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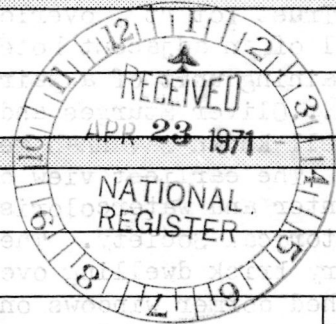
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(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>GEORGIA</b>	
COUNTY: <b>CHATHAM</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <b>71.7.13.0037</b>	DATE <b>7/4/71</b>



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Oliver Sturges House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Same**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**27 Abercorn Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Savannah**

STATE <b>Georgia</b>	CODE <b>13</b>	COUNTY: <b>Chatham</b>	CODE <b>051</b>
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Held for sale for restoration and used for tours.</b>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
**Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc.**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**119 Habersham Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Savannah**

STATE: <b>Georgia</b>	CODE <b>13</b>
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
**Chatham County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Wright Square**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Savannah**

STATE: <b>Georgia</b>	CODE <b>13</b>
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: (a) **Historic American Buildings Survey**  
(b) **Historic Savannah Architectural Survey, Pub. 1968**

DATE OF SURVEY: (a) **1936** (b) **1962** Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
(a) **Library of Congress, Division of Prints and Photographs**  
(b) **Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc.**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
(b) **119 Habersham Street**

CITY OR TOWN: (a) <b>Washington, 25</b> (b) <b>Savannah</b>	STATE: (a) <b>D.C.</b> (b) <b>Georgia</b>	CODE: (a) <b>08</b> (b) <b>13</b>
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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Reynolds Ward, first called Lower New Ward, was the fifth to be laid out in Gen. James Edward Oglethorpe's original city plan. On the N. E. portion of Trust Lot "T", overlooking Reynolds Square and directly abutting the bare wall of an adjacent hotel, the Oliver Sturges House stands today as the remaining unit of a pair of "mirror" townhouses built ca. 1812-1815 by two men...Oliver Sturges and Benjamin Burroughs, brothers-in-law and partners in a well-known Savannah merchantile firm.

The earliest view of this building is depicted by Firmin Cerveau, detail painter and watercolorist in 1837; the painting now hangs in the Georgia Historical Society. The building as it appears in that painting is a two-story brick dwelling over a  $\frac{1}{2}$  basement with gable roof. There are two arched dormer windows on the rear roof of each unit of the double pair of houses; the chimneys are connected by brick parapets. A two story octagonal bay projects from the rear of each unit and construction details indicate that these bays were added after completion of the original structure.

Today 27 Abercorn reflects a ca. 1850-1860 third story addition which may have been added to this unit of the pair only. (See 1871 Map of Savannah located at Historic Savannah Foundation.)

The companion unit was demolished for a hotel between 1911 and 1916.

I. Exterior: A. Main or East Facade. This three story brick structure, facing Reynolds Square, rises from a stuccoed  $\frac{1}{2}$  basement made of ballast stone and brick. Marble steps rise up to the level of a stuccoed and painted string-course between the basement and first floor. One fluted pilaster stands as the remaining support of a wooden portico that was removed by Historic Savannah Foundation in 1968 and stored inside the house...this portico being unsafe structurally. The fanlight above the 6 paneled door is framed in a brownstone architrave and flanked on either side by sidelights. Directly above the door, on the second floor level, is a Palladian window framed by a brownstone architrave similar to the front door architrave. The parlor and second floor windows have 9/9 lights. The third story 6/6. All windows have brownstone lintels and sills. B. West Facade: The rear octagonal bay is capped with what Frederick Doveton Nichols describes as a "Fine transitional type of brick cornice with dentils." C. South Facade. Adjoins hotel wall. On the rear portion of the lot is a brick and stucco carriage house. This was a retail shop in recent years. Portions of a garden wall are imbedded in the north facade of the hotel wall.

II. Interior. The entrance hall is separated from the stair hall by a columnar screen (an arch supported on paneled pilasters.) The stair to the second floor has rectangular balusters and paneled returns. To the right of the entrance hall is a drawing room with a fine wood mantelpiece with paneled pilasters, a delicate cornice with dentils, and a frieze with three wooden sunbursts. This room is separated from another on direct axis with it by an opening framed with classical columns and a fanlight with paneled folding doors. A similar division occurs between this second parlor and the octagonal addition. Each room has a chair rail and wainscoting, the octagonal room having a more refined chair rail of cable and reeded moulding and paneled wainscoting. The addition has a plaster acanthus leaf ceiling moulding.

The second floor stairhall is divided by an arch supported on engaged columns. The hall ends in a palladian window described above. Frederick Doveton Nichols writes that the Oliver Sturges house "represents the typical early 19th C. row house characteristic of all the colonies."



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

*good interior paneling*

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Site</b>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1736-37 site, 1813, 1964**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>History</u>
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human- <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	itarian <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

I. 1733-1812: Christ Church Vestry, John Wesley  
 Lot "T", Southwest trust lot of Reynolds Ward was the site set aside by the Trustees of the Colony of Georgia for the home of the minister at Savannah. A house on this site shows in the 1733 Peter Gordon Map. During the years 1736 and 1737 John Wesley, minister of the Church of England and later the founder of Methodism lived here. In 1969 the Methodists and the Citizens of Savannah erected a statue of John Wesley in the center of Reynolds Square and renovated the square at that time.

II. 1812-1911: Oliver Sturges, Benjamin Burroughs.  
 Reynolds Square was the center of Colonial Government with the House of Assembly standing on the Southeast trust lot. It was in this building and square that the first and second readings on the Declaration of Independence in Savannah took place.

The Northwest trust Lot "R" was the site of the public school in 1756. About 1789 a private residence was built for James Habersham, Jr. It later became the Planter's Bank, the square then being known as "Bank Square." The house still stands today together with the Sturges House the only two remaining houses of this fashionable residential district.

The filature (house for reeling silk) was on Trust Lot "S" (North eastern one) until it burned in 1840. Cassel Row, a series of two story brick houses, was built on the lot after that. This row was demolished to make way for the building now occupied by the U. S. Army Engineers. The filature was used for public meetings, balls, and for a time by city government until the City Exchange was erected.

Oliver Sturges and his partner Benjamin Burroughs purchased Trust Lot "T" from Christ Church Vestry in 1812. The next year together they constructed a fine pair of Georgian townhouses overlooking the square. Burroughs and Sturges were associate cotton merchants. To quote the Historic Savannah Survey, "It was from the parlor room of the Sturges House that plans were made for the crossing of the Atlantic by the S. S. Savannah." Oliver Sturges was a substantial financial participant in this first transAtlantic steamship voyage venture in 1819.

Mr. William Harden, born in 1835 wrote in his memoirs that men of wealth, planters and bankers, prominent citizens of Savannah lived around Reynolds Square. Mr. William P. Hunter lived many years in the Sturges House, Mr. Hunter was a distinguished Savannah Banker, and next to him was Mr. Joseph Hallett Burroughs whose wife was the daughter of the Hon. John Macpherson Berrien, Attorney General of the United States, 1829-1831.

The Burroughs family maintained their half of the pair until 1911 when it was sold and subsequently torn down for a hotel. The Sturges House was a rooming house at that time. Cont.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Gordon Grant, Secretary**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc.** DATE: **12-30-70**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**119 Habersham Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Savannah** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Mary Gregory Jewett

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: April 19, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**JUL 14 1971**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William H. Murray  
 Keeper of The National Register

**JUN 28 1971**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1964 Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc., rescued the Sturges House from imminent demolition. The site of this house and lot is within the Savannah Historic District, a Registered National Historic Landmark, so designated by the Department of the Interior through the National Park Service.

Historic Savannah Foundation has placed legal protective covenants on the Sturges House regarding its future sale and appropriate restoration. These will insure the preservation of the integrity of the building.

The building has been open to the public during Georgia Day Celebrations for tours and was on tour for the National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference held in Savannah in October, 1968.



(Oliver) Sturges House

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GA.  
7/14/71

4/23/71

✓  
✓  
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✓

8/4/71

4/26/71

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pt 8 covers abt not directly related, but okay. Ben: do you question this as a property already within Hist. District? Photos 1936 - asking for current, Mitchell says it looks the same: Who there a couple weeks ago.

OK  
Purcell  
5/13/71

Agree with Al on this

OK  
Levy  
6/17/71

As it is architecture which is important, we can pull material from #7 & guess!

OK  
6/3/71

In spite of a confusing and confused statement of significance, which has little to do with the architectural significance, or anything else dealing with the house, it's recognized as one of Savannah's most important buildings.

OK  
Chambers  
5-21-71

OK  
Wm  
6/28/71

HABS'36

OK  
7-14

OK  
ED 6/25/71

9/7/71

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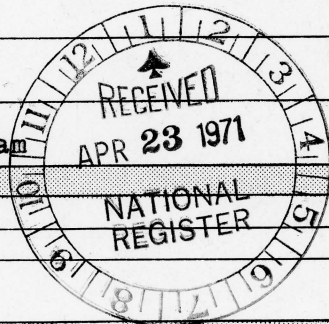
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DATE OF PHOTO: <b>1930's</b>			
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<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  <b>Octagonal Addition North West</b>			





FURNISHED ROOMS

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East Front





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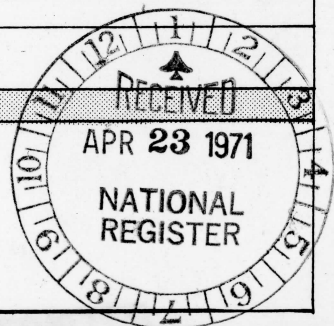
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<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. <b>General view showing Front &amp; North Side</b>			





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**Porch and doorway, East Front**





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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  <b>EAST FACADE</b>			



HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION, INC.  
Oliver Sturges House 1818  
FOR SALE

NO PARKING  
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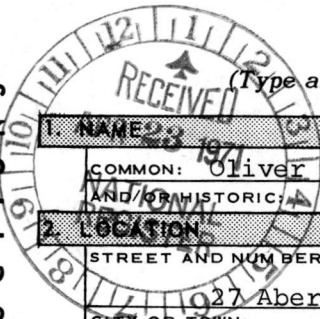
**ANGLE VIEW, EAST FACADE, NORTH SIDE**

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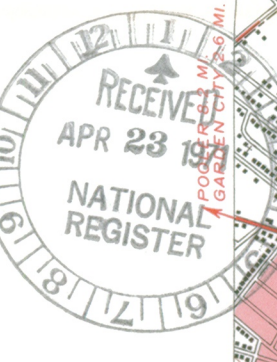
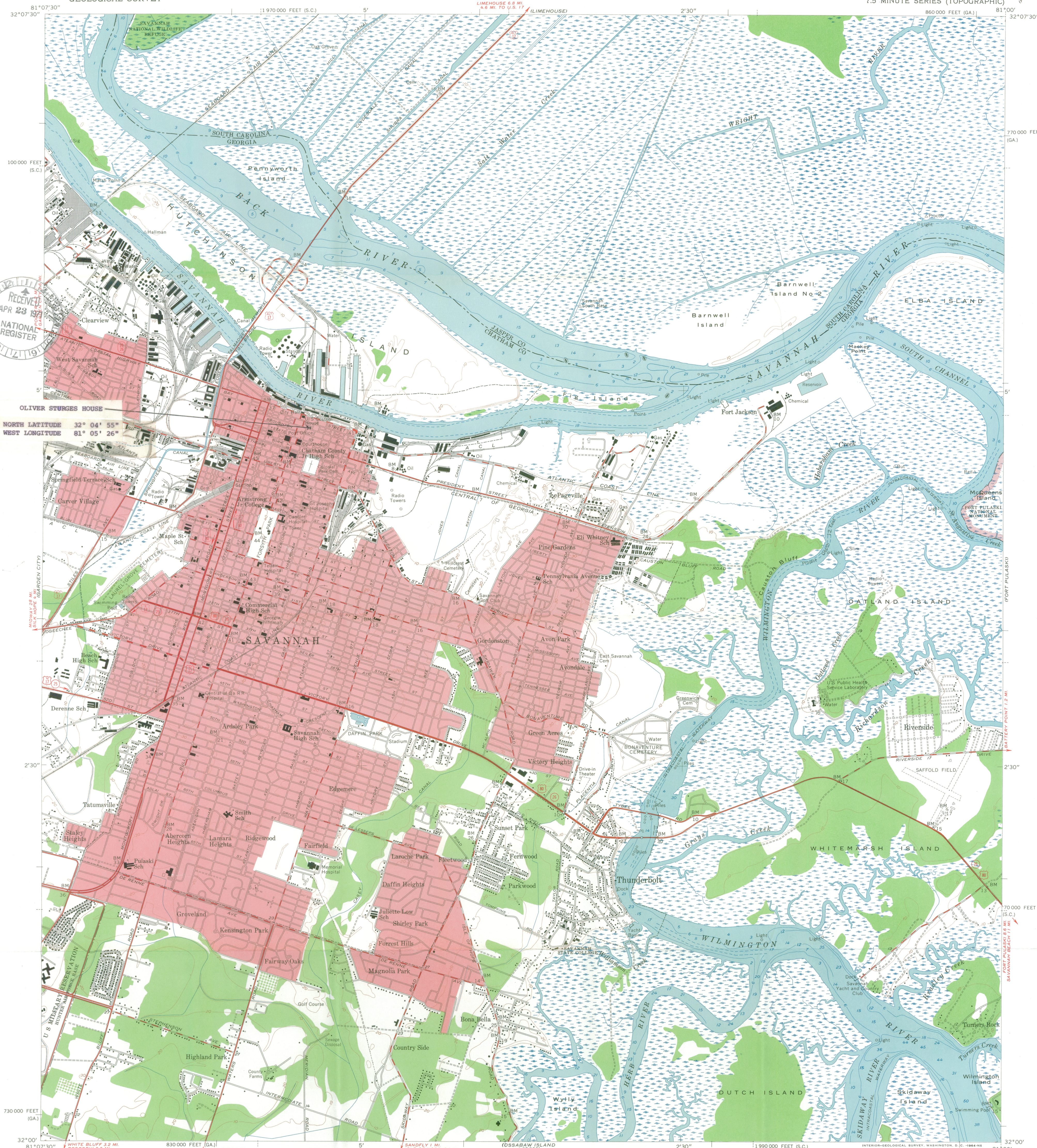
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**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



OLIVER STURGES HOUSE  
NORTH LATITUDE 32° 04' 55"  
WEST LONGITUDE 81° 05' 26"

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and Georgia Geodetic Survey  
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1951 and from USC&GS charts T-5141, T-5142, T-5143, T-5145, T-5146, and T-5214. Topography by planetable surveys 1955  
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS chart 440 (1955)  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grids based on Georgia coordinate system, east zone, and South Carolina coordinate system, south zone 1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

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THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 7.4 FEET AT SAVANNAH AND 7.9 FEET AT THUNDERBOLT  
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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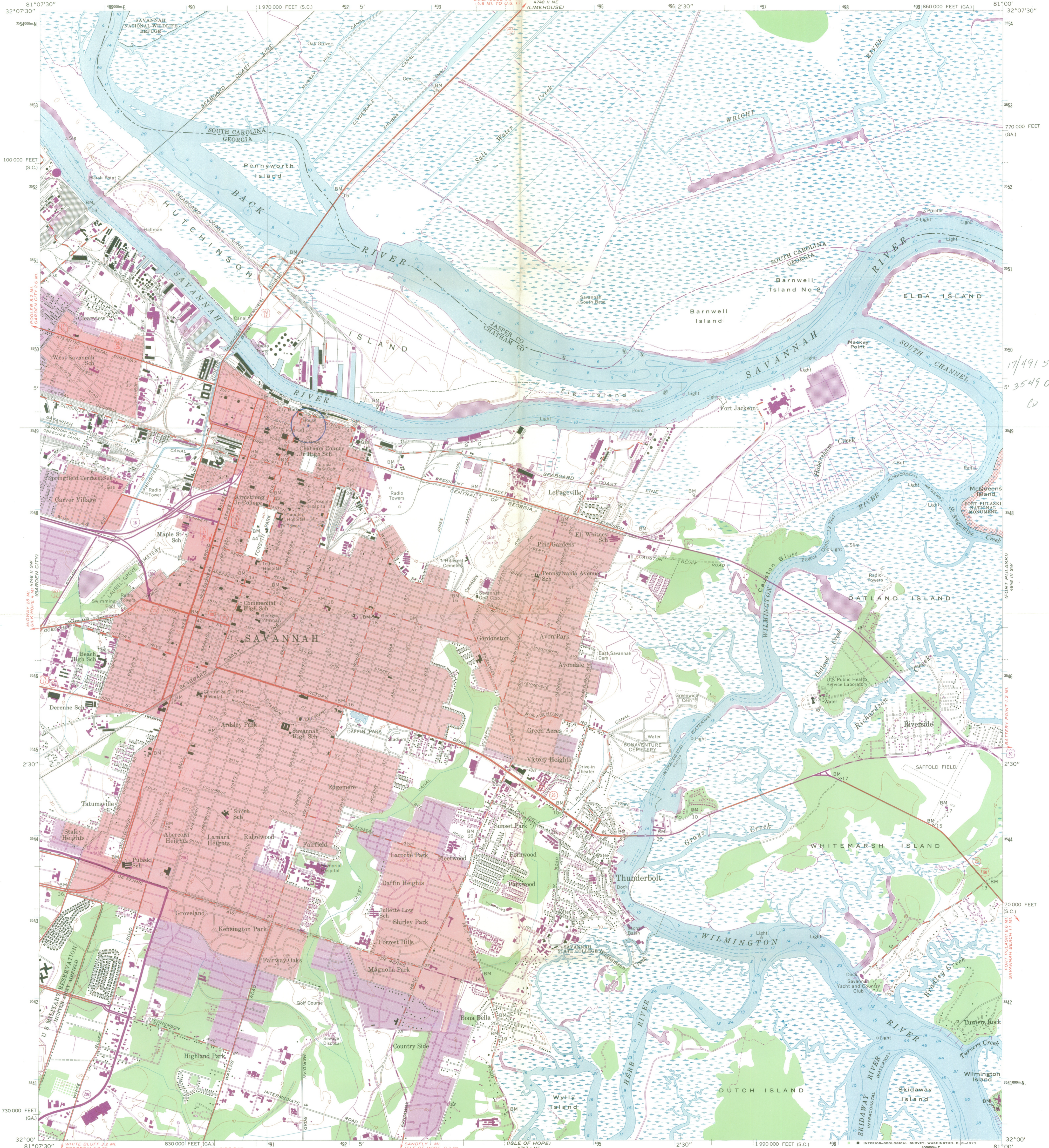
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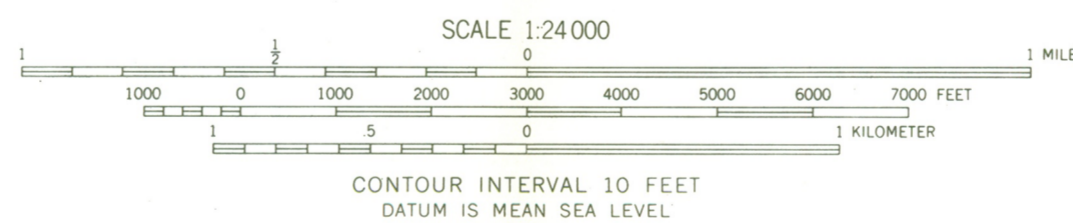
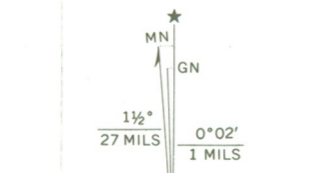
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grids based on Georgia coordinate system, east zone, and South Carolina coordinate system, south zone 1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue

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Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
801 19th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear William:

The enclosed two current photographs of Oliver Sturges House, Savannah, Georgia, were promised your office as additional data on the house. At the time we submitted an inventory-nomination packet for the house, we used c. 1930-ish H.A.B.S. photographs. A member of your staff requested that we send current views when we could obtain them.

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Sincerely,

William R. Mitchell, Jr.  
Director, Georgia  
Historic Sites Survey

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H30-ER

Hon. Herman A. Talwadge  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Talwadge:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Georgia and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator David H. Gambrell and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. A copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mrs. Mary Gregory Jewett, Director, Georgia Historical Commission, 116 Mitchell Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

JUL 14 1971

Entered in the National Register

cc: Mrs. Mary Gregory Jewett, Director, Georgia Historical Commission,  
116 Mitchell Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Also notified: Hon. David H. Gambrell  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Hon. Robert G. Stephens, Jr.  
Hon. G. Elliott Hagan  
Hon. John J. Flynt, Jr.  
Hon. W. S. (Bill) Stuckey, Jr.

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cc: Director, Southeast Region

HR

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Sturges (Oliver) House	Chatham County Savannah, Georgia
Christ Episcopal Church	Bibb County Macon, Georgia
St. Joseph's Catholic Church	Bibb County Macon, Georgia
W. G. Lee Alumni House	Bibb County Macon, Georgia
The Poe House	Bibb County Macon, Georgia
Home of William A. Snow	Bibb County Macon, Georgia
Rockefeller Cottage	Glynn County Jekyll Island, Georgia
Hill-O'Neal Cottage	Bibb County Macon, Georgia
Anderson (Judge Clifford) Home	Bibb County Macon, Georgia
Faith Chapel	Glynn County Jekyll Island, Georgia
Martin (T. Baldwin) Home	Bibb County Macon, Georgia

Sturges (Oliver) House  
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H30-HR

Mrs. Mary Gregory Jewett  
Director  
Georgia Historical Commission  
116 Mitchell Street, S. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mrs. Jewett:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Herman E. Talmadge and David H. Cambrell and the appropriate Representatives are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Director

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DAVID K. FRAZER  
General Manager

September 19, 1972

Christine L. St. Lawrence  
Historic American Buildings Survey  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Reference: H3815-HHA

Dear Mrs. St. Lawrence:

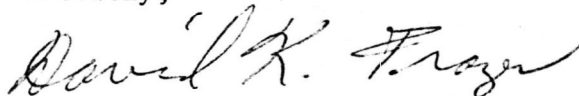
Thank you for your prompt and very helpful letter. The copy of the Federal Register and the information about ordering photographs from the Library of Congress were exactly what I needed.

Now I need another favor. May I have another copy of vol. 37, Number 51, Part II of the Federal Register, which you sent to me on Sept. 8th? I need to keep my copy but I should have one for my home office in Savannah, too.

Can you tell me, also, if there is any sort of hardcover edition of the register available that would include the information about the Sturges House that is in the copy you sent me?

Incidentally, the Sturges House is being restored by Morris Newspaper Corporation to serve as the national headquarters and home office for the chain of nine newspapers. I am told this is a somewhat unique, at least in this part of the nation, use for a restored building of historical significance. If there is any National Park Service publication or other federal publication that might be interested in any information about this project or would like to have an article about the project, I would be happy to furnish the material.

Sincerely,



David K. Frazer

Chatham Co.

OCT 3 1972

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Mr. David K. Frazer  
Statesboro Herald  
P. O. Box 888  
Statesboro, Georgia 30458

Dear Mr. Frazer:

Christine St. Lawrence has referred your letter regarding the Sturges House to the National Register for reply. At your request we are sending you another copy of the Federal Register of March 15, 1972 (Vol. 37, No. 51, Part II).

The hardcover edition of The National Register of Historic Places was last published in 1969, and the second edition should be available from the Government Printing Office this fall. Enclosed is an order blank for the previous edition which tells where and how to order the new book. However, as the Sturges House was not added to the National Register until July 14, 1971, it did not make the manuscript cut-off date for inclusion in the hardbound book. Properties added after July 1, 1971, will be included in the third edition of the Register.

We were interested to learn of the unusual adaptive use planned for the Sturges House. We appreciate your offer to provide the National Park Service with information about restoration of the house and would be most grateful for an article or any supplementary material you may have on hand. Your letter will be kept in our files along with the Inventory-Nomination form for the Sturges House so that we can call on you if further information should be needed in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry L. Rogers  
Chief of Registration

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cc: Mrs. Mary Gregory Jewett, Director, Georgia Historical Commission,  
116 Mitchell Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 w-cy/inc.  
Director, Southeast Region w-cy/inc.