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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC James Boyd House (Weymouth) **

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Southeast corner Ridge Road and Connecticut Avenue
CITY, TOWN Southern Pines VICINITY OF 8th
STATE North Carolina CODE 37 COUNTY Moore CODE 125

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Sandhills Community College Foundation, c/o Dr. Raymone A. Stone
STREET & NUMBER Route 3, Box 182-C
CITY, TOWN Carthage VICINITY OF North Carolina 28327

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Moore County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Carthage STATE North Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Boyd House, or Weymouth as it is formally known, is a large, rambling Colonial Revival style brick dwelling in which Georgian style elements predominate. The house enjoys a pleasant setting in landscaped grounds and extensive undeveloped acreage only a short distance from Southern Pines' downtown commercial area. Weymouth is comparable in quality to its neighbors, most of which are picturesque Tudor and Colonial revival style houses on large well-landscaped lots, which together form a collection typical of the prosperous suburbs of the early twentieth century.

The house is approached on a curved gravel drive framed by simple gateposts. On the east side is a small "gatehouse," a simple frame dwelling. On the west side of the drive about fifty yards onto the grounds is a stable featuring a central gable pavilion and flanking wings. Both of these structures appear to be contemporary with the main house. The entrance (north) front of the house is informally landscaped with groupings of hardwoods, pines, and shrubs. The south side, or rear, of the house is more formally landscaped, with a simple boxwood parterre and paths leading to a swimming pool and tennis court, both of which suffer from neglect. The pool area features a section of serpentine brick wall.

At the edge of the garden is a small, much altered, stuccoed structure said to have been a part of the original farmhouse which the Boyds separated into three pieces. The second piece is thought to be included in situ in the main house. The third is destroyed.

The Boyd House itself is composed of a five-bay, two-story central block flanked by hyphens and wings. The gabled central block features interior end chimneys, concrete lintels with keystones, and molded sills. This block is dominated by the hecatystyle double-gallery porch with Doric columns on the ground level and Ionic above.

To either side of the central block are two-story hyphens connecting two-story wings. The east wing is thought to have been a section of the earlier farmhouse. Stylistically, however, it has been brought up to the period of the main house, presumably in the mid-nineteen-twenties when the Boyds developed the estate. The wing is sheathed in shingles and painted white, and like the rest of the complex is covered with a slate roof.

The west wing is considerably larger and more elaborate than the east. The walls are brick and laid in common bond, consistent with the central block and its hyphens, but are painted white creating the impression of symmetry with the opposite wing. The west wing is like a separate dwelling, with its own formal entrance facade looking west toward Connecticut Avenue. Conflicting testimony regarding the date of construction of this wing makes its age uncertain. Visual evidence suggests that at some later point, the west wing was considerably enlarged. In recent years the wing was again remodelled.

The south side of the house is somewhat different from the entrance front. The various sections project in staggered fashion, receding from west to east. Rather than opening on the grassy main terrace in the rear, the east wing gives onto the boxwood parterre leading to the lower levels of the garden. The central portion of the

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house is four bays wide at the ground level, and five at the second. At the roofline is a Federal type cornice with molded detail, more elaborate than the trim on the north front. A narrow iron balcony stretches across the facade. The east hyphen contains French doors and round-arched lights with interlacing muntins; at the west wing this motif is repeated, and some of the arcading is left open forming a small loggia.

The arrangement of the interior of the house is somewhat unconventional. The first floor of the central block is one large room and by far the most elaborately treated. The end walls are sheathed in Georgian style raised paneling. At the east end fluted Corinthian pilasters frame two symmetrically placed doors, each with delicate fanlights. At the opposite end of the room is a fireplace with an elaborately reeded Federal revival style mantel. The mantel is flanked by a door on the right and a window on the left, with each of the three elements treated with Corinthian pilasters. A molded cornice caps the walls. Below the cornice is a frieze treated with a repeating pattern of thin Greek decorative elements. The north and south walls are plaster with simple paneled wainscots. In the ceiling is a plaster medallion. Windows with reeded surrounds pierce the walls--five on the front, four on the opposite wall. In this large room, as in the other principal rooms, box locks and wide, pegged floor boards contribute to the Georgian effect.

The west hyphen, rather than the main block of the house, contains the principal entrance and the entrance hall. The hall is a narrow, low space featuring a shallow vaulted ceiling and Adamesque detail. A semi-enclosed staircase lit by a tall bay window rises to the second floor.

The west wing, which functions on the interior as a separate house but is accessible from the entrance hall, contains two rooms which appear to date from the construction of the main house--a hall, which has been remodelled, and a library. The library is a small room with wide, pegged floorboards and a stylized Federal type mantel. The other rooms appear to have been remodelled and together with the library and hall comprise the apartment for Weymouth's caretaker.

On the east side, the hyphen contains a small corridor with a narrow Federal Revival style, dog-leg stair, behind which is a small dining room with simple fireplace. Beyond in the east wing is an extensive series of pantries, kitchen, and miscellaneous utility rooms.

The upper floor is divided into small and simply detailed bedrooms and baths arranged on narrow corridors. Some bedrooms have fireplaces with plain mantels.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	X LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	—ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	X SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
—1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1920s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Aymur Embry?

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Weymouth in Southern Pines is a large Colonial Revival style house that was the home of historical novelist James Boyd during his productive career. The estate was acquired by the author's grandfather, James Boyd, a Pennsylvania industrialist who made the family fortune. After moving to Southern Pines in 1920, the novelist had the present house built, allegedly designed by architect Aymur Embry. Boyd was active in the fox-hunting, highly social life of Southern Pines and during his years there established himself as one of the nation's best historical novelists, with Drums (1925) and Marching On his best known works.

James Boyd, author of Drums, Marching On, Long Hunt, and other historical novels, spent much of his adult life and virtually all of his creative years in Southern Pines. Nonetheless he was an adopted North Carolinian. His family roots were in Pennsylvania, where the Boyd family emigrated to from Ireland in the early eighteenth century. Boyd was named after his grandfather, James Boyd, who was born in 1831 and made the family fortune in the coal business. The elder James Boyd married Louisa Yeoman, daughter of Reverend John Williams Yeoman, moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in 1861. Their eldest child was John Yeoman Boyd, born in 1861. He took over the family business in the 1880s, making it more prosperous than ever. He married Eleanor Gilmore Herr, daughter of Pennsylvania state senator Andrew Jackson Herr. Their son James Boyd was born July 2, 1888, in Harrisburg.

James Boyd grew up in Harrisburg in an environment of wealth and elegance. His father was one of the community's business and religious leaders. John Boyd became a director of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, and Harrisburg's First National Bank. He served a term on the Pennsylvania Railroad Commission, was an elder in Harrisburg's Pine Street Presbyterian Church, and was elected to the board of trustees of the Princeton Theological Seminary. His fortune was estimated to have been in the millions. James Boyd was educated at Princeton and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he received his master's degree in English literature in 1912. Boyd taught for several years and served in the war in the United States Army Ambulance Service. Shortly after the war, Boyd moved to Southern Pines with his wife Katherine Lamont Boyd, daughter of Daniel Scott Lamont, secretary of war during Grover Cleveland's second administration.

Boyd moved to a Southern Pines estate founded earlier in the century by his grandfather. The elder James Boyd spent the winter of 1904 in Pinehurst as a guest in the prestigious Carolina Hotel. With him on this vacation were his wife, his son, John Boyd, his daughter, Helen Boyd Dull, his grandson, James Boyd, a valet, and two maids. Boyd liked what he saw of the area. He purchased a 765-acre tract in the

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 40 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Begin at a point on the east corner of the junction of Ridge Street and Connecticut Avenue. Go approximately northeast along the southeast side of Ridge Street approximately nine hundred feet to a point opposite the junction of Ridge Street with Maine Avenue. Then go approximately southesst in a line following the property line approximately two thousand feet to a point at the intersection of an unimproved dirt road as shown on the USGS map (1957). Then approximately southwest to Connecticut Avenue following the path of the dirt road approx. eight hundred feet. Then along the northeast side of Connecticut Avenue to the point of orig.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Description prepared by H. McKelden Smith, Survey Specialist
Significance prepared by Jim Sumner, Survey Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Division of Archives and History

STREET & NUMBER

109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN

Raleigh

TELEPHONE

733-4763

STATE

North Carolina 27611

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Larry Chin

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE March 10, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles H. Smith
Keeper of the National Register

DATE

5/12/77

DATE

5.10.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Southern Pines area from the estate of the late Archibald Blue and built his retirement home.⁴ Boyd was prominent in the development of Southern Pines as a successful resort area. He aided in the building of the Highland Pines Inn, various roads, and Southern Pines' first golf course.⁵ John Boyd inherited the property when his father died, and James Boyd inherited it when John Boyd died in 1914.⁶

James Boyd moved to Southern Pines in 1920, having resolved to spend five years in a literary apprenticeship before he "either succeeded or gave up."⁷ By 1925 he had published eleven short stories in such magazines as Harper's, Scribner's, and Century.⁸ He also had completed the building of his Colonial Revival brick house, Weymouth. According to local sources, the architect for the house was Aymur Embry, a New Yorker. Embry was a traditionalist architect most known for his works, especially bridges, in his native New York.⁹ However, he did work extensively in the Southern Pines area. It was at Weymouth that Boyd would live the remainder of his life, and achieve great popular and critical success as a novelist.

Boyd reached national prominence in 1925 with the publishing of his first novel Drums. Boyd spent three years researching and writing this historical novel of the American Revolution, and it was a huge success.¹⁰ E. C. Beckwith reviewed the novel in the New York Evening Post as "the finest novel of the American Revolution which has yet been written."¹¹ Edwin Clark in the New York Times found it an "arresting, persuasive story."¹² Writing forty five years later, Richard Walser felt that Drums was "one of the classic works of North Carolina literature, which established new rules for the genre and lifted the historical novel out of its mediocrity."¹³ Sales totaled fifty thousand by the end of 1925, and letters poured into Weymouth praising Boyd.¹⁴ He followed Drums with Marching On, which sold eighty thousand copies in 1927. Other novels followed. Ironically,¹⁵ the better the latter novels were received by the critics, the poorer were their sales.

Weymouth was the center of a literary colony of some distinction during the 1920s and 1930s. Boyd's close friends and neighbors Struthers and Katharine Newlin Burt achieved national prominence, as did Hugh Kahler. Frequent visitors to Weymouth included Thomas Wolfe, Sherwood Anderson, John Galsworthy and Paul Green. In 1940 Boyd organized the Free Company of Players, a group of writers including Anderson, Green, Archibald MacLeish, Stephen Vincent Benet, and William Saroyan, who broadcast radio plays about democracy.¹⁶

Boyd did not lead a life of artistic abnegation, however. To the contrary, he lived the life of a country squire in Southern Pines with relish. Boyd's passion was fox hunting. The New York Times once asserted that he "greatly preferred fox hunting to writing."¹⁷ This may have been an overstatement, but it has an element of truth. Boyd, and his brother Jackson, were greatly responsible for the success of the Moore County Hounds, an organization of wealthy Southern Pines and Pinehurst

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residents who would hunt as many as sixty times in a November-February season. Boyd found time to submit articles such as "Starting a Pack," to Country Life in America, and "Fox-hunting Accounted For," in Vanity Fair. A number of Boyd's artistic friends, especially Sherwood Anderson, were disturbed by his aristocratic tendencies. However, Boyd succeeded in convincing Anderson that he loved fox hunting because of his sincere love of horses, hounds, and good sport.¹⁸ Interestingly, Boyd had a dislike for the new game of golf. In a letter written in 1927, he stated that "In golf danger and animals do not exist, and the costume of plus fours has merely the effect of making the wearer look like a beagle walking on its hind legs."¹⁹

Weymouth, although not an old house, has a definite historical value. As the headquarters for the Moore County Hounds, it was a cultural haven for the region. It was from Weymouth that Boyd conceived the Free Company of Players and other patriotic activities. It was from Weymouth that Boyd journeyed to Princeton in early 1944 to address a training school for British officers, where he suffered a heart attack and died on February 25, 1944.²⁰ Most important, however, was Weymouth's value as an artistic haven. Jonathan Daniels once asserted that James Boyd gave "North Carolina a literature before it had one of its own."²¹ It was at Weymouth that this literature was born.

FOOTNOTES

¹David E. Whisnant, James Boyd (New York: Twayne Publishers, 1972) p. 17, hereinafter cited as Whisnant, James Boyd.

²Whisnant, James Boyd, pp. 18, 21, 23, 26-28.

³Pinehurst Outlook, January 30, 1904; April 9, 1904.

⁴Moore County Deed Books, Moore County Courthouse, Carthage, N.C., 27:738, 30:24.

⁵Manly Wade Wellman, The County of Moore: 1847-1947 (Southern Pines: Moore County Historical Association, 1962) pp. 133-134, hereinafter cited as Wellman, The County of Moore.

⁶Moore County Wills, Moore County Courthouse, Carthage, N.C., F:472, F:494; Moore County Deed Books, 90:370.

⁷Whisnant, James Boyd, p. 33.

⁸Whisnant, James Boyd, pp. 33-34.

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⁹ New York Times, November 15, 1966.

¹⁰ Whisnant, James Boyd, pp. 33-34.

¹¹ Quoted in Wellman, The County of Moore; Whisnant, James Boyd, pp. 33-34.

¹² New York Times, April 5, 1925.

¹³ Richard Walser, Literary North Carolina (Raleigh: Division of Archives and History, 1970), p. 74, hereinafter cited as Walser, Literary North Carolina.

¹⁴ Whisnant, James Boyd, p. 34; The Boyd Papers in the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina contain dozens of letters written to Boyd in 1925 praising Drums. Many of these were from friends and acquaintances, but many more were from total strangers.

¹⁵ Whisnant, James Boyd, pp. 34-35.

¹⁶ Whisnant, James Boyd, pp. 37-40; Wellman, The County of Moore, pp. 171-172; Raleigh News and Observer, December 8, 1929.

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²⁰ Raleigh News and Observer, February 26, 1944; New York Times, February 26, 1944.

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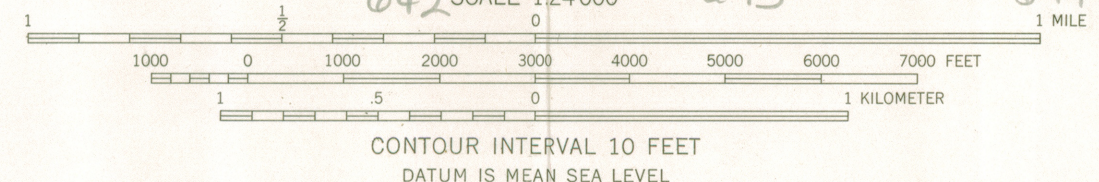
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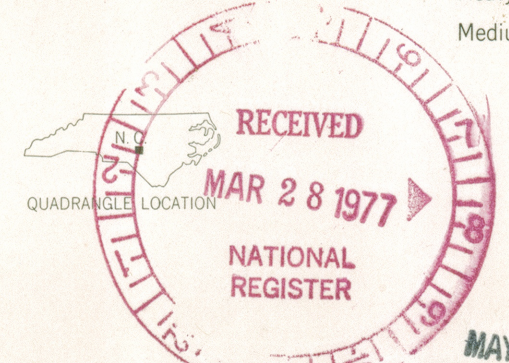
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———



SOUTHERN PINES, N. C.
NW/4 SOUTHERN PINES 15' QUADRANGLE
N 3507.5—W 7922.5/7.5

1957

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Department of Cultural Resources
Raleigh 27611

James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor
Sara Hodgkins
Secretary



~~KATHY McCARTER~~
Assistant Secretary

March 14, 1977

Dr. William J. Murtagh
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

We are enclosing a nomination for the James Boyd House (Weymouth) in Moore 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,

Larry E. Tise
State Historic Preservation Officer

LET/dk

cc: Hon. Robert Morgan
Hon. Jesse Helms
Hon. W. G. Hefner

enclosures

Apr. 20th

PAINT HILL FARM
SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA
28387

Dear Mr. Kurtaga: There is a serious error or misunderstanding in your letter to me of Apr. 17, 77. In the last sentence of the second paragraph you say "we should advise you that new notification procedures will delay listing in at least 30 days to allow the owners an opportunity to comment on the signifi-

cause of their property." This
 had all been cleared. The Sand-
 hills Community College here
 owns the property & the "Friends
 of Weymouth" have a years
 option to buy. Per Title of the
 historic sites of Dept. of Cultural
 Resources in Raleigh NC
 This too I can inform you.

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 APR 26 1977
 DATE REC'D
 ADV'L RESPONSE (ATTACH)
 FILE MATERIAL SENT
 TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)
 DATE ACQ. IN FILED
 INITIALS **KMB**

Sincerely
 Robert S. Juss
 (Mr. Ernest L. Juss)

DATE

8/2/77

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

CATHERINE BISHOP

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

N.C. SHPO's

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

JAMES BOYD HOUSE

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Aylmer Embrey - MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE
ARCHITECT IN SIGNIFICANCE - IS ACTUALLY
THE ARCHITECT (PER DOCUMENTATION FOUND BY
CATHERINE)!

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

R BURNS

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NORTH CAROLINA

Date Entered MAY 12 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Boyd, James, House (Weymouth)	Southern Pines Moore County

Also Notified

Hon. Jesse A. Helms
Hon. Robert B. Morgan
Hon. W. G. (Bill) Hefner
Regional Director, Southeast
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Dr. Larry E. Tise
Director, Division of Archives
and History
Department of Cultural Resources
109 East Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

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Mrs. Ernest L. Ives
Paint Hill Farm
Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

Dear Mrs. Ives:

Thank you for your most recent letter concerning the nomination of the James Boyd House (Weymouth), Southern Pines, North Carolina, to the National Register of Historic Places.

The notification procedures mentioned in our April 7, 1977, letter *are* a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and the new meaning it has given to properties listed in the National Register. Even though the benefits of this act may not be applicable to all properties, we are nonetheless advising all property owners of the implications of the act and allowing 30 days for them to comment on the nomination of their property. Notification to property owners of the James Boyd House was mailed on April 4, 1977, and after the 30-day commenting period, this nomination was reviewed and listed on May 12, 1977.

We appreciate your concern in this matter and your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,
Charles A. Herrington (Sgd. T)

for

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

cc: Dr. Larry E. Tise-w/cy inc
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Larry E. Tise, Director

January 24, 1978



Dr. William J. Murtagh
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

This letter contains new information pertinent to a National Register nomination listed for North Carolina. Please correct your records accordingly.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS

Name of Property James Boyd House (Weymouth)
County & State Moore County, North Carolina
Town/Vicinity Southern Pines

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:

Aymar Embury (note change in spelling) is definitely the architect of Weymouth. Question mark should be marked out. Add to Bibliography: Architectural Record, June, 1929, "Some work of Aymar Embury, II, in the Sandhills of North Carolina," by Russell J. Whitehead, courtesy of Tony P. Wrenn.

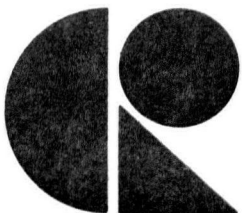
Date of Change: 1-17-78

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Catherine W. Bishir".

Catherine W. Bishir, Head
Survey and Planning Branch
Archeology/Historic Preservation Section

Sara W. Hodgkins,
Secretary
James B. Hunt, Jr.,
Governor



NR Data Sheet

DATE: May 2, 1977
 Reviewer INITIALS: LEB
 NR DOE MAY 12 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Boyd, James, House

OTHER NAMES: Weymouth

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Ridge Rd. and Connecticut Ave.
 CITY, TOWN Southern Pines CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8th
 STATE North Carolina VICINITY OF 37 COUNTY Moore code 125

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):
 NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-3
<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 4	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 5	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 6
<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 7	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconstructed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexcavated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- residence

now- residence

SIGNIFICANCE:

<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	<input type="checkbox"/> planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

Colonial/Georgian/Federal

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Revival

architect/m.builder: Aymor Embury

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal

James Boyd ⁽¹⁸⁸⁸⁻¹⁹⁴⁴⁾ prominent author

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1920s

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) 40 acres

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

main block is 2 story, rectangular, gable brick with lower front wings which in turn are attached to rectangular, gable brick or frame wings.
Some out bldgs,
Unimproved acreage

SIGNIFICANCE:

(maximum two sentences)

Boyd was prominent historic novelist who cultivated