

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Reese House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number 202 South Washington Street N/A  not for publication

city or town Hendersonville N/A  vicinity

state North Carolina code NC county Henderson code 089 zip code 28739

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

William S. P... SHPO 4-25-95  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is: Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Classification****Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private  
 public-local  
 public-State  
 public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- building(s)  
 district  
 site  
 structure  
 object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Properties in  
Hendersonville, North Carolina: A Partial  
Inventory

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

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**6. Function or Use****Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / Single dwelling

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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant / not in use

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**7. Description****Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

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**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other Wood

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**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1885

Significant Dates

ca. 1885

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Builder - Brown, James

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Reese House  
Name of Property

Henderson Co., NC  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

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**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization NCSHPO, Western Office, Asheville date March 6, 1995

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city or town Asheville state NC zip code 28803

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Scott Reese

street & number 125 Wisperwood Cr. telephone (704) 891-2900

city or town Hendersonville state NC zip code 28739

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Henderson Co., NC

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## Description

The Reese House is a Queen Anne-style house located in North Carolina's southern region of the Appalachian mountains. Hendersonville, the county seat of Henderson County, is host to the well-crafted house. Located southwest of the central business district, the circa 1885 house occupies an almost square lot at the intersection of South Washington and Allen streets. The house is situated close to the corner, with narrow strips of grass separating the front (west) and south side elevations from the sidewalk. A short driveway leads off Allen Street to the back yard featuring mature hardwoods shading a grass lawn (sketch map 1 of 3).

The Reese House is a T-shaped, weatherboarded, two-story frame, Queen Anne style house with a small single-level rear ell. The asymmetrical main (west) elevation is dominated by a single projecting bay that is covered by an intersecting gabled roof. The elevation is further distinguished by its ornate wraparound porch. Two internal brick chimneys flank the hallways and reveal themselves from the interior portions of the structure.

The elaborate Victorian porch is covered with a low hip roof that is supported by chamfered posts. Each post features a boxed base, neck molding, ornamental brackets, and a smaller scroll bracket or console. A saw-tooth pattern stretches between the chamfered posts. The balustrade connecting the chamfered posts displays turned balusters and molded handrails. Ornamental brackets also appear under the eaves of the second-story roof.

The second level of the asymmetrical facade contains double-hung two-over-two sash windows set in simple molded wooden surrounds and sills. Sheltered by the porch's hip roof, the first-level windows are floor-to-ceiling, double-leaf casement with transom.

Despite minor alterations, the exterior of the house has remained largely intact. After the death of William P. Reese, his son James undertook some alterations in the 1920s including the construction of a small shed addition to the rear ell to accommodate additional kitchen and pantry space. Other minor alterations include concrete block underpinning, storm windows, and gutters with downspouts. All of the exterior sawn detailing has remained intact, including circular gable vents, eaves brackets, and handsome cornice returns.

The main block of the house is arranged in a center hall plan. On the first floor, pairs of rooms flanking the center hall are close in size and separated by interior chimneys accommodating a chimney in each of the four rooms (sketch map 2 of 3). In the 1920s renovation a partition was removed between the center stair hall and the front parlor, but a clear separation between these spaces remains defined by the rising ceiling that follows the staircase. At the same time, a stairway was constructed at the rear of the center hall to access the basement, possibly replacing an exterior entrance. The rear ell and its accompanying shed addition are positioned on the north end of the rear (east) elevation and accommodate the kitchen, pantry, and bathroom. The second story contains two bedrooms positioned on the north end of the house and a third bedroom south of the staircase and center hall with the only second-floor fireplace (sketch map 3 of 3).

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Like the exterior of the house, the interior finish is largely intact. The walls and ceilings are still covered with their original plaster, including a simple rosette or patera on the parlor ceiling. The majority of the baseboards and picture molding survive throughout the house. Plain board surrounds at many of the doors and windows appear to be replacements. In many parts of the house carpet has been placed over the wooden floors. On the first floor, handsome mantelpieces of simple wooden pilasters and shelves supported by decorative consoles front the four fireplaces in the three rooms of the main block and the east room of the ell. Each of these fireplaces displays distinctive characteristics including sawn friezes and ceramic tile. A plainer mantelpiece in the south bedroom of the second floor consists of wooden pilasters and a shelf. The open-string staircase, which rises on the north wall of the center hall, features a simple square newel post with a cylindrical knob, a molded handrail, turned balusters, and elaborate Queen Anne detailing on the exposed stringer.

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## Summary Paragraph:

The ca. 1885 Reese House, located a short distance from Hendersonville, North Carolina's business district, is a distinctive example of the Queen Anne style architecture that highlighted the town's Victorian residential development as described in the multiple property documentation form, "Historic and Architectural Properties in Hendersonville, North Carolina: A Partial Inventory." The spacious and well-crafted house was constructed for Harriet Louisa and William P. Reese by James Brown. Craftsmanship is evident in the interior woodwork and plaster finish as well as the exterior detailing. Continuous ownership by the Reese family to the present has contributed to the preservation of the property's architectural integrity. One of Hendersonville's few remaining nineteenth-century houses, the Reese House is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C in the area of architecture as a largely intact example of the Queen Anne style.

## Historical Background:

According to a copy of an unrecorded deed, in May of 1881 Turner Williams deeded Harriett Louisa Williams property located on what is now South Washington Street as her share of her father's estate.<sup>1</sup> Family history relates that in the same year Harriet Louisa Williams married William P. Reese who had served as a drummer in the Civil War. A few years after the marriage, the couple's first child, James Reese, was expected. The news of the impending birth prompted William P. Reese to commission local builder James Brown to build a Queen Anne-style house for them on the property his wife had inherited, a tract along the waters of Mud Creek and located near Hendersonville's first school.<sup>2</sup>

James Reese grew up in the Hendersonville house, and after his father's death he continued to live there with his mother and wife. James Reese was a skilled plasterer, and made his living contracting for jobs in Hendersonville.<sup>3</sup> At his death in 1953, James Reese had resided in this one house for sixty-eight years.

The house continues to be maintained by the descendants of Harriett Louisa and William P. Reese and is one of Hendersonville's few nineteenth-century houses remaining in the family of the original owners. Today, this fine example of the Queen Anne style and Hendersonville's earliest residential construction is vacant, but it is scheduled to be rehabilitated to accommodate a new restaurant.

<sup>1</sup> J. Turner Williams to Harriet Louisa Williams, May 24, 1881. Copy of unrecorded deed in State Historic Preservation Office file, Western Office of Archives and History, Asheville.

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<sup>2</sup> Lillian Reese, 1988 interview by Sybil Bowers, information provided in State Historic Preservation Office file, Western Office of Archives and History, Asheville.

<sup>3</sup> Hendersonville, North Carolina city directory 1915, Hendersonville, NC, Library.

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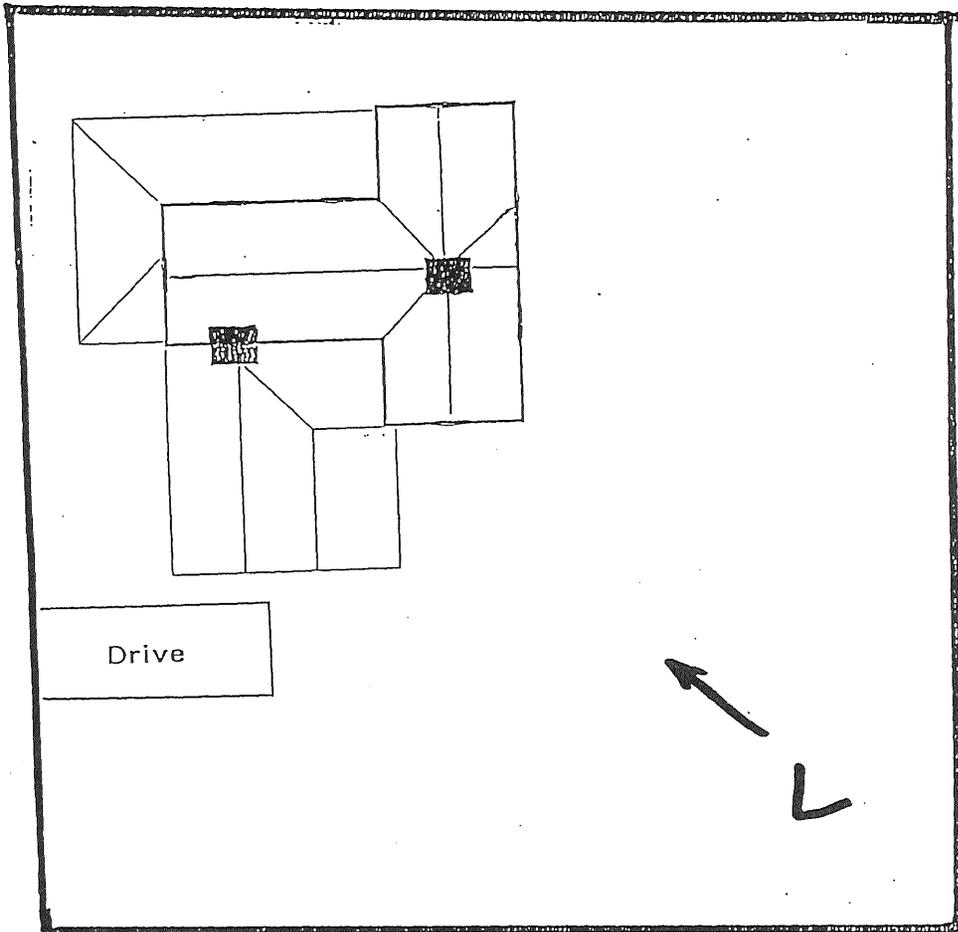
Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property consists of all of lot 3710, Henderson County tax map number 9568.11.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property encompasses all of the .3-acre city lot historically associated with the Reese House.

Washington Street



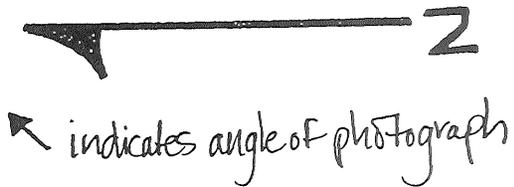
Allen Street

Drive



Photo Key:

- 1- Parlor fireplace
- 2- Stair and center hall
- 3- Parlor
- 4- Rosette
- 5- Front (west) elevation
- 6- Southwest elevation
- 7- Northeast elevation
- 8- Southeast elevation
- 9- Stair detail
- 10- Bedroom fireplace



# Reese House

202 South Washington Street

Sketch Map 1 of 3

HENDERSON COUNTY

Hendersonville, NC

Note: Hatching indicates later additions.

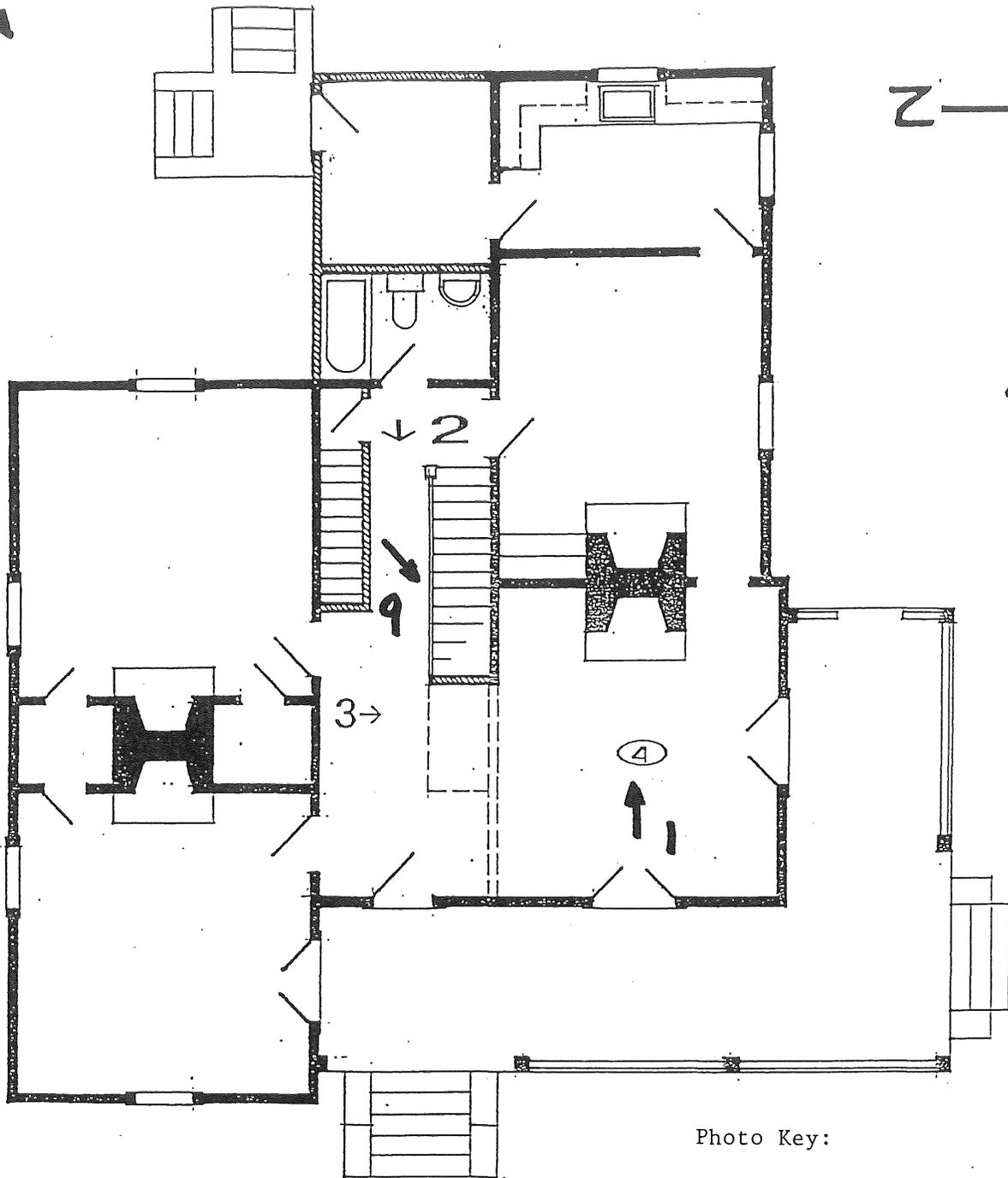


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Sketch Map 2 of 3  
**FIRST FLOOR PLAN**

**Reese House**      **HENDERSON COUNTY**  
 Hendersonville, NC  
 202 South Washington Street

1/8" : 1'-0"

*← indicates angle of photograph*

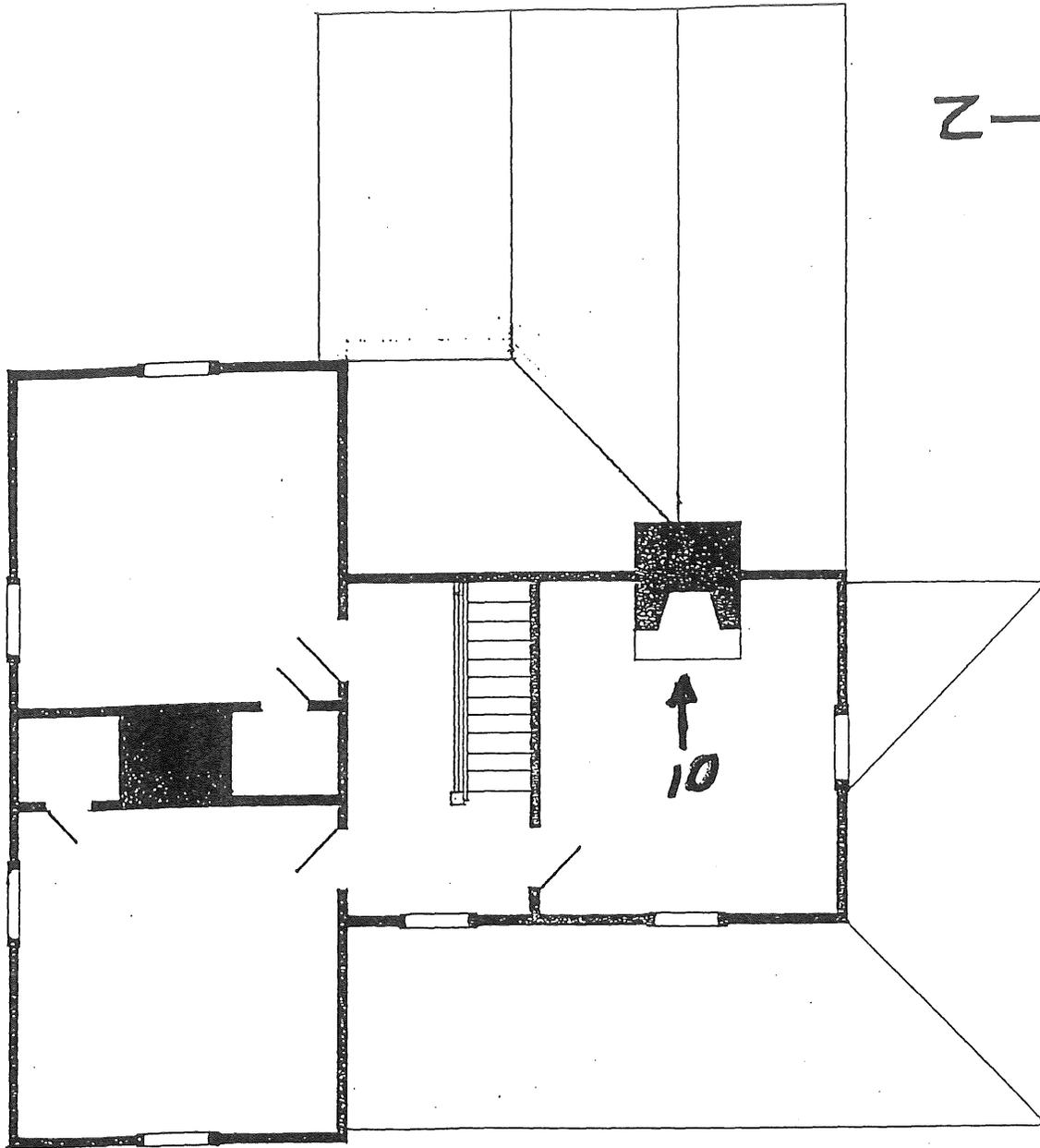


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- 10- Bedroom fireplace

1/8" : 1'-0"

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

HENDERSON COUNTY

Reese House

Hendersonville, NC

202 South Washington Street

↑ indicates angle of photograph



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 Henderson County, NC  
 Hendersonville Quad  
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