

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Pitt	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.3.37.0017	DATE 3/4/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Grimesland Plantation

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: E of Grimesland
Route #2 (SR 1569)

CITY OR TOWN:
Grimesland vic.

STATE North Carolina	CODE 37	COUNTY: Pitt	CODE 147
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)*			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Vernon White

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 41

CITY OR TOWN:
Winterville

STATE: North Carolina	CODE 37
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Pitt County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Third and Evans Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Greenville

STATE: North Carolina	CODE 37
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

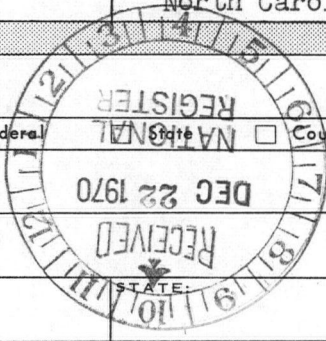
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:
North Carolina

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Grimesland Plantation is a two-story structure built of beaded weatherboards with a gable roof and American bond exterior end chimneys. During the Greek Revival period a single-story wing with a hip roof was added on each end, a two-story addition was constructed across the north (rear) side, and a one story verandah was added to the front of the house.

The south facade of the main block is five bays wide. The central entrance contains a nine-panel door framed by a pair of engaged fluted columns supporting a diminutive entablature which features a pierced fret design and breaks out over each column. The wall under the entablature is of flush siding. The windows have nine-over-nine sash on the first story and nine-over-six on the second. Each wing contains a bay window with unusual applied wooden ornament.

The interior of the house is center-passage in plan with a parlor on either side of the main hall. A well-designed stair with fine ornamental brackets and a simple balustrade rises in three runs from the left side of the hall. The main door with its fanlight is framed by a molded architrave. It is flanked by reeded pilasters which support an entablature decorated with a Wall of Troy motif. On the door is an unusual iron box lock with two knobs.

The hall and parlors have plaster walls above and below a molded chair rail. There are simple Federal mantels in the main block and marble ones with arched fireplace openings in the wings.

The plantation grounds contain several fine outbuildings including slave quarters, still occupied by farm laborers, and a smokehouse built of uncoursed fieldstone with a low pyramidal roof.

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9. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1786 William Grimes bought several tracts along the Tar River in Pitt County and combined them into a plantation. He built a home for his family on this property in the last decade of the eighteenth century. Grimes was a prominent local politician and served several terms in the General Assembly. He died at the age of thirty-one and his son, Bryan Grimes, acquired the plantation soon afterward. In June, 1848, Grimes gave Grimesland to his son, also named Bryan Grimes. In 1861 the younger Bryan Grimes, a strong secessionist, and owner of fifty-seven slaves, was elected a delegate to the Secession Convention and was a driving force in North Carolina's withdrawal from the Union. He joined the Confederate Army as a major and as commander of the Fourth North Carolina Regiment. His military career was marked by aggressive bravery. At the war's end he had advanced to the rank of major general and his regiment fired the last volleys prior to the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia. On August 14, 1880, he was murdered by political enemies. General Grimes's widow, Charlotte E. Grimes, held the plantation house in dower until her death in the 1920s.

Among the other distinguished members of the Grimes family was J. Bryan Grimes, son of General Grimes. He served as Secretary of State of North Carolina and was noted for his progressive reorganization of that office.

Grimesland Plantation is now owned by State Senator Vernon White of Winterville, North Carolina, and remains as a fine example of an antebellum plantation in North Carolina. In addition to the plantation house, there is a barnyard with several well preserved outbuildings including a row of frame slave quarters and a stone smokehouse.

In its setting on the banks of the Tar River, among large open fields, Grimesland is perhaps more evocative of the antebellum era than many of the better preserved plantations of greater architectural merit in North Carolina.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ashe, Samuel A. (ed.), Biographical History of North Carolina from Colonial Times to the Present. Greensboro: Charles L. Van Noppen, 8 volumes, 1905-1907.

King, Henry T., Sketches of Pitt County, A Brief History of the County, 1704-1910. Raleigh: Edwards and Broughton, 1911.

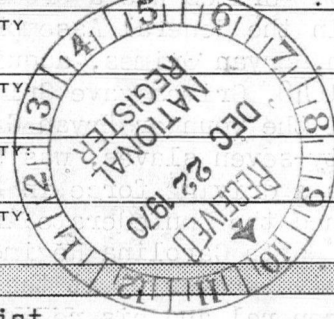
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 15 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John B. Wells, Survey Specialist
Greer Suttlemyre, Survey Assistant

ORGANIZATION: North Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: December 1, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh STATE: North Carolina CODE: 37

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: Dr. H.G. Jones

Title: Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date: December 1, 1970

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

Ernest A. Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
MAR 31 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William J. Montague
Keeper of The National Register
FEB 22 1971

Date: _____

Pitt

Grimesland Plantation 7100066

NC

RECEIPT

PROPERTY

STATE

REGISTER NUMBER

DATE OF RECEIPT 12/22/70 YES

NO NUMBER

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DATA PAGE ✓

PHOTO (S) ✓

PHOTO DESCRIP (S) ✓

MAP (S) ✓

MAP DESCRIPTION (S) ✓

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ACKNOWLEDGE 12/23/70 ✓

RESUBMIT

REVIEW

OK

S Mearns
3/16/71

HISTORIAN

OK

Levy
4/17/71

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECT

OK

Chambers
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ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

OK

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2/22/71

ENTRY

CHIEF, CAMP

OK

EMC
3-31-71

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

Date

Federal Register Entry 5/4/71

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Logged 3/31/71

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WORKING NUMBER 12.22.70.1





NEGATIVE NUMBER N. 70.10 — 132
PHOTOGRAPHER TONY VAUGHN
PHOTO DATE 10-14-70
SUBJECT Grimes Plantation House,
NEAR GRIMESLAND, PITT COUNTY, N.C.

NPS Number 71.3.37.0017
Title: Grimesland Plantation
Loc. Grimesland, N.C.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
RALEIGH, N. C.

OCT 16 1970

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2 (SR 1569)

CITY OR TOWN: Grimesland

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
North Carolina	37	Pitt	147

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: North Carolina State Highway Commission

SCALE: 1"/1 mile

DATE: January 1, 1968

4. REQUIREMENTS

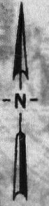
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 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.



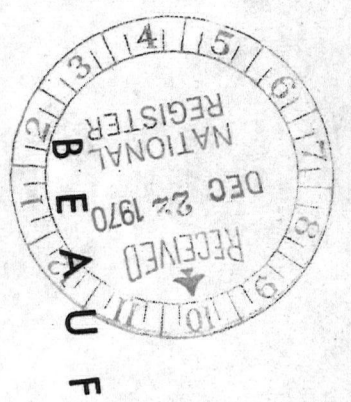
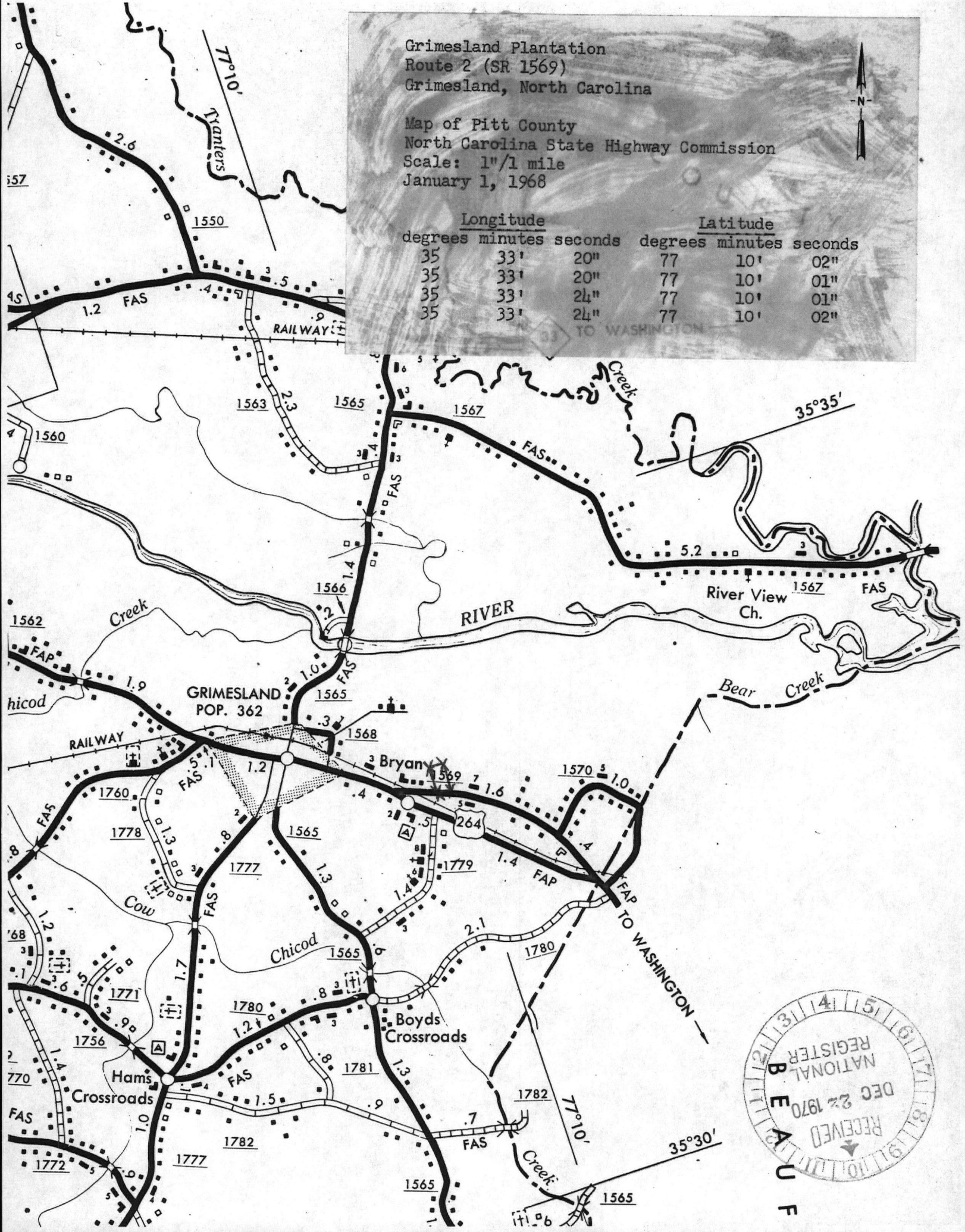
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Grimesland Plantation
 Route 2 (SR 1569)
 Grimesland, North Carolina

Map of Pitt County
 North Carolina State Highway Commission
 Scale: 1"=1 mile
 January 1, 1968



Longitude			Latitude		
degrees	minutes	seconds	degrees	minutes	seconds
35	33'	20"	77	10'	02"
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Missing Core Documentation

Property Name	County, State	Reference Number
Grimesland Plantation	Pitt County, North Carolina	71000616

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

USGS Map

State of North Carolina
Department of Archives and History

Raleigh 27602

H. G. JONES
Director

FRED F. HARBIN
Assistant Director



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December 8, 1970

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Department of the Interior
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

We are enclosing herewith the nomination for Grimesland Plantation in Pitt County, North Carolina, to be entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

We trust you will find this nomination in order. If there are any questions, please call us.

Sincerely yours,

H. G. Jones
State Liaison Officer

Enclosures



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APR 1 1971

H30-HR

Dr. H. G. Jones
Director
Department of Archives & History
State of North Carolina
Post Office Box 1881
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Dear Dr. Jones:

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 Sam J. Ervin, Jr., and B. Everett Jordan 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,

(signed)

Director

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Entered in the National Register

MAR 31 1971

cc:
HR

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3/29/71

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

NORTH CAROLINA

Grimesland Plantation

Pitt County
Grimesland, North Carolina

Myrick House

Hertford County
Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Hazel-Nash House

Orange County
Hillsborough, North Carolina

Beaufort County Courthouse

Beaufort County
Washington, North Carolina

Melrose

Hertford County
Murfreesboro, North Carolina

John Wheeler House

Hertford County
Murfreesboro, North Carolina

APR 1 1971

H30-KR

Hon. Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ervin:

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 North Carolina and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator B. Everett Jordan and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Dr. H. G. Jones, Director, Department of Archives & History, State of North Carolina, Post Office Box 1881, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

MAR 31 1971

cc: Dr. H. G. Jones, Director, Department of Archives & History, State of North Carolina, Post Office Box 1881, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Also notified: Hon. B. Everett Jordan
United States Senate

Hon. Walter B. Jones
Hon. Nick Galifianakis
House of Representatives

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PDHerrick:mm

HR

cc: Director, Southeast Region

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