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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  Seaborn Goodall House  
AND/OR COMMON  Goodall - Dell House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *W of Sylvania st*  
Intersection of U.S. 301 and Ga. 24  
CITY, TOWN Sylvania *vic* VICINITY OF  
STATE Georgia CODE 13 COUNTY Screven CODE 251  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st - Bo Ginn

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Meeting place

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Brier Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution  
STREET & NUMBER Route 4  
CITY, TOWN Sylvania VICINITY OF Georgia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Screven County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER (D.B. 120, p. 542-3; P.B. 10, p. 193)  
CITY, TOWN Sylvania STATE Georgia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Goodall House, built in 1815 by Seaborn Goodall in what was the dead town of Jacksonborough, was occupied until 1966 when the Brier Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution purchased it. Architecturally the Goodall House represents a good example of the plantation plain type with Federal details.

The exterior of the house, as well as its plan, follow the plantation plain definition: a two story frame house with pitched roof, two exterior end brick chimneys, a one story shed porch, and a two-over-two room plan with a rear shed wing. The lower rooms are divided by an enclosed stairway leading to the two upper rooms. The second story of the front facade has three evenly spaced six-over-six light sash windows across the front and back as well. The lower story of the front facade has a centrally placed doorway flanked by two windows on the large, southeast room and one window on the northeast room. The two large chimneys are flanked by windows on each side of the upper and lower floors. The two rear rooms had two windows slightly smaller on the side facades, but one window on the rear of the larger rooms was closed for a chimney addition. There is little or no ornamental decor on the exterior except the bannisters on the porch and window shutters. The original color scheme for the exterior was preserved by the porch overhang. The house was white with green or blue trim and the lower sill of the window was red.

The interior lower floor is divided into two rooms 17 x 17 and 17 x 11 feet repeating the size upstairs and in the rear rooms. The rooms were all wainscoted and trimmed about three feet high continuing upward with plaster. The trim around the ceiling was also plaster with evidence of a medallion in the center of the main lower room. The main upstairs room wainscot was decoratively painted to give a three dimensional illusion. The interior window trim is the top trim of the wainscot forming a continuous strip around the room. The stairway is hidden between two walls and leads up to the smaller upper room trimmed with banisters around the opening in the floor. The mantelpieces have Federal style details and are 55 inches tall by 75 inches long. The interior color scheme was the same as the exterior in that the walls were white plaster with red or blue trim around the doors and windows. The wainscotting color for the other rooms cannot be successfully determined.

# 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 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Seaborn Goodall House is significant as a good example of an early nineteenth century plantation plain house and important historically to the local community.

Architecturally, the Goodall House represents a restored plantation house with well preserved interior features. The plantation plain type is a common house form indigenous to most areas of Georgia, however, it is significant that this particular house has such skillfully detailed interior elements including the panelled wainscot and Adamesque mantels.

Historically, the builder of the Goodall House is significant in local history. In 1815, Seaborn built his house in Jacksonborough. He was the son of Pleasant Goodall, a Revolutionary soldier who fought at Brier Creek. Goodall was a prominent citizen of the county, a mason, pioneer in establishing the Methodist faith, and Clerk of the Superior Court of Screven County from 1816 - 1836. In 1820 he rescued Lorenzo Dow from a mob in town and harbored him in his home. Later Dow cursed the town to be destroyed except for the Goodall House. The town soon deteriorated away and only the Goodall home remains today.

Jacksonborough, founded in 1797 as the county seat of Screven County, was built on the old Quaker Road that connected Savannah to a Quaker settlement in what is now McDuffie County. The road was established in 1796. The route runs directly in front of the house and remains unpaved. William and John Bartram used this route in their travels. Roaming evangelists, Indians, travelers, botanists and soldiers used the road extensively. President Washington passed the site of Jacksonborough on May 17, 1791, on his trip to Augusta. In February 1779 the Battle of Brier Creek was fought a few miles northeast of the town where Gen. Elbert was captured. On December 1864 the 14th corps of Gen. Sherman's army camped in Jacksonborough on their March to the Sea. Among significant Jacksonborough citizens and neighbors of the Goodalls were John Abbott, world famous entomologist who wrote and illustrated books on insects and Lewis Lanier who was instrumental in fighting the Yazoo Act.

Presently the Goodall House serves as a meeting place and museum for the Brier Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.7 acres Latitude 32° 49' 17" Longitude 81° 37' -32 1/2" 28"  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 Z. Macgregor, Architectural Historian  
 ORGANIZATION Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources DATE August 1976  
 STREET & NUMBER 270 Washington St., SW TELEPHONE 404-656-2840  
 CITY OR TOWN Atlanta, STATE Georgia

# 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 1-25-77  
 TITLE Chief, Historic Preservation Section

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE <u>10/12/77</u>
ATTEST <u><i>Charles C. Jones</i></u>	RECEIVED BY THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE <u>9-2-77</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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Seaborn Goodall House, Sylvania, Screven County

Photographer: David J. Kaminsky

Date: August, 1976

Negatives filed at: Department of Natural Resources

1. Three quarter view, looking northwest.
2. Mantel in the Parlor
3. Mantel in the Bedroom