

# ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

Alabama Historical Commission  
725 Monroe Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cedarcrest

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Highway 10

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Oak Hill

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Alabama

Wilcox

## 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

John Dale and Anne S. Williamson

STREET & NUMBER

Cedarcrest

CITY, TOWN

Oak Hill

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wilcox County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Camden

STATE

Alabama

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wilcox County Survey

DATE

1980

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Alabama-Tombigbee Planning Commission

CITY, TOWN

Camden

STATE

Alabama

## 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cedarcrest, built between the years of 1840 and 1846, began as a Greek Revival cottage of four rooms—two flanking either side of a wide central hallway.

The structure's facade of flush siding is spanned by a near full-length recessed porch with a plain entablature supported by six square wooden columns resting on brick piers which extend beyond the outer edge of the porch.

The five-bay facade is composed of four 9/9 double-hung sash windows and a single-leaf door flanked by two single-leaf panels, each slightly narrower than the door. The central door with panels is flanked by sidelights and is topped by a fanlight. Other windows in the house are of varying sizes and configurations of the double-hung sash variety.

In 1885, a large central gable was added to the southern slope of the house's gabled roof. The gable is finished with emblicated wooden shingles and is lighted by a single 2/2 double-hung sash window. Its peak is decorated with delicate Victorian-influenced sawn wooden trim.

An 1885 rear wing addition of a kitchen and dining room gives the house its present L shape. In the same year, side and rear porches were added and attic space was converted into two bedrooms.

In 1930, alterations included the addition of three bathrooms in existing space and the enclosure of the rear porch. Minor alterations such as the extension of the rear enclosed porch and its incorporation into living space were completed in 1978, but did not drastically alter the structure's appearance.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES Between 1840-1846

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cedarcrest's existence was documented as early as 1846--the year that a group of settlers moved from Hamburg in Perry County to the Oak Hill area.

The land upon which Cedarcrest was built was purchased in 1840 by Issac Newberry who built the house shortly thereafter. Newberry was a prominent planter, businessman and civic leader.

The home remained in the Newberry family until it was purchased by James Harvey Jones, Jr., in 1888. Jones' heirs sold the property to S. Pressly Dale in 1930. Dale was a well-known businessman and County Commissioner. John Laurie Dale, Jr., bought the property in 1977, but never occupied the house. He sold the property to its current owners in 1978.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Deed Records, Wilcox County Courthouse
2. Jones, Joyce Carothers, *Bethel's Shadow*, 1979.
3. Jones, Joyce Carothers, *Bethel ARP Church, Its Houses and People*, 1978.
4. Interviews, Joyce Carothers Jones, 1978-1980.
5. Interviews, Daniel Fate Brooks, President, Wilcox County Historical Society, 1980-1981.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

No U. T. M. available

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A              
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Anne Williamson, Secretary

ORGANIZATION

Wilcox County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

Cedarcrest

CITY OR TOWN

Oak Hill

DATE

March, 1981

TELEPHONE

746-2591

STATE

Alabama

## 12 FOR ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION USE ONLY

Staff Member David W. Baldwin

ADDED \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Thematic Category Art-Architecture

National Register Potential

Added to National Register \_\_\_\_\_



# ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

Alabama Historical Commission  
725 Monroe Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cedarcrest

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Highway 10, 10 miles West of Camden

CITY, TOWN

Oak Hill

STATE

Alabama

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

First

CODE

COUNTY

Wilcox

CODE

## 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

John Dale and Anne E. Williamson

STREET & NUMBER

Cedarcrest

CITY, TOWN

Oak Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama 36766

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wilcox County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Camden

STATE

Alabama 36726

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wilcox County Survey

DATE

November 4, 1920

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Alabama-Tombigbee Planning Commission

CITY, TOWN

Camden

STATE

Alabama 36726

# 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION                                     |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

## Cedarcrest

Originally the Greek Revival Cottage featured a large front porch with a Cyprus shingle roof extending over it. The roof was supported by six columns built on pillars in front of the porch. The one and a half story house consisted of four large rooms downstairs, and an excessively wide double leaf entrance with large heart pine doors at each end. An enclosed staircase led to one large room upstairs. The cellar which was plaster with lathes with a hand made brick floor was entered from outside.

### Additions - Circa 1865

- Gable added to front of house with a pediment ornamentation of "fish scale" design
- Upstairs was divided into two rooms with a large central hall and an attic
- Entrance to the second story was changed from the enclosed staircase to a rear facing staircase in the front central hall
- Lattice-work type archway was added to the front central hall
- Dining room and kitchen added in a right ell
- Side porch added
- Victorian mantel added in parlor
- Back porch added

### Additions - Circa 1880

- Three bathrooms added (ceramic tile)
- Back porch enclosed
- Enclosed the area under the house
- Remodeled kitchen (Ceramic tile)

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY: PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY: HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

C. 1846

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### Cedarcrest

This land was purchased on December 9, 1840 by Isaac Newberry (Oct. 15, 1805-Sept. 18, 1887) from George and Elizabeth A. Stanford. Newberry married Sophia S. Taylor (July 29, 1811 - Nov. 15, 1891) on May 1, 1839, and they had the house built circa 1840. It is documented that the house was here in 1846 when other settlers moved from Hamburg to Oak Hill in 1846. Newberry was a prominent planter, businessman, and civic leader. The Newberrys had three children: William (who died a prisoner of war at Camp Butler, Ill.), Susan (married Robert Hines and died July 20, 1863) and Julia (married James Bonner). Due to the deaths of her brother and sister, Julia Bonner became the only heir to the estate. James and Julia Bonner and two of their children, James Isaac and William, lived with the Newberrys until James built another house similar to the Newberry home.

After Isaac Newberry's death, Julia S. Bonner sold the house to James Harvey Jones, Jr. and his wife Kitty Chesnut Jones on November 24, 1888.

The heirs of James Harvey Jones, Jr. sold the house to S. Pressly Dale on March 3, 1930.

S. P. Dale and his wife Annie Mayo lived in the house until his death. He was a well-known businessman and a county commissioner. Their daughter,

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dead Records - Wilcox County, Wilcox County Courthouse  
Bethel's Shadow, Joyce Carothers Jones, 1979  
Bethel AME Church, Its Houses and People, Joyce Carothers Jones, 1978  
Joyce C. Jones, Conversations, 1978-1980  
Tom Brooks, Jones, Wilcox Co. Hist. Soc., conversations, 1980-1

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

No UTM Available.

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY about 3

QUADRANGLE NAME Not Mapped

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

|      |                      |                      |                      |
|------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| A    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ZONE | EASTING              | NORTHING             |                      |
| C    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| E    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| G    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

|      |                      |                      |                      |
|------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| B    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| ZONE | EASTING              | NORTHING             |                      |
| D    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| F    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| H    | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Survey

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| -     |      |        |      |
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Anne Williams

March 3, 1981

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Cedarcrest

TELEPHONE

746-2591

CITY OR TOWN

Oak Hill

STATE

Alabama 35765

## 12 FOR ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION USE ONLY

Staff Member \_\_\_\_\_

ADDED \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Thematic Category \_\_\_\_\_

National Register Potential \_\_\_\_\_

Added to National Register \_\_\_\_\_



Statement of Significance

Page 2

Pauline Dale Rogers sold the house to John Laurie Dale, Jr. in 1977.

J. L. Dale never occupied the house.

On May 30, 1978, J. L. Dale, Jr. and wife Oliva sold the house to John Dale Williamson and wife Anne W. Williamson, present owners of the house.

Appearance - Page 2

Additions - 1978

- Back porch extended and made into den
- Fireplace and chimney added in den
- Kitchen remodeled and enlarged
- Rear entrance added
- Utility room added
- Queen Anne mantels added to three bedrooms

Present Appearance - 1981

Number of stories - One and a half stories over a partially sunken cellar.

Foundation - Field stone pillars

Basement - Partially sunken. Hand-made brick floor. Lathes and plaster.

Roof type - Gable roof. Tin covers Cyprus shingles. Overhang.

Roof covering - Original Cyprus shingles. Covered with tin in 1930.

Roof trim - Greek entablature / simple architrave

Porches - Front - Floor slants away from house. Six columns on hand-made brick foundations in front of porch. Brick steps.  
Side - Exposed rafters. Twin brick steps.

Doors - The central double leaf entrance is excessively wide with a pair of heart pine doors at each end.

- The front doors measure 95" by 45" each and are five paneled with a multipaneled transom featuring an elliptical fanlight over the doors.
- The doors at the rear of the hall measure 95" by 50" each and are similar to the front doors. The three paneled doors are heart pine also. The side-lights are identical to the ones in front with the transom being a double row of panes.
- All doors in the house have been sanded and finished.
- Some original hardware, English.
- Greek Revival double panel doors
- All doors solid heart pine
- Some doors three paneled

Appearance - Page 3

Floors - All heart pine floors in the original part of the house  
- Boards measure 6" - 8".  
- All floors have been sanded and varnished

Windows - The windows in the original part of the house and the dining room are 9 over 9.  
- The windows in the sunken part of the basement are 6 over 6.  
- The gable is 2 over 2, with the frame arched on top.  
- The windows in the original part of the house measure 100" by 48".  
- The window casing and doors which were added during the 1978 restoration were from the Associate Reform Presbyterian Church Manse (Built Circa 1935 from materials from the DR. S. S. Boykin home, Circa 1860).

Chimneys - All exterior.  
- Four original, one added.  
- Seven original fireplaces, one added.  
- Original chimneys - brick with stucco finish  
- Added chimney - hand-hewn stone

Walls - Flush boarding (6" - 7") . Painted.  
- Sheet-rock in dining room and kitchen.  
- Wide (10 3/4") baseboards.

Mantels - Added Queen Anne mantels (one added Circa 1885 in parlor - Golden Oak, beveled mirror; two Oak with beveled mirrors - from A. R. P. Manse; one Mahogany with beveled mirror - from A. R. P. Manse; others plain Victorian mantels added circa 1885.)



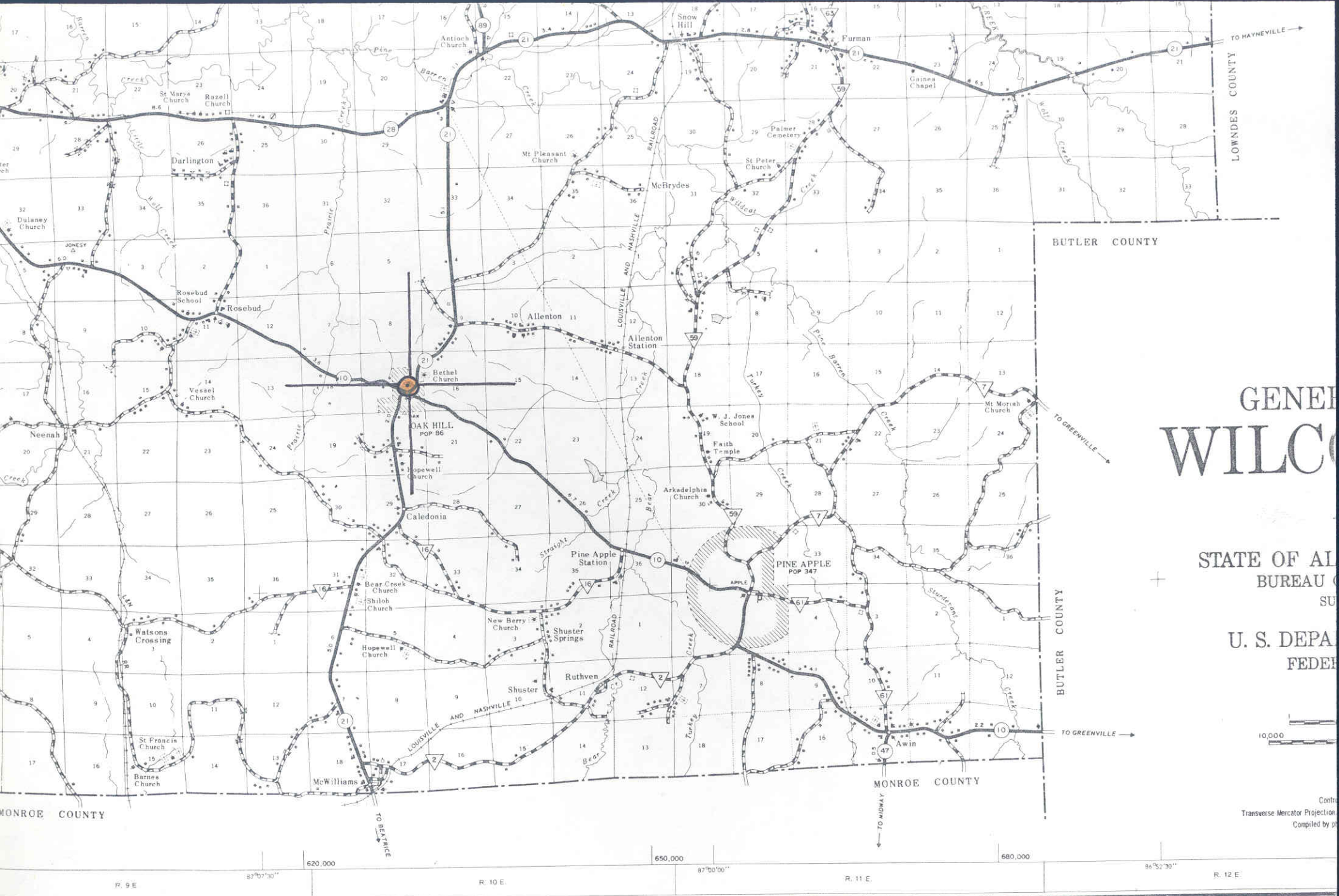
## Appearance

Page 4

### Interior

- Living room
  - 18' x 18'
  - Windows 100" x 48", 9 over 9
  - Heart pine floors, sanded and finished
  - Flush boarding walls, painted
  - Wide baseboard - 10 3/4"
  - Original owner etched name in window pane with a diamond
  - Mantel, Golden Oak, Queen Anne - Added circa 1885 - beveled mirror
  - Ceramic tile around fireplace
  - Heart pine door sanded and finished
  
- Bedroom #1
  - 18" x 18"
  - Windows 100" x 48", 9 over 9
  - Heart pine floors, sanded and finished
  - Flush boarding walls, painted
  - Wide baseboard - 10 3/4"
  - Mantel, mahogany, Queen Anne beveled mirror - added circa 1978
  
- Bedrooms #2 and #3
  - 18" x 18"
  - Windows 100" x 48", 9 over 9
  - Heart pine floors, sanded and finished
  - Flush boarding walls, painted
  - Wide baseboard - 10 3/4"
  - Mantel, oak, Queen Anne, beveled mirror - added 1978
  
- Upstairs Bedrooms (2)
  - 18' x 18'
  - Simple Victorian mantels, one sanded
  - Pine floors painted
  - Flush boarding, narrower than downstairs, added circa 1885
  - Windows
  
- Den
  - Fireplace - hand-hewn stone
  - Mantel - heart pine floor joist with original wooden pegs





# GENERAL WILCOX

STATE OF ALABAMA  
 BUREAU OF GEOGRAPHIC SURVEYS  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 FEDERAL GEOLOGIC SURVEY



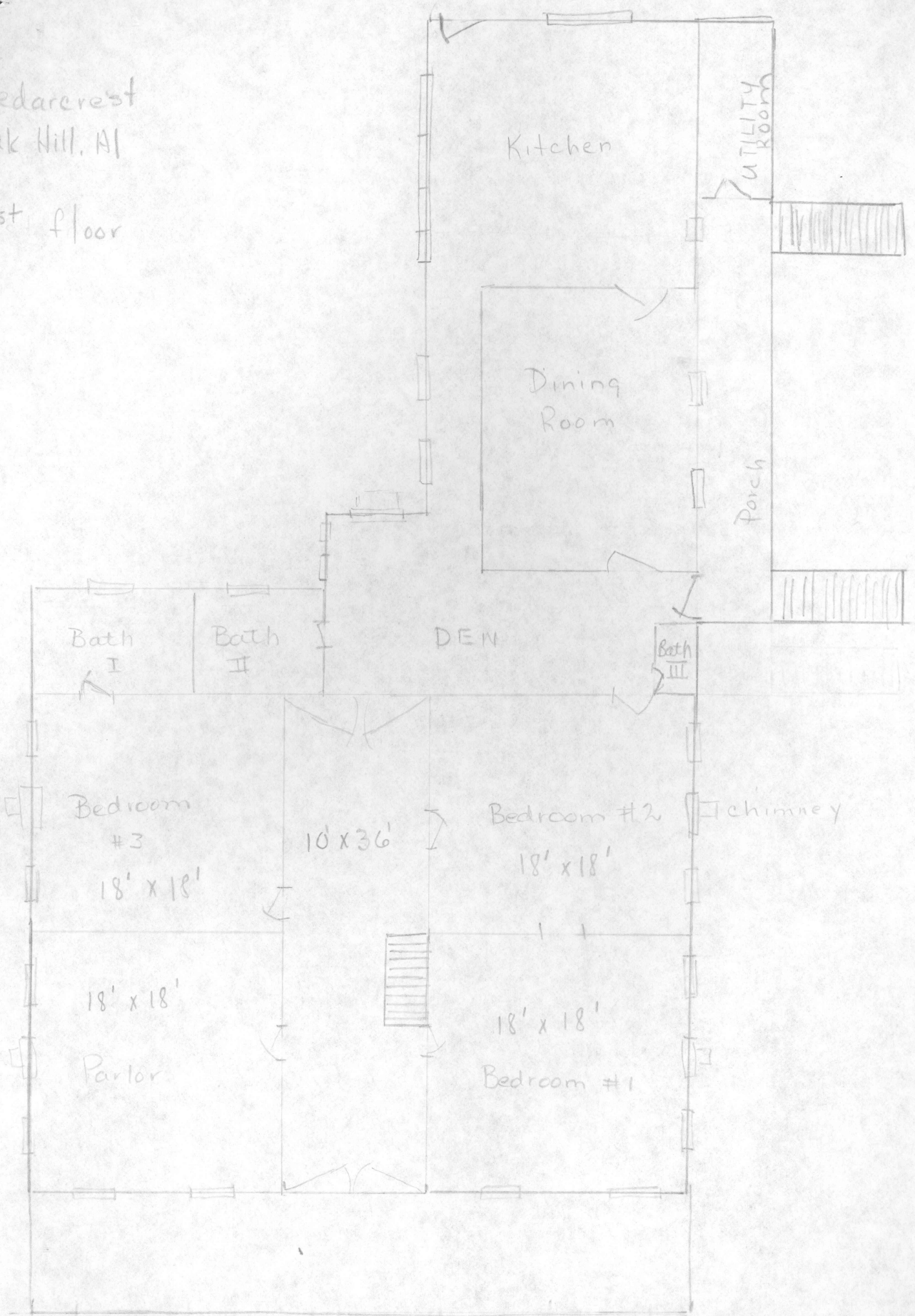
Transverse Mercator Projection  
 Compiled by [unreadable]

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP

DALLAS COUNTY  
 MARENGO COUNTY

Cedarcrest  
Oak Hill, AL

1st floor



Approx. Floor Plan  
1" = approx. 10'



Cedarcrest  
Oak Hill, AL

2nd floor  
approx. floorplan  
1 in. = approx. 10'

