



STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130
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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

COUNTY COFFEE

NAME: Present RAWLS HOUSE Historic

LOCATION: Street and Number 301 W. COLLEGE

Town (Give directions if rural) 2 BLOCKS FROM BOLL WEEVIL MONUMENT

\*A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM\*

CATEGORY: Building (X) Structure ( ) Object ( ) Site ( ) District ( )

USE: Present Historic

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X)

Owner's Name SUE CIUZIO

Mailing Address 301 W. COLLEGE

ENTERPRISE, AL 36330

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When?

From where? (Give details in significance.)

CONDITIONS: Excellent ( ) Good (X) Fair ( ) Ruins ( )

THREATS: No (X) Yes ( ) By What?

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered ( ) Underway (X) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered buildings ( )
High building density ( ) Commercial (X) Industrial ( )
Residential (X) Rural ( )

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For all categories other than a district and object give a site plan with a North arrow. Show related buildings.

For a district give a verbal boundary description and attach a sketch map of the district.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

Why is this landmark significant? (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State ( ) National ( )  
( ) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Briefly state why the above is true)

The house was built by Jesse P. Rawls of Virginia who moved to Enterprise in 1896. Jesse was sent to the area by his uncle, Japeth Rawls, a south Georgia turpentine manufacturer. Jesse built what is reputed to be the first turpentine still in Coffee Co., also at his Uncle's request. The Rawls are significant for their

Date of Construction or Period of major importance.

c.1897

Architect or Builder (Give name and biographies, if known)

Jesse Rawls

Give a complete but concise history of the Landmark. Include information on important people and events associated with the landmark. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

The Rawls family moved to Coffee County to continue there lumber business and turpentine manufacturing. Jesse Rawls was sent to the area by his uncle, Japeth Rawls to buy or lease timber. In 1898, Japeth Rawls and his wife moved to Enterprise to run their lumber business. Jess owned and operated the Enterprise Mills and Novelty Works, which employed one hundred people making showcases, scrollwork, ceiling, flooring, molding, sashes, and doors for shipment to all parts of Alabama and the Southern states. In 1901 Jesse built and financed the first electric system in Enterprise. It served 50 customers and operated from sunup to bedtime. In 1901 Japeth retired from the turpentine business and became involved in other matters, particularly the construction of a hotel. The hotel is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

National Register of Historic Places of the Rawls Hotel, Coffee Co., Enterprise.  
Oral interviews with daughters of Jesse Rawls - JoAnna Purse and Elizabeth Peacock.

DESCRIPTION: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANDMARK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Complete as directed below for each category.

BUILDING:

Number of stories 2 Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Basement yes

Wall Material: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)  
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batten, stucco over wood or brick, metal, logs)

Clapboard on first and second floor. Porch support are stucco. Basement is concrete block and cement.

Structural System: (If known)

Wood frame (X) Load-bearing masonry ( ) Iron or Steel ( )

CONTINUATION SHEET

Significance: (con't) contributions to the development of Enterprise. Jesse Rawls also donated land for the first school in Enterprise.

The house is architecturally significant as a good example of an early 20th century style residence. The interior contains an extraordinary amount of manufactured moldings, doors, and other elements typical of the period. Since Jesse Rawls owned a manufacturing company that produced interior details, many, if not all, of the elements were locally made.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Roof Type: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination) Intersecting Gables

Roof Covering: (Wood shingle, Asphalt, Tile, Metal, Slate)

Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.)  
Cornice is bracketed at the gable ends.

Porches: Front (type and description) Covers the front and one-half side of the house.

It has stucco columns and a stone floor.

Rear (type and description) none

Side (type and description) none

Doors: Main entrance (location, description)

Paneled door with molding and transom.

Other entrances (location, description)

Side door off porch has molding.

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade Front: first floor: four wood sash  
second floor: two paired sets of windows and two smaller windows - all wooden sash

Types and number per floor for sides and rear

West elevation: seven wooden sash windows on 1st and 2nd floor; four basement windows

East elevation: five wooden sash windows on 1st and 2nd floor; four basement windows

South elevation: eight wooden sash windows on 1st and 2nd floor; eight basement windows

Interior: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.

Four mantles: dining room mantle has large beveled glass mirror

Floor: pine tongue-and-groove

Main hallway has five doors with transoms

Ceilings are 16 and one-half with some being lowered in the past

Other significant elements include beaded board wainscoting; original staircase with heavy square newel post and plain, square balusters; corner block molding; panelled doors; hardware; mantles with tile hearths; and a claw foot tub.

Other: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

Original smokehouse was torn down and used to cover the basement kitchen. A large garage with a workshop basement is on the east side of the house. The lot contains about 20 pecan trees and several large oak and poplar and/or sycamore trees. Brick path and steps follow beside the house and garage.

On an additional sheet make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions if possible.

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

- STRUCTURE: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the structure. (See examples)
- OBJECT: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the object. (See examples)
- SITE: On a separate sheet of paper give the present description of the site and how the site is believed to have looked during its period of importance.
- DISTRICT: On a separate sheet of paper give a general description of the district. Also needed is a numbered list of the structures in the district corresponding to the sketch map. This listing should include a name for the structure, a date of construction, a brief description, a statement of why the structure is significant, if it is.

\*A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM\*

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

USE ONLY PENCIL TO MARK ON MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

Photographs: Black and white, glossy finish, 5 x 7, or 8 x 10, is preferred.

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Town Enterprise

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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STAFF COMMENTS:

MAP REFERENCE: MAP \_\_\_\_\_

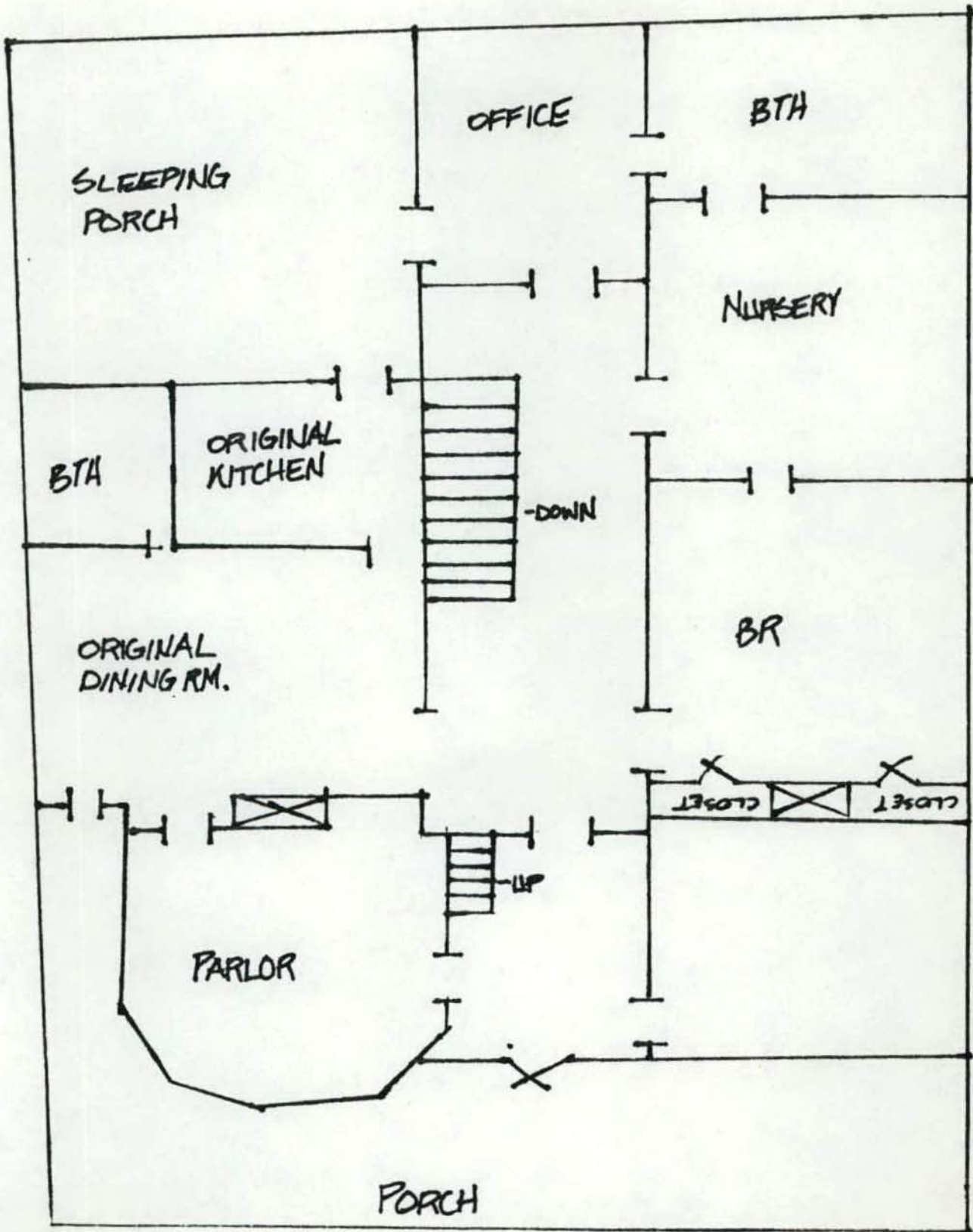
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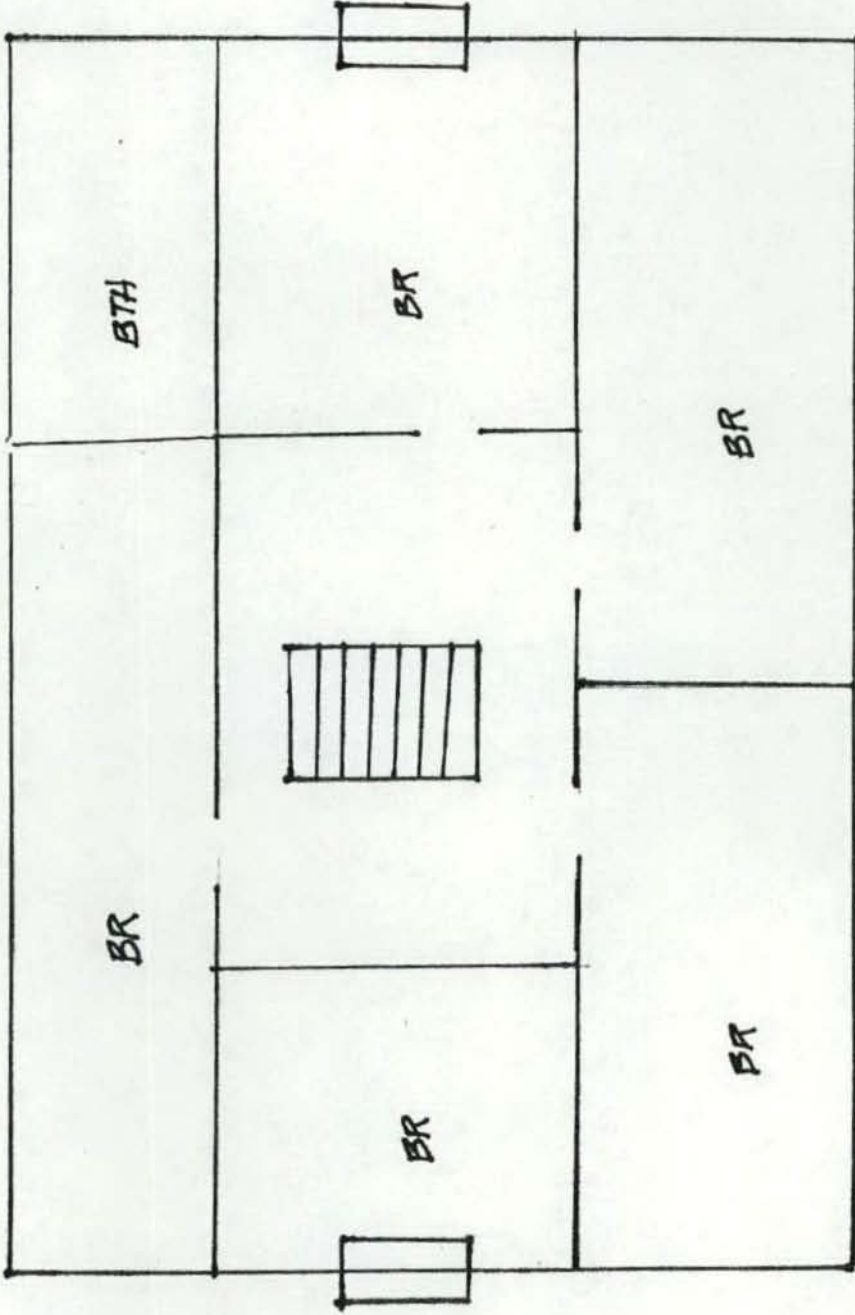
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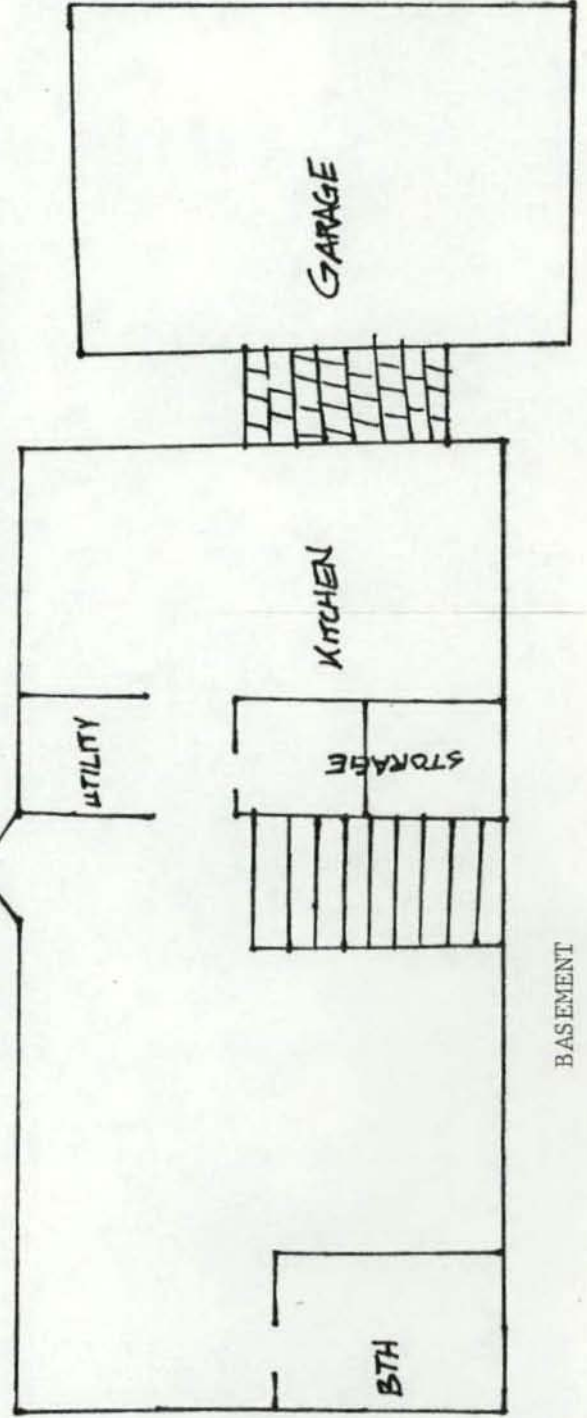


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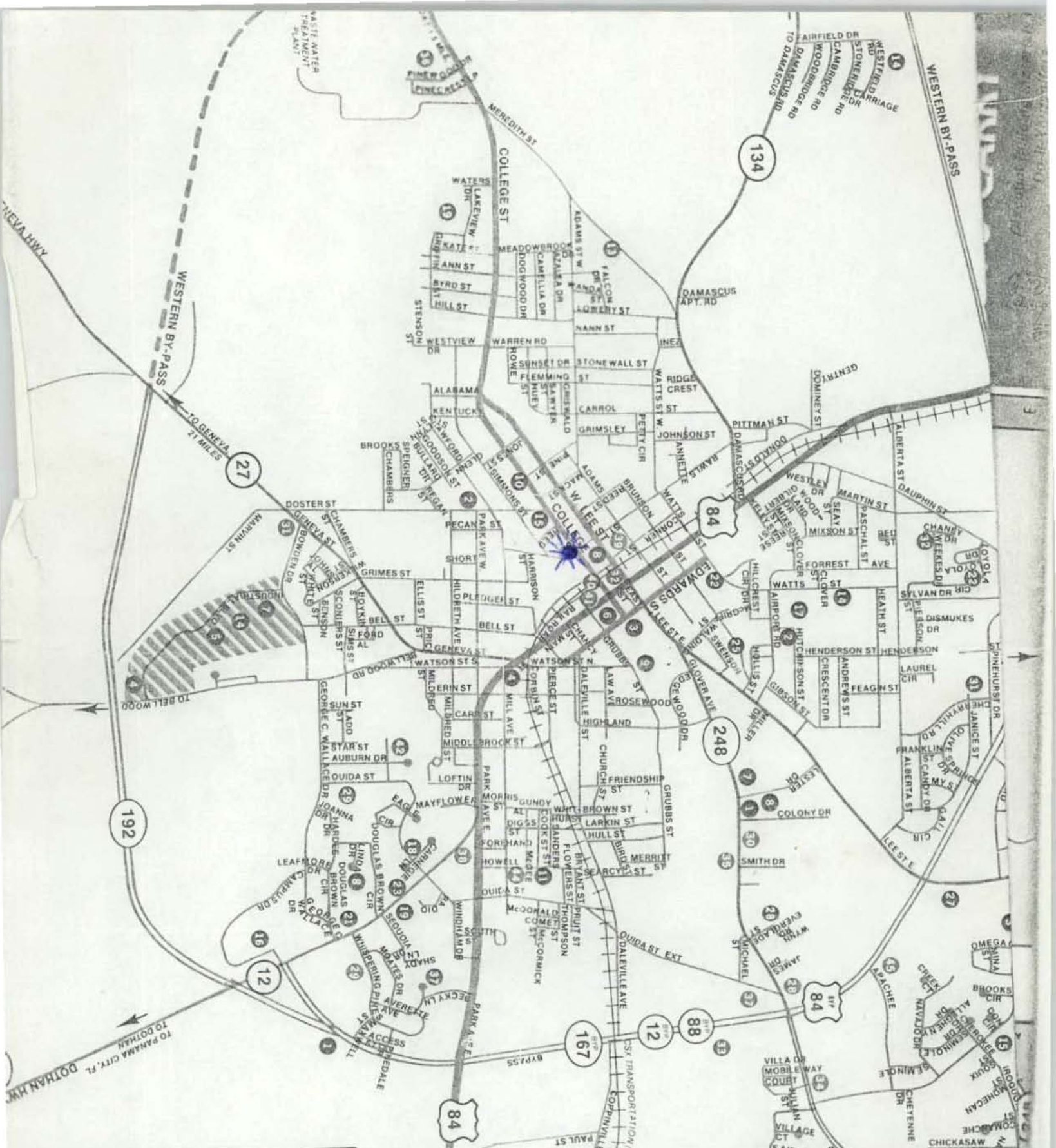
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COFFEE CO. - ENTERPRISE



SECOND FLOOR



BASEMENT



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