

# INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

Chatham County

MULTIPLE RESOURCE OR  THEMATIC NOMINATION

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Luther Clegg House  
AND/OR COMMON

*(Pittsboro MRA)*

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
N side SR 1012 1.3 mi. E of jct w/US 15-501

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
4th

CITY, TOWN  
Pittsboro

VICINITY OF  
CODE  
37

STATE  
North Carolina

COUNTY  
Chatham CODE  
37

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

*NO  
6/21/83  
not*

### CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

### OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED
- N/A

### STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

### PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Patricia Weaver

STREET & NUMBER  
P. O. Box 808

CITY, TOWN  
Pittsboro,

VICINITY OF North Carolina

STATE  
27312

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Chatham County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
Pittsboro

STATE  
North Carolina

## 6 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ruth Selden-Sturgill

ORGANIZATION

Consultant for Survey and Planning Branch

DATE

March 1, 1982

STREET & NUMBER

Archives and History

TELEPHONE

(919) 733-6545

CITY OR TOWN

Raleigh

STATE

North Carolina

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Facing southwest towards the Moncure Road, the Luther Clegg House is a five-bay two-story Greek Revival frame house with a single-pile central-hall plan. The house is surmounted by a low hipped roof and flanked by exterior end chimneys laid up in common bond and constructed with a single paved and tumbled shoulder. A one-story shed roof addition with an early chimney runs along the rear of the house and is said to date from the original construction.

Flanked by panelled pilasters which support a panelled frieze, the facade is crowned by an overhanging flat-block modillion cornice. The main feature of the front is the entrance which is bound by narrow-pane sidelights and lit from above by a transom with similar panes. A Greek Revival architrave with symmetrically channeled moldings frames the design which is secured at the angle by a plain cornerblock surmounted by a filet. The resulting impression of flanking pilasters is reiterated in the architraves of the six-over-six sash windows. There is some deminution of the fenestration. While the present three-bay entrance porch with its shed roof and supporting posts is not original, there is no doubt that a porch of similiar dimensions once existed. The centrally-located second-story door with its two-light transom gave access to the early porch roof and the broad wall space on either side of the front doors supports the notion of a porch of substantial size.

The shed-roof addition extends about three quarters of the way up the rear facade. Only one small centrally-located six-light window breaks through the weather boards of the main house above the addition's roof. This window lights the landing of the stairway. The east side of the addition is marked by the early exterior-end shimney laid up in common bond and built with a single paved and tumbled shoulder. The addition has been altered with modern fenestration.

The interior of the Luther Clegg House is marked by simple but well-proportioned Greek Revival design. Sheathed wainscoting is accompanied by high baseboards and two-panel doors. With no attempt at pretension, the doors are encased with an architrave featuring a plain cornerblock and the mantels are rendered with the most simple post and lintel arrangement.

The provision in the house-plan to accomodate regular overnight guests and the remnants of original paint color, are perhaps the most remarkable points of the interior. While the main staircase which was built with a half turn and landing serves the west side of the house, an enclosed staircase was built in the east parlor to provide separate access to the chamber, known as the travellers room, above on the second floor. There was originally no door from this chamber to the second floor hall, but a modern door has now been cut. Until recently much of the early paint color had been left untouched. The travellers room in particular maintains a lead grey-colored sheathed wainscot and ochre rails. The interior of the second floor porch door is rendered with a crude graining.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

\_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL

\_\_\_\_\_ STATE

X

\_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

Unknown

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The last comprehensive Greek Revival design to be built in Pittsboro and the area's purest residential example of the style, the Luther Clegg House was built ca. 1850 by an area farmer who accommodated guests and court visitors in a separate traveller's room.

## CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

- A. The Luther Clegg House is associated with the town of Pittsboro's second period of growth during the 1850s when such internal improvements as the Cape Fear and Deep River Navigation Company and the plank road movement brought the community increased prosperity.
- B. Built by Luther Clegg, the son of one of Chatham County's important post-Revolutionary landowners, the Luther Clegg House has been owned and maintained by the Clegg family for about one hundred and thirty-two years.
- C. The last comprehensive Greek Revival design to be built in Pittsboro and the area's purest residential example of the style, the Luther Clegg House boasts a separate traveller's chamber with its own enclosed staircase and some original interior paint colors.



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wife Christina lived on the original tract as they reserved "a right to the use of the spring with right of way thereto."<sup>14</sup> When Luther Clegg died intestate in 1894, fifty-four acres on Camp Branch were set aside as a dower for Christina M. Clegg.<sup>15</sup>

Although not specifically mentioned in either of the two exchanges of property from Luther Clegg to his son, the Luther Clegg House was most probably included. By 1900 Rufus Clegg clearly resided in the house and the deed books show no other exchanges of property between the father and his son.<sup>16</sup> In 1909 Rufus Clegg's two sons died of typhoid fever and following their father's death in 1922, three of Clegg's daughters, Elizabeth Baynes Clegg, Jane Thompson Clegg and Callie Graves Clegg, lived out their lives in the house.<sup>17</sup> The Clegg farm continued to operate during this period. From 1922 until his death in 1948, the farm was run by the Clegg sisters' brother-in-law George L. Bynum who had married Rufus Clegg's daughter Annie Moore Clegg.<sup>18</sup> Since Bynum's death the work has been done by farmers Lee Harmon and Oren Roberson, both of whom owned property adjoining the Cleggs'. The house passed into the hands of the family of Annie Clegg Bynum, in 1962 and in 1974 Mrs. Bynum's granddaughter Patricia Walters Weaver purchased the place from her family.<sup>19</sup>

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1. W. Harold Broughton, ed., The Cleggs of Old Chatham (np; The Clegg Family Association, 1977), p. 347.
2. Ibid, p. 49.
3. Chatham County Deed Books, Office of the Register of Deeds, Chatham County Courthouse, Pittsboro, Deed Book AB: 302.
4. Broughton, p. 347.
5. The Clegg family retains an invitation addressed to the Luther Clegg family at Edgewood dating from about 1852 or 1853. Ruth Selden-Sturgill, interview with Eliza Jane Bynum, Pittsboro, April, 1982.
6. It seems highly likely, though not certain, that the land was the 287 acre tract acquired by Luther Clegg from Charles Manly in 1845 (Chatham County Deed Book AG: 204). Although no mention of water courses was made in this early deed, the land "formerly the property of Thomas Thompson" adjoined the property of George Harman. The Harman family also owned land adjacent to the 100 acre tract which was transferred from Luther Clegg to his son Rufus in 1886 (Chatham County Deed Book BR: 386). In fact the sum of the number of acres transferred to Rufus Clegg (113) and the remaining acreage following Luther Cleggs death (162) is 275 acres (Chatham County Deed Books BR: 386; EI: 331; CR: 198). Only twelve acres shy of the 287 acres sold by Manly.
7. Wade H. Hadley, Doris G. Horton and Nell C. Strowd, Chatham County 1771-1971 (Durham: Moore Pub. Co., 1976), p. 245.
8. Eliza J. Bynum interview.
9. Broughton, p. 347.
10. Ibid. p. 347; Chatham County Deed Book CR: 198.
11. Broughton, p. 348; Chatham County Deed Book CB: 601.
12. Broughton, p. 358; Tenth census of the United States, 1880: Chatham County, Population Schedule; Eliza J. Bynum interview.
13. Chatham County Deed Book BR: 386; EI: 331.
14. Chatham County Deed Book EI: 331.
15. Chatham County Deed Book CR: 198.
16. Twelfth census of the United States, 1900: Chatham County, Population Schedule.
17. Broughton, p. 358; Eliza Jane Bynum interview.

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18. Eliza J. Bynum interview.
19. ibid.; Chatham County Deed Book 405: 531.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Pittsboro Multiple Resource Area  
State North Carolina

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |      |                              |                                     |            |                                |
|------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| ✓ 1. | Freeman, Lewis, House        | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/5/82</u>   |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| ②    | London Cottage               | <del>Substantive Review</del>       | Keeper     | <u>Mr. L. Boyd 10/5/82</u>     |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     | <u>Patrick Andrews 10/4/82</u> |
| ✓ 3. | Hall-London House            | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/5/82</u>   |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| ✓ 4. | McClenahan House             | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/5/82</u>   |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| ✓ 5. | Terry, A. P., House          | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/5/82</u>   |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| ✓ 6. | Reid House                   | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/5/82</u>   |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| ⑦    | Moore-Manning House          | <del>Substantive Review</del>       | Keeper     | <u>Mr. L. Boyd 10/5/82</u>     |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     | <u>Patrick Andrews 10/4/82</u> |
| ✓ 8. | St. Lawrence, Patrick, House | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/5/82</u>   |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| ✓ 9. | Kelvin                       | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/5/82</u>   |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     |                                |
| ⑩    | Clegg, Luther, House         | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/5/82</u>   |
|      |                              |                                     | Attest     |                                |

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Clegg, Luther, House (Pittsboro MRA)  
Chatham County  
NORTH CAROLINA

Working No. 8/25/82 2341  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 9/23/82 - 10/9/82

Action:  ACCEPT 10/5/82

Entered in the  RETURN  
National Register  REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

**1. Name**

**2. Location**

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

**4. Owner of Property**

**5. Location of Legal Description**

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

**7. Description**

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UMT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
 national  state  local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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PHOTO DATE 2-81

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@ CHATHAM COUNTY, NC  
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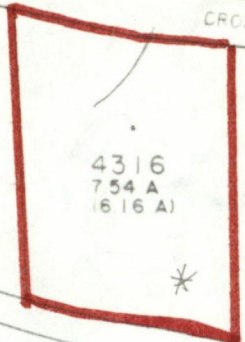
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C&TL 100' R/W

CROSS COUNTRY TRANSMISSION LINE



4316  
7.54 A  
(6.16 A)

Luther Clegg House  
N side SR 1012 1.3 mi E  
jct w/US 15-501  
Chatham County Property  
Ownership Map  
Map 9750 Block 19 Lot 4316

2145  
29.00 A  
(28.92 A)

3223  
25.00 A  
(24.50 A)

3182  
(53.60 A)

SR 1012

6659  
9.21 A  
(9.63 A)

2227  
0.88 A  
(1.66 A)

2074  
1.50 A  
(1.19 A)

4152  
1.52 A  
(1.59 A)

0422  
286.96 A  
(249.54 A)

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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