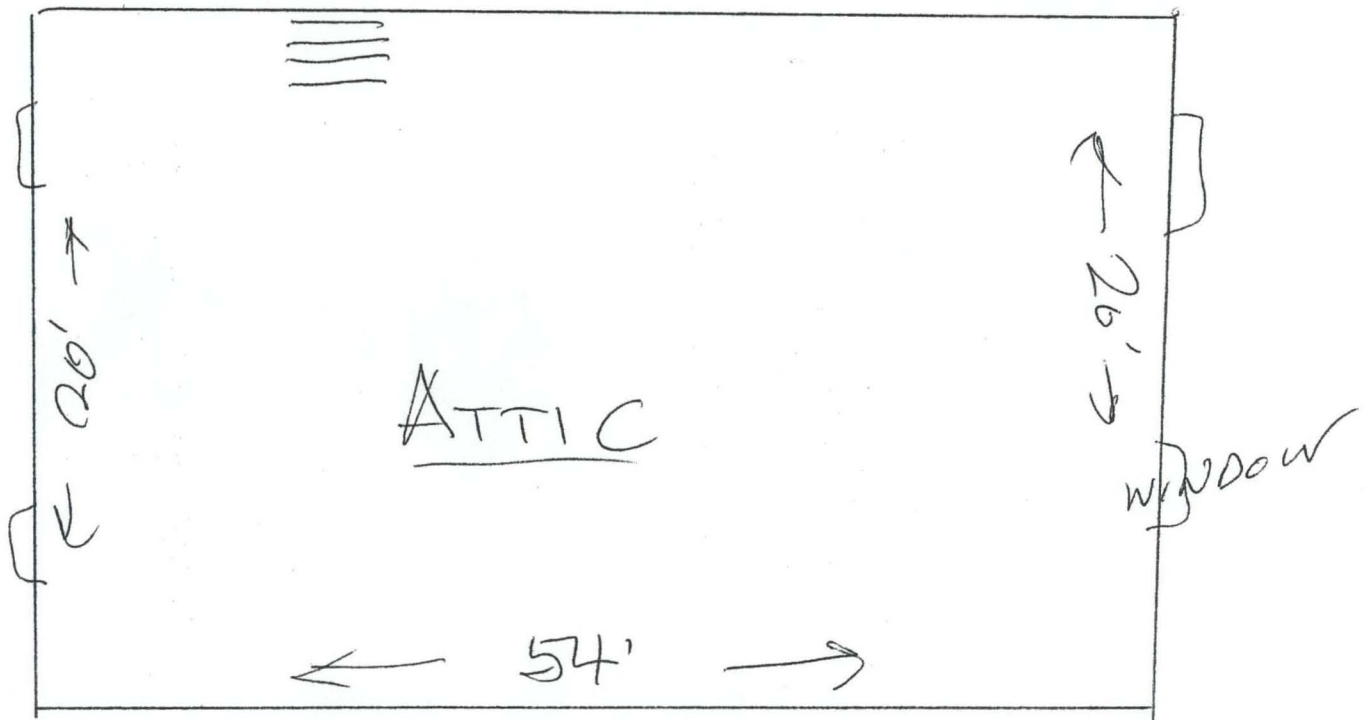
THOMAS ATKINSON HOUSE (NOT TO SCALE)
SECOND FLOOR



FORMER FP (FP)
Not

11701 W ARLINSON HOUSE (NOT TO SCALE)

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6. DESCRIPTION

(See attached instructions for specific guidelines on completing the description.)

CONDITION

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |

CHECK ONE

- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered |

CHECK ONE

- | |
|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moved Date Moved |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.

Frame (heart pine) with clapboarding, rectangular (5-bay front), 2 pairs of exterior end chimneys (one chimney no longer exists), 2 1/2 stories, gable roof with front slope extending over full length 2-tiered balustraded porch; center hall plan, paneled dado, parlor mantel probably based on Plate 51 of Asher Benjamin's "Practical House Carpenter" (1830). Small hip-roofed rear porch in process of reconstruction; main stairway ascends from back of main hall; sidelights and transoms, and probably the stair balustrade are also from Benjamin.

Recent divisions of space: early 1980s, left rear upstairs bedroom divided into two bathrooms. One is entered from main hallway, the other from upstairs hall. Small powder room added within the confines of rear right bedroom. Addition of wooden handrails to front steps..

House located approximately 1/3 m. off road on 63 acres of property. General area around house cleared and planted with trees. Near house are several old and large live oak trees.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

(See attached instructions for specific guidelines on completing the significance.)

PERIOD

- Prehistoric
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE-CHECK AND EXPLAIN BELOW

- archeology-prehistoric
- archeology-historic
- agriculture
- architecture
- art
- commerce
- communications

- community planning
- conservation
- education
- engineering
- exploration/settlement
- funerary art
- humanitarian

- industry
- landscape architecture
- law
- literature
- military
- music
- politics/government

- religion
- scientific
- sculpture
- social history
- theater
- other

SPECIFIC DATES: _____

BUILDER/ARCHITECT: _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Archeology-historic:

"It was near here that the Fort Mimms Massacre took place, August 1813, Creek War." Reference: Dr. George Petrie, A.P.I., Auburn, AL; author: E.W. Burkhardt, 4/27/1934, A.P.I., Auburn, AL, card entry Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record Atkinson-Till House

Architecture:

Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record, HABS ALA, 2-TENSA, 1-1; AL-116 Photos March 7, 1934 Atkinson-Till House

The Alabama Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey, A Guide to the Early Architecture of the State, Gamble, Rocert, the University of Alabama Press, 1987, p 195.

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p. 37 "An unwavering feature of the Creole cottage form remained its full-length gallery, inset beneath the main slope of a prominent gable roof. Double-decker porches treated in the same way, like that of the Thomas Atkinson house near Tensaw, northeast of Mobile, may be an outgrowth of this formula, although analogous examples can also be found in the Carolinas, from whence Atkinson had come to Alabama."

Social History:

Thomas Atkinson and his wife (Sarah Agnes, nee English?) had real and personal property totaling \$133,300 in 1860. With 78 slaves, they were the 6th largest slaveholding entity in Baldwin County. Members of the Slaughter family, who owned the house in the 19th century and again in the 20th, descend from the Belt and Booth families, who have been property owners in the area since receiving a large land grant in 1814 after fighting with Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. Graves on the Slaughter property at nearby Isola date back to the early 19th century.

8. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Asher Benjamin, Practical Home Carpenter (1830)

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: 63

Quadrangle name: _____

Enclose map showing location of property. (city or county map, state highway department map, or USGS map)

10. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/title: Sharri Whiting, MS

Organization: individual Date: 12/03/05

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11. PLEASE SUBMIT COLOR SLIDES OF THE PROPERTY WITH THIS FORM:

Color slides are essential to the review process.

12. PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORM AND DOCUMENTATION TO:

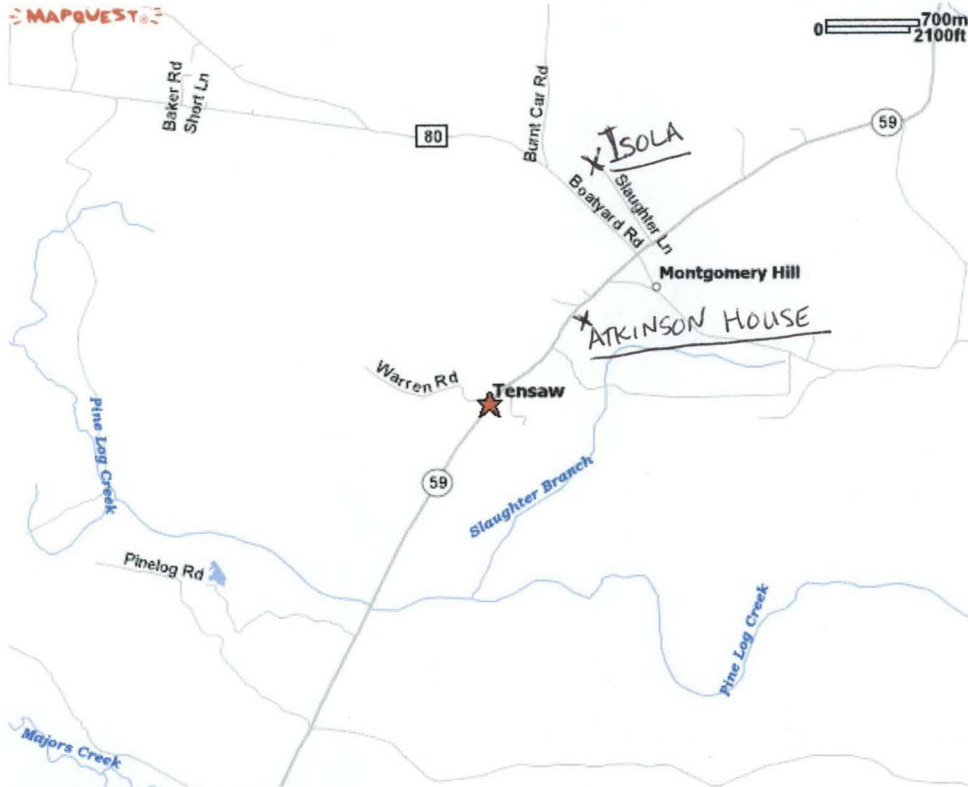
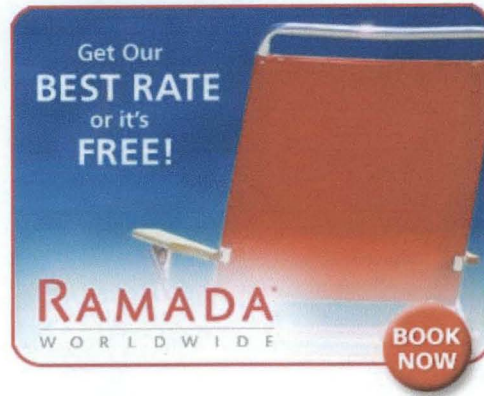
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Tensaw AL
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Notes:

Atkinson House located 1 m. SW Boatyard Rd, east side of Hwy 59, between Tensaw and Montgomery Hill



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