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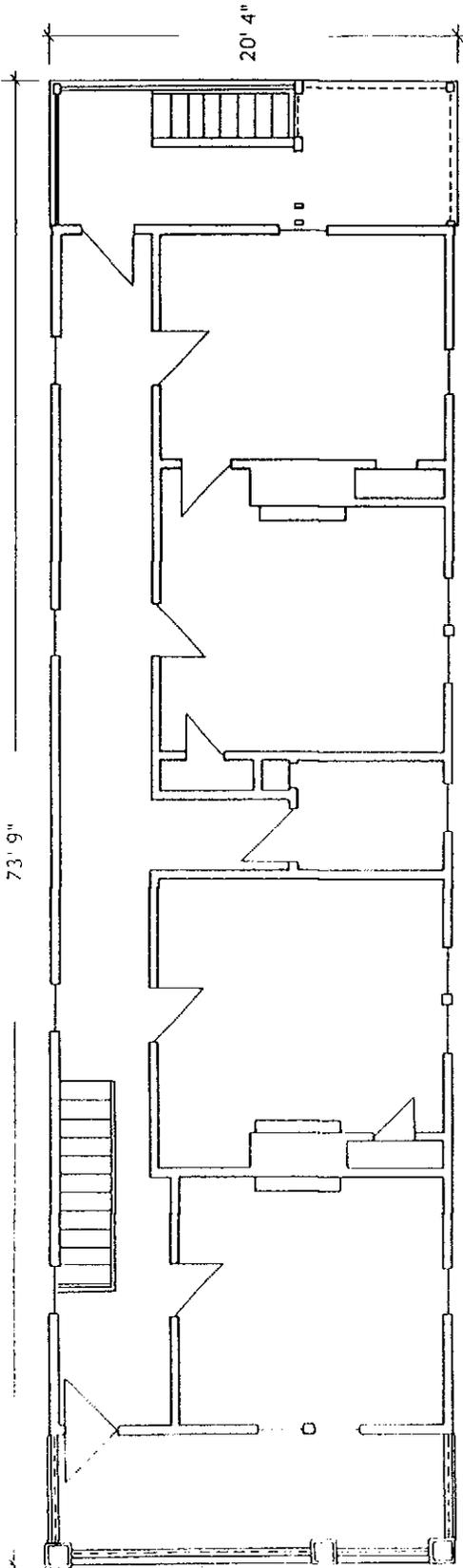
Significance: This house is significant as one of three adjacent, two-story, shotgun-style houses built in early 1930s by blacks.

Description: This is a two-story, side-hall, shotgun-style, duplex house, originally intended to house two families, one on each floor. It's bungalow style is evident in its windows and doors as well as exposed rafters in eaves. It has an elongated hip roof and full porches with square brick columns.

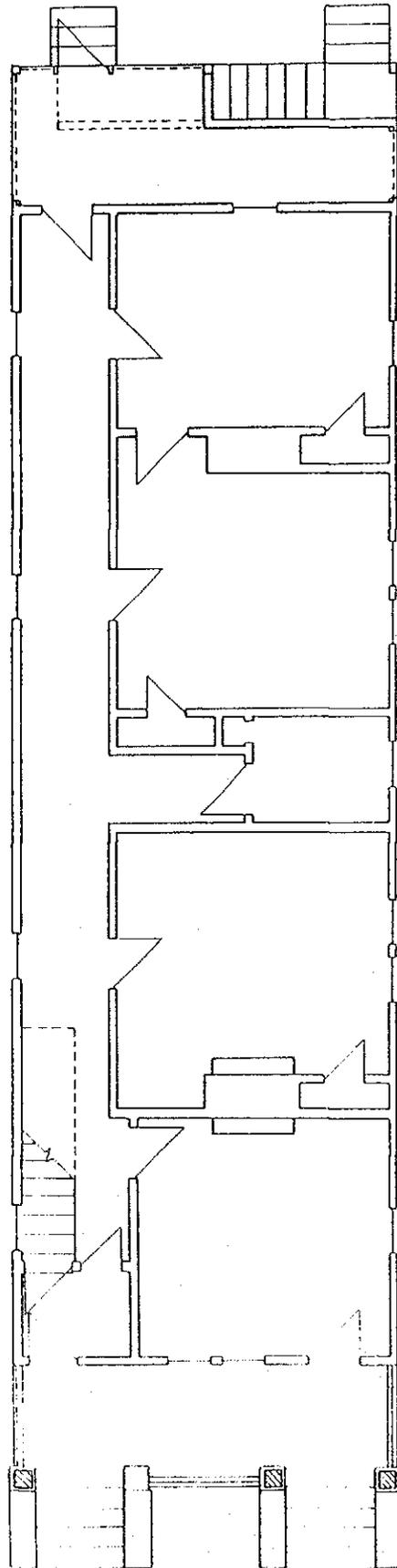
History: This structure was built in the early 1930s by Ethel Spencer, daughter of William H. Spencer, head of Columbus' black schools, and Richard Pierce, a black speculator. It was rental property that was first a duplex, then by 1951 a single family dwelling, and then by the 1960s once again a duplex.

Sources: Georgia Architectural and Historic Properties Survey-Inventory Form No. M-113; City Tax Maps; City Directories; Muscogee County deed records; Sanborn Insurance Maps; informant Alonso Biggs.

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