

PH0013005

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia
COUNTY: Meriwether
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE MAY 9 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Harman-Watson-Matthews House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *3 W of Greenville on*
Odessadale-Durand Community Road - 2-miles-south of Odessadale

CITY OR TOWN: Greenville *me.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 3rd - Jack Brinkley

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Meriwether CODE: 199

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"/> Object	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
William M. Matthews, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
999 Stovall Boulevard, NE

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Greenville STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

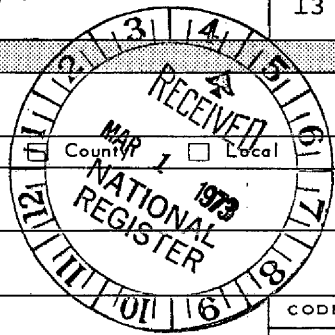
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: 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

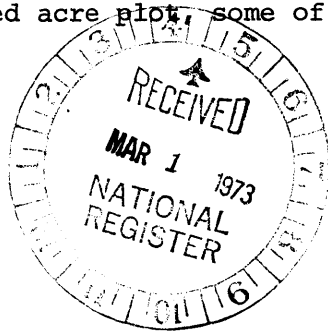
↳ Built of hand-made, Georgia clay brick circa 1860, the Harman-Watson-Matthews House was originally a simple Greek Revival style house, but presently is renovated in a version of the colonial style. ↳ (See Significance)

↳ The original Harman House was a one and one-half story, brick house with a central, square columned temple form portico. Gauged flat arches in brick defined the windows and the oak grained rear and front double doors had a four pane transom. The central hall, four square room plan featured interior end chimneys with simple mantels in each room. ↳ The half story above had only two rooms, one of which was panelled with 12 to 16 inch pine. The remaining interior walls were plastered brick.

↳ About 1880, a dining room and kitchen ell was added to the rear of the house across the back porch, and a porch added on the inner side of the ell. Sometime after 1896 the temple form portico was removed and a full, flat-roofed porch was added. ↳

↳ In the restoration that took place in 1971, the flat roof front porch and the rear 1880 additions were removed. ↳ The front facade presently has no porch, only semi-circular brick steps.

Situated near the unpaved Odessadale-Stovall-Durand Road, the house stands on a two hundred acre plot, some of which has significant granite outcroppings.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c.1860

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/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harman-Watson-Matthews House, built c.1860, by Luther Merriman Harman, is the oldest brick house in Meriwether County.

When slaves made brick for the Harmon-Watson-Matthews House, it was intended that they make enough for two houses, but the kiln collapsed and only the Harman house was built. Its owner, Luther Merriman Harman, was born in Chatam County, North Carolina, February 16, 1817, and had moved with his parents from North Carolina to Monroe County, Georgia and then to Meriwether County in the fall of 1827 in time for the land rush established by the Georgia legislature. In 1845 Harman was married to Catherine M. Williams.

Soon after Luther Merriman Harman's death in 1892, the house was sold to Robert Watson, whose family owned it until William M. Matthews purchased it in 1971.

The house, as an architectural example, is significant for its bold, four square room central hall plan, its original wood graining and the fact that it was of brick construction. With the possible future addition of the temple form portico, the restoration that Matthews began in 1971 would be nearer completion. He had been proceeding with this alone, before hearing of the Register, to make the house liveable as a weekend retreat; with the Historical Commission's advice and new historical data, he intends to renovate as close to the documents as possible; the "colonial style" brick steps, for example, will be replaced by a copy of the original porch known from an 1896 photograph which turned up during the research to complete this form.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Davidson, William. Brooks of Honey and Butter, Vol. 1, pp155-7.
 Matthews, William M. Presented first draft of NR nomination form on
 file at the Georgia Historical Commission

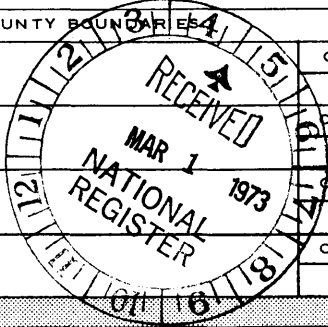
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Elizabeth Z. Macgregor and William R. Mitchell, Jr.

ORGANIZATION: Georgia Historical Commission DATE: Nov. 30, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
116 Mitchell Street, SW

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I 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 G. Jewett
 Title State Liaison Officer

Date 5-21-73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

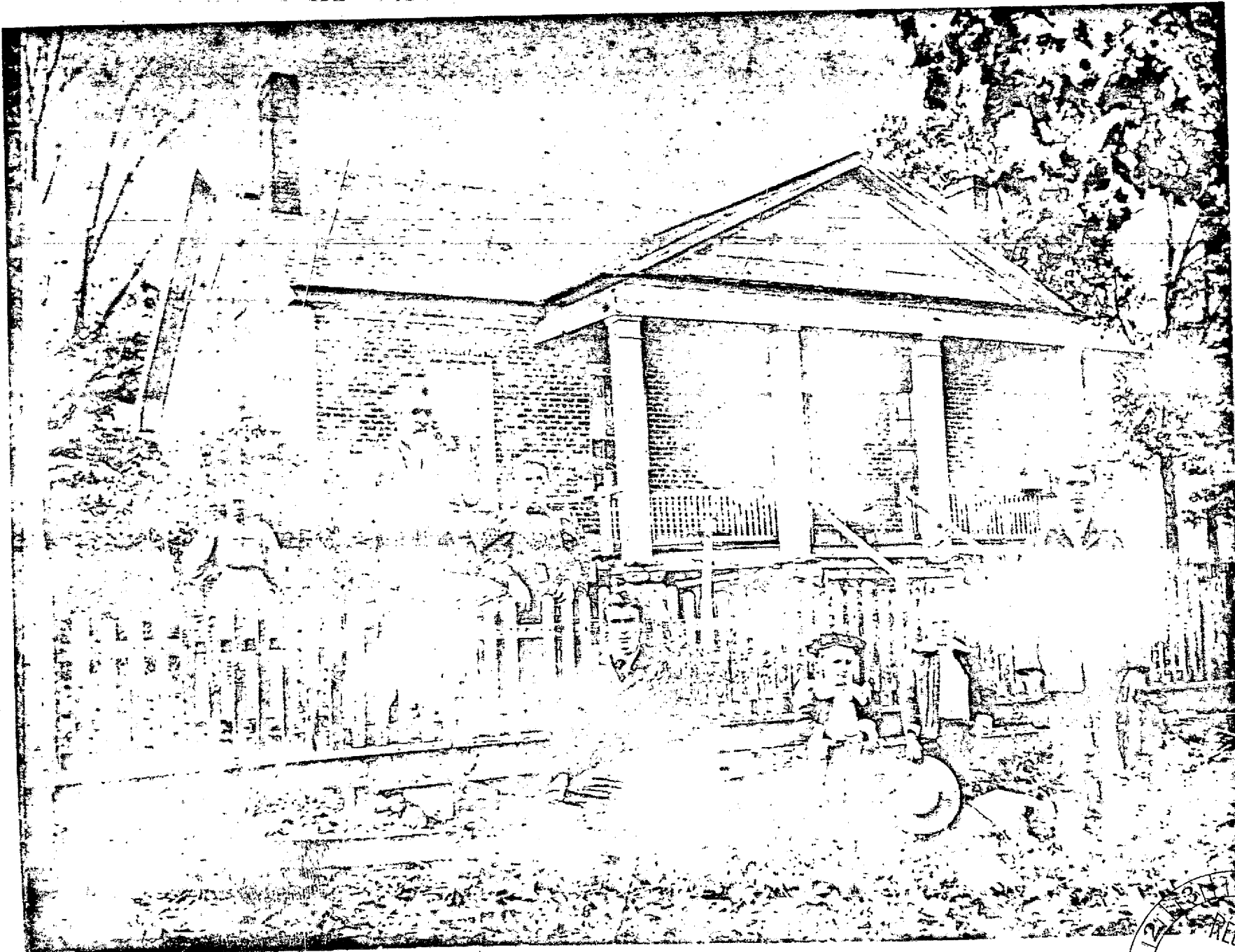
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/9/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 5 7 73



Our Home, 1893

Harman-Watson-Matthews House
Meriwether County, Georgia

