#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Allen, William, House NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: GEORGIA, Elbert

DATE RECEIVED: 8/07/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/22/15 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 75000591

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If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

Mark Williams Commissioner DR. DAVID CRASS DIVISION DIRECTOR

July 10, 2015

Edson Beall National Park Service National Register of Historic Places 1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W. 8th floor Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: William Allen House (Beverly Plantation), Elbert County, Georgia (#75000591)

Dear Mr. Beall:

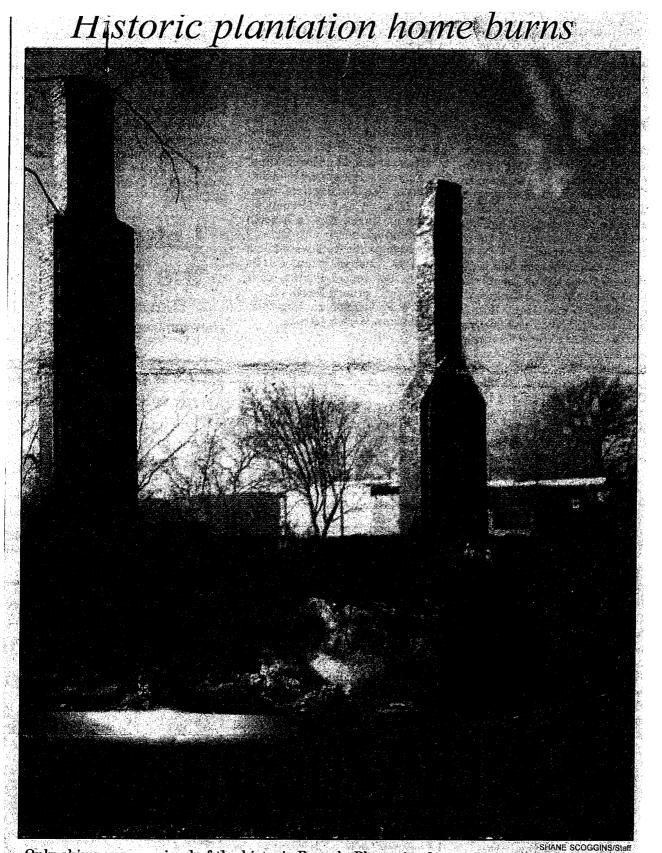
We are requesting a delisting from the National Register of the above-reference property in Elbert County, Georgia, due to complete loss by fire. Please see attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

V/r

David Crass

Enclosure



Only chimneys remained of the historic Beverly Plantation home, one of the oldest homes in Elbert County.

## Fire destroys 216-year-old Beverly Plantation

An Elbert County historic landmark was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

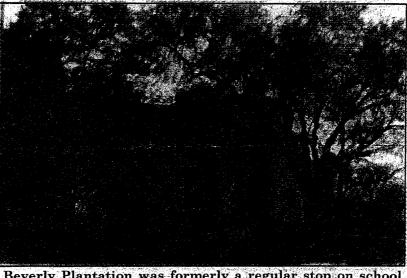
The fire totally consumed the colonial two-story residence at Beverly Plantation at 1437 Pearl Mill Road. The home was approximately 216 years old.

The fire was reported by a passerby about 6:45 p.m. At the time the fire was reported, it had already involved a large portion of the house.

About 40 firefighters from the Longstreet, Petersburg, Rock Branch and Fortsonia stations responded to the scene, but the fire was too advanced to save the structure, which completely burned to the ground.

A small house nearby was saved by the efforts of the firefighters.

The Beverly Plantation was purchased several years ago by Susan Puleo and efforts were underway to restore the historic



Beverly Plantation was formerly a regular stop on school field trips. home. requested an investigation be con-

The home had received much recognition over past years and was visited frequently by students on field trips.

Elbert County fire officials have

requested an investigation be conducted by the state fire marshall's office as a fact-finding effort to determine the origin of the blaze due to the historic value of Beverly Plantation and its status in the community.

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Located on a hill surrounded by osage orange, cedar and fushia crepe myrtle trees, above Beaver Dam Creek in Elbert County is Beverly Plantation, a c.1784-1803 structure. Although documents and local traditions reveal that there was at least a log storehouse, a carriage house, smoke house and slave quarters, only the main house, a 60 foot deep well, now bricked up, and an Allen family cemetery remain.

The main house of Beverly Plantation is a plain style, frame two story structure with Federal details, that was constructed in at least two stages.

The original 1784-5 structure was a frame, one story, plus loft house with the gabled roof overhangs forming a front and rear porch. These two rooms, presently the kitchen and dining room rear portion of the house are relatively intact in interior detail. The present kitchen fireplace has been blocked and the mantel removed, however the wainscotting and chair rail remain. " The dining room's simple panelled wainscotting, chair rail and porch door with H and L hinges give evidences of late 18th or early 19th century origins. The mantel in the dining room has a simple trim framing the fireplace opening and a narrow shelf detailed with a repeating circle and dentil motif. Almost all of the windows in this section and the later portion are nine-overnine sash windows.

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Probably constructed in the early 1800's, the front portion of the house has a two story, 2 room central hall plan with a two story central portico on the front and a second story central pedimented gabled room extending over the original two room house (The connection of the two building stages is made by a cross hall, slightly lower than the later front addition.) The front facade consists of a double door trabeated entranceway with side and transom lights. Both of these porch areas and in the central gable above have wide horizontal flush siding. The pedimented central gable is lighted by a semicircular fanlight and trimmed in the repeated circle and dentil design found on the dining room mantel. Slender fluted columns and engaged columns support the front porch areas.

Cross and Bible doors are generally used throughout as is the horizontal board panelling, although some rooms have now been papered. Other alterations that have occurred through the years have included the addition of two bathrooms, the rearrangement of the staircase into the rear central gabled room and the refurbishment of hearth areas throughout the house.

No original outbuildings remain, although a frame garage is presently found to the rear of the house. Above the main house, across the main road to the plantation is the family cemetery where young Beverly Allen and family are buried.

Directly in front of the Allen cemetery is a small frame structure, moved in the 1950's from Old Ruckersville, Georgia. Called the Old Bailey home, this house is constructed of heart pine with beams cut and fitted like a puzzle - all numbered X, 1X, etc. Although this structure was not originally a Beverly Plantation structure, it does represent a type indigenous to the area and is on original Allen property between the main house and cemetery.

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TATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Beverly Plantation is significant in Georgia history as one of the first taverns in north Georgia, as the home of William and Beverly Allen and as one of the oldest extant plantations in the state. Presently the integrity of the plantation site and the main house is endangered by the planned Richard B. Russell Dam and Lake Project.

The Allen brothers, William and Beverly, who apparently were the builders of the c.1785 portion of Beverly Plantation, were known as two wealthy and cultured brothers who emigrated from Virginia to Georgia soon after the Revolutionary War and who were engaged in the mercantile business in Georgia and South Carolina. According to White's <u>Statistics in Georgia</u>, 1849, this Elbert County "storehouse and residence were on the hill rising from Beaver Dam Creek on the side of the road leading from Fish Dam ford on the Broad river, to the Cherokee ford on the Savannah." Another account describes their location as "several miles above Peterburg, on Beaverdam Creek, at what is now known as "Pearls Mill" or more properly Beverly, an incorporated town site..."

The local notoriety of the Allen brothers is exemplified in White's condensed book on Statistics of Georgia, 1849, by a detailed accounting of the Allen brothers escapades. He states that, "Sometime in the year 1795, Beverly Allen, with his brother, went to Augusta to buy goods with the money they had, and the credit they could obtain. Whilst there, the foreign merchant of whom they had purchased their first stock of goods, found them buying goods of others instead of first discharging their debt to him." With this, an issue for the Allens' arrest was made and they were pursued at which time Beverly Allen shot Marshall Forsyth (father of the Georgia Governor Forsyth), and fled to Elbert County. Eventually the Allens were captured and jailed. Word spread that "the servant of God was in jail (Beverly, White says, "was a convert of Bishop Asbury, given to public praying .... preaching.") for resisting an effort to take from his liberty, to separate him from his home ... " Friends in numbers stormed the jail and the Allens were released. Billy Allen returned home unharmed and Beverly Allen "fled to [Kentucky] the most distant western frontier of the United States."

Records of the Inferior Court, February term 1803, again mention Beverly Allen, this time a nephew of the more notorious Allen. The minutes state "To Beverly Allen, Greetings, whereas the application to use has been made, the license money paid, bound and security given according to law, and we reposing confidence in you, the said Beverly Allen, do therefore permit

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you to keep a tavern to your own Dwelling-house for and during the term of twelve months beginning from the date of these presents and from thence until the next Inferior Court. Witness the Honorable William Barnett... 23rd day of February 1803."

These above accounts bear a definite relation to the architectural character of the structure. The plantation house, structurally appears to have been built in at least two stages. The rear two rooms and loft were the first portion, that described as the "residence on the hill rising from Beaver Dam Creek...", built during the period from 1783, after the Revolutionary War to the early 1790's. Local tradition places the date at 1784-5. The second portion of the structure was probably built between the 1790's and 1803 when young Beverly Allen applied for a tavern license.

Architecturally both portions of the building represent good examples of the late 18th century. Primitively constructed mantels, delicate hand crafted exterior dentil treatments, and rat-tail, H and L, and Carpentar locks on various doors, as well as wide board wainscotting and chair rail collectively suggest a 18th century date, of which there are relatively few such rural Georgia plantation buildings still existing. Great care over the years by the Allen family and descendants up until 25 years ago, and under the present owner's sensitive care, has preserved much of the original architectural features.

Presently plans are underway for the formation of the Richard B. Russell Dam and Reservoir. The Beverly Plantation house, although located on a high rise and will not be in danger of inundation, will however be less than 250 feet from the water's edge. As a site and structure of notable importance, the Beverly Plantation is worthy of preservation in its fullest environmental context.

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It has been said that the tavern for which Beverly Allen got a license in 1803 was in this house; this is apparently not so. Captain Henry Allen, last of the family to own the place, told Raymond Chandler, then a history minded youngster who was his neighbor, that the tavern was between the house and the creek, where the Allens had a grist mill. There are logically many obvious advantages to having the tavern separated from a family dwelling.

Also, it has been believed that Wm. Allen who took up land grant in 1785, built the rear portion of the house in that year. This is almost certainly not so. Usually, settlers started with log cabins and did not build frame houses until sawmills had been built. Thus, the rear part most likely dates from 1790-1800.

This new information from Henry Allen has some bearing on the date of the added twostory portion of Beverly Allen House along with the data concerning Rose Hill House. The relevance of Rose Hill (1828), a handsome place which burned in 1964, to Beverly is that Rose Hill also had a fine central two-story portico, very similar to Beverly's except that the Rose Hill one had four columns which were not paired, had no fanlight in the pediment, and no veranda on each side of the portico. In both the <u>Garden History of</u> Georgia (1933) and a map currently distributed in Elbert County, the date for Rose Hill is 1810. One would have to think that the two porticos were within a few years of each other. The two houses were only a couple of miles apart.

However, extensive research on the Heard family and on Rose Hill by Margaret Heard Dehme reveals it was built in 1828, for Thomas Jefferson Heard upon his marriage to Nancy Middleton, by Heard's mother, Elizabeth Darden Heard, widow of Stephen Heard who was acting governor of Georgia in 1781. All this is well attested by family records, through lost sight of by many in the county. The 1828 date is, however, given in the February-March, 1965, issue of Georgia Magazine, in an article, "Proud old homes of Elbert County" by Jannelle Jones McRee.

Therefore, it is very likely that the front part of Beverly dates also from the late 1820's. Such a date would also make possible an influence which some have suspected, that of the central-porticoed houses in Milledgeville, then the state capitol.

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Patricia Irwin Cooper Historic Preservation Section Department of Natural Resources 270 Washington Street, S.W., Room 703C Atlanta, Georgia 30334

December 23, 1975 NAME DAVID M. SHERMAN

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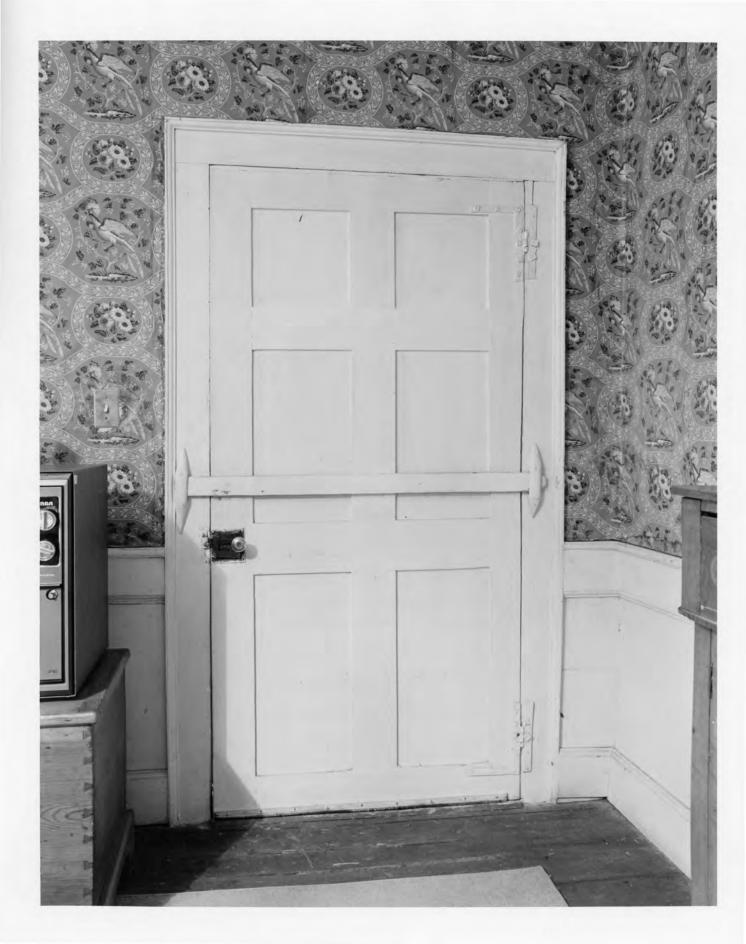
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## THNIC GROUP:

NAMES: (label role who immigrated to Georgia late 18th century/Beverly Allen (nephew of above Beverly) operated tavern, possibly in this building.

## events

## institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): rear portion c. 1790-1800//front c. DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

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CREAGE (to nearest tenth of an acre) Approl 248

horizontal flush siding;

OMMENTS: (include architectural information here) Frame, clapboarding, 2 stories, **Determodified Rechargle.** gabled and shed roof sections, exterior end chimneys; 2-story front Dorie tetrastyle portice with gallery, fan lighted pediment; **BORDONORONONONONONONONONONONO BORDON** flanking 4-story shed porch; rear shed wing, rear dormer; primitive interior detail, original portion of house at rear, Federal elements.

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rear lean-to; variety of Greece interior detail styles; original terme. rear portion expanded to the fronts c. 1820's. Federal elements

GNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences) One of the oldest extant Plantation houses in the state, built for the Allen Brothers who operated one of the first taverns in northern Georgia

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