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DATA SHEET

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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

West Hill

AND/OR COMMON

Moye Farms

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lumpkin *vic.*

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd - Dawson Mathis

STATE

Georgia 31815

CODE

13

COUNTY

Stewart

CODE

259

3 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

L. M. Moye

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Lumpkin

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia 31815

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Stewart County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lumpkin

STATE

Georgia 31815

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Moye Farms is a plantation located 6 miles south of Lumpkin, Georgia on U. S. Highway 27. The estate, which includes a "main" house and numerous outbuildings, has been owned by the same family for over one hundred years. Family understanding is that the plantation house was built by David Harrell in 1836.

Greek Revival in motif, the two-story structure includes a double portico with eight Doric columns and diamond-patterned balustrades. Sash windows number eight on the front and sides of the house. The double door entrance features a transom and sidelights with bentwood accents. Both levels follow a "central hall, four-room" pattern. An unusual winding stairway dominating the central hall provides access between levels.

The interior of the house has been kept in its original form with slight modifications. Details including hand-planed walls and floors, fluted mouldings and wainscoting have been preserved. Mantels remain unaltered. Partitions in the downstairs hall between the kitchen and dining room were erected before 1897. Recent modifications have been the addition of a bath in the upstairs hall and the enclosure of the back porch.

Five outbuildings constructed at approximately the same time as the plantation house have also been preserved. These structures are: a commissary/meat storage house, a double kitchen, a blacksmith's shop, cook's quarters and a privy. All of these buildings are located behind the house.

A one-room schoolhouse, built in 1853, stands approximately 80 yards southwest of the house.

Three slave quarters remain in the area known as "the Grove" 1/4 mile from the plantation house. All of these structures are encompassed by the 23 acres being nominated.

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 checked="" 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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1836

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Moye Farms is significant as a display of historic architecture and as the cultural embodiment of an era.

The stately plantation house is believed to have been built by David Harrell in 1836. Mr. Harrell occupied the plantation with his wife and three daughters. He was reputed to be a wealthy slaveowner, active in all civic affairs. In 1853 David Harrell sold the plantation to William West, ancestor of the current owner. Ownership of the property has remained in the same family since the original purchase.

William West was also a wealthy slaveowner and an active citizen of Stewart County. The one-room schoolhouse erected by Mr. West for the education of his children was among the first such institutions in Stewart County. Significantly, he employed the best tutors and encouraged his neighbors to patronize this school. William West also built a church for the use of his slaves. Circuit riders of the period often preached in this building which, unfortunately, is no longer standing.

The structures which remain on the Moye property are extraordinarily well-preserved. The plantation house stands as a finely detailed example of antebellum architecture. Additionally, the self-sufficiency of plantation life is vividly demonstrated by the outbuildings, many of which contain artifacts of this period. Further exhibits of a bygone era are the slave quarters of the "Grove". The entire estate is permeated with Southern rural history and will be of interest to scholars and citizens alike.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- (1) Clark, A. H. and Dixon, M. C.; History of Stewart County Georgia Volume II; A. H. Clark, Waycross, Georgia, 1975; p. 824
- (2) Terrill, H. E.; History of Stewart County Georgia; Roanoke Chapter D.A.R. 1958; pp. 623-625.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 202 acres 202.5 Lower Chattahoochee
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	7,0,8	1,3,0	3,5	4,3	8,6,0	B	1,6	7,0,7	8,9,0	3,5	4,2	1,3,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			
C	1,6	7,0,7	0,3,0	3,5	4,2	1,3,0	D	1,6	7,0,8	9,5,0	3,5	4,3	8,6,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the northwest corner of Land Lot 182 in the 20th District of Stewart County; running 2,970 feet easterly to the northeast corner of said lot; running thence 2,970 feet southerly to the southeast corner; thence 2,970 feet westerly to the southwest corner; thence northerly 2,970 feet to the point of beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Elizabeth A. Lyon, Ph.D., Consultant, Historic Preservation Section
 Margaret E. Davis, Assistant Planner

ORGANIZATION Lower Chattahoochee APDC

DATE 4-16-77

STREET & NUMBER Post Office Box 1908

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Columbus

STATE Georgia 31902

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

DAVID M. SHERMAN

DATE

3-16-77

TITLE Chief, Historic Preservation

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

R. B. Rethig

DATE 9/18/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William Lollbrich
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE Sept 13, 1978

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AMENDMENT

WEST HILL/MOYE FARMS, LUMPKIN, STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA

Significance: (Delete references to Landscape Architecture and Social/Humanitarian.)

Moye Farms is one of the few remaining plantation-farm complexes of its type in Georgia. The land is still farmland, woodland, and tenant lands, as it has been since its creation. The 202 1/2 acre site consists of Land Lot 182, the core of the original plantation originally farmed by David Harrell from the 1830's until 1853 when it was sold to William West (1799-1873). In Georgia, as in most of the South, farms of this size have long since been broken up, and otherwise had their integrity destroyed.

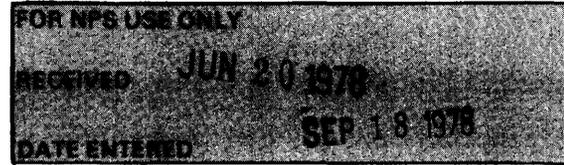
This land was ceded by the Creek Indians in 1825 and 1826 and surveyed for the 1827 Land Lottery. Lot 182 was drawn by William Cunningham of Pulaski County, to whom it was granted on November 10, 1831. Like many winners in the lottery, he chose not to move to this site; and he sold it in the mid-1830's to David Harrell who built the existing house and created the original plantation complex.

By 1860, the plantation, then owned by William West, was one of the largest and most productive in Georgia. It contained 3,500 improved or cultivated acres of farmland and 2,000 unimproved acres of woodland, its real estate value being \$27,000. There all varieties of livestock were raised: horses, mules, 50 milch cows, oxen, sheep, 410 swine, as well as wheat, rye, corn, oats, peas, sweet potatoes, and hay. Four hundred and twenty-eight bales of cotton were produced, one of the largest production rates found in Georgia. The average production was half of that amount. Of Georgia's nearly 54,000 farms in 1860, this was one of only 902 that had over 1,000 acres of cultivated land, placing it in the upper 3% with regard to acreage alone. The average number of acres was 430.

Moye Farms is thus a significant plantation-farm complex in Georgia - both on the eve of the Civil War, due to its tremendous production rate of King Cotton, and today, due to its integrity as an intact plantation site - not only with respect to the same usage (farming, woodland, and tenants) but also with its main house, out-building, and land. It has also remained in the same family since the antebellum period. All of these factors make this house and tract one of Georgia's most significant plantations.

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Amendment
West Hill/Moye Farms (Continued)

Geographical Data:

The boundaries for the 202 1/2 acres (Land Lot 182) are marked by the UTM's as given on the original nomination. Any boundary type lines drawn within these coordinates on the U.S.G.S. map are to be disregarded.

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June 16, 1978

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Elizabeth A. Lyon'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Acting State Historic Preservation Officer

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Moye Farms, Route 1, Lumpkin, Stewart County

Photographs by: William T. Stewart

Date: January 10, 1976

Negatives filed at: Lower Chattahoochee Area Planning and Development Commission

1. Front facade of plantation house.
2. Rear view of plantation house.
3. View of right side of plantation house.
4. Exterior view of entrance-way.
5. Interior view of entrance way.
6. View of parlor picturing original wallpaper and mantel.
7. Quarter-turn stairway with winders and landing.
8. Example of hand-plank walls.
9. Example of interior door.
10. View of parlor mantel.
11. Close up of wainscotting and moulding.
12. Cook's quarters.
13. Blacksmith's Shop.
14. Commissary/Meat Storage.
15. One-room Schoolhouse.
16. Double Kitchen.
17. Privy.
18. One of three slave quarters in the "Grove".
19. Slave quarters.

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1 NAME

HISTORIC West Hill

AND/OR COMMON

Moye Farms

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Lumpkin

___ VICINITY OF Stewart COUNTY Georgia STATE

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE William T. Stewart

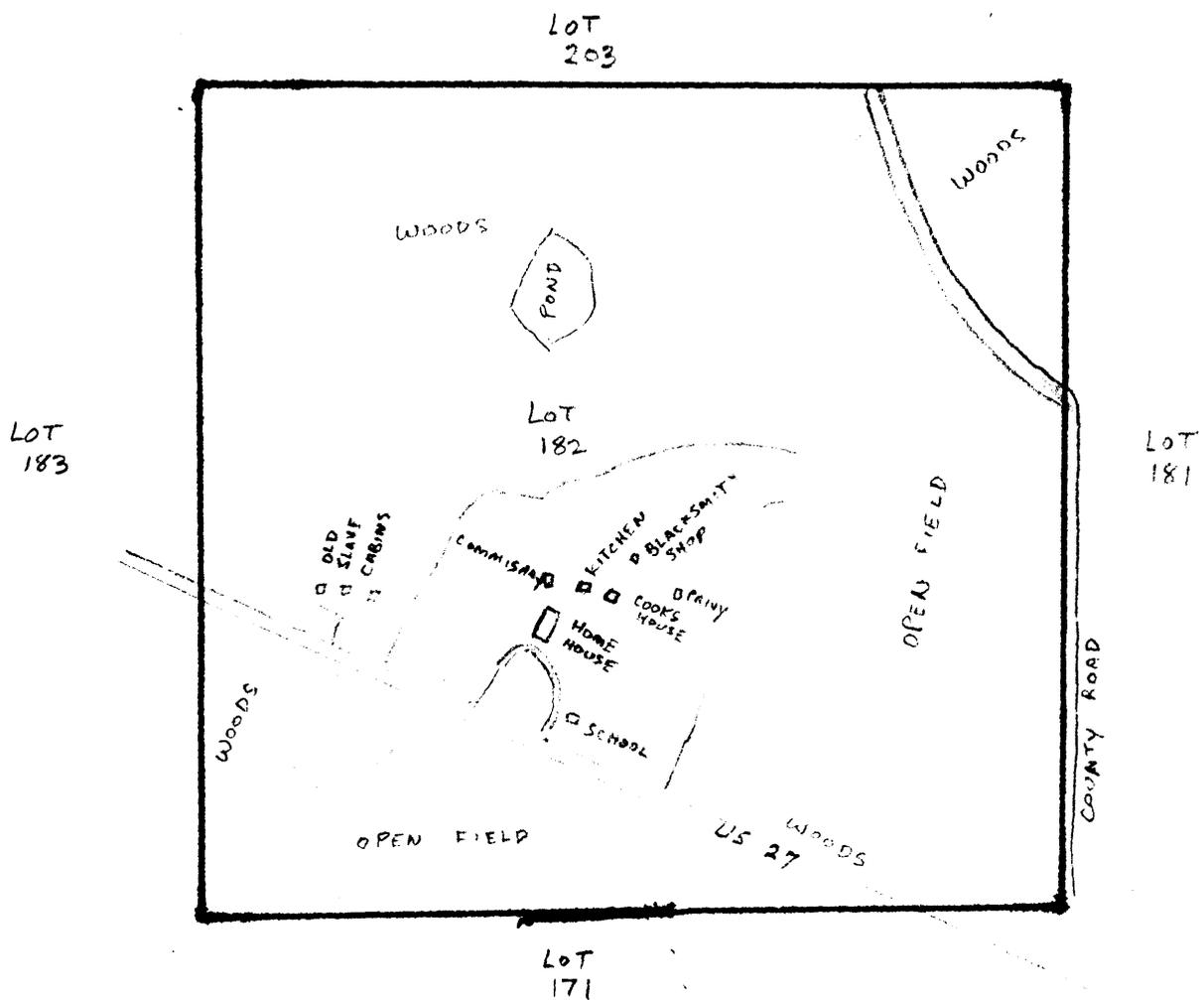
SCALE Not to Scale

DATE February, 1977

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
 Lumpkin Quadrangle
 Ga - Stewart Co.
 SE/4 Lumpkin 15' Quad.
 N 3200 - W 8445 / 7.5
 1955

See area where US Highway
 27 runs off lower edge
 of map

L.M. MOYE PROPERTY
 STEWART CO. GA.