

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Georgia |
| COUNTY: Monroe |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |
| ENTRY DATE JUL 24 1973 |

1. NAME

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| COMMON: Great Hill Place |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Colaparchee |

2. LOCATION

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| STREET AND NUMBER: W of Bolingbroke off Ga. 41 1/2 mile off Hwy. 41 near intersection of Hwys. 41 and 475 | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Bolingbroke | | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th-John J. Flynt, Jr. | |
| STATE: Georgia | CODE: 13 | COUNTY: Monroe | CODE: 207 |

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input checked="" 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

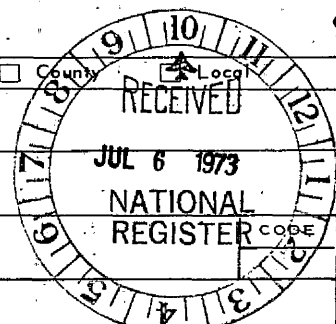
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| OWNER'S NAME: Citizens and Southern Bank for estate of Sarah L. Wadley Burt | STATE: Georgia |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Macon | |
| STATE: Georgia | CODE: 13 |

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Monroe County Courthouse | COUNTY: Monroe |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Forsyth | |
| STATE: Georgia | CODE: 13 |

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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| TITLE OF SURVEY: None | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

Northwest of Macon near the intersection of highways 475 and 41, and at the end of a one-half mile winding, forest-lined road is the plantation plain house that railroad man, William Morrill Wadley, enlarged and "Victorianized" in 1874 for his retirement home.

Originally the early 19th century house was a plantation plain type structure. However in 1874, extensive renovation was carried out, including the raising of the roof and the additions of a rear portion and side wing. It is from this renovation that the present style and "original" condition of the house and its outbuildings date.

The main house is a two story, five bay, weatherboarded, ell-shaped structure with a one-story, central gabled, bracketed porch. The trabeated entranceway features a clear and frosted glass pattern of side and transom lights.

In plan, the central hall on the first floor is now part of a panelled parlor on the left; the right room is now used as a library. Off of this room is a small reading room or sitting room. Behind this portion of the house is another sitting room, the stair hall and the dining room, directly behind which are the kitchen and servant's rooms.

The mantelpieces in the two front original plantation plain rooms are Federal in design with a central freize pattern of flowers and cornucopia, pilaster supports, and a diagonal beaded pattern that defines the fireplace opening. These mantels closely resemble those found in the Gordon-Banks House near Newnan, Georgia, designed by Daniel Pratt. (It should be noted here that it has been documented that at one time during the 19th century a small nearby town was called Prattville.)

Upstairs are a series of bedrooms; the two early rooms, especially the right one have exceptional Federal mantels. Here, in this wainscotted room is a sunbrust mantelpiece with a trompe l'oeil painted-raised panelling on the freize. Also, it can be noted on the rear wall where the original windows in the plantation plain house were boarded up. Directly behind these rooms are two other bedrooms with simple Victorian mantels. Apparently in 1876, in order to accommodate more family members, three other rooms were added above the kitchen-servant area. A shed porch follows the house's ell shape on the rear.

The outbuildings surrounding the house include a brick smokehouse; a five hole privy in an excellent state of preservation; a brick water tower with lancet arched apertures; a brick dairy-vault house that features marble shelves on the dairy side and a triple part iron door on the vault side; a brick power house; a one room frame cottage, possibly the earliest structure on the plantation; and four frame barns and shelters. At one time there was also a barn-stable on the property that resembled a train depot. Drawings for this by Wadley's son-in-law, W. G. Raoul dated March 13th, 1874, are in the possession of the present occupant, Mr. Herman Huhn. Still in the house is also much of the original furnishings including Wadley's walnut desk given to him

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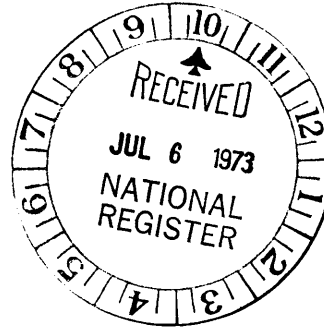
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7. Description

upon his retirement from the Central Railroad, several bedroom suites, and many of the library's original books (all owned by Mr. Huhn.)

The gardens around the house include an extensive boxwood garden with a gazebo-like well-house, a "Nutwood Lane" of pecan trees, and two burial grounds, one of the Cotton family and the other of the Wadley family. In this latter cemetery, the heavy iron gate, like other features on the plantation were certainly influenced if not designed by railroad craftsmen.



4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1874-75

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Great Hill Place, the former retirement home of the railroad executive, William Morrill Wadley, is today one of the few, almost perfectly intact plantation complexes in Georgia.

The original plantation plain residence was built in the early 19th century possibly by a family named Mason of Virginia. The next owners were John and Margaret Cotton who lived at Colaparchee (a name derived from a nearby creek and originally given to Great Hill Place) until William Wadley bought the place for his retirement home in 1873.

William Wadley was born in 1813 at Great Hill in the town of Brentwood, New Hampshire. He came to Savannah at the age of 20 and worked on the construction and superintendence of first Fort Pulaski and later several connector lines for various railroads such as the Western and Atlantic, the Central Railroad, the New Orleans, Jackson, Great Northern Railroad, and Southern Railroad. Through the years Wadley was especially noted for his efforts and work combining the smaller lines thereby fortifying the Central Railroad, of which he was president from 1866 to 1882. The formation of the Southern Railroad and Steamship Association was also largely due to his foresight.

In October of 1873 "he bought for the sum of \$6,410 a plantation of 1360 acres known as the Cotton Place in Monroe County, Georgia....At the time he bought it, the house was dirty and out of repair, and outhouses ruinous, and no good places anywhere on the plantation. The dwelling was a wooden, two-story house, one-room deep, with shed rooms at the back, and a small porch in front and at one side." By 1875 the rebuilding of the dwelling house was completed and the outbuildings were constructed.

It is this plantation with its outbuildings and main house that have been secluded and preserved at the end of the half mile, forest-lined drive. Architecturally the main house is an excellent record of 19th century architectural growth from the early plantation plain structure to the larger Victorian house's design that was flavored by the Italianate designs of the growing railroad industry. Too, with the numerous, well-preserved outbuildings, the complex presents an almost perfectly intact nineteenth century plantation very few of which remain today. At present the plantation is an operating cattle farm held in trust by the Macon Citizens and Southern Bank for the estate of the last owner Sarah Wadley Burt. Because it is situated so close to the intersection of Interstates 475 and 75 and state highway 41, it is endangered by the commercial growth that accompanies large thoroughfares.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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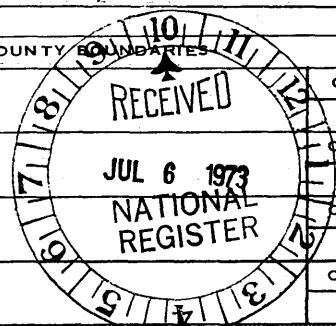
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
| | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 350 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

ORGANIZATION: Georgia Historical Commission DATE: June 26, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
 116 Mitchell Street

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 Gregory Juett

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: June 27, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

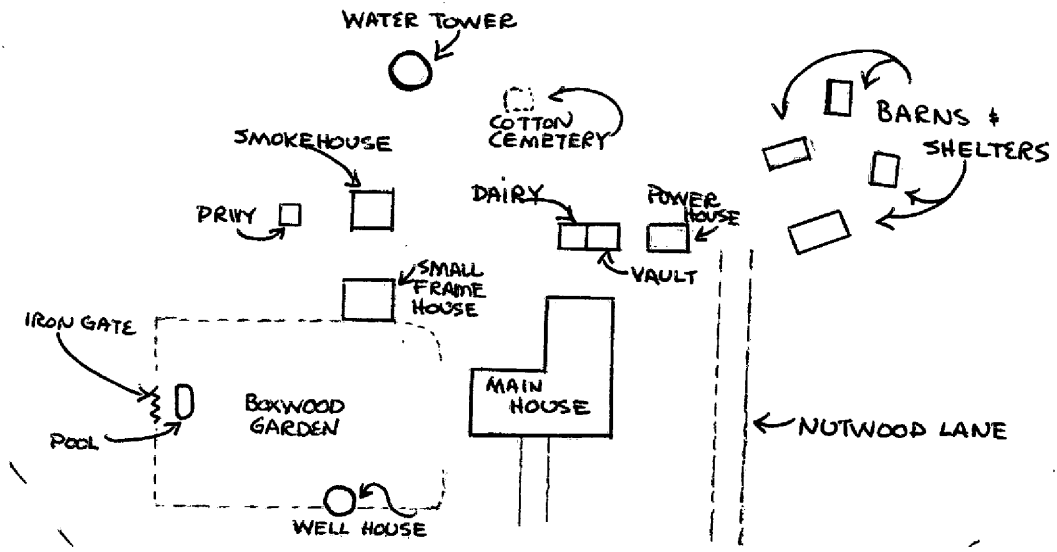
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ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/23/73

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GREAT HILL PLACE
BOLING BROKE, GA.

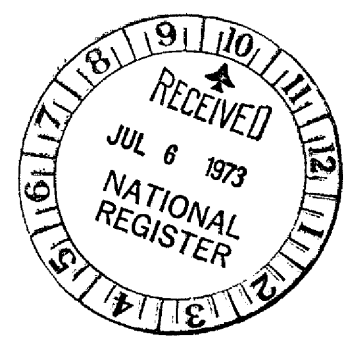


← NUTWOOD LANE

(OLD ROAD FROM MACON TO ATLANTA)

← DIRT ROAD
TO HWY. 41

WADLEY CEMETERY
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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Colaparchee

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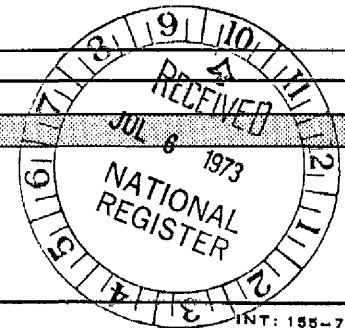
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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| 1. NAME | | | |
| COMMON: | | Great Hill Place | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | | Colaparchee | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | |
| 1/2 miles off Highway 41 near intersection of Hwys 41 and 475 | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | | | |
| Bolingbroke | | | |
| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |
| Georgia | 13 | Monroe | 207 |
| 3. MAP REFERENCE | | | |
| SOURCE: | | | |
| Elizabeth Z. Macgregor | | | |
| SCALE: | | | |
| not to scale | | | |
| DATE: | | | |
| June 1973 | | | |
| 4. REQUIREMENTS | | | |
| TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS | | | |
| 1. Property boundaries where required. | | | |
| 2. North arrow. | | | |
| 3. Latitude and longitude reference. | | | |



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