

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For HCRS use only

received JUL 30 1982  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic William Terrell Homeplace

and/or common n/a

2. Location

street & number ~~1 1/2 miles east of Lawrenceville, GA just north of U.S. 29~~ <sup>E</sup> ~~N/A~~ not for publication

city, town Lawrenceville <sup>vic</sup>  vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Georgia code 013 county Gwinnett code 135

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Kenan T. Terrell, Jr. and Mr. Kenan T. Terrell, III

street & number 538 Highway 29 North

city, town Lawrenceville <sup>N/A</sup> vicinity of state Georgia 30245

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Gwinnett County Courthouse

city, town Lawrenceville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NONE has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The William Terrell Homeplace is a two story, Plantation plain-style house with a one story front porch, a rear shed porch converted to rooms, and a modern rear addition. It is the only remaining building on a larger tract that once contained numerous outbuildings.

The exterior of the house retains its original siding and has little or no ornamentation. A few of the original pegged blinds or shutters remain. It rests on its original fieldstone foundation. The exterior chimneys are stuccoed, one completely and the other only partially, to preserve their strength. The windows are 6/9 panes.

The interior of the house was originally two rooms up and two down without a central hall. At some time in the past, a hall was created on the lower floor by installing a wooden partition. Thus the stairway now appears to be in a hall when it was originally within a parlor. All four rooms in the original house retain their finely detailed Federal-style mantels, which are the most ornamented features of the house, in contrast to the wide boarded walls and ceilings without cornices. The second floor is reached by the simple, enclosed, beaded board stairway. All the rooms retain a simple original chair rail that was affixed to the wooden walls but there never was any separate wainscoting. The rear shed porch addition to the original Plantation Plain-style house now houses the modern kitchen, dining room and bathroom. Attached to this addition is a modern one story wing perpendicular to the main house. It was built atop the ruins of the original, detached kitchen and incorporates the original chimney within its great room/living room.

Changes to the house include the new front porch which replaces and resembles a similar earlier one; the shortening of the front facade's first floor windows shortly after the Civil War; the rebuilding of the picket fence; and the stuccoing of the chimneys. The house retains a portion of its original setting and landscaping in that it sits just north of the original roadbed offset by a new picket fence replacing the original one. Original cedar trees line the short walk from the roadbed to the house. To the rear of the house is gently sloping pasture that contains the remains of several outbuildings and a well near the house. There is a great deal of archaeological potential because of the known location of a number of outbuildings and since the same family has always owned the site, they have other documentation of them as well. The house sits just north of the new highway (U.S. 29). Although modern dwellings, a swimming pool, and a gas station are nearby, the Terrell House retains a relatively undisturbed setting.

# 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1827                      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The William Terrell Homeplace, built around 1827, is historically significant in architecture, archaeology and local history. Architecturally, it is significant as a good example of the Plantation Plain style of farm house but is unusual in its simple floor plan yet elaborate mantels in its four main rooms. Although the family ran a large plantation from here and achieved recognition in the community, the house was never expanded to any extent to reflect any of the many architectural trends that occurred after its construction. Archaeologically, the property is significant for the potential it has for knowledge of outbuildings. This house has remained in the same family since its building and thus the locations of nearly all the outbuildings are known, and illustrations of some exist. The family retains many original manuscripts which might also yield knowledge of these outbuildings. In local history, the house is significant for the role played in Gwinnett County by the various members of the Terrell family who lived there. William Terrell is said to have built the house shortly before his death in 1827. His widow lived there until 1862. Afterwards the then 870 acre tract went to her son, Kenan T. Terrell, a lawyer, who had been a Justice of the Inferior Court of Gwinnett County before the Civil War. During the Civil War he served as a captain. In 1876 he was appointed to the county board of education. He was active in other county affairs until his death in 1884. The house has remained in the hands of descendants to the present day. These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A,B,C and D.

The architecture of the William Terrell Homeplace represents one of the prevailing styles of antebellum Georgia, that of the Plantation Plain house. It can be more specifically dated than some because of the death of William Terrell in 1827 so shortly after his arrival in Gwinnett County. This part of Georgia was opened for settlement with the Land Lottery of 1820. William Terrell, a mature man in his 40's, came to Gwinnett County from Habersham County. He no doubt brought with him the building style for his house, that of the Plantation Plain, which he ornamented with Federal-style elements in the mantel pieces. Thus Terrell and his family brought to this new territory two types of architectural styles, combined them, and might have done more to his house had he not died. There is great contrast when one compares finely detailed Federal mantels to the plain boarded walls, ceilings, and doors and crudely affixed chair rails in a very small house that was one room deep without even a central hall. Five children and their parents lived here. Despite all the architectural styles that came and went during the 150 years since the Terrell house was first built, it has remained remarkably much the same. The Greek Revival movement had no effect, nor did the later Victorian period which caused so many houses to be embellished. Therefore the significance in architecture rests with the contrast of the use of Federal details in a very small, very simple Plantation Plain-style house and in the lack of influence from other prevailing architectural trends.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Draft National Register Information Form, research materials and drawings submitted by C. Larry Mabrey, in 1981.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approximately 29 acres

Quadrangle name Lawrenceville, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A	<u>1</u> <u>7</u>	<u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>5</u> <u>6</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u>	<u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>6</u> <u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<u>1</u> <u>7</u>	<u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>6</u> <u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u>	<u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>6</u> <u>2</u> <u>4</u> <u>5</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<u>1</u> <u>7</u>	<u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>6</u> <u>2</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u>	<u>3</u> <u>7</u> <u>6</u> <u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u>
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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property is drawn on the U.S.G.S. Map and is all that remains associated with the house in Terrell family ownership in Land Lot 178. This property contains the historic family farmhouse and the known locations of previously existing outbuildings associated with the house.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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N/A			
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Historian

organization	<u>Historic Preservation Section</u>	date	<u>June 25, 1982</u>
	<u>Department of Natural Resources</u>		

street & number	<u>270 Washington Street, SW</u>	telephone	<u>(404) 656-2840</u>
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city or town	<u>Atlanta</u>	state	<u>Georgia</u>
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# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national     state     local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature	<u>Elizabeth A. Lyon</u>
	Elizabeth A. Lyon

title	<u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u>	date	<u>7/26/82</u>
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For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Alonzo Byus</u>	Entered in the National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>8/26/82</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Ref. # 82002423

Property: Terrell, William, Homeplace  
State, County: GA Milledgeville Co.  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 7/30/82-2099  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/1/83  
Date Due: 8/26/82 - 9/13/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 8/26/82  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
photos \_\_\_\_\_  
maps \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ resubmission  
\_\_\_\_ nomination by person or local government  
\_\_\_\_ owner objection  
\_\_\_\_ appeal

Entered in the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review: \_\_\_\_\_ sample \_\_\_\_\_ request \_\_\_\_\_ appeal \_\_\_\_\_ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_ unaltered \_\_\_\_\_ original site  
\_\_\_\_\_ good \_\_\_\_\_ ruins \_\_\_\_\_ altered \_\_\_\_\_ moved \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_\_\_ unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph  
\_\_\_\_ completeness  
\_\_\_\_ clarity  
\_\_\_\_ alterations/integrity  
\_\_\_\_ dates  
\_\_\_\_ boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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



WILLIAM TERRELL HOMEPLACE

Near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart

Negative Filed: Georgia Department of  
Natural Resources

Date: August, 1981

Description (1 of 8): Front view; photo-  
grapher facing northwest.



WILLIAM TERRELL HOMEPLACE  
Near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart  
Negatives Filed: Georgia Department of  
Natural Resources

Date: August, 1981

Description (2 of 8): Front view; photo-  
grapher facing northeast.



WILLIAM TERRELL HOMEPLACE  
Near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart  
Negatives Filed: Georgia Department of  
Natural Resources  
Date: August, 1981  
Description (3 of 8): Rear view; photo-  
grapher facing southwest.



WILLIAM TERRELL HOMEPLACE  
Near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart  
Negatives Filed: Georgia Department of  
Natural Resources

Date: August, 1981

Description (4 of 8): Rear view showing  
addition and well; photographer facing  
southwest.



WILLIAM TERRELL HOMEPLACE  
Near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart

Negative Filed: Georgia Department of  
Natural Resources

Date: August, 1981

Description (5 of 8): First floor (west  
room); photographer facing southwest.



WILLIAM TERRELL HOMEPLACE

Near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart

Negatives Filed: Georgia Department of  
Natural Resources

Date: August, 1981

Description (6 of 8): First floor (east  
room); photographer facing northwest.



WILLIAM TERRELL HOMEPLACE  
Near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

Photographer: James R. Lockhart  
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of  
Natural Resources

Date: August, 1981

Description (7 of 8): Second floor (west  
room); photographer facing southwest.



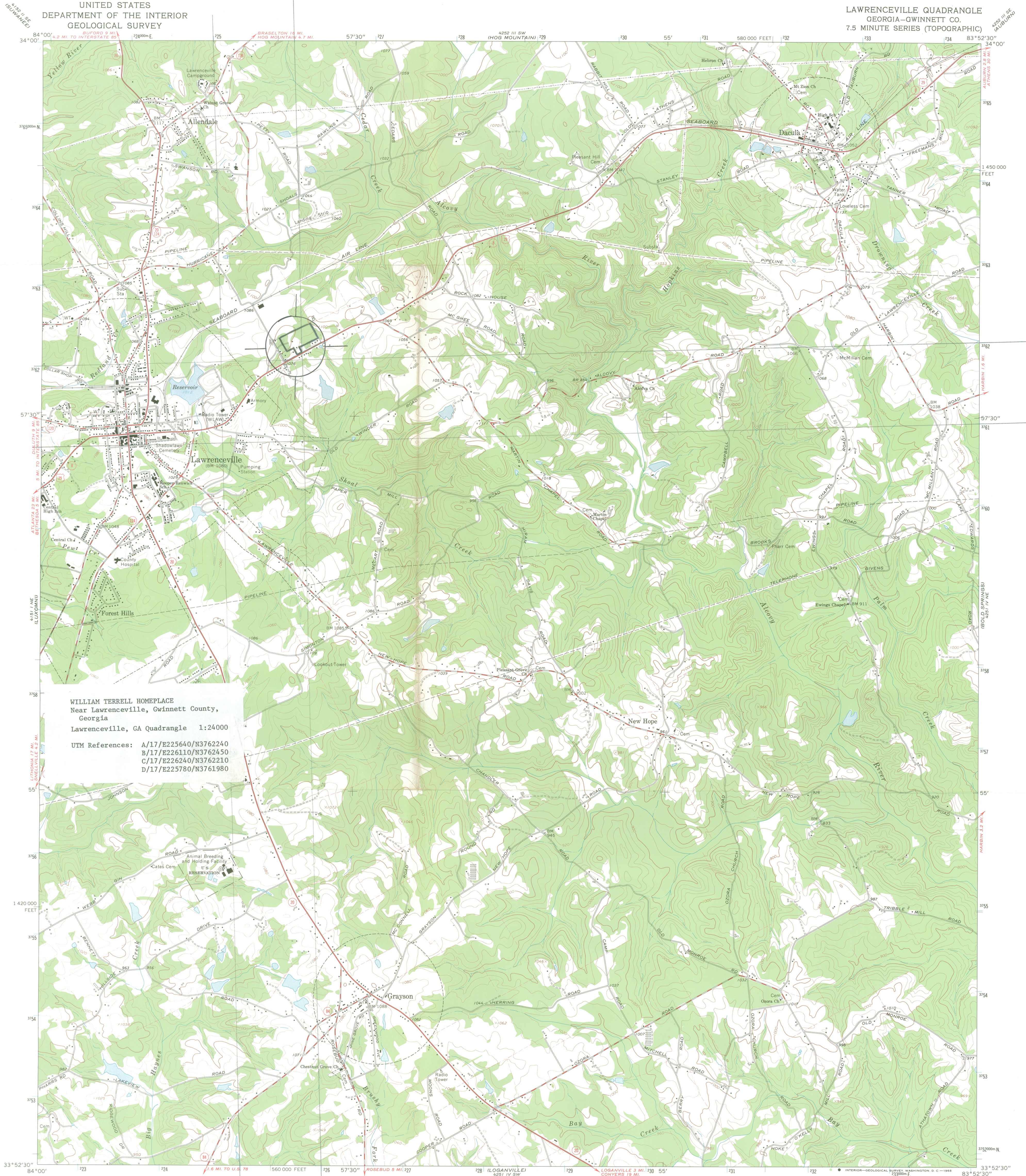
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Near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia

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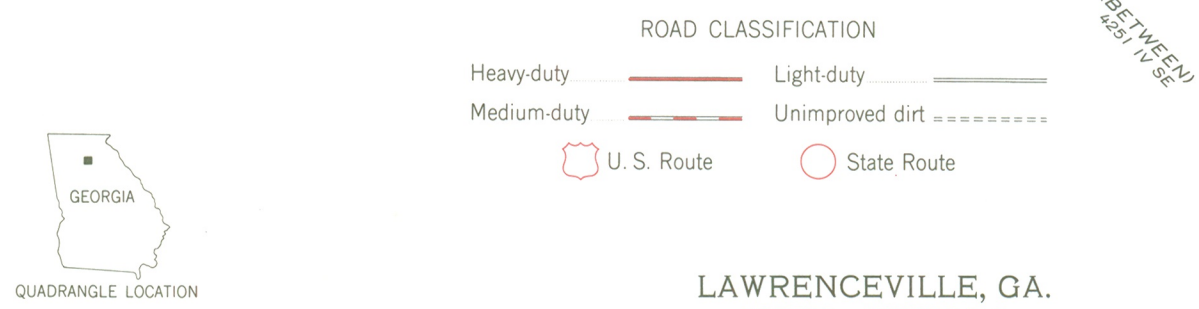
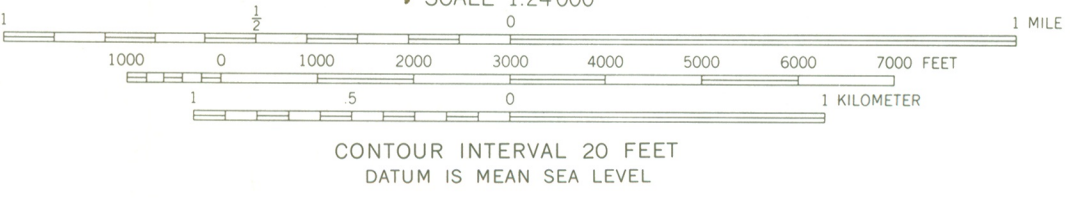
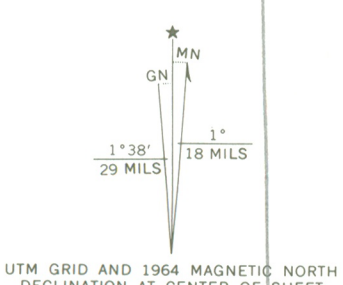
Description (8 of 8): Second Floor,  
stairways; photographer facing northeast.



**WILLIAM TERRELL HOMEPLACE**  
Near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County,  
Georgia  
Lawrenceville, GA Quadrangle 1:24000

UTM References: A/17/E225640/N3762240  
B/17/E226110/N3762450  
C/17/E226240/N3762210  
D/17/E225780/N3761980

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1962. Field checked 1964  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Georgia coordinate system, west zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 17, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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# Department of Transportation

State of Georgia

No. 2 Capitol Square

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

THOMAS D. MORELAND  
COMMISSIONER  
STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER  
EMORY C. PARRISH  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

HAL RIVES  
ASST. STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER  
DANIEL O. KELLY  
TREASURER

March 15, 1982

Elizabeth A. Lyon, Chief  
Historic Preservation Section  
Department of Natural Resources  
270 Washington Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Subject: The William Terrell Homeplace, Gwinnett County

Dear Dr. Lyon:

In reference to your Notice of February 8, 1982, we have reviewed the information on the subject nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We find no approved transportation plan or proposed project which would have an affect on the site. However, it is requested that, wherever possible, highway rights-of-way not be included in the nomination. If this is not possible, please contact Peter Malphurs or Toni Gardner of my staff to resolve this issue.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. L. Dowd, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

Alton L. Dowd, Jr.  
Director of Preconstruction

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MAR 17 1982

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION

# Department of Natural Resources

PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES DIVISION  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION  
270 WASHINGTON STREET, S.W.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334  
(404) 656-2840



**Joe A. Tanner**  
COMMISSIONER

July 29, 1982

**Henry B. Struble**  
DIRECTOR

Ms. Carol D. Shull  
Acting Keeper of the National Register  
National Register Division  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Carol:

Enclosed please find the following National Register nominations for your consideration:

- The "750" (Briarcliff Hotel), Fulton County
- The R.F. Strickland Company, Pike County
- The Temple, Fulton County
- Rockdale County Jail, Rockdale County
- ✓ -William Terrell Homeplace, Gwinnett County
- Lincolnton Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, Lincoln County
- College Home/Smith Hall, Troup County.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Lyon, Chief  
Historic Preservation Section  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

