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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Sanders Hill

AND/OR COMMON

"Overhome"

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

S of Montrose off I 16/GA 404

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Montrose

VICINITY OF

8th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Georgia

CODE

COUNTY

Laurens

CODE

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Jackson O'Neal Lamb

STREET & NUMBER

876 East Ponce de Leon

CITY, TOWN

Decatur

VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Laurens County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Dublin

STATE

Georgia

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built of Georgia heart pine in 1903, Sanders Hill is a copy of an early 19th century house (see Significance).

The extant structure is quite similar to the "saltbox" style popular in New England but rare in the Middle Georgia area. The house does retain a modified pitched roof frequently found on houses in the area. The two-room central hall plan features two smaller shed rooms in the rear.

The symmetrical design of the exterior is interrupted only by a large brick chimney on the north end. The house is distinguished by a front facade which features a central doorway with swan's neck pediment and fluted pilasters flanked on each side by two nine over nine sash windows. By oral tradition the urn in the door frame's pediment was originally a wooden pineapple.

The house originally had a number of outbuildings and dependencies including smoke-houses, a syrup house, well houses, commissary and barns. Only the ruins of one of the barns remain. The original kitchen was a simple two-room structure featuring a large "stick and mud" chimney and was separated from the main house by an open breezeway. A front porch extending the width of the house was added c.1909 but later removed.

The interior walls are finished in plain, unpainted horizontal pine boards and all rooms feature wide hand-planed baseboards. Floors are of wide heart pine boards.

The panels beneath the end windows have been altered and the rear of the structure has been temporarily sealed with new 4 feet by 8 feet panels to protect the building while awaiting restoration. The house is presently being used to store old wooden boards and beams which will be used to reconstruct the dependencies.

Situated on the crest of a hill fronting an unpaved road, the house and one acre plot is surrounded on all sides by fields of corn and cotton. The front of the house overlooks fields of cotton covering the gentle slope for more than a mile.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1903-1930's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John M. Sanders

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sanders Hill was built in 1903 by John Masters Sanders.

Part of its architectural significance is that it is a copy of an early 19th century house. The present structure was built in front of the site of the original which was destroyed c.1900. The "saltbox" design, while common in the New England area, is somewhat unique among the architectural styles of the area. The extant structure does, however, have a modified pitched roof which is common to many farm houses found in Georgia.

The structure is significant in the local history of the area. The builder, John Sanders, was an influential figure throughout what is known as the "four-county" area of Georgia during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. As Judge of the Harvard Militia District in Laurens County for many years, and since it took most of a day to travel by "horse and buggy" to and from the Courthouse in Dublin some twenty miles away, Judge Sanders' house became the scene of many business and legal transactions. The front room in the southwest corner of the house was the scene of many marriages conducted by Judge Sanders, including the marriage of his daughter, Mabel, to Claude Gross Wade in 1913. Wade became one of the areas most successful farmers, eventually became President of the Federal Land Bank, and was largely responsible for the planting of the millions of pine trees which altered the vegetative cover of this area of our country.

Typical of the small, late 19th century Georgia farm, the house had the usual out buildings, including a "commissary-store" making Sanders Hill a bustling center of trade in this rural, predominantly agricultural area of Laurens and Twiggs Counties. For decades mule drawn wagon loads of freshly picked cotton were brought by local farmers to Sanders Hill where each "hand's" days work was weighted before being taken to the "gin house" (cotton gin).

Sanders Hill was recently acquired by a great-grandson of Judge Sanders, Jackson O'Neal Lamb. Lamb is presently Historic Preservation Officer of the State of Georgia. A thorough restoration, in co-operation with several local and area historical groups, is planned in the near future. Over the past decade old wooden boards and beams have been salvaged after the demolition of other structures in order to reconstruct the dependencies with precise authenticity and to insure the preservation of the integrity of Sanders Hill.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

NO UTM  
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 UTM REFERENCES

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

A 

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING						

  
 C 

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING						

B 

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 D 

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING						

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

1-1/2 miles Southwest of Montrose, Georgia and 5-1/2 miles West of Dudley, Georgia; One acre surrounded by a dirt road to the west and a fence around rest of area.

## LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jackson O'Neal Lamb, State Historic Preservation Officer

ORGANIZATION

Section

DATE

Department of Natural Resources--Historic Preservation 5/9/75

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

270 Washington Street, S.W.

404-656-2840

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Atlanta

Georgia

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Jackson O'Neal Lamb*

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*A. A. [Signature]*

DATE

5/28/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Charles [Signature]*

DATE

5-28-75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Acting*

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Latitude	Longitude
32° 32' 20"	83° 09' 55"