

DATA SHEET

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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia
COUNTY: Habersham
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ENTRY DATE DEC 30 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Woodlands ^{and} Blythewood ~~Historic District~~

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: ^{about 3 miles}
Off US 441, north of Clarkesville, Georgia

CITY OR TOWN: Clarkesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 9th - Phil M. Landrum

STATE: Georgia

COUNTY: Habersham

CODE: 13

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Multiple Owners (see continuation sheet)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta

STATE: Georgia

CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Habersham County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Clarkesville

STATE: Georgia

CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: _____

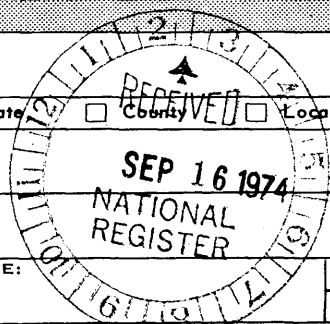
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: _____

STATE: _____

CODE: _____



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Few more perfectly preserved examples of the picturesque, early Victorian cottage could be found than Woodlands and Blythewood, built in the 1840's as Kollock-family summer residences near Clarkesville, Georgia.

Located just across the road from each other, Woodlands and Blythewood were built under the direction of Jarvis Van Buren, said to be a nephew of President Van Buren.

Woodlands is a frame, two-story structure with a three bay front facade. Two double windows flank the central doorway and corresponding windows above. The main feature of this facade is the repetition of sharply pointed arches. First is the doorway with its double, sharply pointed arch doors that help to form one large arched entrance design. Directly above this doorway is a window treated in a similar fashion, the arch of which fits into a sharp gable that is trimmed in delicate jig-saw scroll work. In plan the house has a wide central hall with four rooms and servants quarters in the rear. Outstanding features of the interior include crenellated bookcases with wood tracery in the glazed doors and a panelled mantel that has fortress-like projections on each side. In the sitting room, folding doors were built into Gothic arches; a mantel with a carved medallion on its freize is in between these two sets of doors. Numerous outbuildings are to the rear of the main house. The major one is the two story stuccoed servants quarters.

Across from Woodlands, Blythewood was built several years later for an aunt of the owner of Woodlands. Not visible from the main road that separates Woodlands and Blythewood, it is set in a grove of trees and reached via a narrow driveway. The house is a frame, one and a half story rambling Victorian "gingerbread cottage." Its front facade has three gabled, dormer windows that correspond to double windows flanking a central entranceway, with a slightly arched doorway and narrow, arched side lights. Lattice columns support the one story, one bay, parapeted porch. Double windows occur on each facade and even the dormer windows are paired under a single pedimented gable. Diagonal shaped small panes are found in each window. Elaborate jigsaw scroll work is found in various patterns on the bargeboards, door and window trims, and the front and side porches. Double chimneys that are joined and circular add to the decorative character of this Victorian cottage.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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) 1840's

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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the nineteenth century, townspeople from the low country of Charleston and Savannah migrated during the hot, malaria-infested summer months to higher, cooler areas. One such area was near Clarkesville, Georgia, and it was here that the neighboring houses, Woodlands and Blythewood were built during the 1840's as summer residences for the Kollock family of Savannah. Few more perfectly preserved examples of the picturesque, early Victorian cottage could be found than these. Both were reportedly built under the direction of Jarvis Van Buren in a style inspired by the picturesque romanticism of A. J. Downing and others. They exemplify the transition from the classical strictness of form and symmetry to the picturesque ideas of Victorian architecture. Together they are documents of the sophisticated taste of a well-read, well-traveled Savannah family as both of these structures were apparently exact contemporaries of A. J. Downing's Cottage Residences, Rural Architecture and Landscape Gardening, 1842. (See Design II, "A Cottage in the English or Rural Gothic Style.")

Woodlands, built in the 1840's, was designed as the "main" house with surrounding servants houses, barns and other plantation-like out-buildings. Although it was never a full-scale plantation, it did produce farm products for the Kollock household.

Blythewood was built several years later, again reportedly under the direction of Mr. Van Buren. Both were obviously built by the same designer or builder. Although Blythewood is more heavily draped with "feathered tracery," both structures have details of narrow, arch-paneled doors, repeated occurrences of the use of double doors and windows, double stack chimneys, and sharply pointed gabled dormers. Woodlands has a four-room, central hall plan; Blythewood, built some years later is L-shaped and pays less attention to symmetry.

George Kollock, the original owner of Woodlands, in September, 1840, received a letter from a relative who summered in Newport, that most fashionable of northern spas:

I am not over pleased to hear that Clarksville is to be your future summer house. I fear we shall not ever see you in this

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Georgia Historical Quarterly, Vol. XXXI, No. 3, and Vol. XXXIV, No. 1, "Letters of the Kollock and Allied Families 1826-1884," Edited by Susan M. Kollock. Downing, A. J., Cottage Residences, Rural Architecture and Landscape Gardening, 1842.
 Kollock, Mrs. M. C., Telephone conversation-May 4, 1973 by Elizabeth Macgregor.
 Mdtchell, William R., Jr., Consultant, Georgia Historical Commission, personal inspection 1970.

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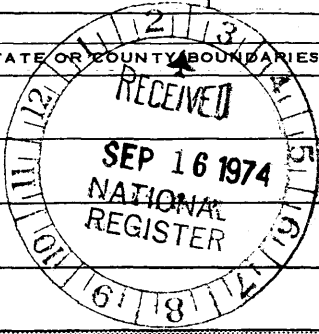
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 34° 28 ' 40.5	Degrees Minutes Seconds 83° 30 ' 07 "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "		
NE	34° 28 ' 40.5 "	83° 29 ' 40 "				
SE	34° 38 ' 49 "	83° 29 ' 40 "				
SW	34° 38 ' 49 "	83° 30 ' 07 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 45 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, Architectural Historian
 ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Section, Dept of Natural Resources DATE: 6/19/74
 STREET AND NUMBER:
270 Washington Street, SW
 CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: Joe O. Janner
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: September 6, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
 Acting: [Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: 12/30/91
 ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: DEC 29 1975

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STATE	
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4 Owner of Property

Blythewood

Mr. James Johnston
Mrs. Hines Roberts 1911 Graystone Road NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318
Mrs. George Griffin

Woodlands

Mrs. M. C. Kollock
Mrs. Williford Thoroman 722 Sherwood Drive, Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. M. K. Miner

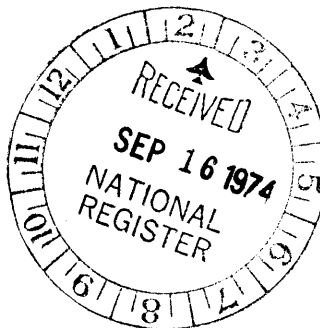
8 Significance - continued

part of the Country. The climate of Newport is the most healthful I ever was in; we have all enjoyed uninterrupted health.....

By May, 1851, when Woodlands had been built, Mrs. George J. Kollock received this letter:

I was very anxious to pay you a visit this spring especially after the growing accounts which I received of your beautiful mountain house....

The builder-architect, Jarvis Van Buren, is reported to have been a relative of President Martin Van Buren and is said to have been in "charge of much of the building of summer places in Habersham County...."



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Woodland-Blythewood Historic District

Clarkesville, Habersham County

Boundary Description:

Beginning at the intersection of S2224 and the Woodlands property driveway continue 1125 feet in a southeast direction; then continue 1000 feet in a northeast direction; then 2000 feet in a northwest direction crossing again highway S2224; then 1000 feet in a southwest direction; 875 feet in a southeast direction again to the beginning point.

This property has been in the same family since its original occupancy. Few alterations have been made and only those that have added modern conveniences. Much of the original furnishings throughout both houses have remained.

Historically this district is important as representative of the number of coastal Georgia families that had "summer" residences in North Georgia. It is known that the family owned at least 300 acres in 1840, as noted in a letter from P. M. Kollock to George J. Kollock on September 1, 1840: "P.S. I have purchased Richard Habersham's Tract (Footnote 73 - four miles from Clarkesville, Ga. originally part of Indian Reservation. Dr. Kollock named it Sleepy Hollow.) of land containing 300 acres for \$1000.00. I shall commence building immediately and I am assured that my house can be ready for me next summer." This quote was taken from the Georgia Historical Quarterly, Vol. XXXI, No. 3, and Vol. XXXLV, No. 1.

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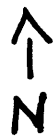
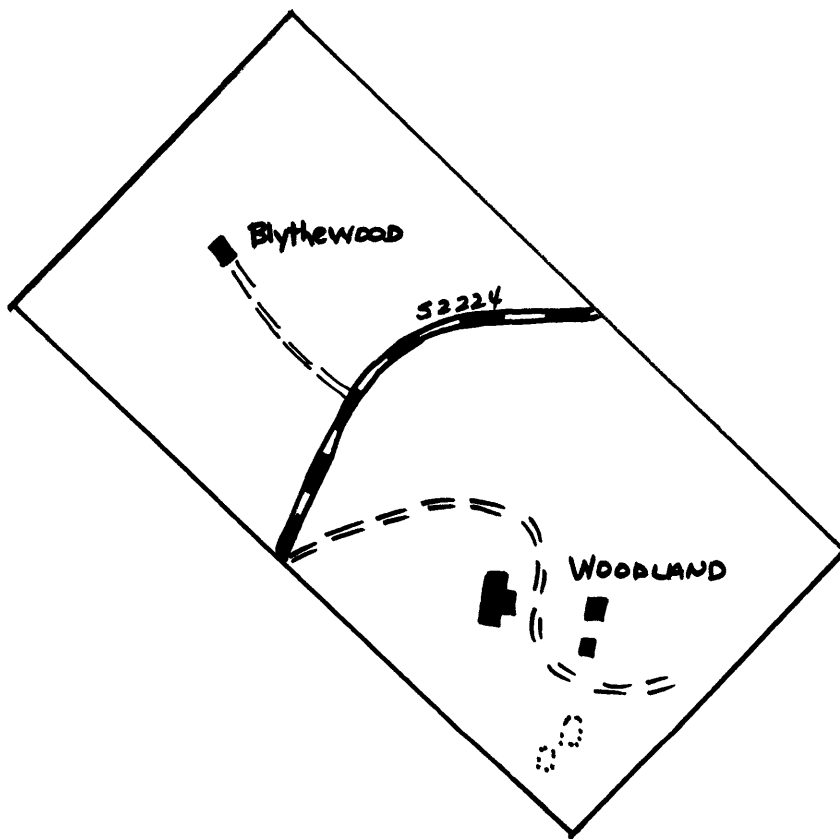
UTM Coordinates

	East	North
A	17 271 340	38 36 780
B	17 271 160	38 36 550
C	17 270 700	38 36 980
D	17 270 910	38 37 200

October 27, 1975

Name 
DAVID M. SHERMAN

Title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER



SKETCH MAP
WOODLAND-BLYTHEWOOD DISTRICT
SCALE 1" = 500'

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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

1 NAME

HISTORIC Woodlands-Blythewood Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Clarkesville VICINITY OF Habersham COUNTY Georgia STATE

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE Elizabeth Z. Macgregor

SCALE 1" = 500'

DATE 10-1975

1 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

