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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Morgan	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.2.13.0001	2/24/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cedar Lane Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Hilsabeck-Richardson House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Off State Route #83

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE Georgia	CODE 13	COUNTY: Morgan	CODE 211
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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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments total conservation of house and soil

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Symmes

STREET AND NUMBER:
Cedar Lane Farm

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE: Georgia	CODE 13
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Town Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE: Georgia	CODE 13
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
10/7/70

DEPOSITED FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

STREET AND NUMBER:
None

CITY OR TOWN:
None

STATE:	CODE:
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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	

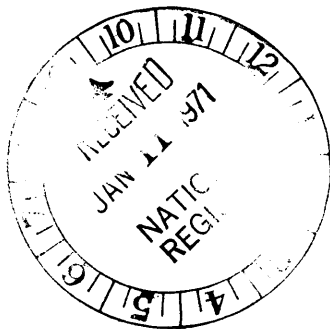
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The farm house at Cedar Lane Farm is typical of the wood (heart pine) plantation plain style house, with Greek Revival details, encountered in the piedmont region of the South. The wooden frame is covered on the exterior with weatherboarding and the interior walls completely sheathed with horizontal boards, some as wide as 16 inches. This house has survived without any significant modification, an unusual feature as these houses were usually altered or "updated" by subsequent owners.

Exterior: The basic outline of the house is a two-story clapboard structure with medium pitched roof. A shed roof runs the length of the rear and a chimney bisects this back portion of the house at each end making four chimneys in all. These are constructed of field stone to the shoulder where the material changes to brick. The facade was plain originally as there were no indications that a porch was ever morticed to the studs. A mortice in the sill under the front door indicated a wooden stoop or step. Above and on either side of the front door are square panes of glass lighting the hall.

Interior: Downstairs a central hall runs from front to back with doors opposite each other. Two rooms open off the hall on each side of the house, the two in front being larger than the two in the rear. All mantels are original though all vary in size. The stairs go up from the back hall leaving a closet that opens in the front hall. There are five windows on the front facade, two (9 over 6) on either side of the front door, one (6 over 6) above this door, two (6 over 6) above those on the first level. The two upstairs rooms are the same size as the two front rooms downstairs. Storage closets open off each bedroom.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1839; restored 1960's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | History |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built by Henry Hilsabeck whose father came from Germany in 1753 and settled in the Moravian section of North Carolina. Hilsabeck came to Georgia for the land lotteries after the Revolution and was living in Green County in 1802. In 1812 he bought land in Morgan County which was in the Lottery of 1807. By 1817 he was paying taxes on five slaves so he must have already begun cotton farming by that time. The exact date that this house was built is not known but Hilsabeck died in 1845. (His will is on file in the Morgan County Courthouse.) He married for the second or third time in 1839 and his bride was Peggy Prince (Margaret). Possibly this house was built for her. Stylistically it would seem to fall into that period. Cedar Lane Farm typifies the home of the plantation owner or farmer that Coulter in his History of Georgia describes as owning between 200 and 500 acres of land and under 25 slaves. This man and not the "planter" who owned some 1000 acres or more is more representative of the South in early to mid-19th century.

The house has been restored with the view that since it had never been altered, only abused, it should be restored to its original appearance by having doors and moldings copied where they were missing, not simply using old doors. Cement was mixed with clay to repair the chimneys and underpinning to reproduce the color when clay alone was used for mortars.

The house stands on some 200 acres of land which have been terraced and planted with nursery stock. The spring which is near the house and obviously the reason the site was chosen originally has been dammed to form a lake which is used for irrigation purposes. Native plant material in the wooded areas are encouraged and augmented by plantings. Perennials that provide game food have been planted and the gardens around the house feature material known to have grown in Georgia gardens prior to 1850.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Coulter, E. Merton, A Short History of Georgia, (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1933).
 Fries, Adelaide L., Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, (Raleigh: North Carolina Historical Commission, 1968).
 Mitchell, William R., Jr., Personal Inspection, November 1970.
 Morgan County Clerk of the Superior Court, Deed Book #D 38 (1812-13), #K 286 (1846); Tax Digest 1817.
 Morgan County Ordinary's Office, Marriage Book 1833-54; Will Book 1845.
 United State Census Records, Index of Stokes County, North Carolina, 1790;
 Index of Morgan County, Georgia, 1820.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	N 33°	39'	30"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	W 83°	30'	54"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

NO UTM
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

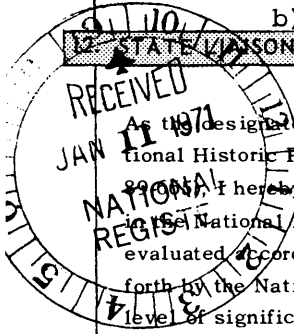
NAME AND TITLE: a) Mrs. John C. Symmes
 b) William R. Mitchell, Jr., Director, Georgia Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: b) Georgia Historical Commission DATE: January 6, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: a) Cedar Lane Farm
 b) 116 Mitchell Street, S.W.

CITY OR TOWN: a) Madison STATE: Georgia CODE: 13
 b) Atlanta

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION



I, the undersigned State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 893) 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: Mary Gregory Jureth
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: January 8, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 FEB 24 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William J. Mustang
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: FEB 22 1971

