

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

**NRIS Reference Number:** 93001571

**Date Listed:** 3/24/94


**Sutton, Warren, House  
Property Name**

**Clay  
County**

**GEORGIA  
State**

**Multiple Name**

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

3/24/94  
Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

This nomination is amended to add one contributing building (the garage) and one non-contributing building (a metal shop building) to the count, to add AGRICULTURE/agricultural outbuilding to the Current Function list, and to begin the period of significance in 1912, the year the house was built.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 Sutton, Warren, House

other names/site number Ingram, James Lowell, Property

2. Location

street & number 1000 ft. South of the intersection of U.S. Hwy 27 and  GA Hwy 37 at Sutton's Corners  not for publication

city or town Edison  vicinity

state Georgia code GA county Clay code 061 zip code 31746

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.)

Susan G. Wiederich 2/14/94 FmHA/RMA Federal Preservation Officer  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Robert W. Perry Jr 8/6/93  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Richard Clouse, DSHPO 12-6-93  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

office of historic preservation, Georgia Dept. of Nat. Res.  
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 of the Keeper

Date of Action

Michael M. May

3/24/94

Name of Property \_\_\_\_\_

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	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
		Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**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)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS/  
Classical Revival/Neoclassical Revival  
Style \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
walls Wood  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof Slate  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

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

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.
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)

AGRICULTURE

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1915 - 1927

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Warren Sutton

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): NA

- 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 Record #

Primary location of additional data: NA

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Name of Property \_\_\_\_\_

County and State \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 1.91 Acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

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

See Attached Description

**Boundary Justification**

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

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Robert W. Peery, Jr., State Environmental Coordinator

organization Farmers Home Administration date August 5, 1993  
Stephens Federal Building

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city or town Athens state GA zip code 30610

**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 Farmers Home Administration

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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Warren Sutton House  
Clay County, GA

Description

The Sutton House is located on the east side of Highway 27 near Edison, Georgia, in Clay County. Also known as Sutton Crossroads, this location is the intersection of the Fort Gaines-Edison Road and the Cuthbert Bluffton Road. The house is a one and one-half story, wood-framed, Neoclassical Revival style house with a modified central hall plan. It was built in 1912 by Warren M. Sutton on a 2,000 acre farm owned by his father, Thomas C. Sutton. Warren Sutton was a prosperous cotton farmer, assisted by 50 families farming as sharecroppers.

The exterior retains the brick foundation, clapboard, bay windows, brick chimneys, hipped roof with deck, side gables, boxed eaves with brackets, and two pedimented gable dormers with cornice dentils. Gabled dormers project from three sides. A wrap-around porch, supported by fluted Corinthian columns, extends across the front facade to the south facade and to the north facade where it joins the porte-cochere. Original one-over-one windows remain on the ground floor with a three part front entrance composed of a dentil cornice, transom and sidelights. The glass and wooden panelled door is framed by Ionic pilasters. The transom and sidelights are divided lights with diagonal muntins. On the north facade a screened side porch with cornice dentils and two Corinthian columns remains. The front gabled dormer features a Serlian window, obscured from view by a metal awning, see Photo #28.

The interior retains its modified central hall plan on the first floor. The foyer features panelled wainscotting of different widths, surrounding a side fireplace of simple round columns. One of the most outstanding interior features of the house is the panelled stairwell with classical newel post. The north front room features a classical mantel with carved cornice and Ionic pilasters. The right front room features a bay of three windows. Classical detailing is evident in the panelled wainscotting, balusters, newel post, mantels, and bullseye moldings in some doorways and upstairs windows

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**Description (continued)**

The rear has been remodeled with modern pine panelling. The kitchen was remodeled recently (year ??) and a rear porch was added. The upstairs features two rooms, facing east and west respectively, with gabled dormer windows of 4/1 lights. Bullseye detailing is evident in these windows and doors. Opposite the stairwell is the Serlian window with a built-in window.

A one story garage is located in the rear of the property. Landscape elements include mature hardwoods and boxwoods. A non-contributing metal shop building is located on the property.

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## Statement of Significance

The house was built in 1912 by Warren M. Sutton, a 44-year-old bachelor, on a cotton farm which he had inherited from his father, Thomas C. Sutton. It was situated one quarter mile south of the intersection of the Fort Gaines-Edison road and the Cuthbert-Bluffton road (later U.S. Highway 27). Across the latter road from the house was the farm commissary in which was located the Moye, Georgia post office. South of the post office were the cotton gin and warehouse.

The farm consisted of some 2,000 acres and had grown to about 3,000 acres at the time of Sutton's death in 1927. The farm was devoted exclusively to the growing of cotton and the corn and grains necessary to maintain the 100 or more mules required to cultivate the principal crop. In the boom time after World War I, Sutton bought an International tractor, the first tractor to be used in the county. This marked the beginning of the trend toward mechanization that would bring profound changes in farming in the decades to come.

About 1915 there were some 50 families who farmed the land as sharecroppers. It was a period of increasing prosperity as evidenced in the size and quality of the house the owner built for himself, his White Steamer touring car, and the fact that the furnishings for his new house were bought en masse from Rich's Department Store in Atlanta.

The arrival of the boll weevil in 1916 and America's participation in the World War the following year brought changes in the social and economic structures which foretold the end of the expanding cotton prosperity. Wartime demands for fabrics caused the cotton mills in Columbus to hire large numbers of new workers. Several dozen families from Clay county left the farms and moved to the city to take advantage of the higher cash wages that were available there. This left the cotton farming on the Sutton farm almost entirely to black tenants as was the case as well on neighboring farms.

Wartime demand kept cotton prices high and led to planting of more acreage in 1918 and 1919. Cancelling of government contracts, especially after the inauguration of the Harding Administration in 1921, led to retrenchment of manufacturing throughout the country, notably by the cotton mills in Columbus. The result was that the white farmers who had left Clay, Randolph, and Calhoun counties returned and attempted to reestablish themselves as tenant farmers.



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**Statement of Significance (continued)**

In doing so, they came into direct competition with the black farmers who had taken the places they had abandoned to move to Columbus. Many of the latter left the farm to migrate to the cities, some to Atlanta and others to northern cities such as Chicago and Detroit, where they could find work as laborers in industries or municipal services.

The collapse of the cotton market in 1921 when the price fell to seven cents per pound brought an end to the halcyon days of cotton ascendancy. The end was not yet, however. Sutton instituted a strenuous effort to overcome the adverse economic conditions by making his farm more self-sufficient by diversifying its activities in order to supply more of the needs, both of his own farm and those of his neighbors. He built and operated a sawmill in order to cut and process timber to reconstruct deteriorating tenant houses and build new ones as required by the fifty families who worked the farm. He built a grist mill powered by a gasoline engine to replace an old water-powered mill. He built his own warehouse large enough to hold 200 bales of cotton so he could hold his crop until the price rose again.

The volume of cotton produced on the Sutton farm and the fertility of the land sustained the larger population through the depression of the early 1920's, although at a reduced level. Five miles north of the busy little town of Bluffton, the community served by the Moye post office had its own high school. This was Oakland, located a mile south of the Sutton house on the road to Bluffton. In the mid 1920's there were 10 teachers and some 350 pupils in this 10 grade school.

Warren Sutton was killed in an automobile wreck on January 7, 1927. The house and farm were inherited by his five sisters. Soon afterwards the house was acquired by a nephew, John Brinson Ingram, who occupied it until his death in 1967. At that time it went to his son, Lowell Ingram, and from him to the Farmer's Home Administration. It was Lowell Ingram who modified the interior by installing wood-panel plywood in a portion of the house and a new kitchen. No exterior changes have been made.

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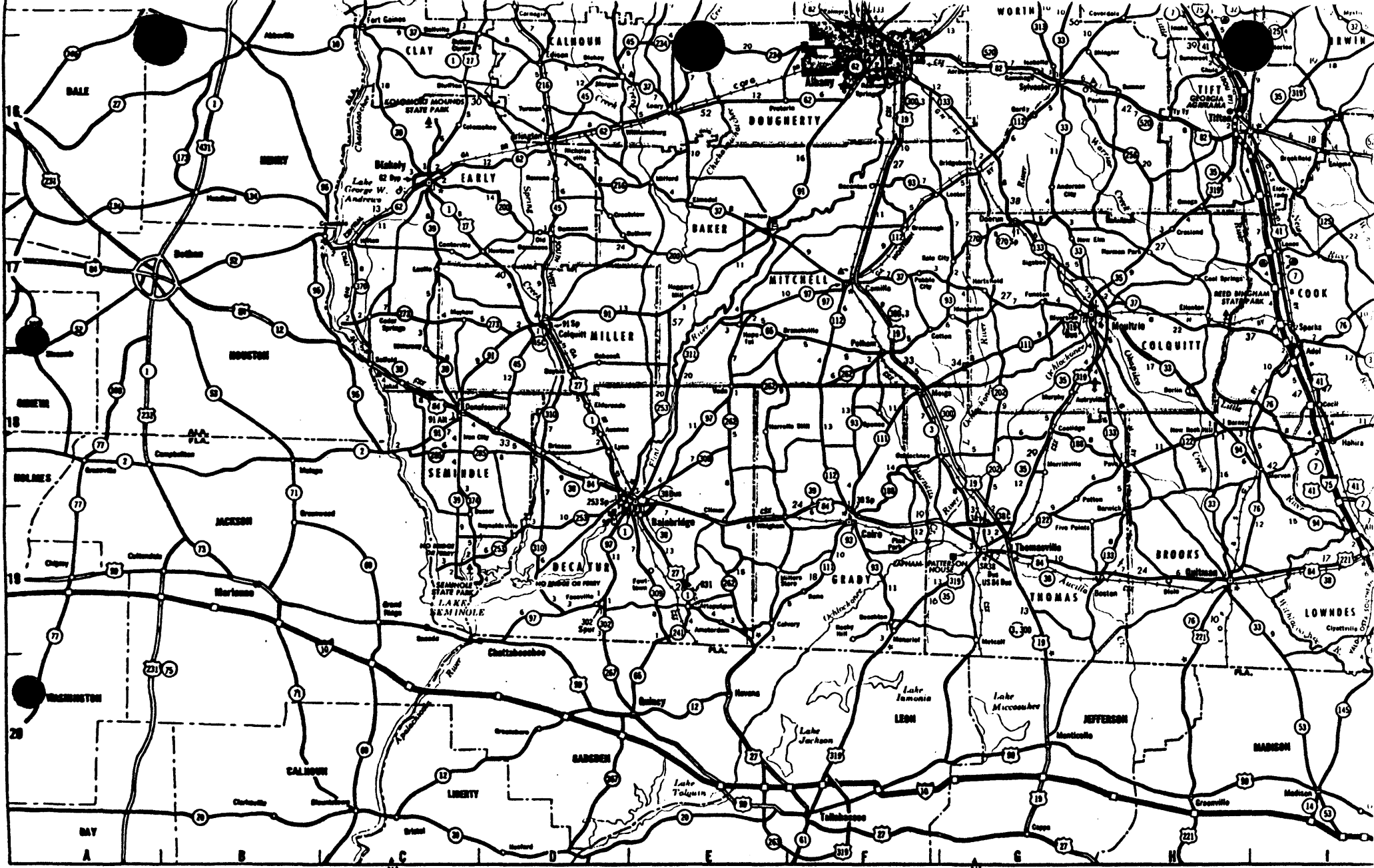
The Statement of Significance was prepared by Dr. Joe Mahan of the Lower Chattahoochee Valley Regional Development Center, Columbus, GA. It represents his knowledge of the area.

**Verbal boundary description**

See attached plat.

**Verbal boundary justification**

This is the boundary of the property owned by FmHA and under control to nominate.



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