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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Grady	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-8-10-0145	DATE 8/12/70

1. NAME

COMMON: **Susina Plantation**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Cedar Grove**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **W off Bechtler**
Meridian Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Beachton vicinity**

STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **10** COUNTY: **Grady** CODE: **275**

3. CLASSIFICATION

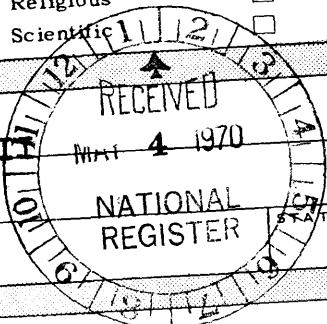
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: **A. Heywood Mason, Jr**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Meridian Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Beachton** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **10**



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Grady County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Cairo** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **10**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **100 Acres**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Thomasville Landmarks Architectural Inventory**

DATE OF SURVEY: **10/1/69** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Thomasville Landmarks, Inc**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 44**

CITY OR TOWN: **Thomasville** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **10**

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STATE: Georgia
COUNTY: Thomas
ENTRY NUMBER: 70-8-10-0145
DATE: 8/12/70

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Susina is a large two story wood frame plantation house in the Greek Revival style. The exceptional front portico is supported by four two story columns with Ionic caps and encloses a second story cantilevered porch with a railing of wheat and sheaf design. A sunflower rosette, carved by the architect, John Wind, is centered in the pediment. A well detailed cornice surrounds the entire house. The entrance is a double door, glass panelled with side lights and fixed transom. Window frames are simple Greek Revival in detail. The house is clapboard siding except for that portion of the front facade under the portico, which is flush siding treated as stone. Two side porches have roof decks supported by six smaller Ionic columns and surrounded by a low ballustrade.

Susina was remodeled in 1891, and it is probable that a rear wing and the side porches were added to at this time. The kitchen was rebuilt in 1951, and the porches repaired, and in 1967 the entire house was restored. All woodwork was repaired or replaced at this time, and was cut to match the existing. The fine interiors include excellent wainscoting and other wood trim and a winding stairway to the second floor. Susina is in excellent condition, as are the grounds, which include large live oaks, magnolias, an old garden and an original brick cabin which housed the slaves used to build the main house, c. 1841.

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8 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.1841**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Susina is one of the few original wood frame Ante- Bellum Plantation houses in the region. Built by James Joseph Blackshear in c.1841, the house was designed by John Wind, architect of Greenwood Plantation and the Thomas County Courthouse and the most important architect to practice in Thomasville or Thomas County. The house has been in the possession of only two families (with the brief exception of Dr. J.T. Metcalf) since its construction, three generations of Blackshears and four generations of Masons, who now own and live there. Originally called Cedar Grove, Susina was completed by the widow of James Blackshear, who was killed in an accident in 1843. Mrs. Blackshear became one of the regions most noted farmers until her death in 1863. Susina was purchased by A. Heywood Mason in 1891, who remodeled it to provide room for the many guests to the plantation. After his death in 1911, the plantation was run by his wife, Anna Mason, until 1931 when James Mason II took possession and increased its agricultural importance by raising cattle and pigs. In 1951 A. Heywood Mason II bought the interests of his brothers and sisters. The house had been vacant for some time and required substantial repairs. The house was completely restored in 1967, and the barns have been recently repaired and restocked with fine horses.

Susina is one of the finest Plantation houses in the region and is the work of John Wind.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rogers, William Warren, Ante-Bellum Thomas County 1825-1861
Tallahassee, 1963. pp. 52, 54, 73

Blackshear, Perry Lynnfield, Blacksheariana, privately published
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NE 16/7701310/3402310
SE 16/7701320/3401660
SW 16/770100/3401655
NW 16/7701690/3402300

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 ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	30°	43'	26"	84°	10'	23"			
NE	30°	43'	26"	84°	10'	0"			
SE	30°	43'	14"	84°	10'	0"			
SW	30°	43'	14"	84°	10'	23"			

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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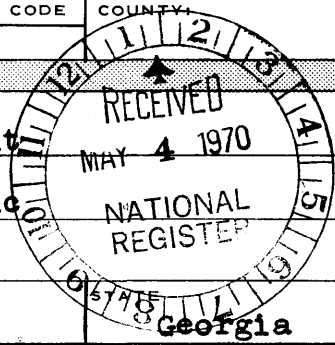
11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Russell Wright, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Thomasville Landmarks, Inc** DATE: **12/16/69**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 44

CITY OR TOWN: **Thomasville** CODE: **10**
Georgia



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 Gregory Jurst

Title: State Liaison Officer - Ga

Date: Apr. 28, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **AUG 12 1970**

ATTEST:

William J. Smiley
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **JUN 26 1970**