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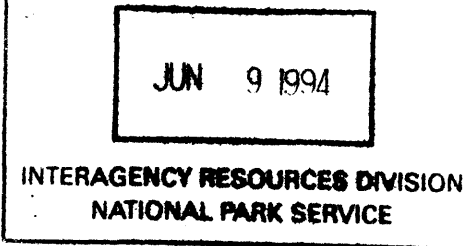
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NPS Form 10-900
(Oct. 1990)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Atkins' Ridge

other names/site number Tutwiler House, Payne House (preferred)

2. Location

street & number U. S. Highway 61 N/A not for publication

city or town Greensboro vicinity

state Alabama code AL county Hale code 065 zip code 36744

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.)

[Signature] June 1, 1994
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)
State of Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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 _____)

for
Edson F. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Entered in the National Register 7-7-94
Date of Action

Atkins' Ridge

Name of Property

Hale County, Alabama

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) Category of Property (Check only one box)

- Ownership: private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal; Category: building(s), district, site, structure, object

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Table with columns: Contributing (1), Noncontributing (2), buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Plantation Houses of the Alabama Canebrake and their associated outbuildings (1818-1942)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

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)

Mid-19th Century Other: raised cottage

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick walls Wood roof Asbestos other

Narrative Description

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

Name of Property

County and State

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.
[X] 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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1840

Significant Dates

ca. 1840

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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): N/A

- 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:

- [X] State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Atkins' Ridge
Name of Property

Hale County, Alabama
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.5 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jeff Mansell

organization Cahaba Trace Commission date June 23, 1994

street & number Route 1, Box 147 telephone (205) 665-7982

city or town Brierfield state Alabama zip code 35115

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 Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Payne

street & number % Colburn's Flower Shop, 501 State St. telephone (205) 624-3378

city or town Greensboro state Alabama zip code 36744

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form should be sent to the Chief Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 17107, Washington, DC 20513-0107, and the Office of Management and Information Systems, Paperwork Reduction Project (3045-0047).

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Atkins' Ridge
Greensboro vicinity
Hale County, Alabama

As its name implies, Atkins' Ridge rests on a small hill located southeast of Greensboro, just off U. S. Highway 61. Atkins' Ridge, ca. 1840, is a significant example of a raised cottage, featuring a one story frame dwelling resting on a full brick basement. The cottage features a spraddle roof with exterior end chimneys; the roof material is asbestos shingles. A full width recessed porch supported by six tapered boxed columns runs the full width of the dwelling. The columns are connected by a delicate banister. The columns rest on brick piers which rise above the porch floor. Originally, the columns rested on piers which were even with the floor but they had deteriorated by the time of restoration and the present owners raised the height of the brick piers. The main floor is reached by a sweep of wooden steps. The five bay facade features a centrally placed double leaf entrance with full transom and sidelights. The flanking windows are 9/9 double hung sash.

The floorplan contains a central hall plan with the large principal rooms located on either side. The hall once opened onto a recessed rear porch which featured flanking cabinet rooms. Today, modern bathrooms are located in the cabinet rooms. One enters the recessed porch from the central hall through a rear double leaf entrance; this entrance features a full transom. The recessed porch has been enclosed by the present owners. A staircase on the rear porch descends to the basement level which originally contained an open breezeway and two principal rooms. Today, the breezeway below the central hall has been converted into a dining area. A small area for a utility room was excavated in the basement level.

Throughout the dwelling, one finds original mantles, moldings, doors and original hardware. The dwelling has undergone a sympathetic renovation which included the rebuilding of both chimneys and all brick piers and underpinnings. Although the exterior has been covered in aluminum siding, much of its original features have been retained. A modern garage and an office building are also located on the property. The office building was part of a later addition (late 19th century) to the house which was removed by the present owners during the restoration. The Atkins' Ridge nomination includes one contributing building and two non-contributing buildings.

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Criterion C: Architecture

Atkins' Ridge, ca. 1840, is a significant example of an early Canebrake plantation house; the structure is also significant as one of the last remaining examples of a raised cottage in the region. The plantation house yields information regarding the styles, forms, construction methods, techniques and craftsmanship utilized by the residents of the Canebrake from 1830-1942. The dwelling retains a high degree of integrity in regard to design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and setting.

Historical Summary

Atkins' Ridge was constructed ca. 1840 by Mr. and Mrs. John Atkins. According to deed and land records, John Atkins owned approximately 480 acres land. The dwelling house was located on the northeast extremity of the plantation, adjacent to the heavily traveled Greensboro to Newbern highway (present day U. S. Highway 61). In 1911, Pascal Tutwiler purchased the property who in turn, bequeathed the dwelling house to his son, Pascal Tutwiler II. After the death of Mrs. Virginia Pope Tutwiler, the house was purchased in 1972 by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Payne, Jr. who have undertaken a complete restoration of the dwelling. ¹

Archaeological Component

Although no formal archaeological survey has been made at Atkins' Ridge, the potential for subsurface remains may be high. Properties of this type were sited with a constellation of dependencies such as kitchens and other outbuildings. Buried portions may contain significant information that may be useful in interpreting the entire property.

¹V. Gayle Snedecor, "Snedecor's Map of Hale County, 1870."; *Historic Hale County*, Randall Curb, ed., privately printed, 1989.

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Bibliography

Curb, Randall, ed. Historic Hale County, privately printed, 1988.

Snedecor, V. Gayle. "Snedecor's Map of Hale County, 1870." Boston: Walling and Gray, 1870.

Verbal Boundary Description

That tract of land, comprising one and a half acre, lying in the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 20, Range 5 East being the same tract of land conveyed to Dr. and Mrs. James H. Payne from the estate of Virginia Pope Tutwiler in 1972. Information recorded in the Office of Probate, Greensboro, Hale County, Alabama. For exact boundaries, please refer to tax map.

Boundary Justification

The boundary was drawn to include the present tract of land associated with the dwelling and the extant historic resources.

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Greensboro vicinity
Hale County, Alabama

Information contained in items #1-5 is the same for all photographs. There has been no change to the property since a site visit in June, 1993.

1. Aktins' Ridge
2. Greensboro vicinity, Hale County, Alabama
3. Jeff Mansell, photographer
4. June, 1993
5. Negatives on file at the Alabama Historical Commission

Photograph #1, front facade, camera facing east

Photograph #2, facade and southwest corner, camera facing northeast

Photograph #3, detail of front entrance, camera facing east

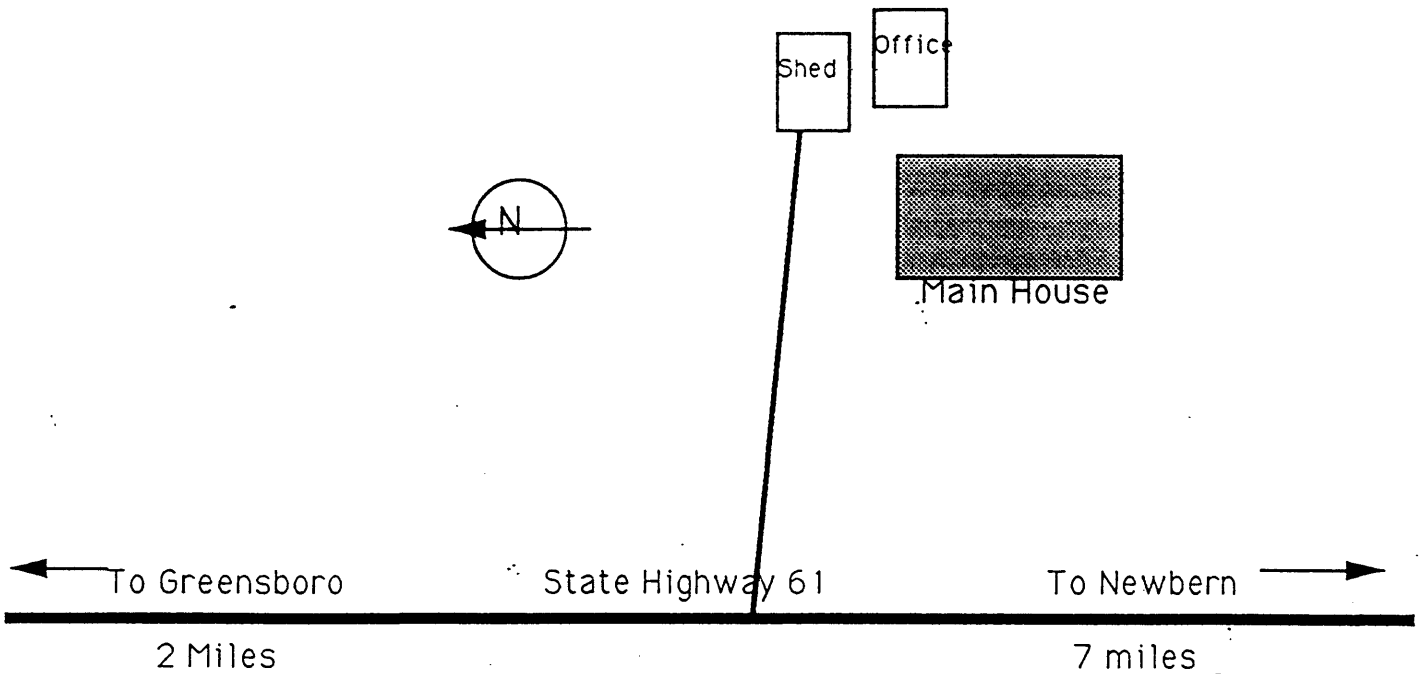
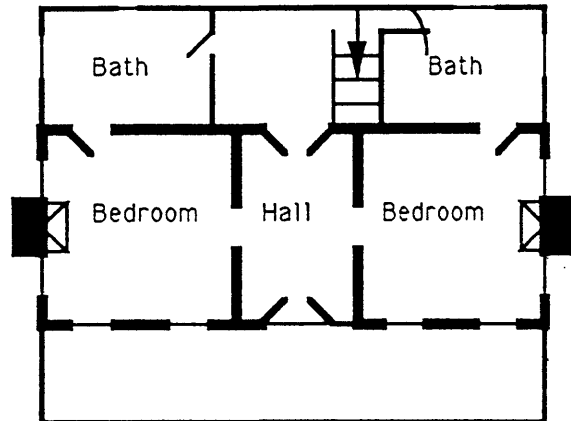
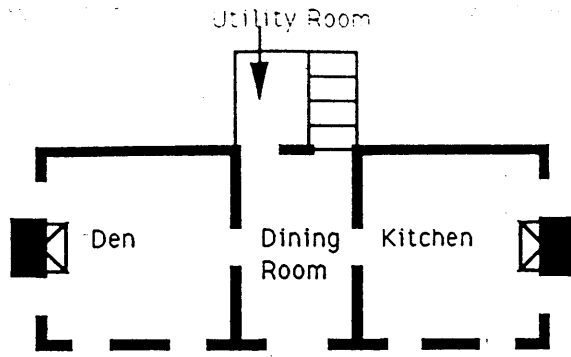
Photograph #4, interior, detail of doorway in hallway, camera facing east

Photograph #5, interior, basement floor showing rafters of hand hewn timbers, camera facing west

Photograph #6, southern elevation, camera facing north

Photograph #7, rear elevation, camera facing west

Photograph #8, porch detail, north elevation, camera facing south



Site and Floorplan for
 Atkins' Ridge
 ca. 1835
 Greensboro Vicinity
 HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA