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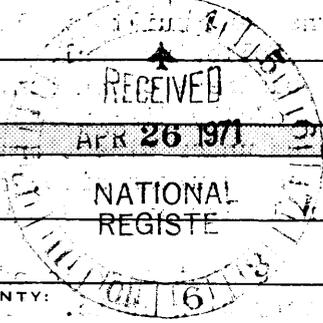
Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>GEORGIA</b>	
COUNTY: <b>BIBB</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <b>716130017</b>	DATE <b>6/21/71</b>



**1. NAME**

COMMON: Home of Alfred Sams,  
AND/OR HISTORIC: (Jenny) Cowles Cottage

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 4569 Rivoli Drive  
CITY OR TOWN: Macon  
STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Bibb CODE: 021

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Catherine E. Sams  
STREET AND NUMBER: 4569 Rivoli Drive  
CITY OR TOWN: Macon STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Bibb County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY OR TOWN: Macon STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: approximately 1 acre

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: 1. The Historic Architecture of Macon by Carl Feiss and Russell Wright  
\* DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal  State  County  Local   
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Middle Georgia Historical Society  
STREET AND NUMBER: Macon Coliseum  
CITY OR TOWN: Macon STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

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- \* 2. Historical Survey by Middle Ga. Historical Society 1970 Local
- 3. HABS No. Ga. 14-27 Maco 1 1936 Federal  
Library of Congress, Washington, DC., Code 08

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building, originally located on the north side of Walnut Street in Macon, Georgia, between Second and Third Streets, facing South, was designed and built by Elam Alexander as the home of Jerry Cowles in 1830. Following World War II the building, threatened by down-town Macon business expansion, was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sams, was carefully dismantled with each piece numbered and was rebuilt and restored under direction of Architect W. Elliott Dunwoody, Jr. on a spacious suburban site, approximately six miles northwest of its original site at 4569 Rivoli Drive as their residence.

*Excellent*

A perfect example of the Greek Revival cottage, the building is one story with attic. Exterior walls of stuccoed brick and interior walls frame and plaster. Original roof was standing seam metal, but an asphalt shingle roof was used when the building was restored. Floors are wood. Ridge roof with stepped parapeted gable ends on main center section rising above the roof and forming a curtain between two chimneys on each side. One story portico with four Ionic columns, evenly spaced, and with a fan-lighted entrance door. Ornate moldings in entablature of portico and main building. Four windows of facade are inset with plain pilasters between windows similar to Romanesque pilasters or buttresses. From the portico entrance a wide hallway with its central arch extends with two rooms opening on either side. The enclosed stairway starts from the rear of the hallway and rises forward to the attic rooms.

*2000 not original*

A wing on West side was added in 1885 and a wing was added on East side during restoration to provide modern conveniences and to give additional living space, as well as wing at the rear. Though a cottage, it is spacious and has elaborate molded cornices and ceiling centerpieces, carved woodwork and mantels with gold-leaf medallions.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1830**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	osophy <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>HAES</u>
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human- <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	itarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

In November, 1830, Jerry Cowles from New York, built for himself, his young wife and their baby a charming Greek revival stucco cottage on a 1/2 acre lot on Walnut Street with lawns extending all the way to the Ocmulgee River. This cottage, a gem of architecture, was undoubtedly designed by Elam Alexander who also designed Cowles' later home, "Overlook," the Holt-Peeler-Snow House, the Raines-Miller-Carmichael House, and the original Wesleyan Female College building. It was in this cottage that the Cowles family lived till their mansion on Coleman Hill ("Overlook"-988 - Bond Street) was completed.

Jerry Cowles made the largest contribution of any man in Georgia to Wesleyan Female College, and it was he who was responsible for the college being situated on "Encampment Hill." That area is now known as "College Hill", and is the prime historic zone of residential Macon.

Cowles was well known in banking also, and made such an outstanding contribution to the building of railroads in Georgia that he was called the "irrepressible Railroad Man of the Age."

Following World War II when the cottage was threatened by Macon business expansion, Mr. Alfred Sams rescued it with the idea of removing it to a spacious spot. Mr. and Mrs. Sams talked with the latter's architect uncle, Elliott Dunwoody, and under his supervision the old house was carefully dismantled, each piece numbered, and all put together again on its present suburban site.

Considered by leading architects to be a perfect example of the Greek Revival cottage, it has been widely copied.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Butler, John C. History of Macon and Central Georgia, Macon, Georgia, 1879.  
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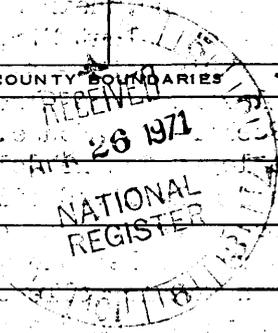
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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 ONE ACRE		
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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:  
**Mr. John J. McKay, Jr., President**

ORGANIZATION: **Middle Georgia Historical Society, Inc.** DATE: **March, 22, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**c/o Macon Coliseum**

CITY OR TOWN: **Macon** 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: Mary Gregory Juett Title: State Liaison Officer Date: April 19, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JUN 21 1971

ATTEST:  
William M. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: MAY 27 1971

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:  
General Highway Map of Bibb County, Ga. by State Highway Dep't. of Georgia

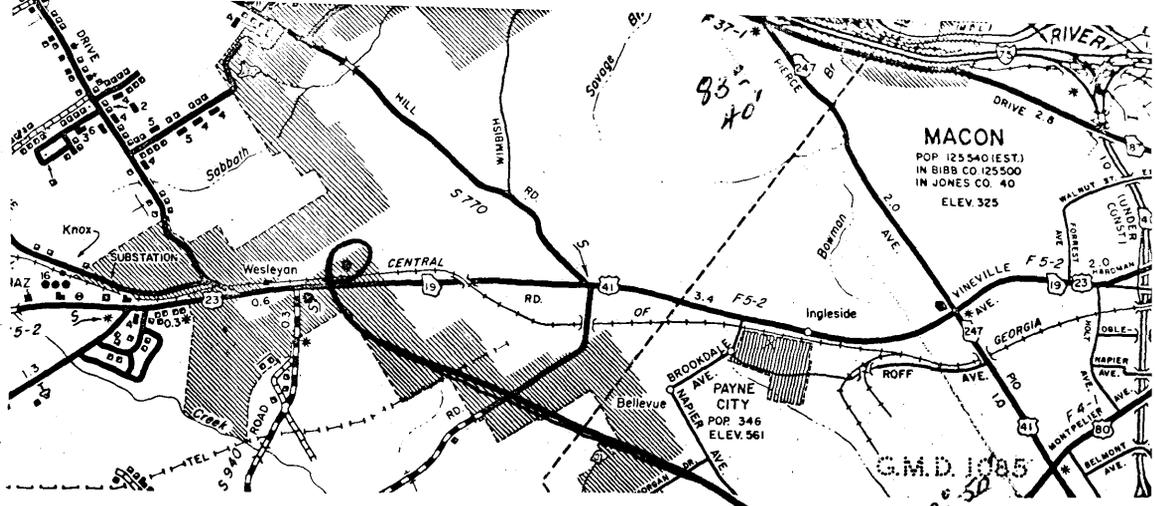
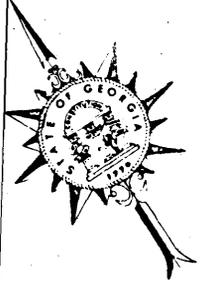
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DATE: 1965

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.





# GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP BIBB COUNTY GEORGIA

*SAMS*  
Latitude  
 $32^{\circ} 52' 9''$   
Longitude  
 $83^{\circ} 42' 19''$

PREPARED BY THE  
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAY PLANNING  
IN COOPERATION WITH  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
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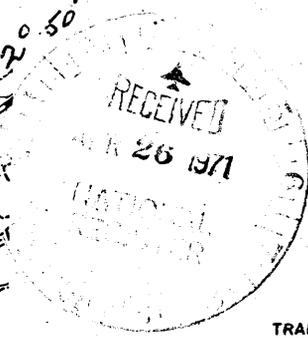
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REVISIONS:	FEATURE	DATE
	COMPLETE REINVENTORY	JUNE 1965
	FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY & SECONDARY ROUTES CORRECTED TO	MAR. 4, 1969
	SR 148 REDESIGNATED AS SR 19 SPUR	JULY 29, 1965
	SR 22 RELOCATED	OCT. 18, 1965
	SR 361 ADDED	OCT. 18, 1966
	US 80, US 129 RELOCATED	NOV. 27, 1966
	SR 22 RELOCATED, SR 22 CONN DESIG. NATED, SR 74 EXTENDED	DEC. 19, 1966
	CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF INTER-STATE ROUTES	MAR. 17, 1967
	SR 19 RELOCATED	MAR. 21, 1969



TRANSVERSE MERCATOR CONFORMAL PROJECTION

12,500-FOOT GRID COMPUTED FROM  
"TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION TABLES FOR GEORGIA"

OCMULGEE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT embraces this county.

WARRIOR  
G.M.D. 482

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