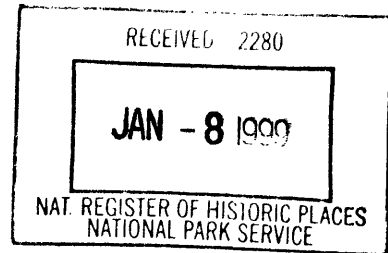


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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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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 any 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 Williams Home Place
other names/site number Williams, John Wilson, House

2. Location

street & number U.S. Highway 321 not for publication
city or town Ulmer vicinity _____
state South Carolina code SC county Allendale code 005 zip code 29849

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

Mary W. Edmonds 12/30/98
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.
State or 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 commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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 Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

M. J. M. Way

2/12/99

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	
_____	_____
_____	_____
1	0

buildings
sites
structures
objects
Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Domestic

Subcategory: Single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Vacant/Not in Use

Subcategory: _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)
Other: Hall-and-parlor log house

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)
foundation Brick
walls Wood: Logs, Clapboard

roof Metal
other Stucco

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

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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.)

- a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
b removed from its original location.
c a birthplace or a 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
[Blank lines for additional categories]

Period of Significance

ca. 1800-ca. 1906
[Blank lines for additional periods]

Significant Dates

ca. 1800
ca. 1906
[Blank lines for additional dates]

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

[Blank lines for name]

Narrative Statement of Significance

Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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:
S.C. Dept. of Archives & History

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing	Zone Easting Northing
1 <u>17 480720 3860680</u>	3 <u>17 480420 3860400</u>
2 <u>17 480720 3860360</u>	4 <u>17 480440 3860640</u>

 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 Beth Reiter
 organization City of Savannah Preservation Officer date 22 June 1998
 street & number P.O. Box 8246 telephone (912) 651-1465
 city or town Savannah state GA zip code 31412

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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name Jane Lovett Mayo
 street & number 1331 Brightwood Drive telephone (912) 355-5159
 city or town Savannah state GA zip code 31406

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended(16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.). **Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the 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 to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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The Williams Home Place, on U.S. Highway 321 in the vicinity of Ulmer, Allendale County, consists today of a residence built ca. 1800, with an addition built by 1906. It is a one-and-one-half-story, three-bay, lateral gable-roofed, log and clapboard hall-and-parlor farmhouse.

The main body of the house consists of two rooms measuring 30'-2" wide by 16'-4" deep, with the larger of the rooms (hall) measuring 16'-4" square, and the smaller (parlor) being 13'-8" by 16'-4". There is a full-width 9'-10" deep front shed-roofed porch and a rear shed portion consisting of two original shed rooms measuring 9'-6" deep with a recessed porch (9'-10" wide) between, now enclosed. There is a tradition in the family that this porch was tied by a breezeway to a separate kitchen building which is no longer extant. At some time prior to 1906 a one-story gable-roofed addition 14'-1" wide by 15'-4" deep was added to the south side of the house and tied into the rear shed and main room (hall). A stuccoed brick chimney is located at each gable end of the main block; however, the north chimney's stack is missing above the shoulders. Because of some missing weatherboard, this gable has been sheathed temporarily with plywood to protect the interior attic space from the elements. The bricks of both the chimney and piers are grey and similar to those found around Savannah, Georgia; it is not known if they were made locally or imported from elsewhere. The stucco on the chimney shows evidence of scoring. The floor joists of the house consist of undressed logs resting on heavy hand hewn plates and sills atop brick piers. The location of the piers is notable, as the joists have a clear span of about thirty feet. The house's exterior walls are of the log construction covered with clapboards, with those on the facade under the front porch being flushboards. There is no evidence of chinking.

There are two window openings, placed symmetrically on either side of the front door. Existing sash evidence and photographic evidence indicates that these sashes were six-over-six light, double-hung glazed. On the end walls there is one window opening by each chimney and two windows in each attic gable end flanking the chimney stacks. Three hand wrought iron shutter pintels have been found in or near the house. The interiors are unexpectedly high-style for such a rural location and construction method. In 1961, Lewis Lamar Lovett, husband of Rowley Williams Lovett and father of Jane Lovett Mayo, the current owner, meticulously recorded, measured and removed to storage for safekeeping the interior wall paneling, wainscoting, and mantels. Holes are evident in the interior surfaces of the logs where crowbars were inserted to force the paneling into place to make the tongues and grooves fit tightly. Based on drawings and photographs, on the south wall of the larger of the two rooms (hall) was a handsome primitive Federal-style mantel with gouge work in the form of scallops and stars on the piers and semicircles on the center panel. Above this mantel were vertical panel boards. The mantel is now in Mrs. Mayo's possession in Savannah. A wall separates the two main rooms. The doorway to the quarter-turn staircase accessing the spacious attic space is located on the south face of this wall, at the northeast corner of the hall. On the north wall of the smaller of the two main rooms was a less decorative wood mantel. There was also a three board deep horizontal wood wainscot around the bottom of the two main rooms consisting of a wide top board surmounted by a moulding, and two narrower boards, the base of which is separated from the middle board by a narrow piece of what appears to be half-round.

Currently in a sparsely wooded setting, the area around the house boasts large oaks and other trees, in addition to the remnants of domesticated shrubbery and perennials. None of the outbuildings, however, which once stood in close proximity to the house remain.

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The residence at the Williams Home Place, on U.S. Highway 321 in Ulmer, Allendale County, S.C., built ca. 1800 and with an addition built by 1906, is architecturally significant as an excellent example of domestic log construction in unusually good condition, an example of a vernacular form once prevalent but now rare in this region of South Carolina and the Southeast. According to architectural historian Patricia Irvin Cooper,

this house reveals an interesting mix of influences that perhaps once characterized other now-vanished log houses in the region. For example, the hall-parlor plan with end chimneys is typical of Anglo-American building for houses larger than one room in the South, used into the 19th century until displaced by the central-passage plan. On the other hand, the diamond notch used in the house has a restricted distribution in coastal plain North Carolina, particularly around Albemarle Sound, and inland and southward from there, following migration routes. There are other interesting structural features in the house such as the dowels used to keep the logs from sagging at the doorway; the excellent pine sheathing in the interior (now stored) and the holes in the interior surfaces of the logs where crowbars were inserted to force the paneling into place to make the tongues and grooves fit tightly.¹

Although its physical condition is currently less than excellent, having lost one chimney stack and some of its exterior weatherboard siding, the house's overall integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association have not changed significantly throughout the building's history. Its integrity of location and setting are not in question as the house remains on its original site and in a rural agricultural environment. In addition to its significance architecturally to this region of South Carolina, the property is important for its association with locally prominent planter John Wilson Williams, and his descendants.

Additional Historical Information

Elizabeth Williams, widow of state representative, local magistrate, and Revolutionary War soldier Britton Williams (ca. 1735-1781), was granted 300 acres on this site in 1784; her son William Wilson Williams (ca. 1755-1836) farmed here and increased the land holdings to more than 500 acres, eventually owning more than 6000 acres on several tracts, and owning 13 slaves; he passed the property to his son, John Wilson Williams (ca. 1778-1855).

John Wilson Williams built this log house ca. 1800; he eventually owned more than 6000 acres on several tracts, most of them in the region near the Salkehatchie River, and owned as many as 32 slaves. Williams deeded this property to his son William Brisbane Williams (1820-1893) in two transactions—first the 576-acre tract in 1843, and then the house itself in 1848. William B. Williams, a farmer, was a captain in the Confederate army when Federal troops came through the area in early 1865; though they plundered the crops, foodstuffs, and livestock they spared both the house and Williams' wife Sarah. The property later passed to their son James Roberts Williams (1849-1916), who built the addition by 1906; his granddaughter Rowley Rebecca Williams, orphaned at

¹ Patricia Irvin Cooper to Jane Lovett Mayo, 7 November 1993, in possession of Jane Lovett Mayo, Savannah, Ga.

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an early age, married Lewis Lamar Lovett in 1930, and though some of the land holdings around the home place had to be sold during the Depression the Lovetts managed to retain the house and more than 250 acres of the tract. Tenants occupied the house throughout the 1930s and into the 1940s; the land has been continuously farmed, producing corn, soybeans and wheat to this day. It is now (1998) owned by the Lovett's daughter, Jane Lovett Mayo, a seventh-generation descendant of John Wilson Williams.²

The Williams Home Place is also a designated National Bicentennial Farm, as the property has remained continually in the same family's ownership for more than 200 years.

Although no archaeological investigations have been undertaken on this site, the potential for locating foundations and other artifacts related to it is probably quite high. Given the age of the site, investigations of this type would likely yield important information related to late eighteenth and nineteenth century domestic lifeways and agricultural practices in this area of South Carolina.

² Jane Lovett Mayo, "A History Concerning the Williams Family Home Place and National Bicentennial Farm, Allendale County, South Carolina, 1735-1995" (Unpublished manuscript, 1995), in possession of Jane Lovett Mayo, Savannah, Ga.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Cooper, Patricia Irvin, to Jane Lovett Mayo, 7 November 1993.

Mixon, J. S. Plat of six Hundred and Fifty Four Acres of Land resurvey for Capt. W. B. Williams October 1, 1873 as traced by Barker and Associates 7-14-1969.

Plat of three hundred acres surveyed for Mary Williams 23 October 1784.

Plat of five hundred seventy six acres the Williams Homestead dated December 2nd, 1843.

Plat prepared for Mrs. Rowley W. Lovett dated May-July, 1986.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated acreage for the Williams Homeplace is delineated as the heavy black line on the accompanying land plat, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400', and dated May, June, and July 1986; and on the accompanying Allendale County tax map #132, Parcel 12 (in part), also drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the historic residence and a sufficient setting to encompass the areas and sites of former outbuildings and other domestic landscape.

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The following information is the same for each of the attached photographs:

Name of Property: Williams Home Place
City or Vicinity: Ulmer
County: Allendale
State: South Carolina

For photographs 2-4, 6-10, 12,14, 17-18, 21, the following information is the same:

Photographer: Beth Reiter
Negative Filed: South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.
Date Photographed: March 7, 1998

For photographs 5, 11, 13, 19-20, 22-25, the following information is the same:

Photographer: Kevin Cronin
Negative Filed: Mrs. Jane Lovett Mayo, Savannah, Georgia
Date Photographed: April 30, 1995

Description of Photograph(s):

1. Residence at Williams Home Place, undated (pre-1961) photograph from last period of occupation
2. Front West elevation, looking East
3. Side South elevation, showing chimney detail
4. South addition, West elevation, looking East
5. South addition, West elevation, looking East; chimney detail
6. South addition, South elevation, looking North
7. Rear East elevation, looking West
8. Detail of infilled breezeway, rear elevation
9. Side North elevation, looking South
10. North and West elevations, showing missing chimney stack and plywood covered siding
11. North and West elevations, showing material still under plywood covering
12. Piers, sills, and floor joists
13. Detail of log construction (joinery) at left side of front door
14. Interior Southwest room (Hall), looking Southeast
15. Federal mantelpiece taken out of southwest room (Hall), stored at home of Mrs. Jane Lovett Mayo, Savannah, Georgia; photograph taken by Mrs. Jane L. Mayo, Savannah, Georgia, July 16, 1996
16. Detail of Federal mantelpiece illustrating dentil moulding and decorative gouge work designs; photograph also taken by Mrs. Jane L. Mayo, July 16, 1996
17. Interior Northwest room (Parlor), looking Northeast
18. Surviving window sash, rear shed room
19. Entry from Hall to quarter-turn staircase
20. Underside of quarter-turn staircase from Parlor

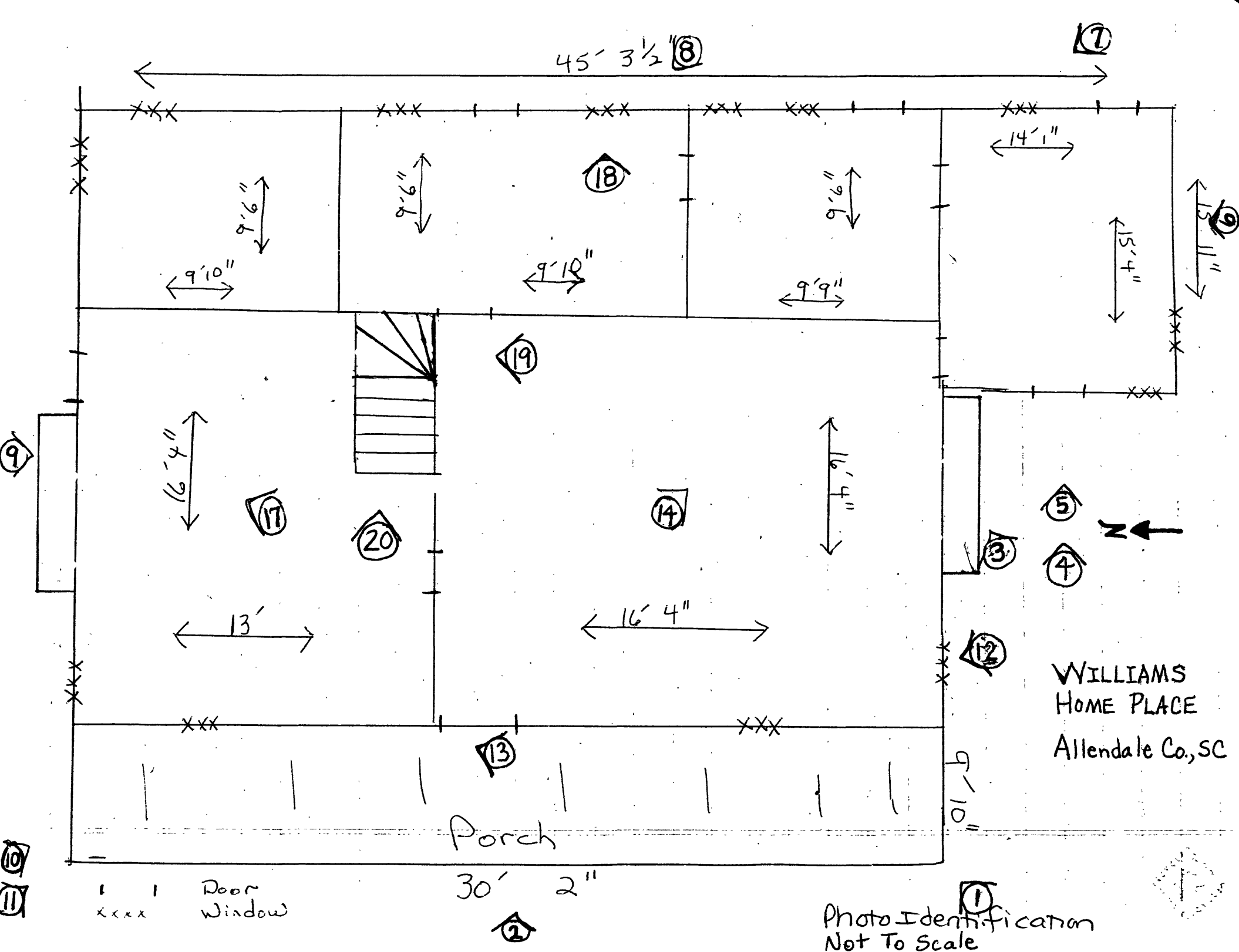
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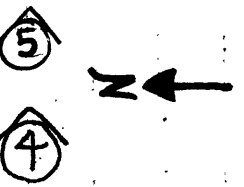
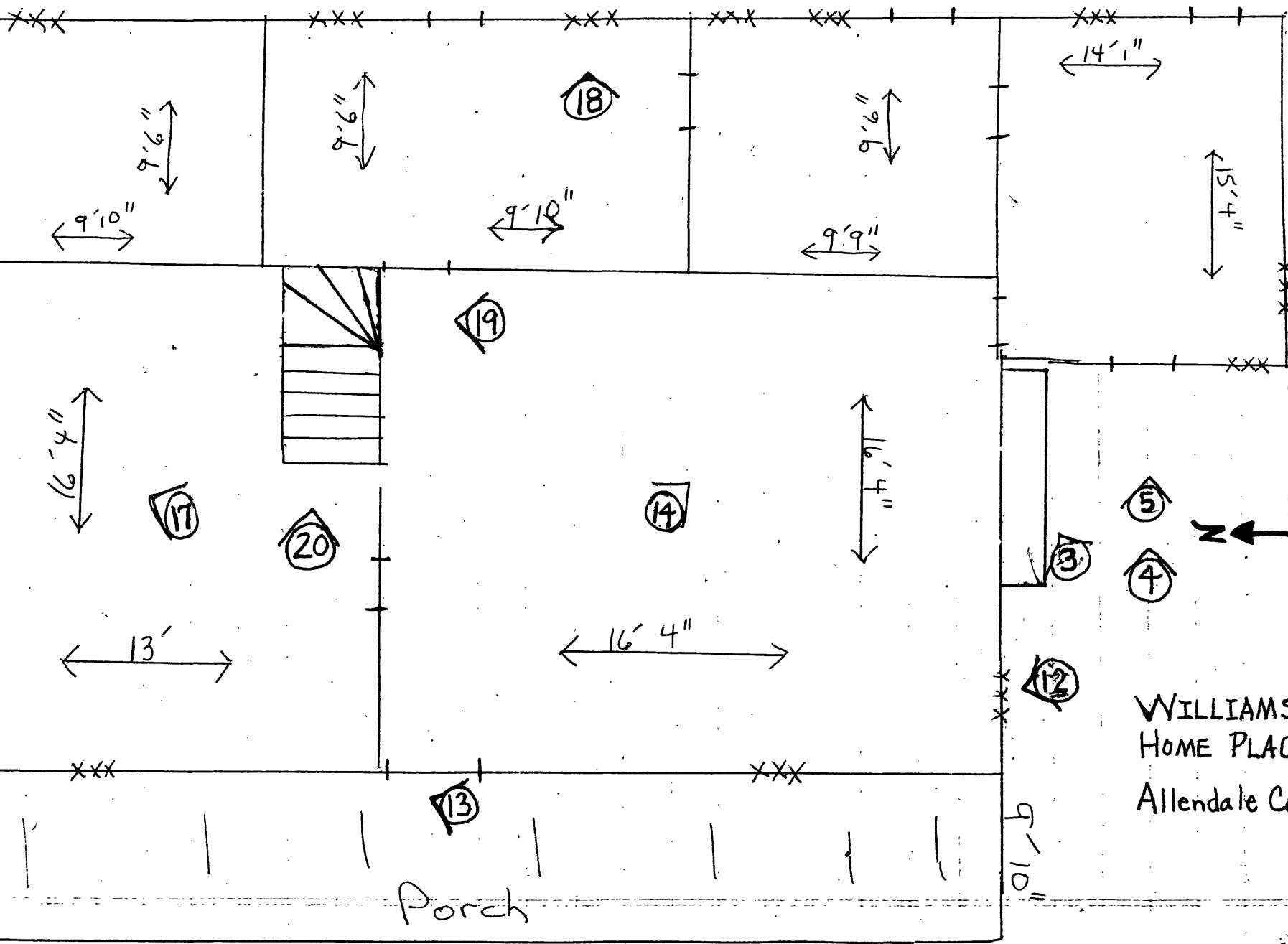
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21. Attic looking north
22. Attic (northeast corner)
23. Attic (northeast corner) showing floor joists and shuttered gable window
24. Detail of log notching, 1st floor
25. Peeled pole roof rafters (mortice and tenoned) and sheeting
26. Three hand wrought iron shutter pintels found in or near house; taken by Mrs. Jane L. Mayo, August 13, 1996



45' 3 1/2" (8)

(17)



WILLIAMS
HOME PLACE
Allendale Co., SC

xxxx Door
xxxx Window

30' 2"

Photo Identification
Not To Scale

(1)

(2)

Porch

9' 10"

9' 10"

16' 4"

13'

9' 6"

9' 10"

9' 6"

9' 9"

16' 4"

16' 4"

14' 1"

15' 4"

15' 11"

9' 6"

(17)

(20)

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 99000104

Date Listed: 2/17/99

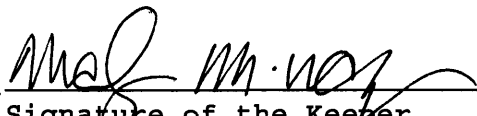
Williams House
Property Name

Allendale SOUTH CAROLINA
County State

N/A

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for 
Signature of the Keeper

3/31/99
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 3

This nomination is amended to show that the SHPO recommends that the property be considered significant at the local level.

This change has been confirmed with the South Carolina SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)