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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 Bermuda Hill
other names/site number Liver, N. L., House

2. Location

street & number Hale County Road 7, west of Alabama Highway 69 N/A not for publication
city or town Prairieville vicinity
state Alabama code AL county Hale code 065 zip code 36742

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.)

Theresa... 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 Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Entered in the National Register 7.7.94 Date of Action

Bermuda Hill

Name of Property

Hale County, Alabama

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

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

Plantations 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)

Vacant/Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood

roof Asphalt

other

Narrative Description

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

Bermuda Hill
Name of Property

Hale County, Alabama
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.
- 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. 1845

Significant Dates

ca. 1845

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:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Bermuda Hill
Name of Property

Hale County, Alabama
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre

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 August 23, 1993

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

city or town Brierfield state Alabama zip code 35035

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 Mrs. N. L. Liver

street & number Route 2, Box 82 telephone (205) 289-3025

city or town Gallion state Alabama zip code 36742

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Prairieville Vicinity
Hale County, Alabama

Bermuda Hill, also known as the Liver house, is located atop a small hill off Hale County Road 2, just west of Alabama State Highway 69. Facing west, the house originally was located on the old Prairieville to Greensboro Road. When State Highway 69 was constructed in 1962, the old road bed was abandoned and the new road was constructed just west of Bermuda Hill. Today, one approaches the house along the remnants of the old Prairieville to Greensboro Road. The house is presently unoccupied and the surrounding lawns and gardens are somewhat overgrown.

The main house at Bermuda Hill, ca. 1845, is a two story frame, I-house form dwelling with a hipped roof composed of asphalt shingles and featuring interior end chimneys. The house is covered with clapboarding exterior wall material. The facade is dominated by a full height pedimented portico with a louvered vent located in the tympanum. The portico is supported by four paneled columns embellished with sawnwork brackets. On the first floor, a double leaf entrance with full transom and sidelights is located in the center of the five bay facade. The multi-pane transom and sidelights feature frosted glass panes while the sidelights are located above double paneled spandrels. The second floor features a double leaf entrance with a similar transom; a balustrade is placed across the opening. The facade features flush boarding wall material on the facade behind the portico. Windows across the facade are 9/6 on the lower floor and 12/8 on the upper floor. A one story porch shed roof porch is located in front of the entrance on the rear facade; the porch roof is supported by two boxed supports.

The interior of Bermuda Hill is simple in regard to decoration. The house follows the typical central hall plan common to some I-house forms with a single room flanking the hall on each side. The staircase is located in the central hall, rises along the south wall and turns along the (rear) east wall. The interior features simple flush boarding wall material. Bathrooms have been added to the southern room on both floors and the northern first floor room incorporates a kitchen. A glassed in utility porch has been attached to the northern elevation.

One contributing building is located on the Bermuda Hill property. The boundaries include the one acre immediately surrounding the property.

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Bermuda Hill
Prairieville vicinity
Hale County, Alabama

Criterion A: Architecture

Bermuda Hill, ca. 1845, is a significant example of a Canebrake plantation house based upon the I-house form. The house yields information regarding the styles, form, construction methods, techniques, and craftsmanship utilized by the residents of the Canebrake from 1830-1942. The house retains its integrity in regard to design, materials, workmanship, feeling and setting.

Historical Summary

According to deed information, the tract of land upon which Bermuda Hill is located, once belonged to William W. Manning. The Manning family were early settlers and prominent planters in the Prairieville area owning large tracts of land throughout the original French grants of the Vine and Olive colony. In July of 1845, Manning sold the tract of land to William Weeder of Madison County, Alabama; the deed notes that the lands lie "in the portion of the County of Marengo aforesaid which is known as the French grant and composing together the plantation on which said Manning now resides." The present Bermuda Hill may incorporate the Manning dwelling or may have been built by William Weeder upon his purchase of the plantation. The Greensboro to Prairieville road served as a post and stage road and local accounts of mid-nineteenth century travel in the area mention stagecoaches topping "Weeder's Hill" before stopping in Prairieville. According to Snedecor's Map of Hale County (1870), Bermuda Hill was owned at one time by J. Harry Johnson but was soon acquired by Charles Collins. Collins in turn gave the plantation to his son John Wood Collins and his wife Alice Ashley Jeter. The property today is owned by Mrs. N. L. Liver, a descendent of Charles Collins. ¹

Archeological Component

Although no formal archeological survey has been made at Bermuda Hill, the potential for subsurface remains may be high. Properties of this type were sited with a constellation of dependencies including kitchens and outbuildings. Buried portions may contain significant information that may be useful in interpreting the entire property.

¹Alice Adele Hooton Jones, "This is the Line of Charles Wood Collins." private paper, 1984; W. Gayle Snedecor, "Snedecor's Map of Hale County, Alabama 1870, Boston: Walling & Gray; Various deed records located in Office of Probate, Marengo County Courthouse, Linden, Alabama.

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Prairieville vicinity
Hale County, Alabama

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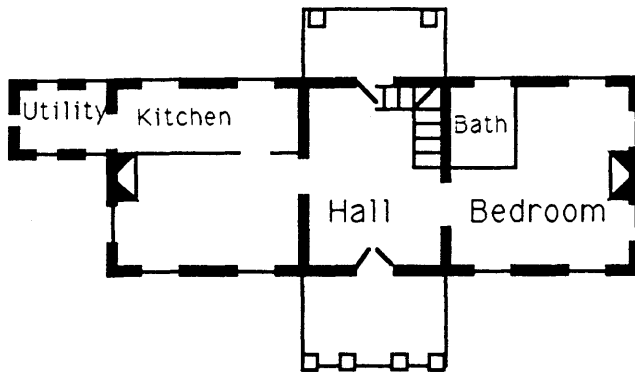
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Verbal Boundary Description

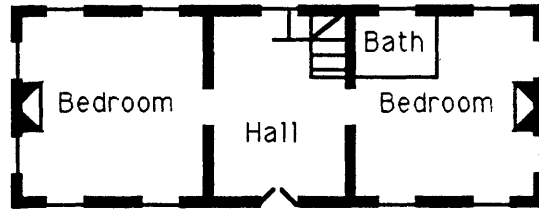
That tract of land, comprising one acre, being described as lying in Section 16, Township 18 North,
Range 4 East and being part of the property owned by Mrs. N. L. Liver. For exact boundaries,
please refer to tax map.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries were drawn to include the contributing resources of the place known as Bermuda
Hill.



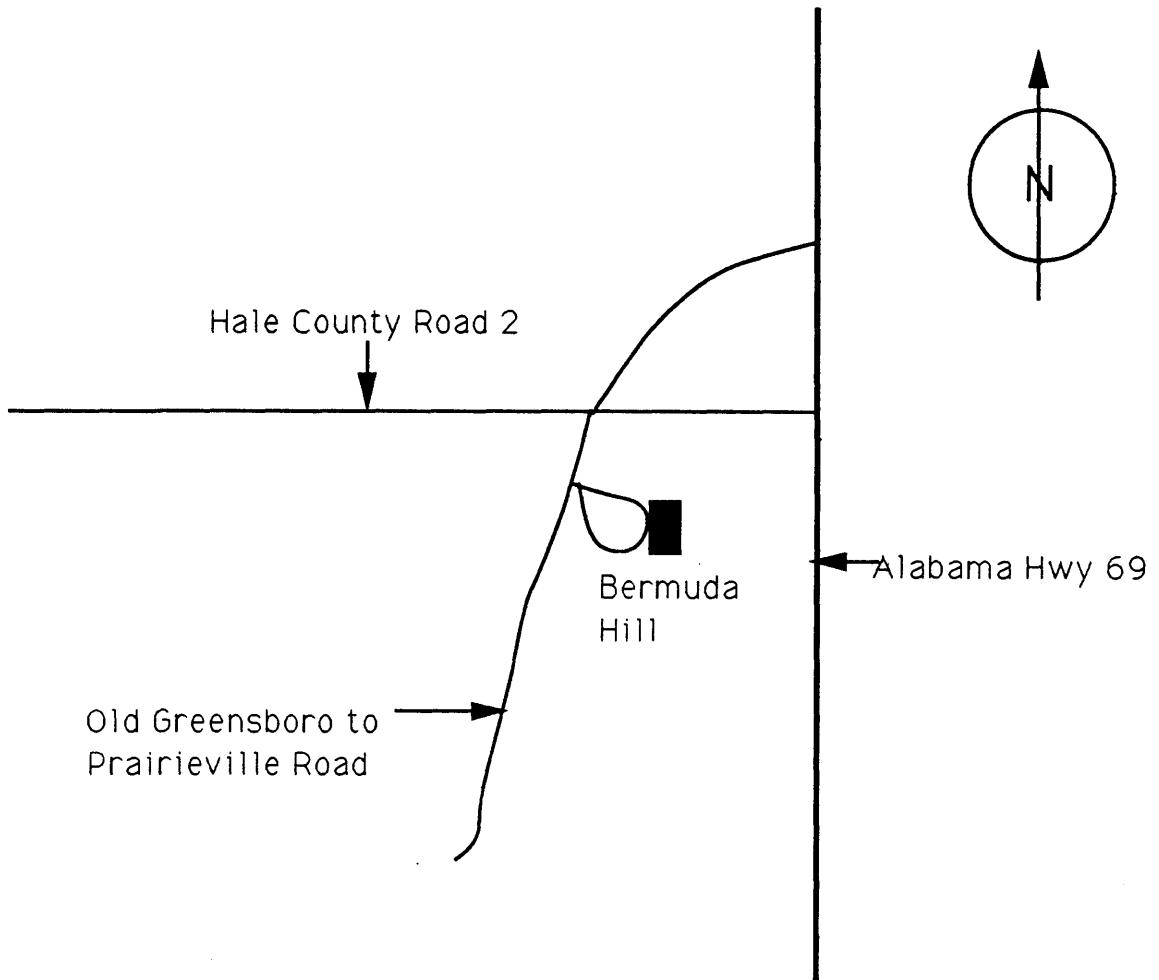
First Floor Plan



Second Floor Plan

Bermuda Hill
The Liver house
ca. 1845
Prairieville vicinity
Hale County, Alabama

Site and Floorplan



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Photographs

The information contained in items #1-5 is the same for all photographs.

1. Bermuda Hill
2. Prairieville vicinity
3. Hale County, Alabama
4. Jeff Mansell, Photographer - negatives on file with the Alabama Historical Commission
5. Summer, 1993. No change has been made to the structure since a site visit on June 23, 1993

Photograph #1, front facade, camera facing east

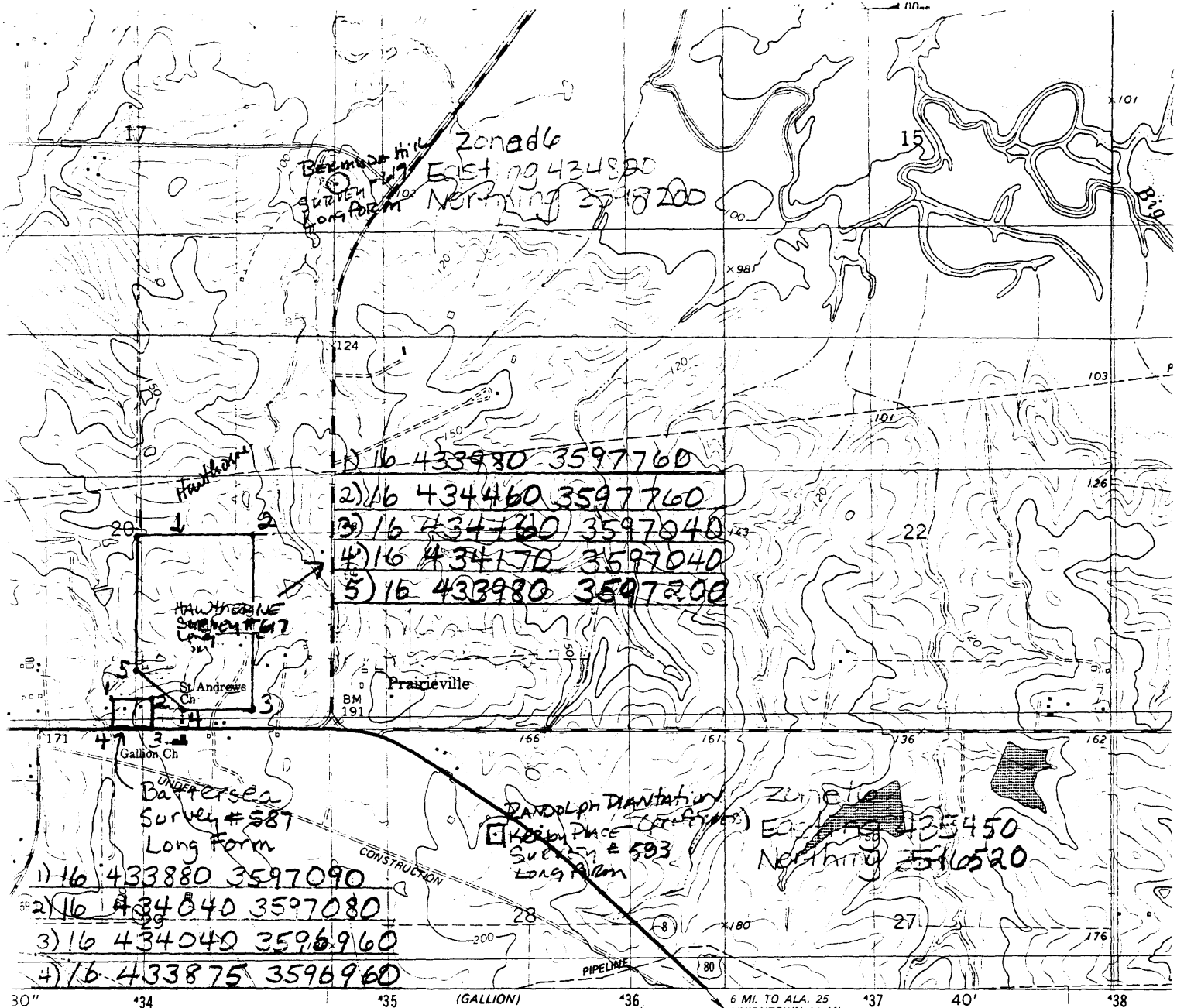
Photograph #2, corner showing facade and south elevation.

Photograph #3, Rear facade, east elevation

Photograph #4, detail of front entrance

Photograph #5, detail of decorative brackets

Photograph #6, detail of second floor window

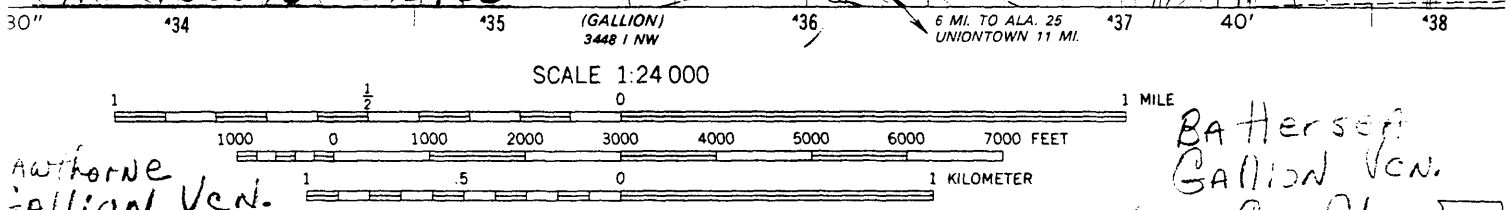


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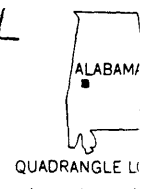


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Bermuda Hill
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See property "Battersea" for original map.