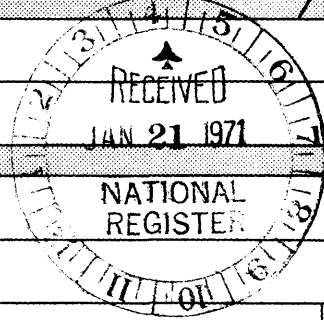


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Greene	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
ROSEMOUNT

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
near Forkland

STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Greene CODE: 063

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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)	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Joseph W. Simpson

STREET AND NUMBER:
2632 Mountain Brook Parkway

CITY OR TOWN: Birmingham STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Greene County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Square

CITY OR TOWN: Eutaw STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS

DATE OF SURVEY: 1935 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Rosemount, a twenty room mansion, has a portico of six Ionic columns, above which arises a hipped roof to the base of a peripteral temple forming an impressive superstructure.

The platform of the portico is set well back from the brick foundations of the columns. A heavy paneled walnut door, flanked by twin parlors which are large, spacious, high-ceilinged, long-windowed rooms. Beyond this is the great hall. A screen of supports divides the area, and the rear section is a sixty foot cross hall with outside doorways at either extremity.

The long dining room opens into the center of this hall by folding doors and at either end of the dining room are white mantels of Carrara Marble brought from Italy. This dining room has a chamber and dressing rooms on either side, and there are three rooms above them. This is thought to have been the first part of the house built.

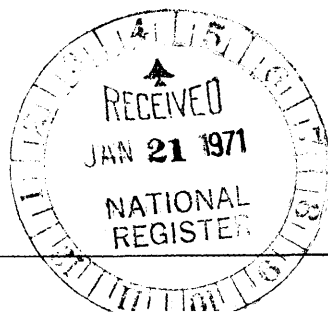
The upstairs room over the dining room has outside-type windows opening into the hallway. The indications are that a two-storied porch ran across the front of this long narrow structure, containing the stairway connecting the floors. The supports dividing the great hall appear to be little more than porch posts.

There are six large bedrooms and a large hall on the second floor. The observatory and widow's walk that form the temple-like cupola give wide vistas of farm lands, and it is said that the owners kept watch over the slaves at work in the fields from this vantage point. In early days this observatory was reached by an elevator operated by a pulley.

Exceptionally fine architectural features of Rosemount include the following: the handsomely executed fluted columns with superlative Ionic capitals; the identically fashioned doorways on each of the three story entrances--sidelights and transom on the main floor are of ruby Bohemian glass, bearing crystal patterns of flowers and vines; the magnificent woodwork of the four double doors in the large entrance vestibule; and the most elaborate cupola in Alabama.

Rosemount underwent a complete restoration in the 1950's, as a result of having passed into new ownership after being in the Glover family for more than a hundred years. The new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Edward DeVesci, did a good job of restoring the house themselves, including plastering, papering, reupholstering and refinishing the floors and woodwork.

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C SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1832-39

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rosemount has received wide acclaim from numerous architects, most of whom consider it one of the most outstanding Greek Revival antebellum mansions in Alabama.

The commanding cupola and the tasteful use of wooden construction materials are outstanding features of Rosemount. "It (Rosemount) is one of the Deep South's finest Classic compositions done in wood," says J. Frazer Smith.

Well-known architect Clay Lancaster calls Rosemount "the most grandly conceived mansion in Alabama, perhaps in the entire Southland." Ralph Hammond, an authority on Alabama mansions, describes the home as "the Grand Mansion of Alabama."

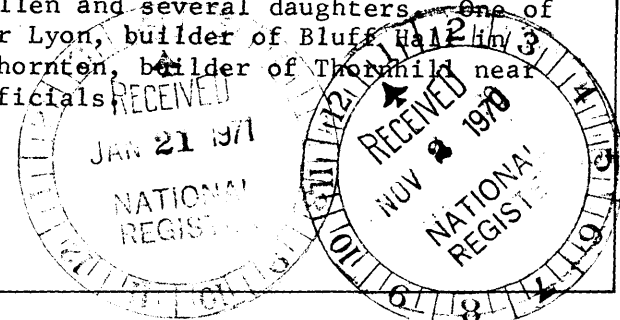
Rosemount rests on a star-shaped knoll, and forms a natural pattern of land planning which includes a large lake, giant magnolias which border an old-fashioned formal garden, orchards, pasturelands, farm groups and slave quarters. All this may be viewed from (and was the inspiration for) the crowning glory of Rosemount--the cupola. The cupola was reached from the second floor by means of an elevator and was used as a music conservatory. From this cupola not only may the entire estate be seen, but three neighboring counties and the distant shores of the Tombigbee and Black Warrior Rivers.

Allen Glover, born in 1770, came with his wife Sarah Sarana Norwood from South Carolina to the black belt region of the Alabama territory in 1818. He apparently first built a house of brick, but, black belt soil making such poor quality bricks, he began a new house, Rosemount, in 1832, of wood. Seven years and the help of dozens of slaves were required to complete the house.

Glover had one son, Williamson Allen and several daughters. One of his daughters married Francis Strother Lyon, builder of Bluff Hall in Demopolis, and another, James Innes Thornton, builder of Thornhill near Florikland, both of whom were state officials.

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This conflicts with info. in Smith and in Hist. Home of Alabama - Saw William's Last house - maybe father gave him money



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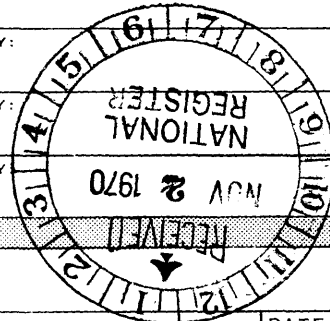
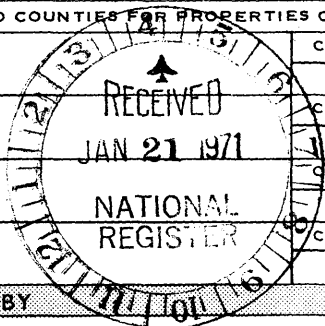
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director
 ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: October 21, 1970
 STREET AND NUMBER: 305 South Lawrence Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

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: Miss B. Howard, Jr.
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: Oct. 22, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Ernest A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: MAY 27 1971
 ATTEST:
William H. Hartsfield
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: APR 9 1971

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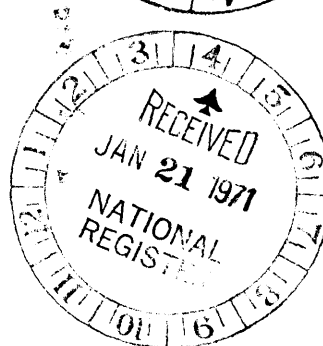
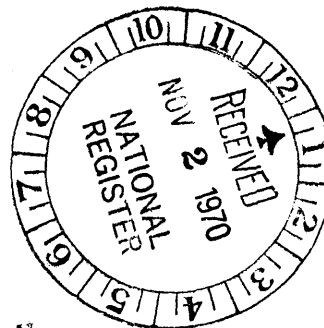
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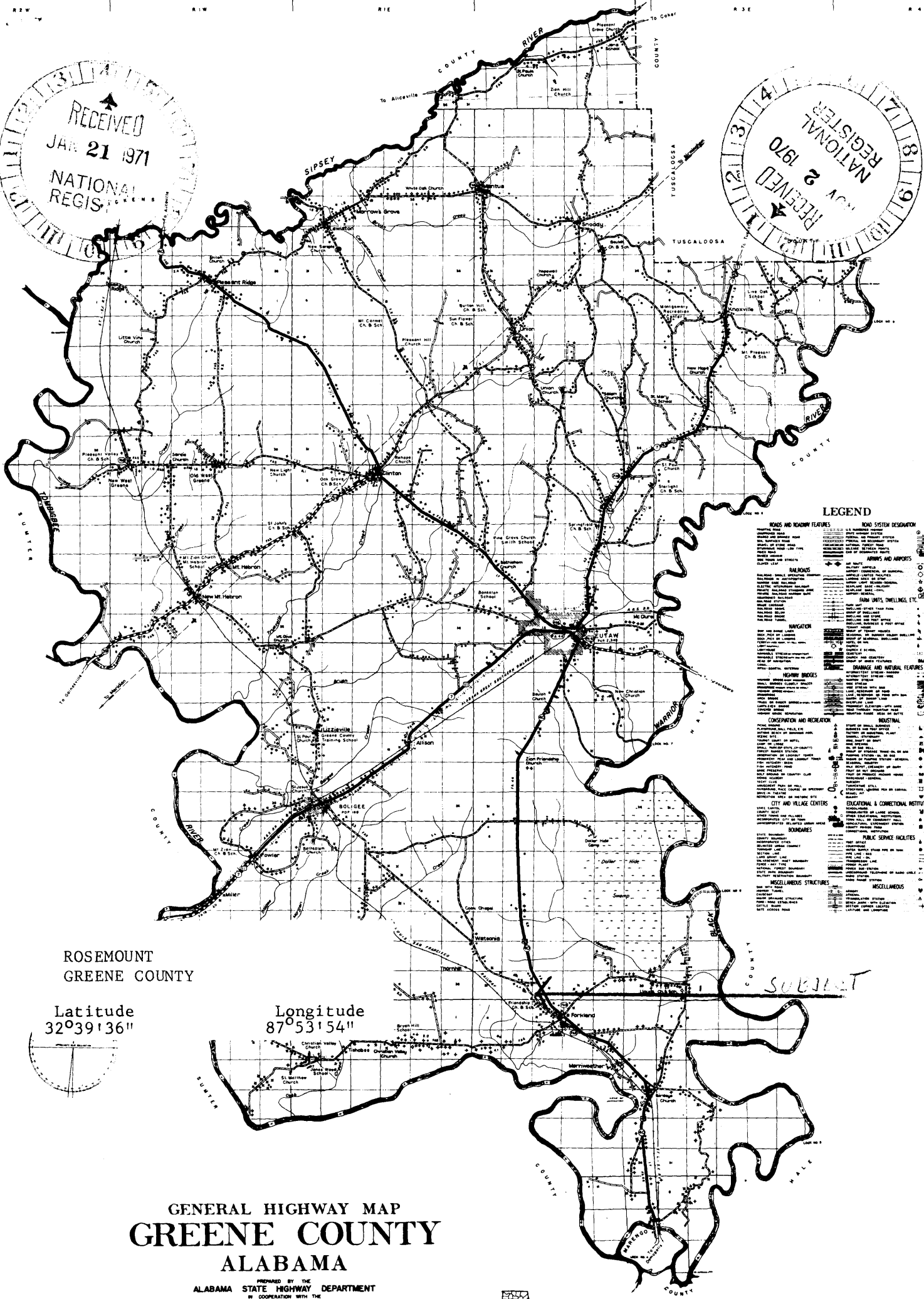
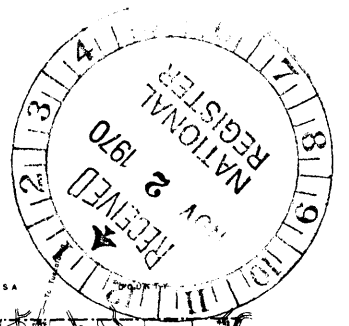
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Rosemount's elegance shows Glover as a man of wealth, culture, and social position; it reveals his efforts to build a house to suit his particular needs rather than one to conform with the conventional plan of the day. One of the most pleasing features of the house is the apparent ease with which it embodies what is best in the design of late Georgian and Classic Architecture.

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Interstate Highway	Interstate Highway
State Highway	State Highway
County Road	County Road
Local Road	Local Road
Unimproved Road	Unimproved Road
Right-of-Way	Right-of-Way
Interchange	Interchange
Overpass	Overpass
Underpass	Underpass
Grade Separation	Grade Separation
Roundabout	Roundabout
Arrows and Airports	Arrows and Airports
Parade Grounds	Parade Grounds
Police Station	Police Station
Fire Station	Fire Station
Post Office	Post Office
City and Village Centers	City and Village Centers
City Center	City Center
Village Center	Village Center
Unincorporated Center	Unincorporated Center
Boundaries	Boundaries
County Boundary	County Boundary
Section Boundary	Section Boundary
Miscellaneous Structures	Miscellaneous Structures
Church	Church
School	School
Public Building	Public Building
Industrial	Industrial
Warehouse	Warehouse
Manufacturing	Manufacturing
Public Service Facilities	Public Service Facilities
Water Tower	Water Tower
Gas Station	Gas Station
Telephone Station	Telephone Station
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous
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Spring	Spring
Stream	Stream
River	River
Lake	Lake
Swamp	Swamp
Forest	Forest
Open Land	Open Land
Water	Water
Marsh	Marsh
Barren Land	Barren Land
Highway	Highway
Road	Road
Trail	Trail
Path	Path
Other	Other

ROSEMOUNT
GREENE COUNTY

Latitude
32°39'36"

Longitude
87°53'54"

SUBJECT

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP GREENE COUNTY ALABAMA

PREPARED BY THE
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IN COOPERATION WITH THE
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DATA OBTAINED FROM
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