

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Dudley Snow House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 704 Snow Street _____ not for publication

city, town Oxford _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 3rd

state Alabama code 01 county Calhoun code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. George R. Mizzell tel. 205-831-1255

street & number 704 Snow Street

city, town Oxford _____ vicinity of _____ state AL 36203

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Probate Office, Calhoun County Courthouse

street & number 11th Street & Gurnee Avenue

city, town Anniston _____ state AL 36201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic American Buildings Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date September 1935 federal state county local

depository for survey records Division of Prints and Photographs, Library of Congress

city, town Washington _____ state DC 20540

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"/> ENDANGERED
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Snow house occupies a low wooded knoll about 100 yards east of the branch which bears the same name. Facing north toward Snow Street, the house is five bays wide. It measures 49'-6" across by 43'-0" deep, and is covered by a broad gable roof broken at the front and rear slopes to extend over the shedroom additions to the nucleus. A kitchen wing added to the southeast corner of the house around 1900 has been incorporated into a porch and garage addition built after 1962. Brick chimneys at each gable end have been partially dismantled.

The original house -- two hewn log "pens" with open passage between -- rests, like the attached frame shedrooms, on low brick pier-supports. Modern siding has partially replaced or now covers much of the 19th-century weatherboarding, while most of the early sashing has likewise been replaced. The latter was variously six-over-six or six-over-nine.

Three rooms lie to either side of the hall -- the middle or original rooms measuring approximately 18 by 18 feet; the flanking shedrooms, 18 by 11. From one corner of each of the two largest rooms, an enclosed stairway leads to the upper floor. Here, the circa 1832 log construction is still visible. Synthetic paneling now covers the walls of the east middle room, while the mantelpiece has been removed and the fireplace sealed. Elsewhere, chairrails, narrow reeded windowfacings, flush-board walls, and mantelpieces survive generally undisturbed. Among changes made in the 1960's, however, was the removal of the double doors and sidelights in the central hall, and the construction of a modern stoop which now shelters a replacement entry. Other changes have been more cosmetic in nature, concealing but not destroying the historic fabric underneath. Thus, beneath a new floor covering, the original floor survives intact.

All early dependencies have been destroyed, while commercial encroachment threatens the historic setting of the house. Yet the dwelling remains structurally sound and susceptible of restoration.

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
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<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 ca. 1832-1840 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Dudley Snow house embodies a significant evolutionary pattern found in rural Alabama architecture: the recurring metamorphosis of the hewn-log dwelling into a more commodious, weatheredboarded house oftentimes displaying rudimentary elements of "style." As the home of a small slaveholder, the Snow house also represents a class — neither planter nor small farmer — frequently overlooked in studies of the Old South. The log core of the house evidently dates from the early 1830's. It marks the first extension of settlement onto the northeastern Alabama lands ceded by the Creeks in 1832. The Snow house is quite possibly the oldest structure standing in Calhoun County today, and one of the earliest extant dwellings anywhere in the Coosa River basin.

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Immediately following the Creek cession, the brothers Dudley and Fielding Snow made a reconnaissance of the newly opened country in search of arable and well-watered farmland. Born in North Carolina, the Snows were then living in Roane County, East Tennessee. Dudley Snow selected a level tract at the mouth of the Choccolocco Valley, and entered it at the Federal land sales for the region.¹ In anticipation of his family's arrival from Tennessee, he also began the construction of the hewn-log "dogtrot" which was a few years later expanded into the present dwelling. As Snow prospered, and milled lumber became available in the area, he enlarged and improved his house by adding four frame shedrooms, a pair each at the front and back. The open hall was accordingly lengthened to the front and enclosed at either end by a pair of double-leaf doors with sidelights and rectangular transom. The space between the two rear shedrooms was, however, left open as a recessed porch — a characteristic feature of early Alabama domestic design. The entire house was clapboarded and sash windows installed, flanked by louvered blinds hinged to narrow fluted frames. Inside, log walls were sheathed with horizontal matched boarding, to which was affixed a chairrail and beaded baseboard. In the hall there was a paneled dado; in the adjoining rooms, mantelpieces of a primitive Federal character.

The Snow house was the center of a complex which, in the mid-19th century, included a separate kitchen to the southeast, with cellar beneath; a smokehouse; three barns; a cottonseed house and a gin; a grist mill, a tannery, a blacksmith shop, and slave quarters. Tradition holds that the first post office for the area, antedating the present community of Oxford, was established at the Snow house. Perhaps testifying to the veracity of this story is a large, pigeon-holed wooden cabinet still situated in the southeast shedroom. The U.S. Census for 1850 lists Dudley Snow as the owner of a dozen slaves, with real property valued at the then not-inconsiderable sum of \$6,000. Of Snow's eight children, five were sons and all served in the Confederate army. A local military company purportedly outfitted by Dudley Snow was known as "Snow's Rangers."

¹Fielding Snow settled thirteen miles north, at Jacksonville, where his own circa 1850 two-story frame house still stands at 201 Murphy Street. It was recorded by the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1935.

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Continuation sheet

Dudley Snow House

Item number 8

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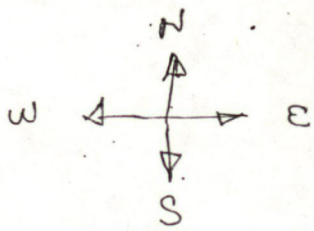
Continuously occupied by the Snow family, the house had changed little -- but for a turn-of-the-century kitchen wing -- when it was photographed by the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1935. Renovations carried out between 1962 and 1970 marred the house, but did not destroy its fundamental character. Despite these changes, no other dwelling standing today in the Oxford-Anniston area so clearly reflects the developmental process from Jacksonian frontier to settled agrarian existence.

State of Alabama
County of Calhoun

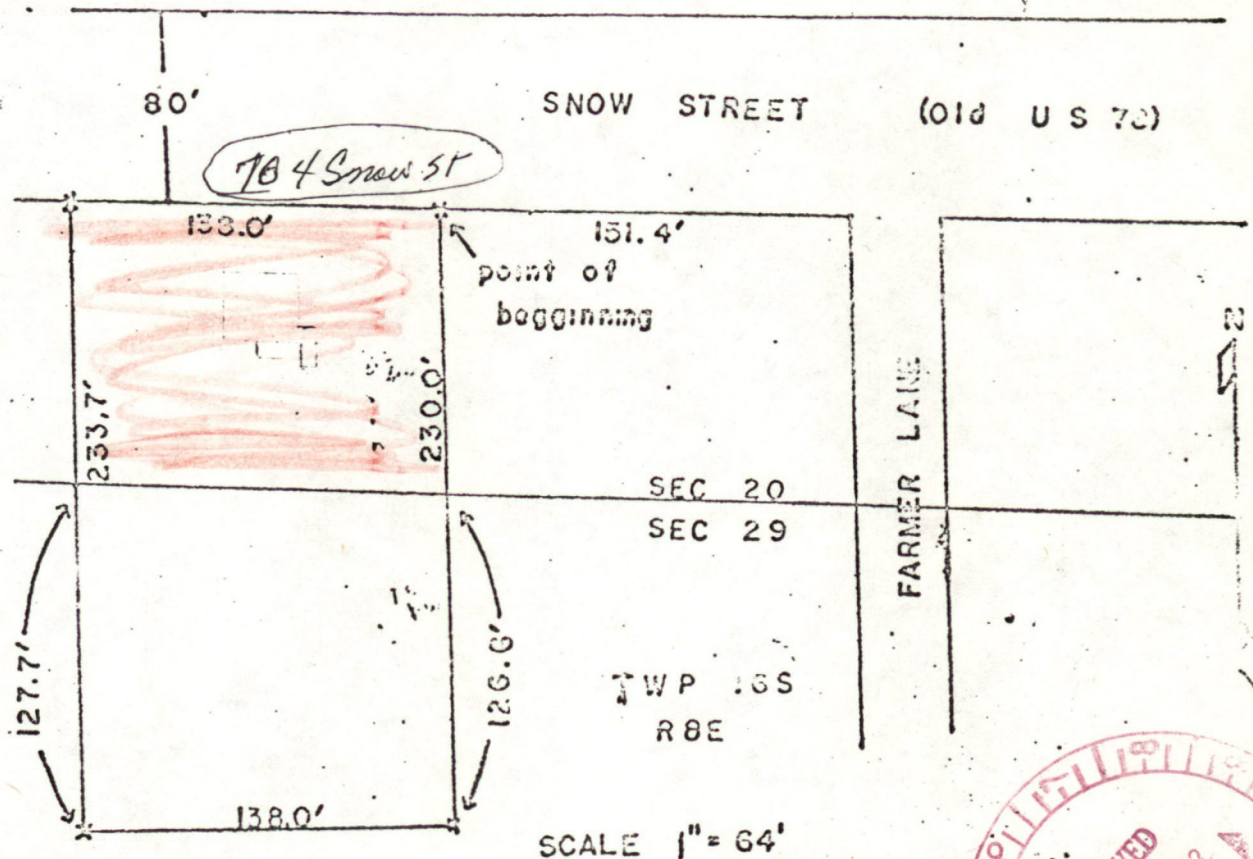
To All interested parties

A parcel of land lying principally in the $\frac{W}{2}$ of the $\frac{NE}{4}$ of the $\frac{NW}{4}$ of Section 29 and partly in the $\frac{W}{2}$ of the $\frac{SE}{4}$ of the $\frac{SW}{4}$ of Section 20, all in Township 16S, Range 8 East, Oxford, Calhoun County, Alabama.

Being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of the intersection of Snow Street (also known as Old U S 76) and Farmer Lane; thence west along the south side of Snow Street a distance of 151.4' to the Point of Beginning; thence south on a line parallel to the west side of Farmer Lane a distance of 230.0' to a point; thence west on a line parallel to the south side of Snow Street a distance of 138.0' to a point; thence north on a line parallel to the west side of Farmer Lane a distance of 233.7' to a point; thence east along the south side of Snow Street a distance of 138.0' to the point of beginning, also as shown on the plat hereto attached and made a part hereof.



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DUDLEY SNOW HOUSE
704 SNOW STREET
OXFORD, AL.

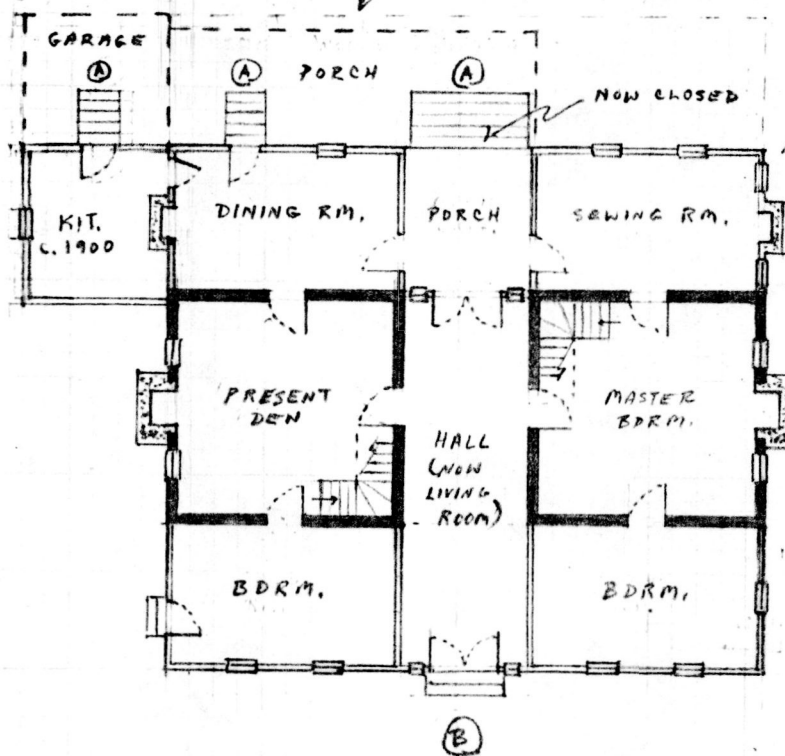
GEO. MIZZELL, OWNER



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(A) = STEPS ELIMINATED IN LATER RENOVATION

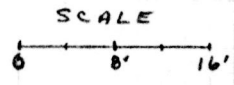
CA. 1960 ADDITIONS



SHED ROOMS FRONT + BACK ADDED C. 1840

LOG NUCLEUS (c. 1832)

(B) ORIGINAL DOORS, SIDELIGHTS + TRANSOM REMOVED C. 1960; STOOP ADDED.



MEASURED BY R GAMBLE



SNOW ST.

Name Snow Dudley House
 State, County AL, Calhoun
 Working Number 1-6-82-31
 Fed Nom or Request-Agency _____
 Federal Register Date 2.7.83

- Nomination
 Determination of Eligibility
 On Nomination Form
- Bldg(s)
 Site
 Object
 Structure
 District
- Within:
 Multiple Resource Area
 Thematic Group

Maps 4
 Photos 7

Nomination prepared by:
 State Staff
 Local
 Other

Action: National Register
 ACCEPT 2/4/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

Check if Appropriate:
 State Request for Review
 Keeper's Decision to Review
 2nd Return

I. Evaluation of Resource (cont. on back if necessary)

II. Evaluation of Nomination

	Quality			Comments
	Good	Adequate	Poor	
1. Descriptive Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
2. Significance Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
3. Concepts/Integrity				
4. Concepts/Criteria				
5. Concepts/Boundaries				
6. Contextual Evaluation				

General Comments (cont. on back if necessary):

Reviewer/Date _____

See Attached _____



Dudley Snow House
704 Snow Street, Oxford
Calhoun County, Alabama

Danny Hurt, 1979
Alabama Historical Commission

1. View from northwest-
facade and west elevation
of house

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2. View from east, showing
eastern elevation

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3. View from south- showing
rear or south elevation

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4. Interior view showing
flush board wall and
paneled dado

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5. Interior view
 corner stair leading
 from original portion
 of house to attic

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6. Interior view
Attic showing log
construction

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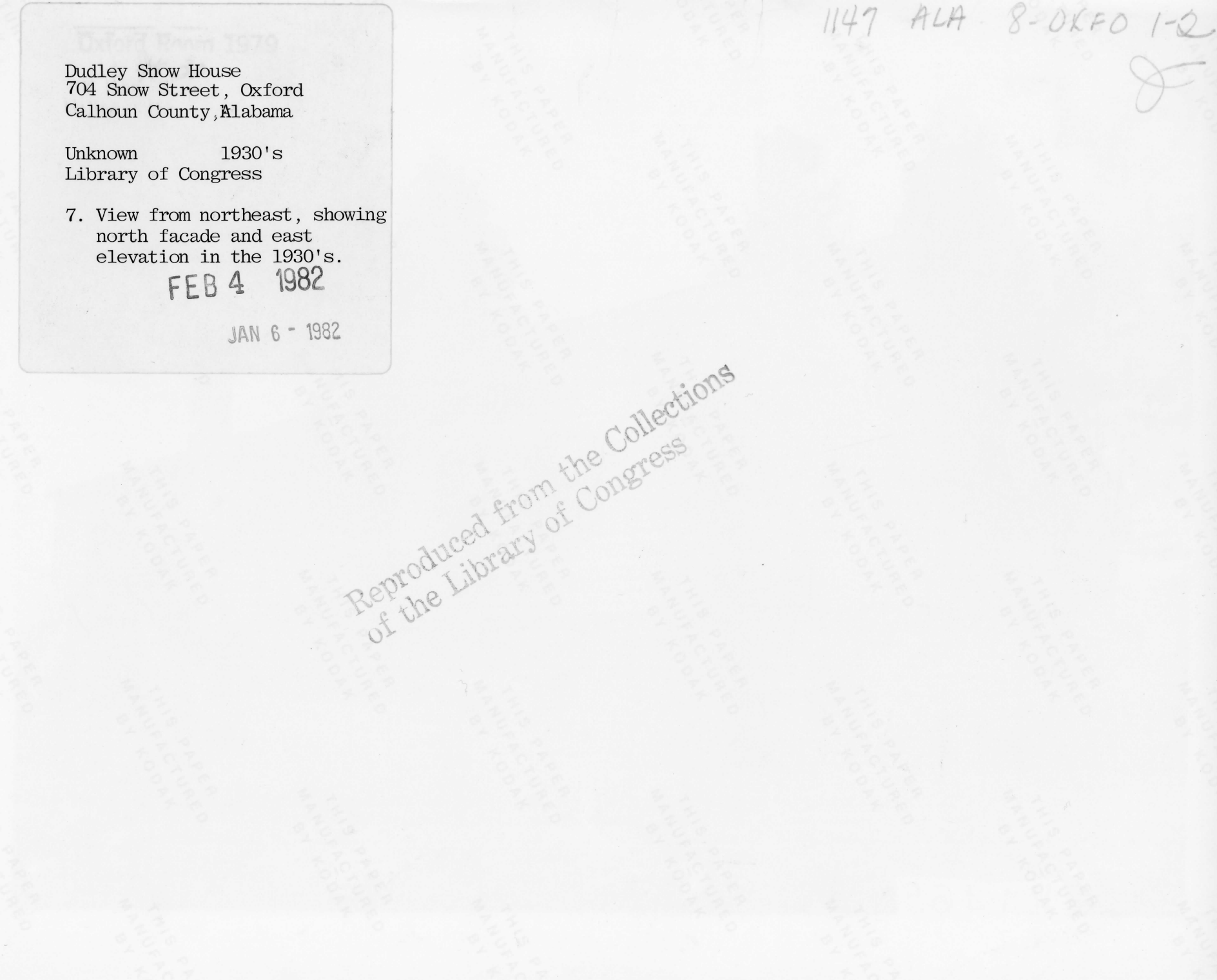
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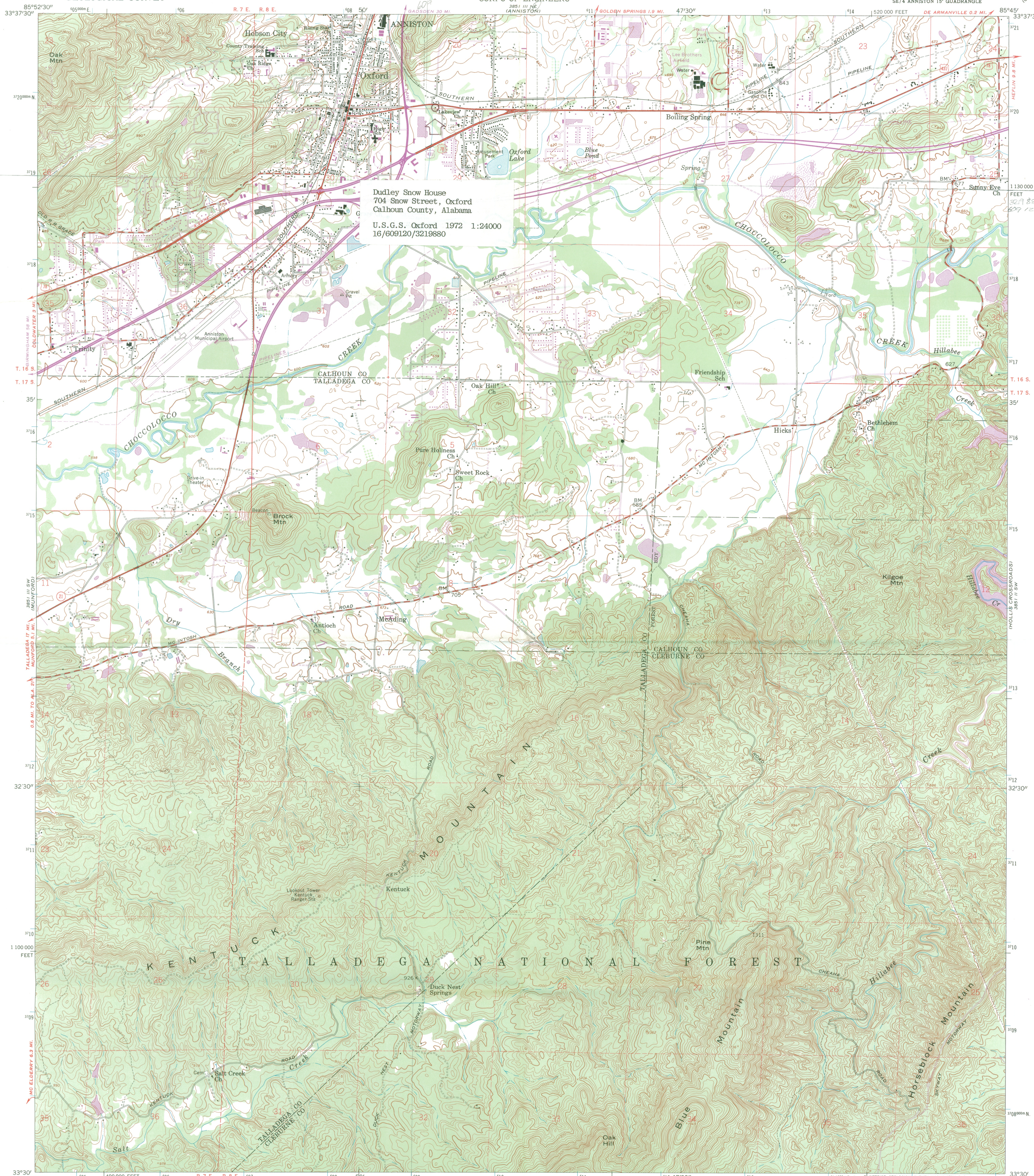
7. View from northeast, showing
north facade and east
elevation in the 1930's.

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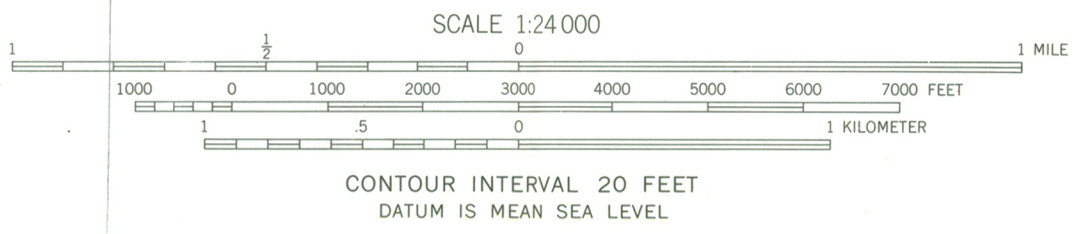
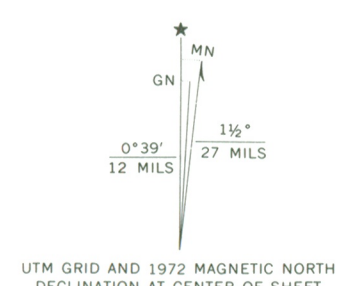


Dudley Snow House
704 Snow Street, Oxford
Calhoun County, Alabama
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1946. Field checked 1947. Planimetry revised from
aerial photographs taken 1956. Field checked 1956
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Alabama coordinate system, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from
aerial photographs taken 1972. This information not field checked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route
Interstate Route	



OXFORD, ALA.
SE/4 ANNISTON 15' QUADRANGLE
N 3330-W 8545/7.5

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CITY CLERK & TREASURER

March 6, 1980

F. Lawrence Oaks
Executive Director
Alabama Historical Commission
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Re: Dudley Snow House, 704 Snow Street. Survey report #30.

Dear Mr. Oaks,

This house is in great danger. The property is adjacent to Quintard Mall. The land is very valuable. At present, this is the most progressive area in the county. As things are developing, six months may be too late to save the house.

Robert Gamble, Architectural Historian, rates this house as top priority in Oxford. The present City Officials are in agreement, and will co-operate with any historical efforts.

Time is the factor. I am bringing this to your attention. I need help. Would you please direct me. We need to know the possibilities.

I have discussed this in depth with the occupants and co-owners. They will co-operate with the City and Historical Commission on any possibilities of saving the house.

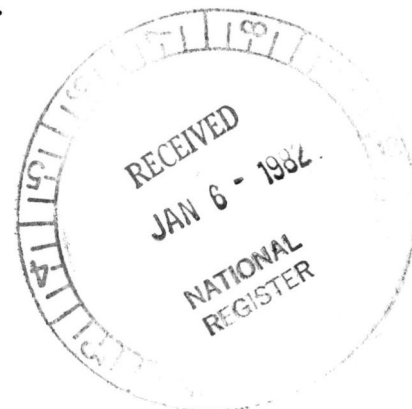
Please read the report through before forming a mental opinion. A report was sent November 2, 1979, it contains current photographs.

I plan to attend the seminar on March 13. If there is an opportunity I would like to discuss this with someone.

Sincerely,

Mary Cowan
Historic Co-ordinator
City of Oxford

Tele-831-3039



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CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION

ANNISTON, ALABAMA

36201

TELEPHONE 236-3521

KENNETH L. JOINER
SECRETARY

April 9, 1980

Mr. Milo B. Howard, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer
725 Monroe Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Milo:

Regarding the Dudley Snow House in Oxford, which will be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, we feel that this house will be an outstanding addition to the National Register. Even though it has not been maintained as nicely, perhaps, as others, much historical significance surrounds this house.

The Dudley Snow House dates from the 1833-34 period, and was the site of extensive farming and milling operation. Of particular interest, from an historical viewpoint, the Dudley Snow Rangers, a Confederate group, was formed in Calhoun County, and was organized by Mr. Snow, with the expense being paid by Mr. Snow. Of interest, also, is the fact that in 1863, at the formation of the 51st Alabama Cavalry Regiment, over 1,000 Confederate soldiers assembled there to be inducted into the Confederate Service. Although they would not have been inside the house, itself, they would have been in the immediate proximity of this particular house. The Regimental Flag was presented to General John Morgan, later U. S. Senator, Brigadier General CSA, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, by, not one, but two of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln's sisters. This, in itself, would warrant inclusion of the Dudley Snow House into the National Register.

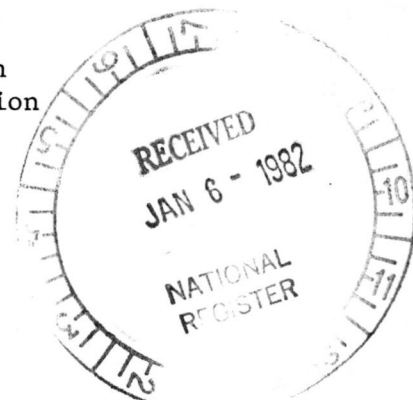
Your serious consideration of this request will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Jack D. Boozer

Jack D. Boozer, Chairman
Calhoun County Commission

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ALABAMA

Date Entered FEB 4 1982

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Common Street District	Mobile Mobile County
Bothwell, Dr. James J., House	Ashville St. Clair County
First Presbyterian Church	Jacksonville Calhoun County
Snow, Dudley, House	Oxford Calhoun County

Also Notified

Honorable Howell T. Heflin
Honorable Jeremiah Denton
Honorable Jack Edwards
Honorable Tom Beville
Honorable William Nichols

Southeast Region, NPS

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. F. Lawrence Oaks
Executive Director, Alabama
Historical Commission
725 Monroe Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6461.

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