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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Puckett Family Farm

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number State Road 1333

not for publication

city, town Satterwhite

vicinity

state North Carolina code NC

county Granville

code 077

zip code 27565

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>		sites
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	structures
		objects
<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources of Granville

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

County North Carolina

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official William S. Rain, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 1-29-88

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____

Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

Selma Byers

Entered in the
National Register

4-28-88

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic-single dwelling

Agriculture/Subsistence

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic-single dwelling

Agriculture/Subsistence

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: vernacular I-House (truncated)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls weatherboard

roof metal

other wood

brick

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Bright leaf tobacco era outbuildings of virtually every cast stand, amidst immaculately maintained grounds, to three sides of the traditional, frame, farmhouse erected by Joseph and Delia (Hobgood) Puckett about 1899. Only the south-facing front facade of the dwelling has an open view, out across a field that has nourished corn, wheat, soybeans and, most often, tobacco since the turn of the century. The unsullied, almost pristine farmhouse, never marked by the touch of a paint brush, and its equally tidy outbuildings, evoke a clear-eyed vision of traditional bright leaf era farm life in the North Carolina Piedmont.

The neat farmhouse is a plainly finished structure, the earth tones of its weathered clapboards matching those of its log and frame outbuildings. Three bays across, with a central hallway and an abbreviated second story, it is shaded by a long porch still topped by its original standing seam metal roof and flanked at its gable ends by rock and brick chimneys. The separate kitchen that originally served it is gone, replaced early in the century by a gable roofed kitchen and dining room ell to the rear. The breezeway that originally separated the kitchen from the house was enclosed about 1952 and both house and ell are further connected by an L-shaped porch. The welcome enclosure of the breezeway - the Pucketts' granddaughter, Frances, recalls many winter days having to wield a shovel to get from house to kitchen - and the covering of the house's wood shingle roof with seamed metal are the only notable changes made to its exterior since the early twentieth century.

As mutely testified to by the outbuildings arrayed to the west, north and east of the house ["J" on attached sketch map], the farm - along with virtually all of its contemporaries in every reach of the county - has always been geared towards the production of tobacco. Four diamond-notched log barns [C, D, E and F] stand to one side of its dirt entrance lane, opposite a similarly constructed packhouse [B] and striphouse [A]. All of these outbuildings, but for one barn raised around 1950 [F] which is non-contributing because of its age, were built by the Pucketts at the opening of the century. Standing in a row to the south of the barns are an early twentieth century frame garage [G], a former frame corn crib [H] that is non-contributing because it was moved to the site, and a turn of the century, diamond-notched log, former smokehouse [I]. They are joined by two diamond-notched outbuildings also not directly connected with

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the production of bright leaf. Arrayed to the rear of the kitchen ell and its functioning well [K], they are a turn of the century brooder house [M] built by the Pucketts and a washhouse [L], erected around 1950, which is non-contributing because of its age. Three other major outbuildings, all built of frame early in the century, are set off from the east side of the house - a gable roofed corn crib with a single shed [N], a large stable with two sweeping shed rooms [O] and a small, weatherboarded privy [P] that is still in use.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Agriculture

Period of Significance
circa 1899-1937

Significant Dates
circa 1899

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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The Puckett Family Farm - its exceptionally well-maintained farmhouse and outbuildings so evocative of traditional, tobacco belt, farm life - is one of the county's most significant bright leaf era rural properties, an intact symbol of the way most of the county's citizenry led its life from the Civil War into the 1950s. (See associated Historic Context 2 - Bright Leaf Tobacco and Rural Granville County, 1866-1937) Virtually unaltered, the traditionally fashioned, still functioning outbuildings and farmhouse stand within reach of fields that continue to be seeded in corn, soybeans, wheat and, most significantly, tobacco, as they have been since about 1889, when Joseph and Delia (Hobgood) Puckett bought the farm. (See associated Property Types 3 - Bright Leaf Era Farmhouses and Tenant Houses - and 6 - Outbuildings) Although there are many farms of this vintage in the county, most have fallen into disrepair because of fundamental changes in the county's agricultural base and in the raising and processing of the bright leaf; their numbers notwithstanding, none survive with a fuller complement of outbuildings or in more pristine condition than the Puckett Family Farm. The old bright leaf tobacco culture that the farm represents so well survived here, virtually unchanged, into the 1950s; the farm's period of significance has been assigned a closing date of 1937, however, because it has not achieved exceptional importance within the past half century.

Joseph and Delia Pucketts' daughter-in-law, Mamie (Daniel) Puckett, still lives in the house and helps work its fields of tobacco. When she came to the farm following her 1920 marriage to the Pucketts' son, Eugene, she entered a traditional household occupied by an extended family, for Joseph Puckett (Delia had died prior to the marriage), as well as his sisters Hettie and Maggie, lived in the modest, center hall plan dwelling that was also to be her home. Joseph and Delia had built the house around 1899, ten years after they had purchased 135 acres of land from R. W. Winston for \$1,272 [Deed Book 42, Page 385]. The house continues to shelter an extended family, for Mrs. Puckett's daughter-in-law, Frances (Talley) Puckett, who farmed the property with her husband, Thomas, until his death in 1975, and her grandson live in it with her.

The farm's outbuildings are significant for their breadth of function and excellent condition. The six diamond-notched log outbuildings to the house's east, set to either side of a dirt entrance lane, represent the stages of tobacco processing that

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were the rule on bright leaf farms into the 1950s. Planted and picked by hand, with the aid of manual tools and a mule or two - Thomas Puckett purchased the farm's first tractor in 1960 - the tobacco was hung and flue-cured in the barns, three of which are still in use. Now all heated by oil, two of the barns retained wood-burning flues until the late date of 1975. Once cured to the desired bright golden color, the tobacco was carried across the lane to the packhouse, from which it was taken to the steam ordering room of the striphouse, its final destination prior to carting it to market.

The other outbuildings, though not directly related to tobacco production, are nonetheless equally evocative of bright leaf era farm life in the county. Chickens were raised in the log brooder house, meat cured in the log smokehouse, corn stored in the frame crib and the farm's two mules were sheltered in the frame stable. The continuing traditional nature of the farm is exemplified by its log washhouse, frame privy and well. The circa 1950 construction date of the washhouse, a structure rarely found anymore in the county, would be unusual, were it not for the fact that clothes are still laundered in it. Water is yet drawn from the well. And as the need arises, one may still trek east across the neatly trimmed yard, past the well and brooder house and crib, to the small frame privy nestled in the lee of the sweeping sheds of the stable.

OLD COUNCIL TREE
BOND
100% COTTON FIBER

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	709040	4027100
B	17	709050	4026920
C	17	709170	4026920
D	17	709170	4027060
E	17	709080	4027060
F	17	709060	4027100

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at point A: 17 709040 4007100 on the USGS polygon, where the tree line meets the east side of State Road 1333, continuing south approximately 600 feet along the east side of State Road 1333 to point B: 17 709050 4026920 on the polygon, where the tree line meets the east side of State Road 1333. Continuing in a straight line east from point B on the polygon approximately 425 feet, along the edge of the woods, to point C: 17 709170 4026920 on the polygon, where the tree line turns north. Continuing in a straight line north approximately 400 feet, along the edge of the woods, to point D: 17 709170 4027060 on the polygon. Continuing from point D on the polygon in a straight line west approximately 300 feet, along the edge of the woods, to point E: 17 709080 4027060 on the polygon. Continuing in a straight line north approximately 125 feet, along the edge of the woods to point F: 17 709060 4027100 on the polygon. Continuing in a straight line west approximately 250 feet, along the edge of the woods, to the point of origin.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

Approximately 4.5 acres that include the dwelling, outbuildings, and cultivated fields that have been a historic

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part of the property, maintain historic integrity, and convey the property's historic setting are being nominated for the National Register. The remaining acreage of the property has been excluded because it is now woodland. In this case the land use has substantially changed so that it no longer contributes to the historic integrity or historic significance of the property as a bright leaf era farm.

The western boundary of the property from UTM points A to B includes the dwelling, outbuildings, and fields to its east and excludes property not owned by the owner to its west. The southern boundary from UTM points B to C includes fields to its north and excludes woodland to its south. The eastern boundary from UTM points C to D includes the outbuildings, dwelling and fields to its west and excludes woodland to its east. The northern boundary from UTM points D to E, E to F and F to A includes the outbuildings and dwelling to its south and excludes woodland to its north.

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Name Granville County MPS
State Granville County, NORTH CAROLINA

Nomination/Type of Review	Date Listed
1. Allen--Mangum House <u>COVER</u> <u>Substantive Review</u>	4/28/88
2. Amis, Rufus, House and Mill	4/28/88
3. Blackwell, James, House <u>Substantive Review</u>	4/28/88
4. Brookland	4/28/88
5. Edgewood	4/28/88
6. Ellixson, William, House	4/28/88
7. Elmwood	4/28/88
8. Freeman, James W., House	4/28/88
9. Hart, Maurice, House	4/28/88
10. Locust Lawn	4/28/88
11. Oak Lawn	4/28/88
12. Oxford Historic District <u>Substantive Review</u>	4/28/88
13. Peace, John, Jr., House	4/28/88
14. Puckett Family Farm	4/28/88
15. Rose Hill	4/28/88
16. Royster, Marcus, Plantation	4/28/88
17. Smith, William G., House	4/28/88
18. Sycamore Valley	4/28/88
19. Taylor, Col. Richard P., House	4/28/88
20. Thorndale	4/28/88
21. Wimbish, Lewis, Plantation	4/28/88

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Puckett Family Farm (Granville County MRA)
Granville County
NORTH CAROLINA

Working No. MAR 14 1988
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 4/14/88 4/28/88
Action: ACCEPT 4-28-88
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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 excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed

Check one unaltered altered

Check one original site moved date _____

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 _____
UTM 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: _____



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RALEIGH, NC 27611

NEGATIVE NUMBER N. 87-5-3254

NEGATIVE LOCATION N.C. ARCH. & HISTORY

PHOTOGRAPHER Marvin BROWN

PHOTO DATE 6/86

CAMERA DIRECTION NE

LOCATION (DISTRICT, IF APPLICABLE) GRANVILLE

Co SATTERWHITE VIC

SUBJECT PUCKETT FAMILY FARM

house; stable on right

Photo #1



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NEGATIVE NUMBER N. 87-5-3273

NEGATIVE LOCATION N.C. ARCH. & HISTORY

PHOTOGRAPHER Man Brown

PHOTO DATE 6/86

CAMERA DIRECTION E

LOCATION (DISTRICT, IF APPLICABLE) GRANVILLE

Co SATTERWHITE VIC

SUBJECT PUCKETT FAMILY FARM

House AND OUTBUILDINGS

Photo #2

Granville, ME



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NEGATIVE NUMBER N.87-5-3266

NEGATIVE LOCATION N.C. ARCH. & HISTORY

PHOTOGRAPHER M. BROWN

PHOTO DATE 6/86

CAMERA DIRECTION SW

LOCATION (DISTRICT, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY) GRANVILLE

Co SATTERWHITE VIC

SUBJECT PUCKETT FAMILY FARM

OUTBUILDINGS - packhouse on left,
striphouse on right

Photo # 3



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NEGATIVE NUMBER N.87-5-3263

NEGATIVE LOCATION N.C. ARCH. & HISTORY

PHOTOGRAPHER Mark BROWN

PHOTO DATE 6/86

CAMERA DIRECTION W

LOCATION (DISTRICT, IF APPLICAB. GRANVILLE

Co SATTERWHITE VIC

SUBJECT PUCKETT FAMILY FARM

HOUSE AND OUTBUILDINGS -

corncrib on left; stable & privy on right

Photo #4

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name County, State	Multiple Property Name	Reference Number
Puckett Family Farm, Granville County, North Carolina	Granville County MPS	88000423

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

USGS Map