



20. GUSTAVE BRAUNE HOUSE
236 Prairie Street

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Beeker, Jr.
236 Prairie Street
Eutaw, Alabama 35462

Lot #113 Tax Map: 35-18-08-34-3-8-14 .31 acres (94' Praire x 145')

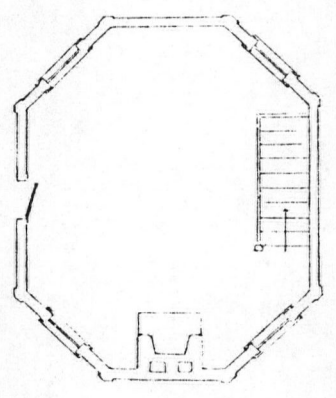
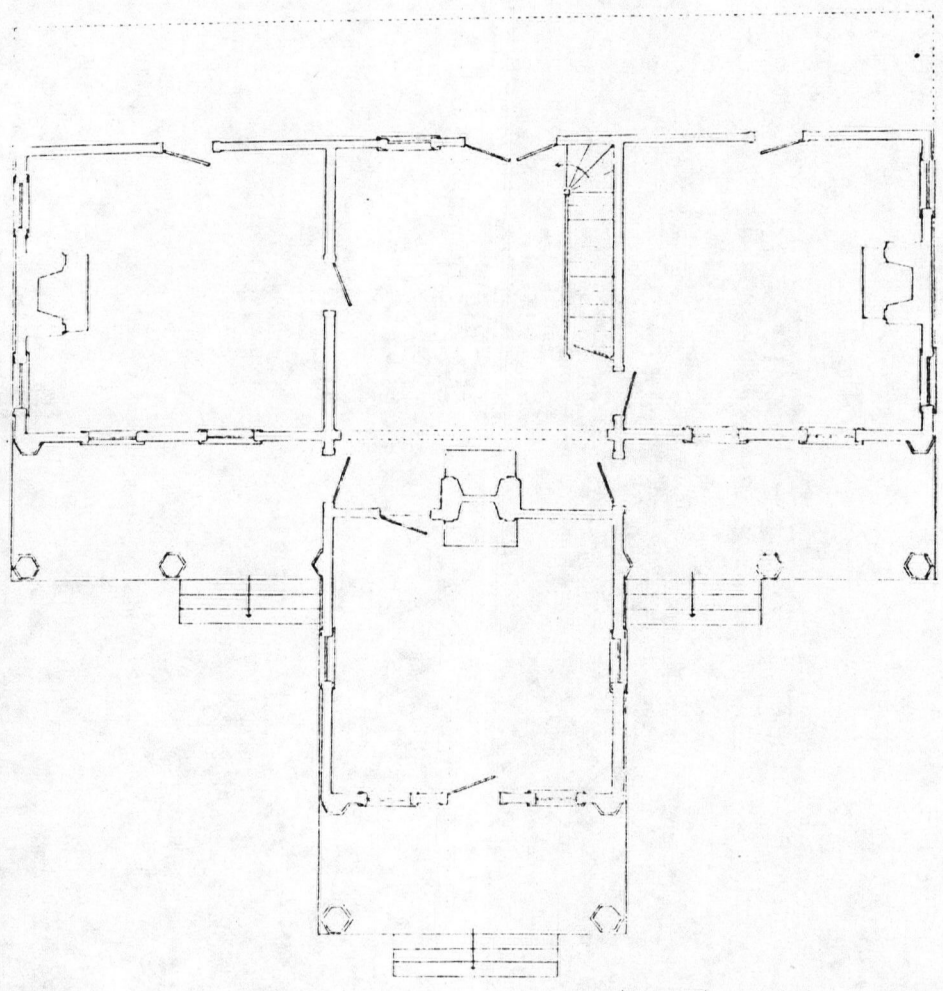
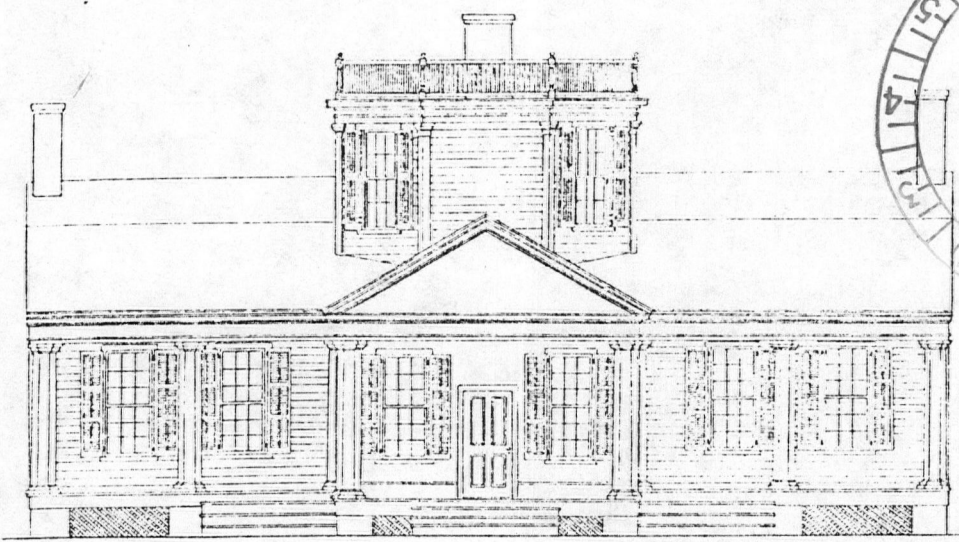
latitude: 32° 50' 16" Longitude: 87° 53' 5"

mid 1850's -front wing Architect/builder: unknown
early 1860's - remainder of house

SIGNIFICANCE: This is a unique variant on Eutaw types, representing increasing influence of victorian picturesque tendencies at the end of antebellum period.

DESCRIPTION: The superstructure is practically flat-roofed, its cornice surmounted by a banistered railing. An old one room law office became the parlor, and the room beneath the octagon was used for dining. It is rectangular with a straight flight of steps ascending on the south side. The upper rooms and those in the low wings are bedrooms, the latter preceded by a porch with hexagonal piers, similar to those of the front portico. The Braune addition is a step higher than the forepart, though the entablature is level across the entire front. Undoubtedly a gallery ran along the rear, and service buildings were in the yard behind.

Historical Notes: Judge Willian C. Oliver sold "A House and Lot" to Gustave Braune for \$1,950 on December 29, 1859. The "House" was Oliver's former single room law office on Lot #113, next door to his residence on Prairie Street. Gustave Braune was a native of Dresden, who opened a watch and jewelry store at Eutaw in 1853. He commissioned a residence on the lot purchased six years later, utilizing the office as the stem of a T shape, of which the adjoining pavilion at the junction of cross bar is octagonal in the second story. Tradition maintains that this form was inspired by buildings known by Braune in Saxony, which may refer to eight-sided Romanesque churches or keeps. The present owner of the house is a great-granddaughter of Gustave Braune.



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GUSTAVE BRAINE house.

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National Park Service

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Antebellum Homes in Eutaw Thematic Resources
State Alabama

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 1. Anthony, David Rinehart, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Delores Byers 4/2/82
Attest _____
- 2. Braune, Gustave, House **Substantive Review** Keeper William H. Brauman 4.2.82
Attest Carl Duke 4/1/82
- 3. Cockrell, Samuel W., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Delores Byers 4/2/82
Attest _____
- 4. Coleman, John, House (Grassdale) **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Delores Byers 4/2/82
Attest _____
- 5. Davis, Attoway R., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Delores Byers 4/2/82
Attest _____
- 6. Elliott, John W., House **Substantive Review** Keeper William H. Brauman 4.2.82
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- 7. Garconniere of James B. Clark House **Substantive Review** Keeper at.
Attest _____
- 8. Glenville (Jincy P. Glenn House) **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Delores Byers 4/2/82
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- 9. Gray, Rev. John H., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Delores Byers 4/2/82
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- 10. Gullett, Benjamin D., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Delores Byers 4/2/82
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NR decision review

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET (Antebellum Homes in Eutaw Thematic Resources)

Property: Braune, Gustave, House
State, County: AL, Greene
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 2/16/82-445
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 3/18/82 - 4/2/82
Action: ACCEPT 4/2/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

photos
maps

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: 1850's - 60 house with Greek Revival features incorporating octagonal second story room - a prelude to Victorian designs gaining popularity elsewhere.

Recom./Criteria ACCEPT - C
Reviewer DUBIE WAB
Discipline HIST
Date 4/1/82
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition: excellent good fair
 deteriorated ruins unexposed
Check one: unaltered altered
Check one: original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

supplemented by general discussion
+ specific mention of the significance
of this property in # 8.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax map # + plat map -

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps *plat map*
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Eutaw, Greene County, Alabama

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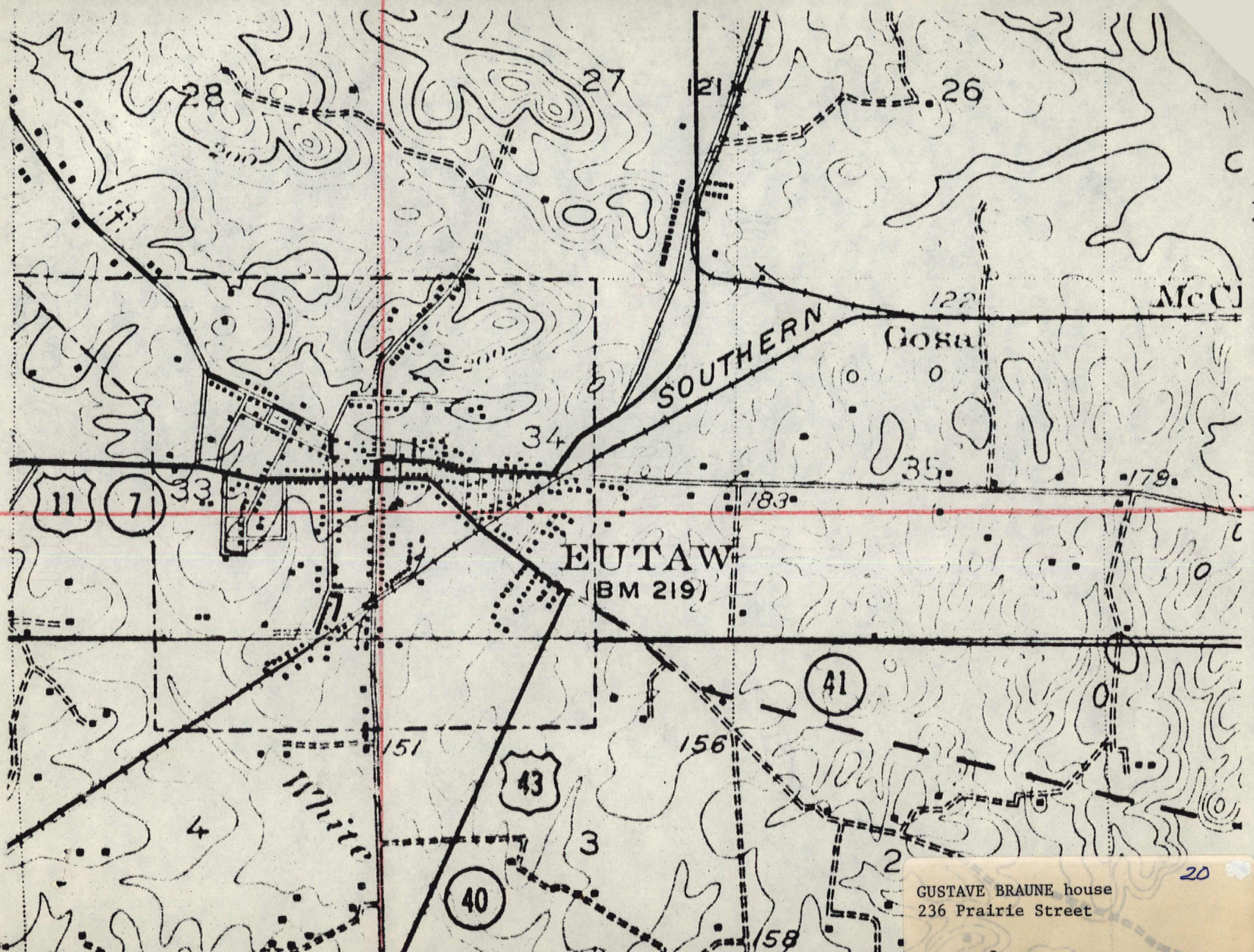
Roy Swayze, 1980
Greene County Historical Society

Facade

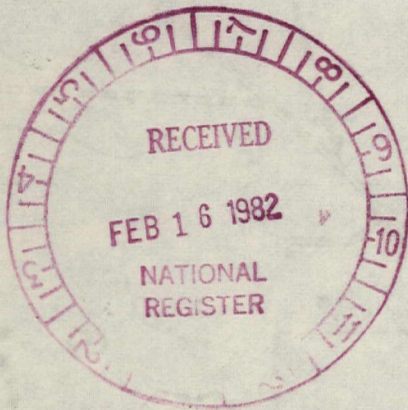
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
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