



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: THE SHAW HOME
and/or Common Name: SAME

2. LOCATION

Street & Number: 925 SHAW ROAD
City: Leighton
State: Alabama County: Colbert Zip: 35646

Is the property located within the city limits? Yes No
Latitude: N 34° 44' 24.092" In. Longitude: W 87° 28' 12.2353" In.
Township: 4 S Range: 9 W Section: 3 USGS Quad Map: Leighton

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category: Building(s) District Structure Site Object
Ownership: Public Private Both
Status: Occupied Unoccupied Work in progress
Public Acquisition: In process Being considered
Accessible: No Yes: restricted Yes: unrestricted

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Dr. Gerald D. Murry & DR. Patricia A. Miller
Address: 2907 Woodward Avenue
City: Muscle Shoals State: AL Zip: 35661
Telephone: 256-710-0029
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5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

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6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION See Instructions for more information.

Construction date:	Summer 1944	Source:	Date on fire / LAP under 1944
Alteration date:	1920's and 1950's	Source:	Previous owners
Architect/Builder:	NOT KNOWN	Contractor:	NOT KNOWN
Physical condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruinous)	Good	Remaining historic fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	HIGH
No. of stories:	2		
Historic use of property:	FARM -		
Current use of property:	FARM		
Architectural style category:	Federal Style	Architectural style sub-category:	CIRCA
Basic typology:	STAY 2 story	Basic shape:	RECTANGULAR
Basic floor plan:	Central Hall	Historic Construction material(s):	WOOD-FRAME
Current exterior wall material(s):	WOODEN FRAME	Roof finish material(s):	TIN
Main roof configuration:	VAULTED	Foundation material:	WOOD / STONE
Porch type:	CONCRETE		
Window type and materials:	METAL		
Describe alterations:	1 - bath added to side of home - 1950's 2 - porch and kitchen added - 1950's		
Number and type of all outbuildings: (if significant, fill out separate survey form)	Shed/Truck - 2 rooms - 2011, by us.		
Exterior Architectural Description:			

The Shaw Home is a two story farm house with pitch roof and sloping back roof to a single level. It is a wood frame home and depicts the farm in progress of the day and today. A view from inside the basement reveals the bottom portion of one of two fireplaces that no longer stands as well as the under structure of the home.

Description of Setting:

A 500 foot long driveway allows access to the Shaw Home. It takes you past the daffodils, a large pond, a well, and ends under the trees that shade the home and outbuilding area of the farm. The home itself has a sharp pitch roof and two levels with sloping rear roof. Outbuildings include sewing, canning, tractor sheds, well houses, storage buildings, barn, a chicken house and pump house. The wells are active and the property grows peaches, muscadines and many flowers. It is the only home of its kind, and in its shape, in the area other than Noble Holland's home on main street Leighton, AL.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria (check all that apply and explain below). See Instructions for more information.

Criterion A: Associated with historical events and activities relating to the property that are important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion B: Person or group with whom the property is associated is important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion C: Type, period, or method of construction represents architectural features that are significant in the development of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion D: Property has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in Alabama's history or prehistory (archaeological component).

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

This old farm house sits on approximately 20 acres about 400 feet off Shaw Road in Colbert County. Shaw Road connects sixth and Second Street but was not originally meant to be there since Fennell Road was to connect to Wallace Mill Road as a through road. The Civil War and a need to shorten the march for the troops created a turn in Fennell Road. The North property line of the Shaw Home was suddenly an extension of Fennell Road and a part of the history of the War Between the States. The Shaw Cemetery, about two miles behind the Shaw Home, has headstones that mark the resting places of previous Shaw property owners that date back to February 27, 1830. The original farm was a total of 360 acres at the time. The back property line still consists of hundreds of acres of cattle land with many acres of it in lakes. A winding stream directly behind the property line runs for miles into the Tennessee River. The home has an open center at the front and rear entrance with rooms located to the right and left. A stair case goes up to the second floor where again it is open in the center with bedrooms to either side. The roof is constructed of boards with tin and the walls have a variety of years of bee board, cardboard and news papers. The front porch is the full length of the home. After the purchase of the property three years ago, it was found to be so densely covered with trees and growth that a school bus existed in the back yard within 200 feet of the back door of the home. The home has a well in the front yard and another in the back yard. When the topic of well water is brought up today, neighbors still share stories of carrying drinking water from them and still have their own opinions of which well had the best water. Both of these wells are productive wells today and provide water for cattle and horses. The home has additional outbuildings that include, a sewing building, a canning building, chicken house and pen, barn, potting building and three tier tractors shed. Many items are found on the property almost daily from years gone by. According to family members a soldier in the civil war died, in an upstairs bedroom, as a result of injuries received during the Battle of Town Creek.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

Attached

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreeage of nominated property: 19 ± Acres

Attach a map showing the location of the property.

Attached

10. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

Name: Dr. Gerald D Murray & Dr. Patricia Miller (Murray)
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City: MOBILE 5 HILLS State: AL Zip: 35661
Telephone: 256-710-0229
Email: DOCTOR MKT @ aol.com

11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. They can be 4x6 color prints or digital images on a CD/DVD. All photographs will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

12. REMINDER:

Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 5, 9 and 11 and send them to:

Alabama Historical Commission
Attn: Lee Anne
468 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

NUMBER 8: Bibliographical References, THE SHAW HOME

As the State of Alabama began to deed property on May 23, 1828, brothers Baloz and Baldy Shaw became owners February 27, 1830 and November 17, 1834 respectively. Baldy received the portion of land where he constructed the home that would become known by all locals as, The Shaw Home. In 1844, according to information provided by the parents of 88 year old Lee Cobb and 86 year old Houston Cobb JR, the home was built by the same carpenter that built Noble Holland's home on Main Street Leighton, Alabama. Leighton is about 6 miles from the Shaw home. These older gentlemen said the Shaw Home had a reputation for the two wells in front and back of the home and the cold clear water in them. They said, as little boys they would ride on back of the mule drawn wagon and draw water from the wells to take to their home. These same wells are providing water today and during any hot summer the water remains extremely cold. I talked to the, now deceased Noble Holland, about the Shaw Home and his historic home. He said the same carpenters built his home and the Shaw Home and that this could be verified by the identical main beams in the floor and other construction thereafter. He said the beams had been cut by axes and in lengths that were not consistent with the times and sawmill work.

Time passed on and when Baldy Shaw died January 18, 1882, William Shaw became the owner of the home. William was never married and when he died he left the home to Mary J. Beasley for \$1,000.00 labor. Beasley had taken care of William for many years and lived until December 26, 1929.

It was during William Shaw's ownership that the Civil War Battle of Town Creek, Alabama began April 27, 1863. Less than 7 miles away and in the same time frame, LaGrange Military Academy and the female academy was burned by Col. Florence M. Cornyn. It was Cornyn and his men that were known as the "Destroying Angels". This came to be known as one of the most famous running battles of the entire war. In addition, Dodges' force of 7,000 and Col. Abel Straight's, 2,000 –man Calvary and with Gen. Braxton Bragg's Army of the Tennessee led many soldiers through the Shaw Home's North boundary. The Shaw Home provided a short cut for many troops to and from Fennell Road. It was also during this time frame that a confederate soldier died in one of the upstairs bedrooms as a result of injuries received during the civil war. This information was obtained from T. J Stutts, a relative who lives across the road from The Shaw Home. Milton and Louise Stutts bought the home on November 12, 1943 and Francis Stutts inherited the land from them at their death.

Information was obtained from the Lauderdale County History , Times Daily paper and family friends and family members.

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Directions to Shaw Rd, Leighton, AL 35646
13.0 mi - about 20 mins

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A Muscle Shoals, AL

- 1. Head **east** on **W Avalon Ave** toward **John R St**
About 1 min go 0.6 mi
total 0.6 mi
-  2. Turn **left** onto **Gusmus Ave**
About 2 mins go 1.0 mi
total 1.6 mi
-  3. Turn **right** onto **AL-184 E/2nd St**
About 14 mins go 10.7 mi
total 12.4 mi
-  4. Turn **right** onto **Co Rd 69/Shaw Rd**
About 2 mins go 0.7 mi
total 13.0 mi

B Shaw Rd, Leighton, AL 35646

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Prepared by: Dr. Gerald Murray February 11, 2013

From 1819 to 1894 the Shaw Farm was located in Lawrence County. Therefore all information prior to 1894 is at the Lawrence County Court house and after that at the Colbert County Court house. An Alabama legislative act in 1894 moved the county line.

1. On May 23, 1828 the United States deeded this property to the State of Alabama.
2. On February 27, 1830 The State of Alabama deeded a portion of this property to Baloz Shaw.
3. On November 17, 1834 The State of Alabama deeded a portion of this property to Baldy Shaw.
4. On January 18, 1882 William H. Shaw deeded a portion of this property to Mary J. Beasley for \$1,000.00 paid to him in labor.
5. On February 10, 1908 Mary J. Beasley petitioned the probate court off Colbert county and represented that on February 3, 1908 William H. Shaw died and that he was never married. William H. Shaw left the Shaw Farm to Beasley. This was determined by a jury of 12 men on May 26, 1908 from the ruling on the will of Shaw. First cousin Jessie Shaw, first cousin A.T. Shaw, cousin S.J. Davis, Nathan Jarmon , and sister Lemender Shaw Carter received a portion of the will.
6. On December 26, 1929 Mary J. Beasley died leaving a will that included nine to eleven family members ** The Shaw Farm was left to Margaret R. Hughes.
7. On September 13, 1930 Margaret R. Hughes deeded to Lena Herd said property.
8. On December 29, 1931 Margaret R. Hughes, Lena and Jon Herd deeded the land to S.L. Rogers.
9. On November 12, 1943 S.L. And Gertrude Rogers deeded the land to Milton E. and Louise Stutts. (80 acres at this time)
10. On August 18, 2010 Francis Stutts, by survivorship deed, deeded the property to Gerald Murray and wife, Patricia Miller

EXHIBIT "A"

All that certain real property situated in the Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Colbert County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel One:

A lot or parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Colbert County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 3; thence run North 525 feet to a point; thence continue North 176 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue North 150 feet to a point; thence West 150 feet to a point; thence South 150 feet to a point; thence East 150 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel Two:

A tract of land in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, in Colbert County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section; thence East 1320 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; thence continuing East 1320 feet to a point which is the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; Thence South 469 feet to a point; thence West 150 feet to a point; thence South 150 feet to a point; thence West 1170 feet to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said section; thence North along said East line to the point of beginning.

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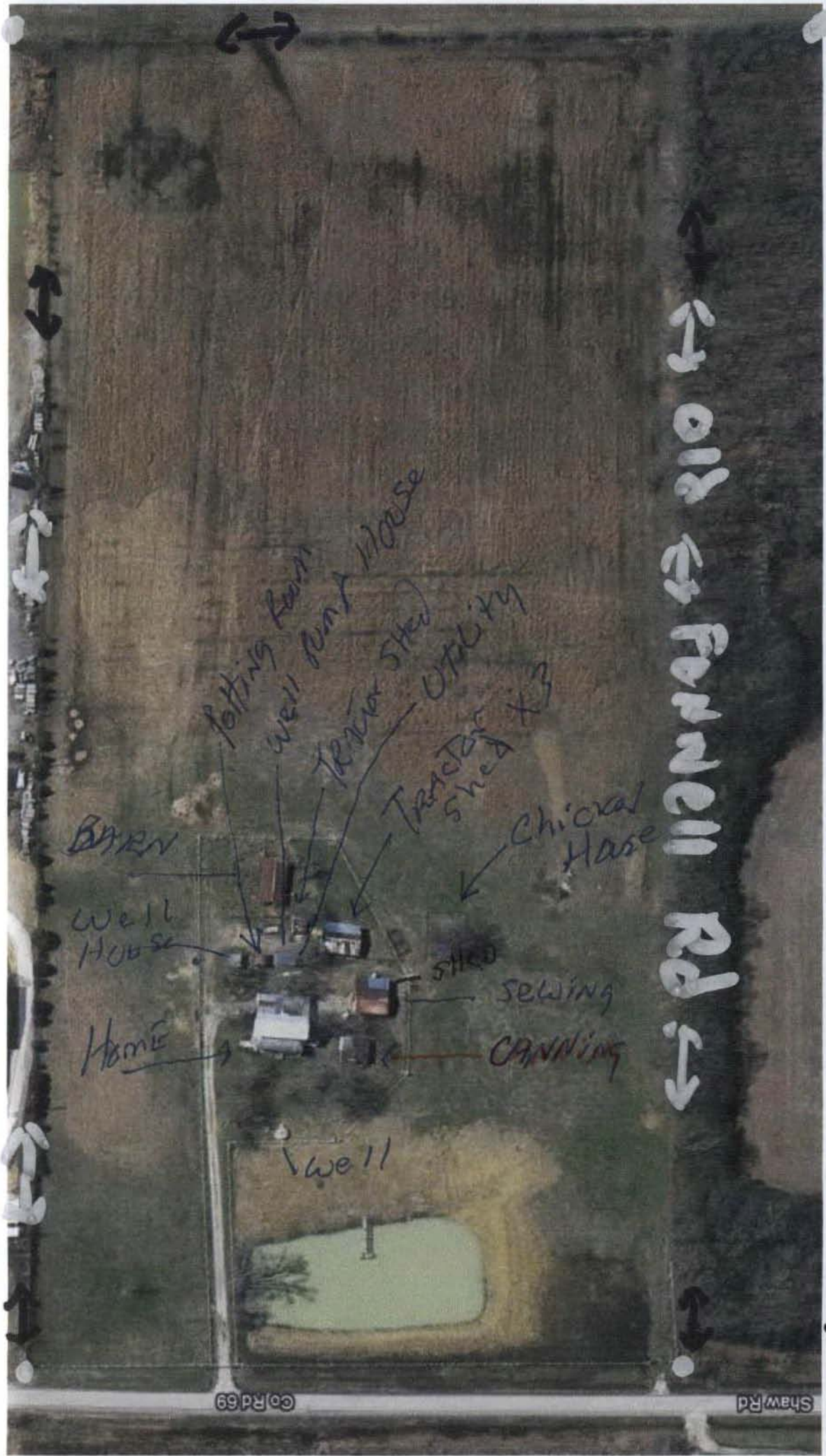
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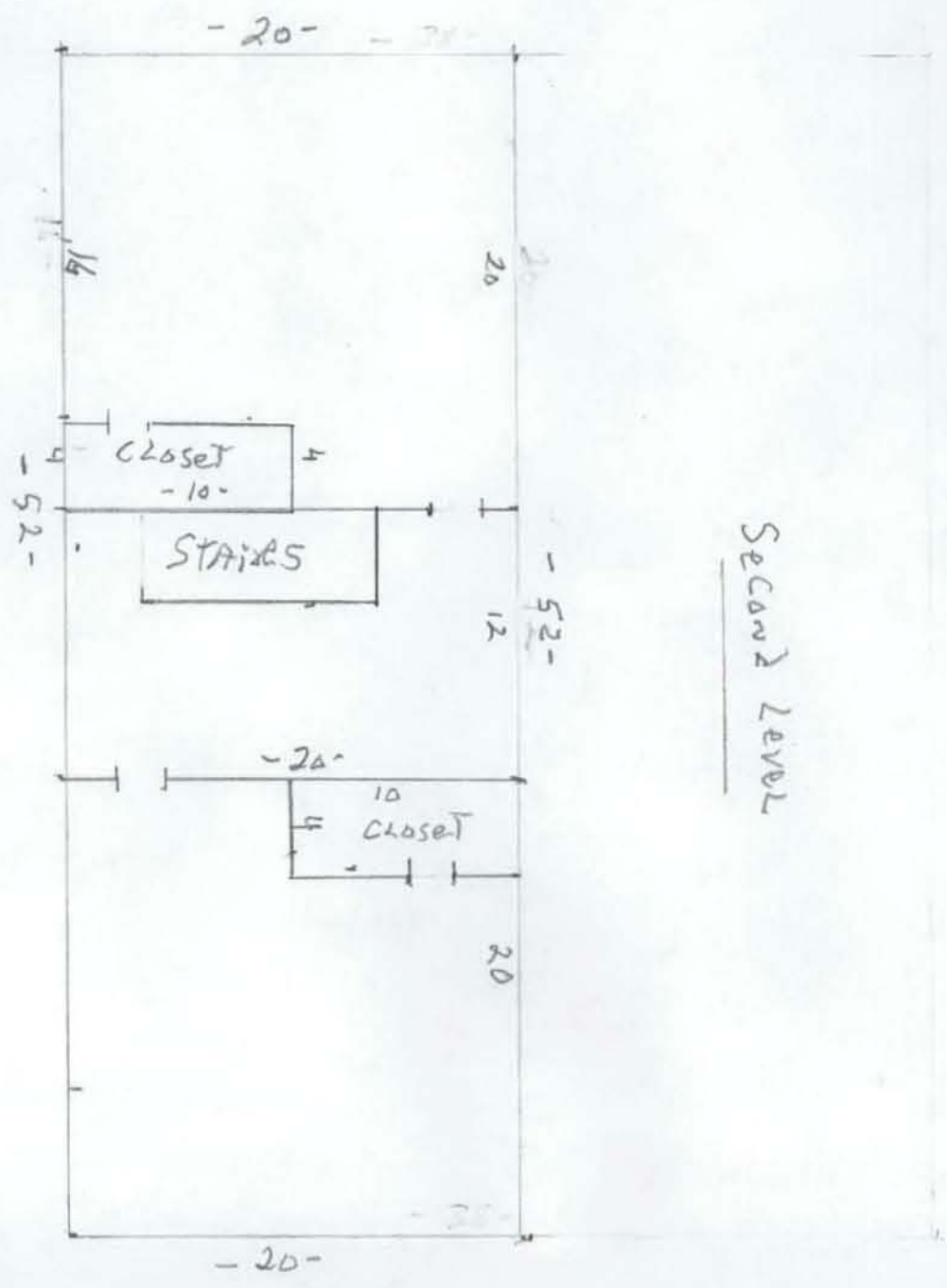


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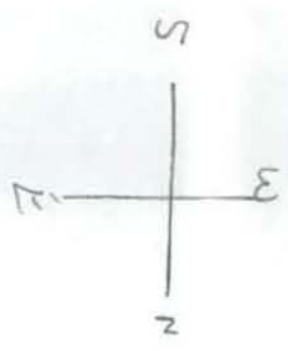
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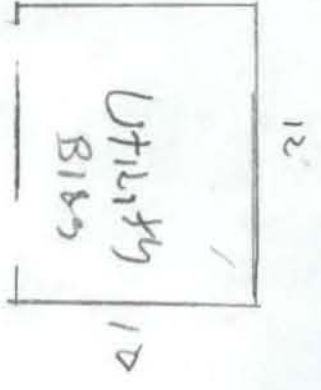
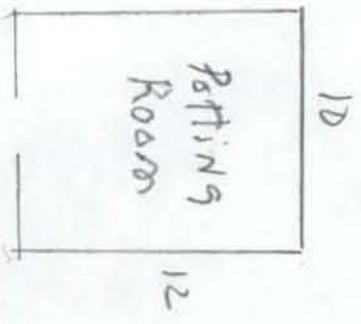
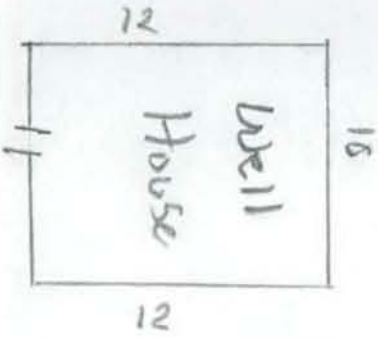
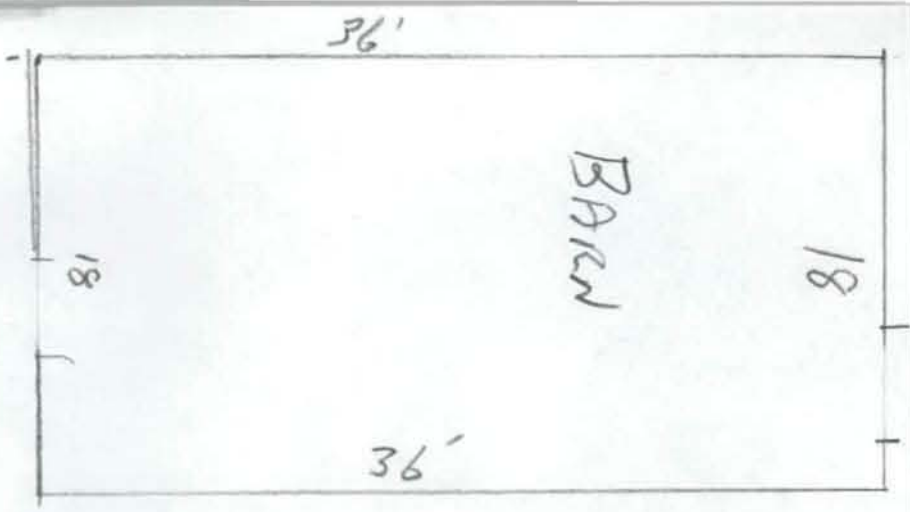
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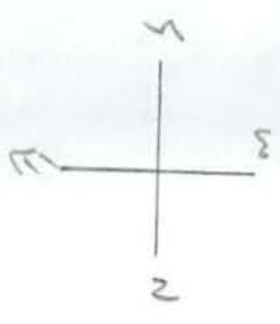


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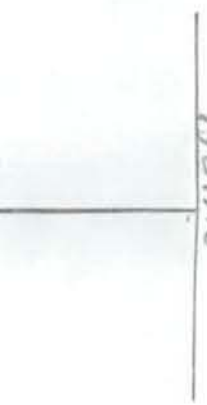


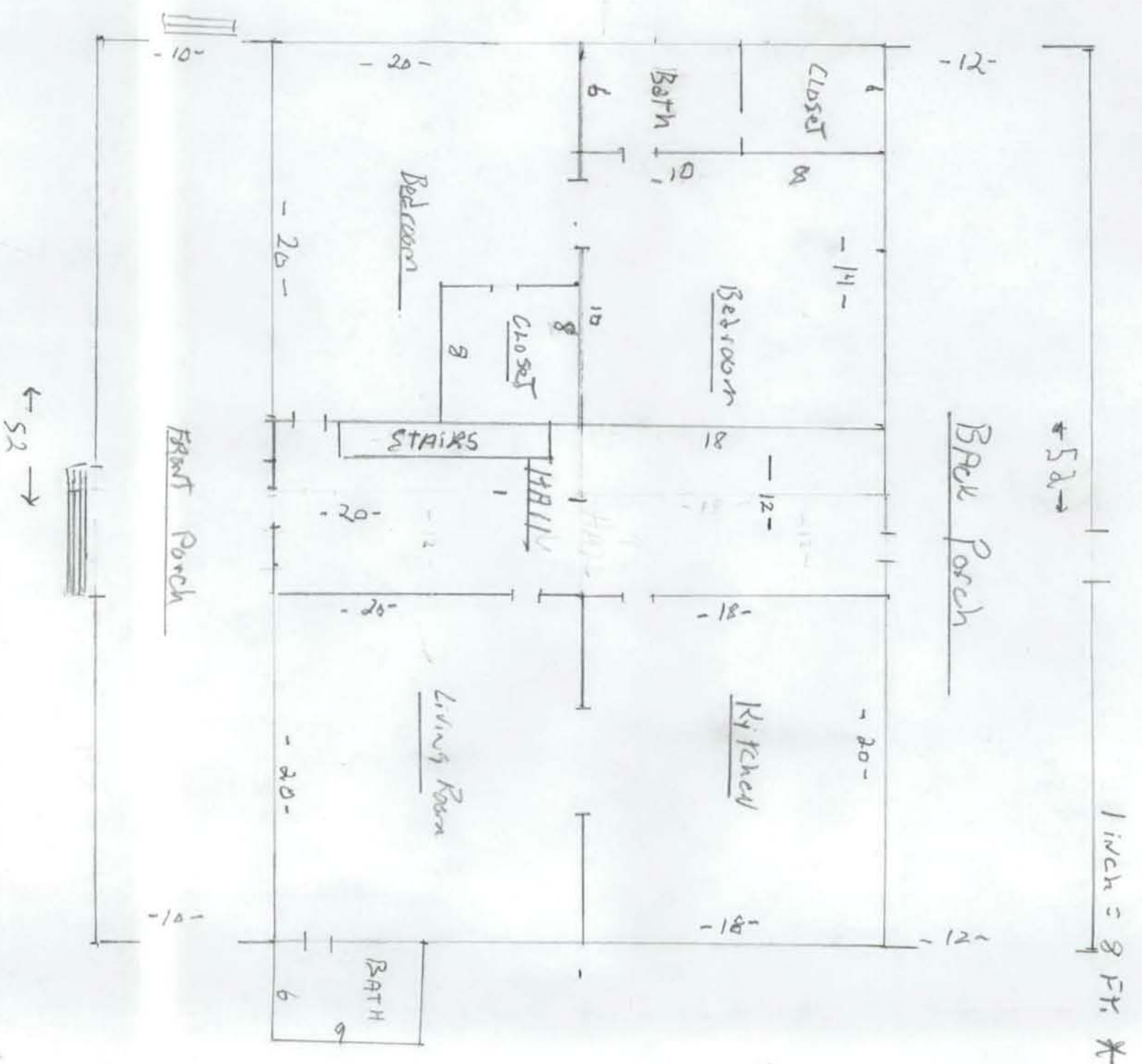
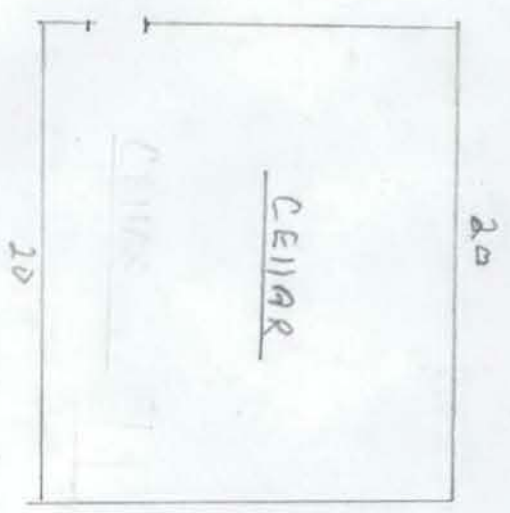


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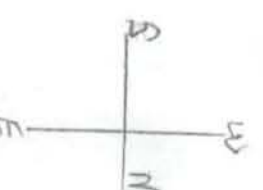


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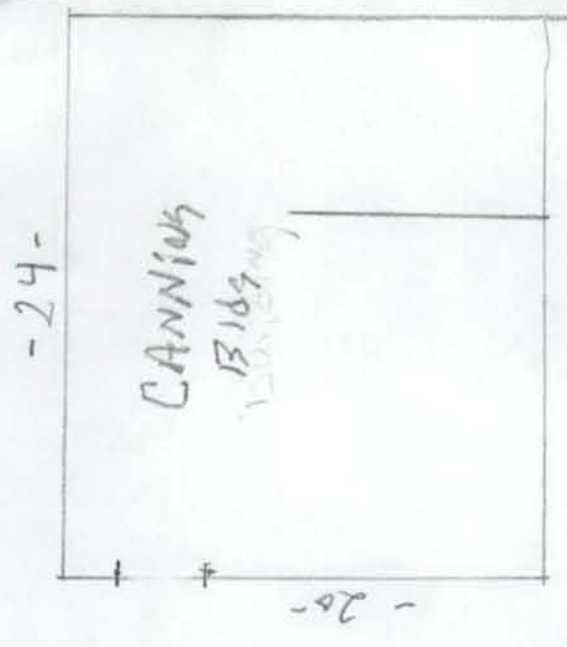
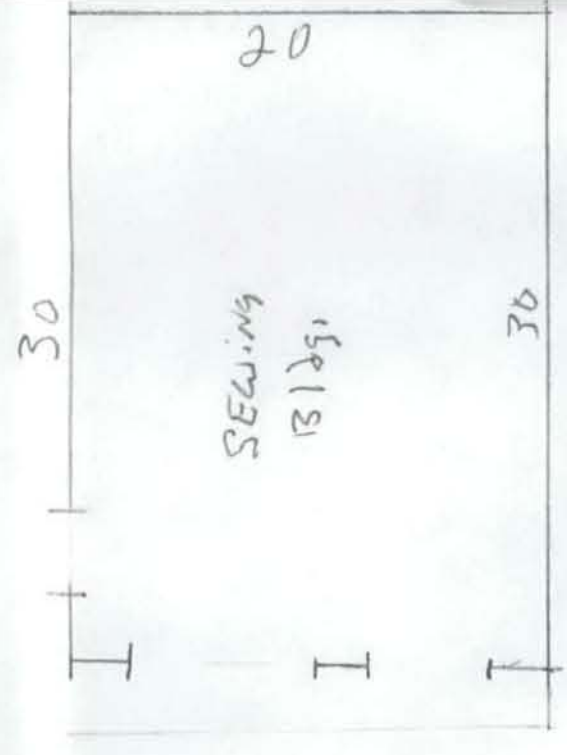
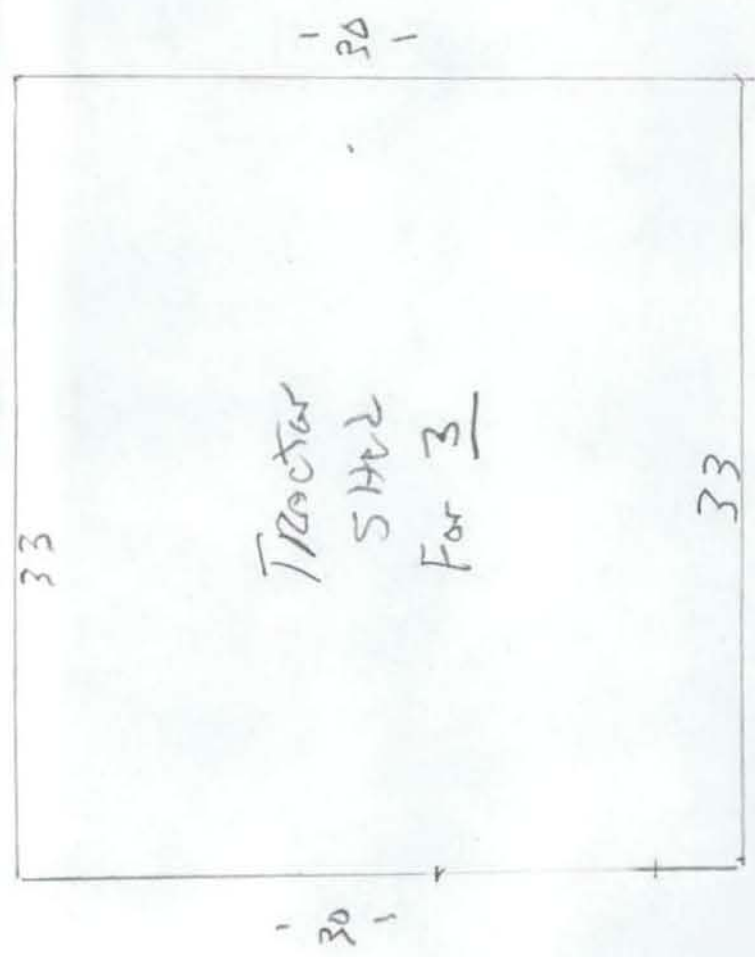
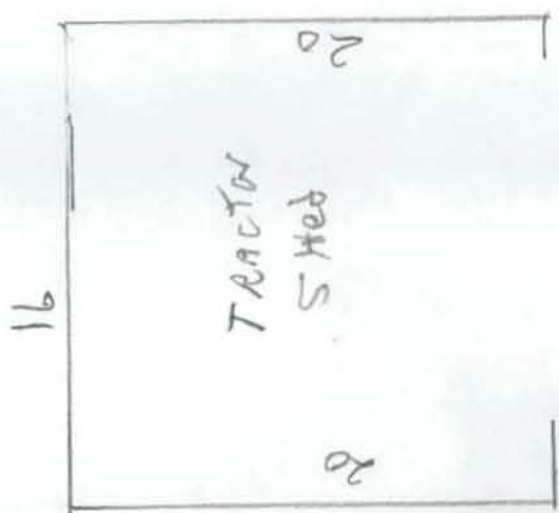
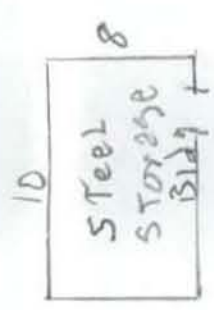


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