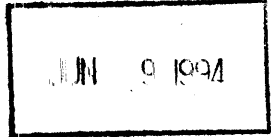


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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name Thompson, William Cade, House

other names/site number Poole, William, House (preferred)

#### 2. Location

street & number Alabama State Highway 25 N/A not for publication

city or town Dayton  vicinity

state Alabama code AL county Marengo code 091 zip code 36738

#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] June 1, 1994  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 \_\_\_\_\_)

[Signature]  
Signature of the Keeper  
Edson H. Beall

Entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action 7.7.94

Poole House  
Name of Property

Marengo County, Alabama  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

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

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

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

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)  
Plantation Houses of the Alabama Canebrake and their associated outbuildings (1818-1942)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**  
N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
walls Wood  
roof Asphalt  
other Metal  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**  
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Name of Property

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[X] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1848

Significant Dates

ca. 1848

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering

Primary location of additional data:

- [X] State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Poole House  
Name of Property

Marengo County, Alabama  
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 12.5 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
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3	1,6	4,3,9,4,0,0	3,5,7,9,0,9,0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	1,6	4,3,9,2,6,0	3,5,7,9,0,8,0

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jeff Mansell

organization Cahaba Trace Commission date June 23, 1993

street & number Route 1, Box 147 telephone (205) 665-7982

city or town Brierfield state Alabama zip code 35035

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. and Mrs. William Poole

street & number General Delivery telephone (205) 627-3377

city or town Faunsdale state Alabama zip code 36738

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form should be sent to the Chief Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37121, Washington, D.C. 20513-0121, and the Office of Management and Information Systems, Paperwork Project, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

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Dayton vicinity  
Marengo County, Alabama

Located at the end of a long winding entrance drive, west of State Highway 25, the Poole house rests on a small rise and faces east. The original drive curved in front of the dwelling and was once bordered by a picket fence. Constructed ca. 1848, the house is a significant example of a Canebrake plantation house based on the "I-house with rear ell form" and features Greek Revival detailing.

The Poole house features a two story block with a one story rear ell. The dwelling is of mortise and tenon construction with a brick pier foundation. As is characteristic of the I-house form, the two story block features brick end chimneys; the floorplan of this particular structure is based on the central hall plan. A full height, double tiered pedimented portico with boxed paneled columns dominates the five bay facade. The central double leaf entrance is set in an elaborate enframing featuring a full transom and sidelights of frosted glass panes and capped by a heavy floating pediment. The upper story double leaf entrance opens onto a small balcony with a bannister in the "sheafs of wheat" motif. A unique feature of the dwelling is the dimensions of the windows; the double hung sash windows are overscaled, being floor to ceiling. The upper floor windows feature wooden railings on the interior across the width of the bottom sash; these railings prevented children from falling through the upper floor windows.

A double leaved entrance with full transom is located at the rear of the hall on the first floor. A staircase rises along the right (north) wall of the central hallway; the first risers curve slightly into the hallway. The staircase wall is embellished with decorative paneling and woodwork. An arched opening beneath the staircase provides access to the dining room, the large room which flanks the hall to the north. The parlor flanks the hall to the left (south). The baseboards and the mantles in the two principal rooms are of simple Greek Revival design and have been marbled. All window and door surrounds feature reeded moldings and bullseye corner blocks. The floorplan and the interior decoration are repeated in the upper floor.

The rear ell was once connected to the structure by a cross hall which featured wide double leaved entrances with full transoms. The entrance doors have been removed but the transoms remain. The north cross hall entrance now opens onto a side addition (a former side porch which has been enclosed) while the south entrance has been partially enclosed but still contains a single leaf entrance. The rear ell contains two rooms, separated by a central chimney. While the first room contains moldings similar to those found in the main portion of the house, the rear room features Greek Revival door and window surrounds, all are embellished with the Greek key or shoulder moldings. This room is the only one in the house to feature a closet and also contains a door with transom located on the north wall. Modern bath additions have been constructed to the rear of this room and off the side porch. A rear porch has been positioned in the L of the house, following the rear (west) wall of the main section and the south elevation of the rear wing. Located on the grounds are a playhouse, a concrete block shed and a deteriorated barn. All of these structures are post 1942 construction and are non-contributing.

The Poole house retains much of its original design, materials, craftsmanship, workmanship and feeling and a high degree of its original components and stylistic detailing. While the structure has undergone minor alterations to accommodate modern conveniences, the Poole house retains a high degree of architectural significance. The nomination includes 1 contributing and three non-contributing buildings.

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### Criterion C: Architecture

The Poole house is a significant example of a Canebrake plantation house based on the I-house with rear ell form with Federal/Greek Revival detailing. The house yields information regarding the styles, form, construction methods, techniques and craftsmanship utilized by the residents of the Canebrake from 1830-1942. The house retains a high degree of integrity in regard to design, materials, workmanship, feeling and setting.

### Historical Summary

The Poole house was constructed ca. 1848, by John Catlin for his ward, Sarah Altoona Terrill as a wedding gift and residence upon her marriage to William Cade Thompson on August 10, 1847. A native of Alabama, Thompson was a young wealthy planter who at the age of 24, had real estate holdings in the amount of \$15,500. The house remained in the Thompson family only a short time, Mr. Thompson died on May 25, 1854 and his wife died in 1856. The estate was sold by James Terrill, Mrs. Thompson's brother, to J. L. and W. G. Browning who transferred the property in September, 1882 to Thomas S. Watlington. The Watlingtons sold the property to David Miller Prowell on July 14, 1917 and the house remained in the Prowell family until 1959. The last Prowell descendent to live in the dwelling was Miss Mattie Prowell, the person who is most associated with the structure. Mr. and Mrs. William Poole purchased the property in 1978 and began a thorough and sensitive restoration of the house.<sup>1</sup>

### Archaeological Potential

Although no formal archaeological survey has been made at the Poole house, the potential for subsurface remains may be high. Properties of this type were sited with a constellation of dependencies such as kitchens and other outbuildings. Buried portions may contain significant information that may be useful in interpreting the entire property.

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<sup>1</sup>Interview with William Poole, Demopolis, Alabama, June 23, 1993. United States Federal Census of 1850, Marengo County.

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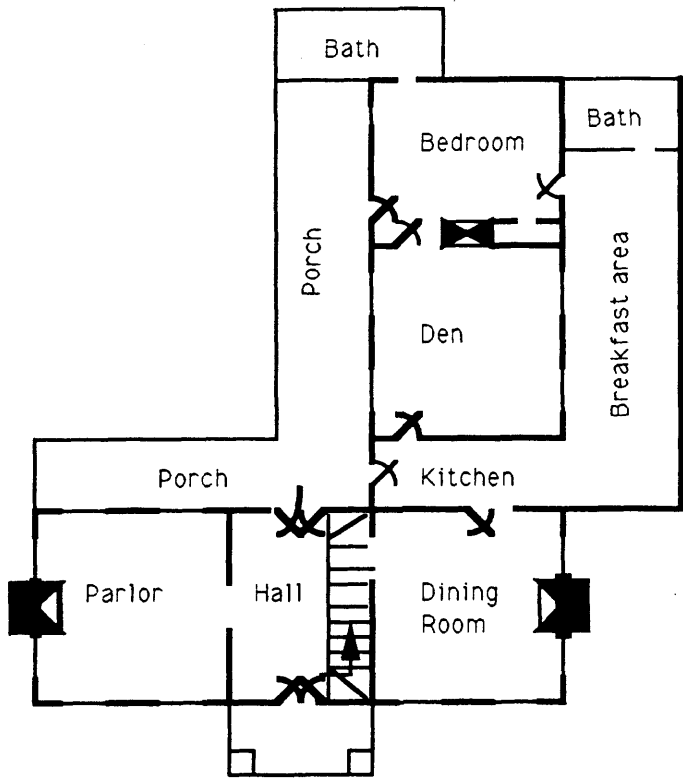
United States Federal Census Population Schedule for 1850. Marengo County.

## Verbal Boundary Description

That tract of land comprising approximately 12.5 acres, lying in the Northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 16 north, Range 4 East, being part of the same property conveyed by Mrs. Frances Bonning to Mr. and Mrs. William Poole. This information is on record at the Tax Assessor's office at the Marengo County Courthouse, Linden, Alabama. For exact boundaries, please refer to tax map.

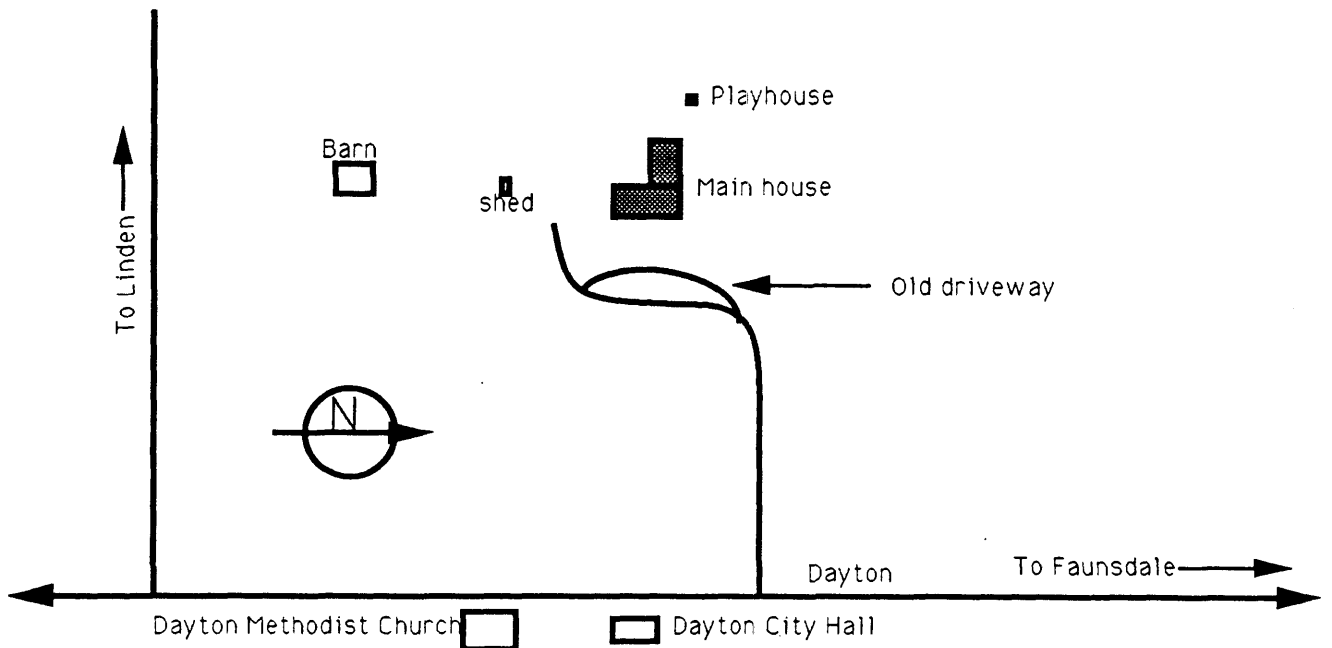
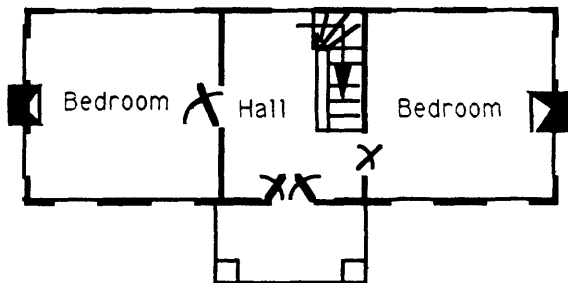
## Boundary Justification

The boundary lines were drawn to incorporate that tract of land remaining of the original property of William Cade Thompson and which includes the historic resources associated with the property.



Site and Floorplan for  
Thompson-Prowell-Poole  
House

ca. 1858  
Dayton vicinity  
Marengo County, Alabama





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Information in items #1-5 is the same for all photographs. There has been no change to the property since a site visit in June of 1993.

1. Poole house
  2. Dayton vicinity, Marengo County, Alabama
  3. Jeff Mansell, photographer
  4. Summer, 1993
  5. Negatives on file with the Alabama Historical Commission
- Photograph #1, front facade, camera facing west

Photograph #2, detail of entrance, camera facing west

Photograph #3, southeast corner, camera facing northwest

Photograph #4, north elevation, camera facing south

Photograph #5, west (rear) elevation, camera facing east

Photograph #6, interior, detail of rear room in ell, Greek Revival door surround

Photograph #7, interior, detail of stair railing and newel posts

Photograph #8, interior, detail of staircase

Photograph #9, interior, detail of central hall, showing rear entrance

Photograph #10, interior, detail of doorway leading from dining room to hallway

Photograph #11, interior, detail of doorway leading to dining room from hallway

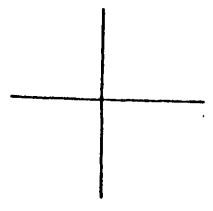
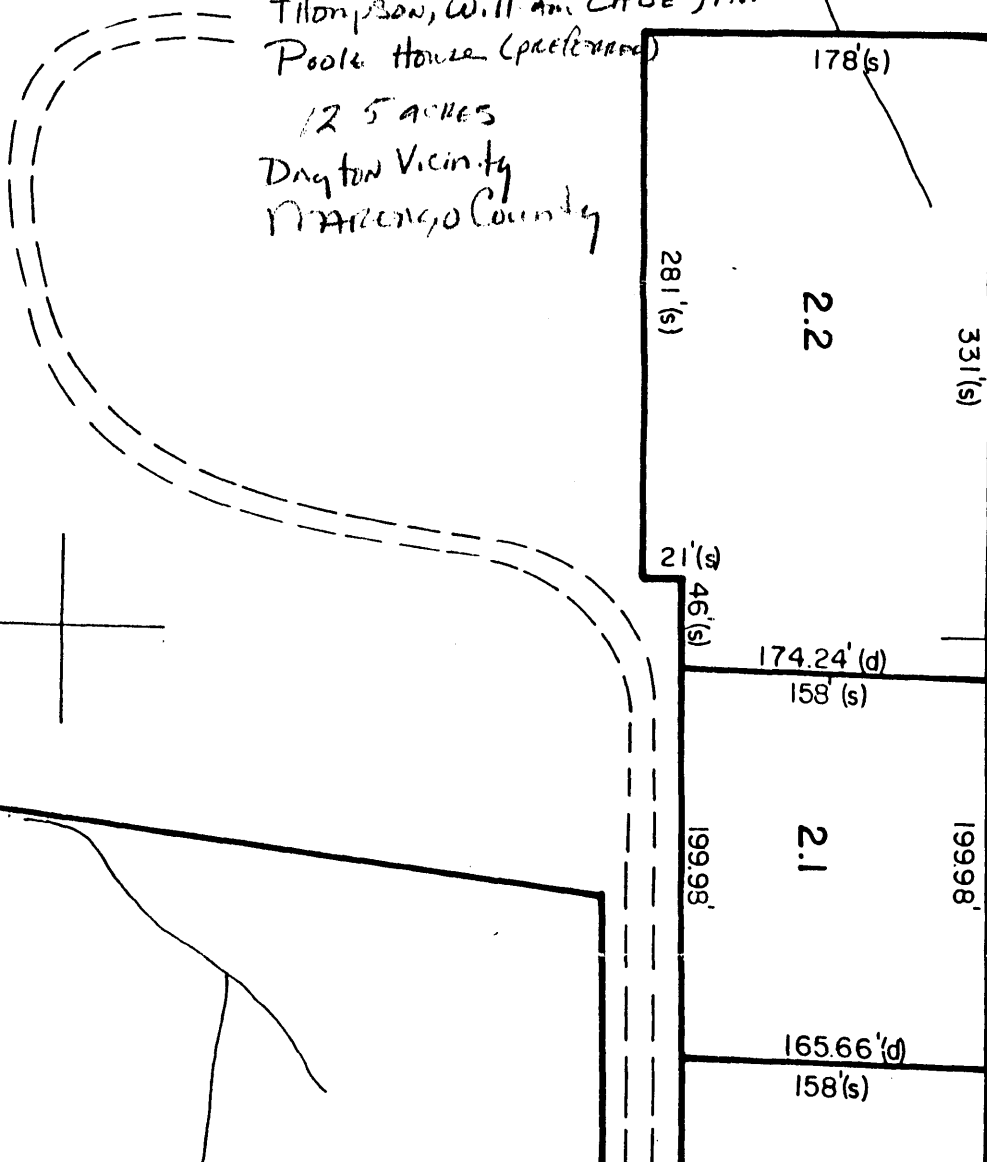
Photograph #12, interior, detail of staircase

PALMETTO ROAD

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Thompson, William CADE, House  
Pool House (preferred)  
12.5 ACRES  
Dayton Vicinity  
Maricopa County

12.5 AC  
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