

SEED HOUSE
Sumter Crossroads
State Highway 3/U.S. Highway 19 at Croxton Cross Road
Sumter
Sumter County
Georgia

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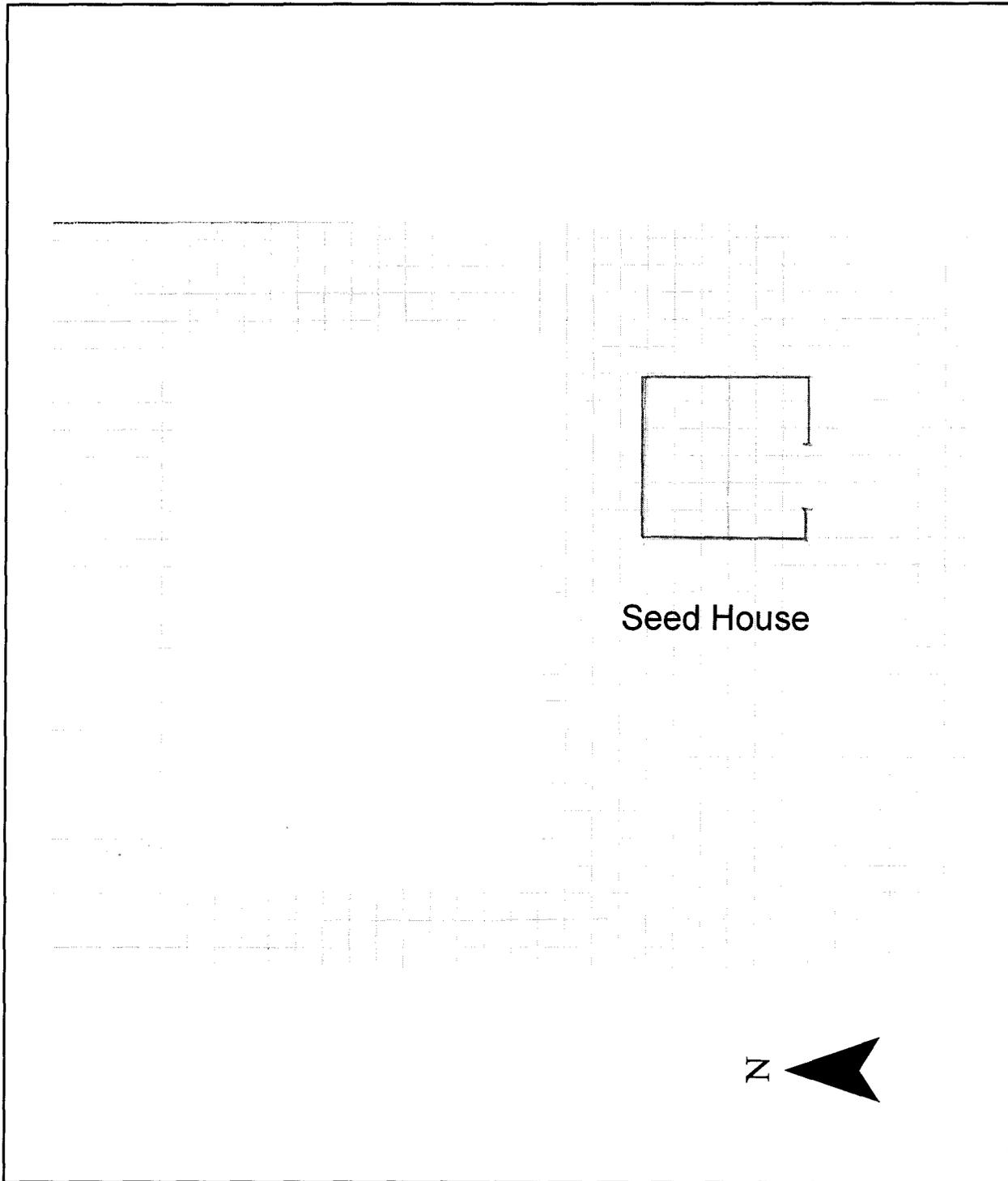
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- Location:** State Highway 3/U.S. Highway 19 at Croxton Cross Road
Sumter, Sumter County, Georgia
USGS 7.5 minute Smithville West, Georgia quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates:
16.759403.3538253
- Significance:** This district comprises the core of the rural crossroads community of Sumter in Sumter County. The district contains five commercial buildings including two stores (HABS GA-2384 & HABS GA-2385); a filling station (HABS GA-2386), a cotton gin (HABS GA-2387), and a seed house. The commercial buildings are arranged along the east side of U.S. Highway 19 and to the west of Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks surrounded by agricultural fields in southern Sumter County. The Seed House is a significant example of a rural building associated with cotton production in this area of Georgia.
- Description:** Located close to the gin and to the south is the Seed House. This small rectangular, timber structure was used to store seed after it was separated from the seed cotton. The frame building is clad in vertical wooden siding and has a single entrance asymmetrically placed on the south side. The building rests on a wooden sill and has a standing seam metal roof.
- History:** Buildings can be located on a 1910 map and are identified as "Webb Brothers" a commercial enterprise run by the Webb family which included the gin and stores. The seed house was associated with this cotton gin. No exact date of construction could be determined.
- Sources:** Information was obtained through an interview of the current owner of the property, Charlene Railey Hall.
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**Floor Plan
Seed House
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