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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Glen Echo

AND/OR COMMON  
Bird-Everett-Morgan House

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER On Georgia Highway 204, about two  
miles east of Ellabelle

CITY, TOWN	Ellabelle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICINITY OF	1st- Bo Ginn	—NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT			
STATE	Georgia	CODE	13	COUNTY	Bryan	CODE	029

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME (a) Mrs. Pauline Morgan  
(b) Edward S. Everett

STREET & NUMBER (a) Route 1, Box 504  
(b) 689 Cooleage Avenue, N.E.

CITY, TOWN	(a) Ellabelle	STATE	Georgia
	(b) Atlanta	— VICINITY OF	

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Bryan County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER			
CITY, TOWN	Pembroke	STATE	Georgia

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Bryan County Survey by Van Jones Martin

DATE 1975  
—FEDERAL  STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources

CITY, TOWN	Atlanta	STATE	Georgia
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# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bird-Everett-Morgan house is a classic Plantation Plain style house, raised slightly on brick supports and featuring a typical two over two room plan. It has undergone many changes in its two hundred year history and much of the original building has been obscured by subsequent additions and alterations. The traditional "shed" rooms have been removed from the back of the house and a kitchen wing now extends from this rear facade. In the downstairs west room, however, most of the original structural details are visible. The beaded wall boards here are twelve to fourteen inches wide, as are the pin floor boards. The exposed rafters are joined with pegs and are also beaded.

The parlor on the east side of the lower floor has been sealed with narrow boards and the rafters enclosed. A door has been added recently to the foot of the stairs, which are quarter-turn with winders at the bottom. The staircase is enclosed with wide, unpaired, beaded boards. The door which separates the downstairs rooms and the door to the understairs closet, located in the west bedroom, have iron HL hinges, which were probably home manufactured since the plantation was served by a blacksmith shop. Other doors and all the windows are not original. The main entrance treatment consists of a recent door with glass panels and a two-paned, transom window.

Presently one end, exterior chimney is located in the main part of the house, although it appears that there was another on the west wall. The interior boards are joined differently in the place where it would have been located and two end chimneys were characteristic of the Plantation Plain style. The remaining chimney is of brick and has replaced the original chimney of sticks and mud, probably in the early years of this century, at which time the downstairs mantelpiece appears to have been replaced with the present, simple design. The fireplace on the second floor has no mantel. The entire house has been weatherboarded and the hip roofed porch, probably also a replacement since the original porch would have had a shed roof, is screened. The gable ends of the pitch roof have a boxed cornice and returns.

The house is situated less than one hundred feet from a state highway and is enclosed by a chain link fence. A family cemetery is located across this road. A large oak tree shades the grounds, on which are several simple, functional outbuildings which date from post-Civil War days, the original buildings having been destroyed in that conflict. This early plantation complex included the aforementioned blacksmith shop, a buggy shelter, turpentine still, spring house, sugar cane grinding mill and cooking vat, butcher shed, smokehouse, corn crib, barns and a detached kitchen. Present buildings include a smokehouse and corn crib (illustrated) and a small cabin used as an office by the house's Civil War-era owner, who was Clerk of Superior Court for Bryan County.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1773

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bird-Everett-Morgan House is significant as an interesting example of the Plantation Plain type of Georgia structure which stands on lands owned and occupied by the same family for over 200 years.

The land on which the house was constructed was a four hundred acre king's grant, made January 1, 1771 to Abraham and Israel Bird and Hugh Bryan. The traditional family date for construction of the house is 1773. This cannot be documented and certain details, such as the boxed cornice and returns, suggest a later date, possibly early 1800's. The oldest extant interior details could belong to an earlier structure which has been enlarged. In any event, the record indicates a long family occupation of these lands. The Birds were millers, and may have selected the land due to its proximity to two creeks. As early as 1802, deeds for land in the area were referring to tracts on or near "Bird's Mill Creek," the name of which has since been shortened to Mill Creek. The second, Black Creek, was the site of two mills, as is indicated by an agreement made between Andrew Bird, Sr., whose grave marker is the oldest in the family cemetery, and his three sons, Andrew, Jackson and Cyrus, dated 1832. The agreement (Bryan County Deed Book E, p.91) provides that the elder Bird "build a mill on Black Creek, about two miles below the present mill." and that he "bear all the expense in every respect to complete the said mill - and when the said mill shall be completed the said Andrew Bird doth agree to give to the three sons as before mentioned the one half of all the lumber and other profits that may be made and accrue."

In addition to his three sons, Andrew Bird, Sr. had a daughter, Isabel, who married a man of Salzburger descent, Joshua Smith. It was her son, Albert Glen Smith, who eventually received the house and lands from his mother's bachelor uncles in the late 1850's. At the time of his marriage to Elizabeth Van Brackle in 1858, Smith moved into the house and it was at this time that the name "Glen Echo" seems to have become associated with the house. In addition to his milling interests, Albert Glen Smith was a planter, raising crops of cotton, corn, cane and some rice in low swampy areas of the plantation. Two years after his marriage, on the eve of the Civil War, the census describes Smith as having real estate valued at \$6,440 and his personal estate valued at \$9,450. He owned 17 slaves, housed in three buildings and his wife had given birth to twin sons the year before. Smith served as a Major in the Confederate Army and trained troops at nearby Fort McAllister. Late in the war, a few confederate breastworks were thrown up in a futile effort to prevent the approach of the conquering union troops and are located elsewhere on the property. The house was spared in the invasion, although the livestock was driven off and the outbuildings burned. A. G. and Elizabeth Smith had ten children, the youngest, born in 1876, being the grandmother of one of the present owners. Her reminiscences, as retained by her grandson, provide valuable information on the history of the Bird-Everett-Morgan House.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Personal Inspection, Victoria Reeves Gunn, August 27, 1976

Interview with Edward S. Everett, September 13, 1976

Colonial Grants Book I, p. 235.

Bryan County Deed Books

1860 United States Census Records, Bryan County (Slave and Free)

Goff, John H., "The Beaverdam Creek". Georgia Mineral Newsletter, Vol. VII, #3 (1955), p.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 7 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 7	4 5 6 1 8 0	3 5 5 5 3 3 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Dr. Elizabeth A. Lyon, Manager, Survey and Planning Unit  
Victoria Reeves Gunn, Historical Consultant

ORGANIZATION	DATE
<u>Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources</u>	<u>October 18, 1976</u>
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
<u>270 Washington Street, S.W. Room 701</u>	<u>404-656-2840</u>
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
<u>Atlanta</u>	<u>Georgia</u>

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE [Signature] 6-20-77  
TITLE Chief, Historic Preservation Section DAVID M. SHERMAN DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION [Signature] DATE 1.9.78  
ATTEST: [Signature] KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE 1.6.78  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Adding to the historical significance of the house is its location near the Red Bug Road, a colonial trading route which passes through the property. This thoroughfare, the name of which may be a corruption of "Rebel Road," curved around British occupied areas along the coast, providing an artery of supply for the patriots west of the Ogeechee River.

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The Confederate breastworks and the Colonial trading route, located on the same tract of land as Glen Echo, are not included in the seven acres nominated. The breastworks is located south of the house and will be on the south side of the highway if the highway is cut through the property.

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December 14, 1977

  
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Beginning at a point on the south side of State Route 204 immediately west of the outbuildings and proceeding southward approximately 990 feet to a point; thence eastwardly 1,980 feet to a point; thence northwardly 1,320 feet to State Route 204; thence along said road to the point of origin.

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Photographs by: David J. Kaminsky  
Date: September, 1976  
Negatives filed at: Department of Natural Resources

1. Front facade, photographer facing south.
2. Threequarter view, photographer facing southwest.
3. Rear, photographer facing northwest.
4. Downstairs west room, illustrating beaded beams.
5. Parlor (east room), illustrating enclosed staircase.
6. Downstairs west room, illustrating understairs closet and pegged beams.
7. Upstairs east room, illustrating fireplace opening.
8. Smokehouse.