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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia
COUNTY: Troup
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ENTRY DATE MAY 8 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Nutwood

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

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STREET AND NUMBER:
Big Springs Road near Newsom Cemetery

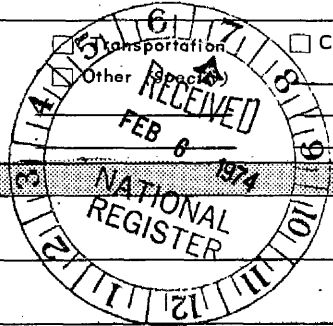
CITY OR TOWN:
LaGrange VIC.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
6th John J. Flynt, Jr.

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Troup CODE: 285

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Richard H. Mallory

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
LaGrange

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
LaGrange

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Davidson, William H., Pine Log and Greek Revival, Alexander City, Alabama: Outlook Publishing Company, 1964.

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1833, Nutwood is a plantation house located on Big Springs Road about five miles from LaGrange. This frame structure with its delicate two story temple form portico was designed by the architect-builder, Cullen Rogers.

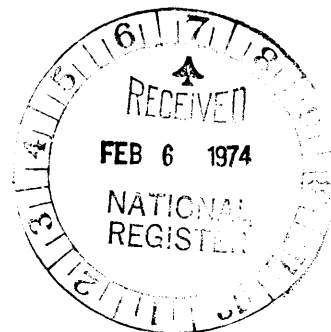
Originally constructed in an ell-shaped plan, Nutwood is larger than the other known Cullen Rogers designs in the area. The front portion of the house consists of a two-story, two-room central hall plan with a half turn stair with landing and winders. The two story, four bay, west wing, with its one story temple form portico, has two rooms with a small enclosed, curved stair. Upstairs there are four corresponding bedrooms with simple panelled mantels. Later rear additions included a two-story bathroom addition, a one-story utility room, and a shed porch. When the rear room of the ell was remodeled into a kitchen, the mantel in this room was removed. All others remain intact.

Especially representative of Cullen Rogers is the delicate temple form portico on the front facade. This two story central, temple form portico has Ionic columns that are fluted, made from heart pine, and have a star medallion centered in the capital. Almost identical doorways are at the lower and upper levels, with nine part fanlights, diamond shaped side lights and sheaf of wheat balustrade on the cantilevered balcony. The one story side portico is a simpler version of the front facade; its doorway is smaller and has only a fanlight. (It should be noted that although the house is weatherboarded, the front entrance area that corresponds to the central portico has flush siding.)

Significant interior features include the simple Adamesque mantels with three part sunbursts in the two front parlor rooms and panelled wainscotting, a striking half turn stair in the hall, and the original graining on several of the six panel Cross and Bible design doors.

At least two of the original outbuildings remain on the property. Both the smoke house and the slave house-kitchen to the rear of the main house are in derelict condition. Originally several barns and a shop to the west of the house were a part of this farm complex.

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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) 1833

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Nutwood is the purest remaining example of a classical revival type of house done by the architect-builder, Cullen Rogers, who worked in Troup County during the 1830's.

Architecturally, Nutwood represents the transition from the rural plantation plain and Federal styles to the Greek Revival style. The long delicate lines of the columns and the two room central plan reflect both the delicate Adamesque style of the Federal period and the "plantation plain" plan. The forward looking view of the Greek Revival is shown in the temple form porticos. Sophistication is evident in the Adamesque mantels and especially in the finesse used in the location and designing of the west wing portico. Only one other architect in Georgia, Daniel Pratt, achieved such excellence in rendering a house design in this special variety of neo-classicism.

Little is known about Cullen Rogers. Rogers (1791-Oct. 25, 1845) married Sarah Lawson and both are buried in the Rogers Family cemetery. Four other houses in the LaGrange area, the Edwards House (c.1835-40), the Van Boddie House (1836), the Magnolias (1833) and the Handley House (c. 1835-40) are attributed to his hand. Nutwood is the best, most developed example of Rogers' neo-classicism.

Nutwood was given its name because it is said that the first pecan tree in the county was planted here, and people came for miles around to see its first fruit. With about 440 acres of land, the place was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Mallory in 1937 from the family of the original owner, Joel D. Newsom. Newsom, the plantation owner and builder of Nutwood, was born November 4, 1789, and died December 5, 1864. He married Mary E. Middlebrooks in 1833, the year the house was begun. Newsom served as judge of Troup County inferior court from 1831-36. Nutwood has only been owned by these two families. Although it has been rented in the past few years, it is now vacant and deteriorating.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Davidson, William, Pine Log and Greek Revival, p.51-2.
 Macgregor, Elizabeth Z., Personal inspection, April 4, 1973.
 Mitchell, William R., Georgia Historical Commission, Consultant

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

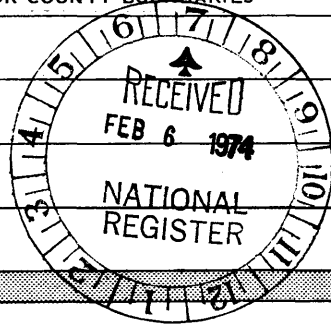
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: approximately 10 acres

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:
Elizabeth Z. Macgregor, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Section, Dept. Natural Resources DATE: April 19, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
270 Washington St., S.W.

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 4-30-73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

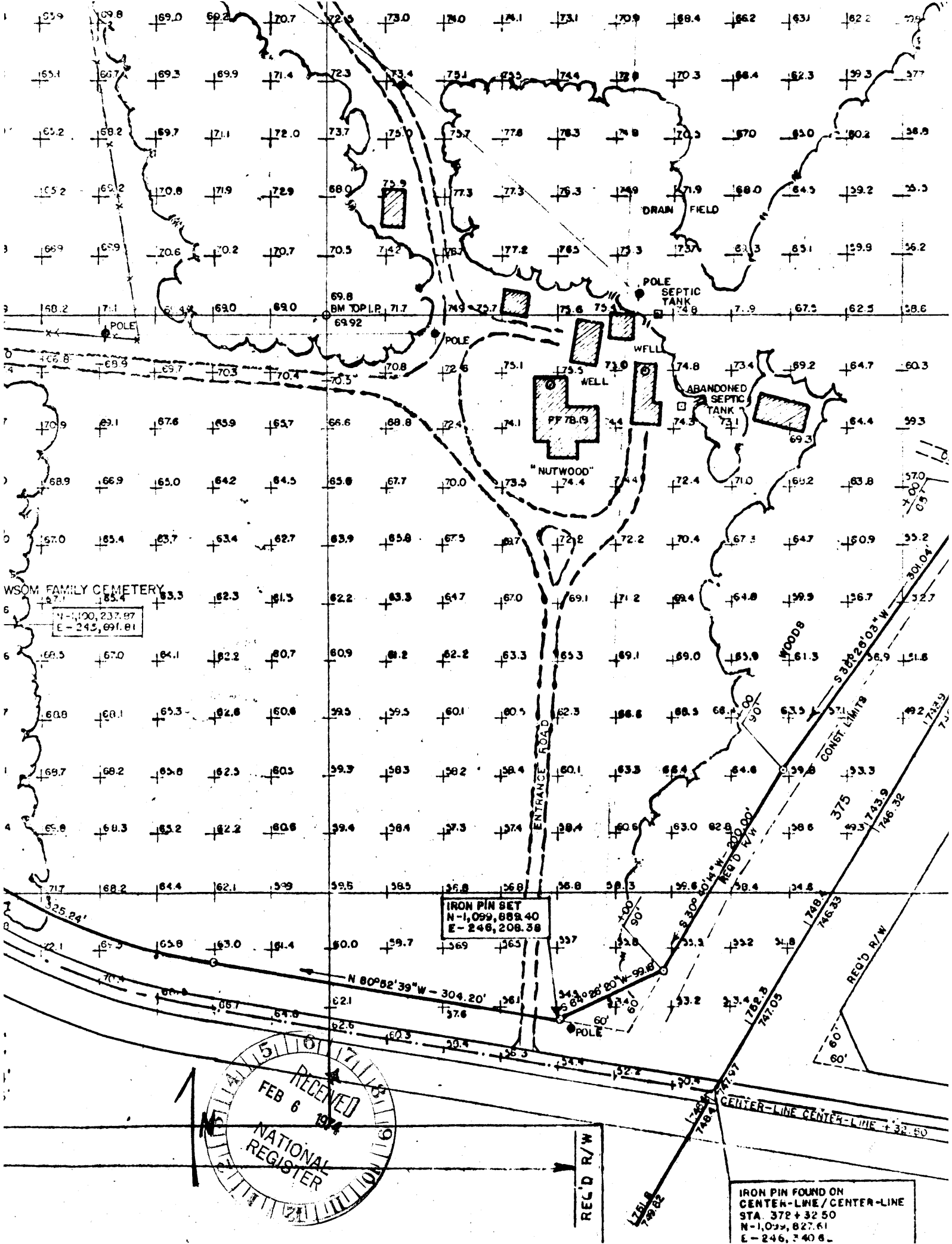
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. B. Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/8/74

ATTEST:
W. H. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 5-7-74



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