



STATE OF ALABAMA

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

COUNTY Wilcox

NAME: Present none Griffin House Historic none

LOCATION: Street and Number Wilcox County Road 32

Town (Give directions if rural) Arlington, Alabama, 36722

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

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

USE: Present private residence Historic soldiers stayed here during army occupation after Civil War

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X)

Owner's Name Mr and Mrs. William C. Griffin (deed in name of Lou Ellen Nettles)

Mailing Address P.O. Box 296

Arlington, Alabama, 36722

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

From where? (Give details in significance.)

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

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

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

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

Acreage

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.





DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Roof Covering: (Wood shingle, Asphalt, Tile, Metal, Slate) part of the roof is of asphalt shingles and the back two rooms are covered in tin. Wooden shingles taken off in 1938.

Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.)

Porches: Front (type and description) The portico has been replaced by a "Mount Vernon" type porch.

Rear (type and description) has been torn off it was part of the dairy

Side (type and description) There is a wall on the side porch and there are bannisters of the side porch

Doors: Main entrance (location, description) on North. There are two large wooden doors.

Other entrances (location, description)

There is a south entrance and there are two entrances on the east - one on the well porch and one at the back room.

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade

(cont'd) There are 2 small windows that "screw out". Each window has a solid pane of glass

Types and number per floor for sides and rear

There are twelve windows about seven feet tall. Each sash has 9 small panes. The panes are of wavy glass and very few of the panes have ever been replaced. Upstairs there are six windows with two sashes each. Each sash has 6 small panes. (cont'd)

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

Mantels - There are six mantels. Two mantels are a bit decorative. Three are very plain. One has a mirror.

Stairways - The stairway is in the center hall and faces the rear. It is plain and not curved.

Interior window and door trim - Six windows have "carved" top facing. Five door facings have a similar top.

Wall and ceiling finish - The hall has a wainscot. Three colors were used in painting the hall originally. The walls and ceilings of two rooms are plastered. The other rooms are ceiled with boards of varying widths.

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

The house is on about 9 acres of land. A country road runs in front and one on the west side. There is an orchard of pear trees and pines and scuppernongs on the west side. There are a number of pecan trees.

Outbuildings - none of original are standing, except part of outdoor toilet and a log barn built in the 1940's.

Alterations - Dormer windows on front and Mount Vernon type porch were added about 1945.

Back porch was enclosed about 1943 and new flooring was put down. Celatex ceiling was put up in back porch (now the family room) and the kitchen. (see below)

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

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!

Alterations - (cont'd) French doors were put between living room and dining room and a window was made into a door in dining room. A utility room was added in 1977 and a small bathroom was put under the staircase in 1977. A bathroom was added in 1942.

A kitchen and bathroom were built in closets upstairs about 1958.

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.

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

FORM PREPARED BY

Name Mrs. Lou Ellen N. Griffin Date May 19, 1978  
Address P.O. Box 296 Telephone 385-2395  
Town Arlington, Alabama, 36722  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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STAFF COMMENTS:

MAP REFERENCE: MAP Wilcox County Highway Map  
U. T. M. Reference Not Available --- ---  
                            Zone            Easting            Northing

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

Added to ALABAMA REGISTER \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER Potential



1838

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ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY Wilcox

PRESENT NAME none HISTORIC NAME none

LOCATION (Street and number) Wilcox County Road 32  
*about 1 mile off Ala Highway 5*

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Arlington, Alabama

PRESENT USE Private Residence HISTORIC USE Soldiers stayed here during army occupation after War Between the States

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME Mr. and Mrs. William C. Griffin  
*(The deed is in my name - Jan Ellen Griffin)*

MAILING ADDRESS P. O. Box 296  
Arlington, Alabama 36722

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

INTEGRITY: Original Site (yes) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

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

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

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

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? Arlington Methodist Church should be on historic site  
Second State Fair was held in Arlington in April, 1876

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important ( ) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State ( ) National ( )  
( ) a good example of a type or style of structure  
(X) other  
use since about 1838 has been a private home in continuous

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)  
The house is made of heart pine hand planed and the  
house is pegged together. The bricks on the front walk were baked  
by slaves from clay back of the house. The house is rather plain  
and is a good example of how many families lived in the  
early nineteenth century. There are few of the old homes left and  
I think this one should be preserved.

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Date of Construction: about 1838, according to my abstract  
Builder or Architect: prepared by lawyer, J. B. Bunker, Camden, Alabama  
(Give names and biographies, if known)

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)  
(I'm not sure, yet.)

Subsequent owners

Joel Dumas and wife, Mary E.

J. W. Threadgill

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

W. O. DeVan and wife

J. D. Dumas and wife, Leila DeVan

W. E. Dilger and wife, Benie C. DeVan

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Deed Books in Probate Office of Wilcox Co., Ala.

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)  
YOU MUST PROVIDE US WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STRUCTURE, SHOWING FRONT, SIDE, REAR  
AND NOTABLE DETAILS. (attached)

Number of stories 1 1/2 Foundation Brick pillars

Basement none Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_

Two rooms unplastered. The hall is paneled with heart pine boards and has a wainscot.



Exterior wall material and design: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)  
The exterior is wood. The boards lap over each other.  
There is a half shaven design on the east and west sides.

Roof type and covering: Part of the roof is of asphalt shingled and the two  
back rooms are covered with tin. We took the wooden shingled  
off in 1938.  
Roof Trim: (Cornices, vergeboard, brackets, etc.)

Chimneys: (Give number, location, and material) - 6 brick chimneys  
4 of the six are on the outside.

Porches: Front (type and description) The "portico" has been replaced by  
a "mount Vernon" type porch.

Rear (type and description) - has been torn off - it was part of the dairy.

Side (type and description) There is a well on the side porch and  
there are banisters on the side porch.

Doors: Main entrance (location, description) on north. There are two large wooden  
doors.

Other entrances: (location, description)  
There is a south entrance and there are two entrances on the  
east - one on the well porch, and one at the back room.

Windows: (Give types, number for each floor of facade, describe trim)  
There are twelve windows about seven feet tall. Each sash has 9 small panes.  
The panes are of wavy glass and very few of the panes  
have ever been replaced.

(Give types, number per floor for rear and sides)  
Upstairs there are six windows with 2 sashes each. Each sash has 6 small  
panes. We have 2 small windows that "screw out." Each window has a  
solid pane of glass.

INTERIOR FEATURES  
Mantels: (Number, location, and description): There are six mantels. Two mantels  
are a bit decorative. Three are very plain. One has a mirror.

Describe interior window and door trim: Six windows have "coved" top facing.  
Five door facings have a similar top.

Stairways (types, locations and features)  
The stairway is in the center hall and faces the rear.  
It is plain and not curved.

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

The hall has a wainscot. Three colors were used in painting the hall originally. The walls and ceilings of two rooms are plastered. The other rooms are ceiled with boards of varying widths.

Flooring: Wide (bin) heart pine boards. Notable hardware: None except door knobs and a few of the locks.

General setting and orientation: The house is on about 9 acres of land. A County road runs in front and one on the west side. There is an orchard of pear trees and vines and a scuppernon orchard on the west side. There are a number of pecan trees.

Outbuildings: None of the original ones are standing, except part of the outdoor toilet. A log barn built in the 1940's is standing.

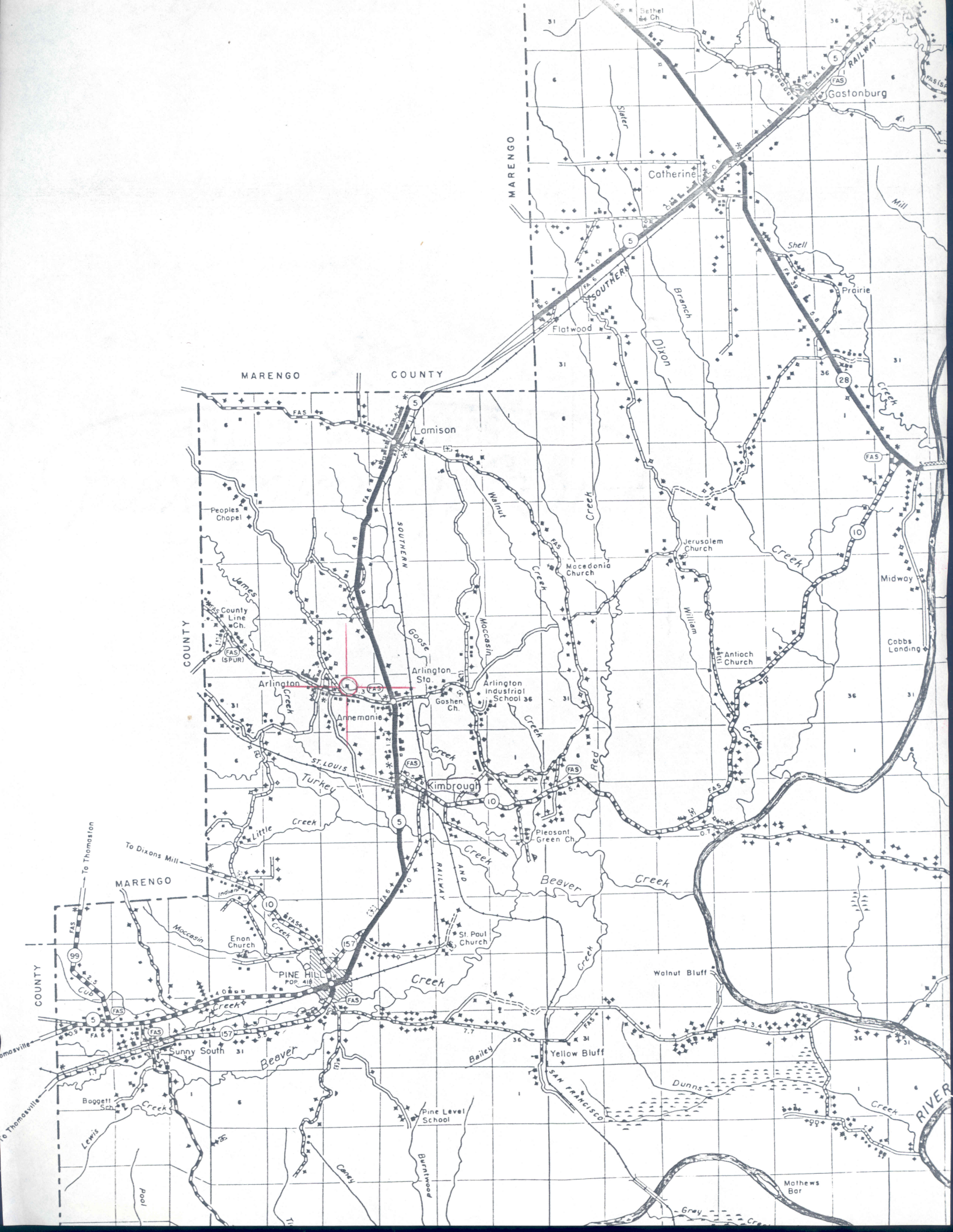
Give all alterations and additions: (Be specific, give date of change and original appearance when known) Dormer window on front and "My Aunt Union" type porch were added about 1945. Back porch was enclosed about 1943 and floor was put down. Ceiling was put up in back porch (now the family room) and the kitchen. French doors were put between living room and dining room and a window was made into a door in dining room. A utility room was added in 1977 and a small bathroom was put under the stairway in 1977. A bathroom was added in 1942. A kitchen and bathroom were built in closets upstairs about 1938.

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and additions. Also give north arrow and indicate front of the structure.

See attached sheet.

Form prepared by (Mrs.) Lou Ellen N. Griffin Date May 19, 1978  
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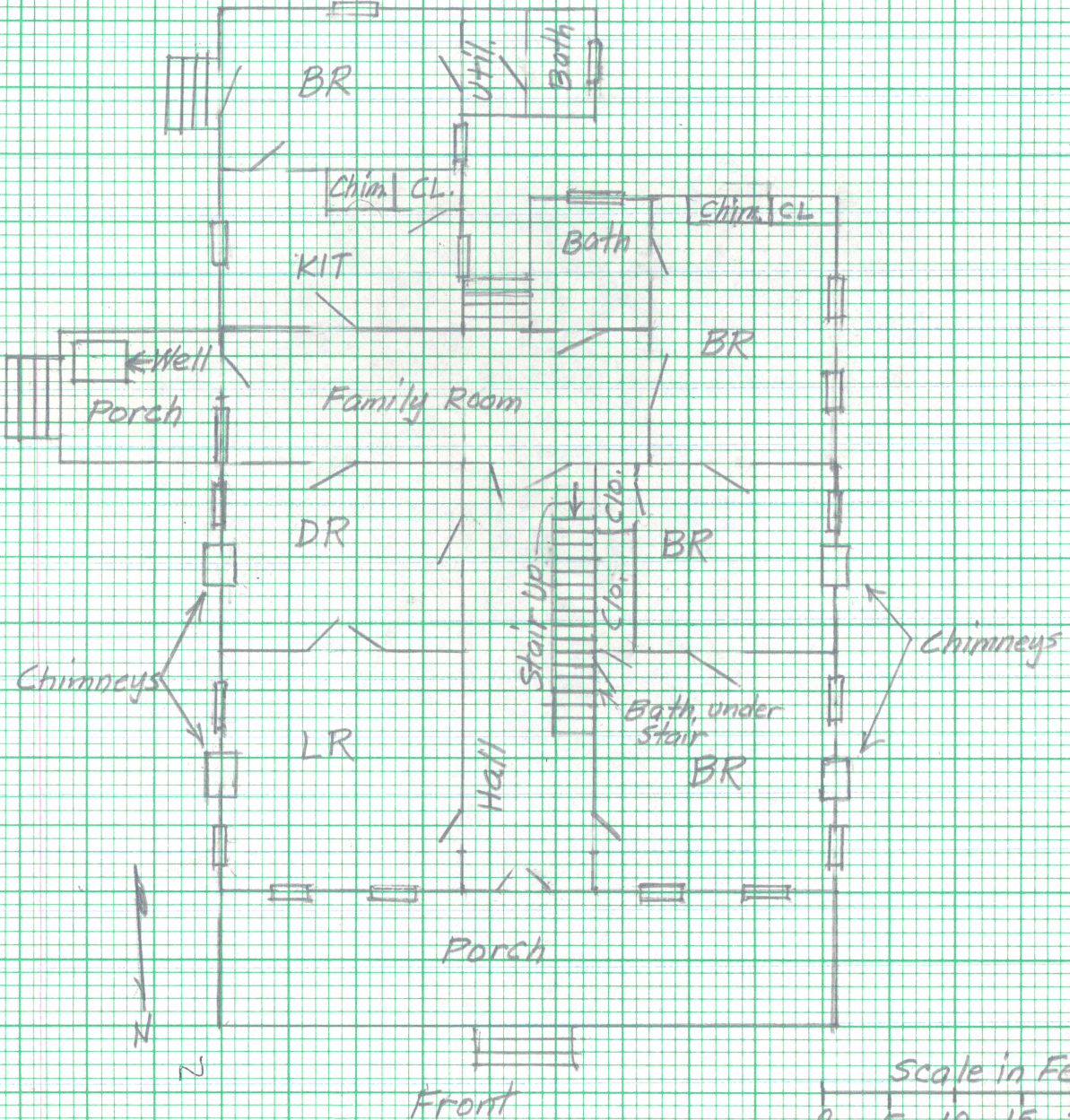






NETTLES - GRIFFIN HOME  
ARLINGTON, ALABAMA

First-Floor Plan

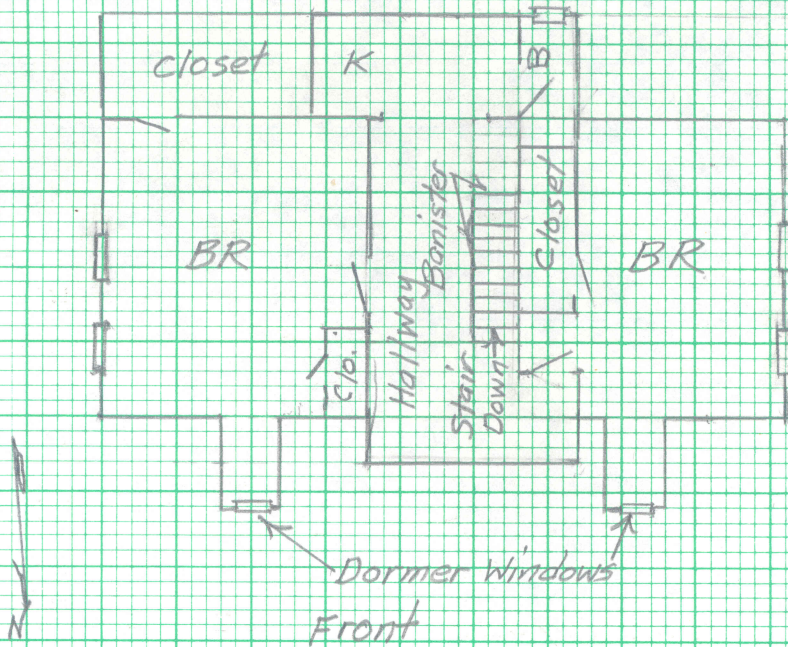


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NETTLES-GRIFFIN HOME  
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Second-Floor Plan



Scale, in Feet  
0 5 10 15 20

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Nettelso-Griffin Home  
Rear South View



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Nettelso - Kiffin Home  
East Side

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Wells - Griffin Home  
West Side