SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 99000803 Date Listed: 7/23/99

Duke, Welcome, P., Log House Harris GEORGIA
Property Name County State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Signature of the Keeper 7/23/99
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 8

This nomination is amended to delete Welcome P. Duke as architect/building, since he did not acquire the property until some time after the house was probably constructed.

This amendment has been confirmed with the Georgia SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)
1. Name of Property

**historic name** Welcome P. Duke Log House
**other names/site number** n/a

2. Location

**street & number** 312 Duke Road
**city, town** Hamilton
**county** Harris
**code** GA 145
**state** Georgia
**code** GA
**zip code** 31811

(X) vicinity of

3. Classification

**Ownership of Property:**

(X) private
( ) public-local
( ) public-state
( ) public-federal

**Category of Property:**

(X) building(s)
( ) district
( ) site
( ) structure
( ) object

**Number of Resources within Property:**

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Contribution resources previously listed in the National Register: n/a
Name of previous listing: n/a
Name of related multiple property listing: n/a
4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

W. Ray Luce
Interim Division Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property () meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

( ) entered in the National Register

( ) determined eligible for the National Register

( ) determined not eligible for the National Register

( ) removed from the National Register

( ) other, explain:

( ) see continuation sheet

Keeper of the National Register

Welcome P. Duke Log House, Harris County, Georgia
6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions:

vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

OTHER/vernacular: single pen

Materials:

| foundation | stone  |
| walls      | wood   |
| roof       | metal  |
| other      | n/a    |

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

Located in a rural setting in Harris County in western Georgia, approximately one-and-one-half mile east of the town of Hamilton, the Welcome P. Duke Log House was constructed in ca.1830 on what was then the Georgia frontier. The surrounding area today is mostly rural.

The Welcome P. Duke Log House is a single-pen, log house with a raised-seam metal gable roof, hand-hewn logs, half-dovetail notching, large exterior end stacked-stone chimney on the east facade, and stone pier foundation. The house is on its original site.

The front and rear door ways are located in the center of the north and south facades and run straight through the building. The one extant door is crudely made of five vertical boards with three cross boards. The fireplace is stacked stone with no mantel. The floors are wood plank. There is one window opening, with no sash, in the west wall. The logs do not have chinking, nor is there evidence that chinking ever existed; however, there are some boards on the front facade and the interior which were nailed between the logs which served to insulate the building.

There are no extant outbuildings associated with the house. The house is in a small clearing surrounded by young forest. Approximately 500 feet north of the house, in this same clearing, is a modern house which is outside the boundary of this nomination.

There has been no archaeological testing done on the property; therefore, archaeological potential is not known. However, there may be archaeological remains of the second Duke family house which was built in the 1870s and burned in the 20th century.
8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

( ) nationally   (X) statewide   ( ) locally

Applicable National Register Criteria:

( ) A   ( ) B   (X) C   ( ) D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): (X) N/A

( ) A   ( ) B   ( ) C   ( ) D   ( ) E   ( ) F   ( ) G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture

Period of Significance:

ca.1830

Significant Dates:

ca.1830-construction of the Welcome P. Duke Log House

Significant Person(s):

n/a

Cultural Affiliation:

n/a

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Welcome P. Duke - owner of house and property
The Welcome P. Duke Log House is significant in architecture as an intact and rare surviving example of a single-pen log house with half-dovetail notching, hand-hewn logs, and stone fireplace. Although once a common sight on Georgia's countryside, log buildings are now considered rare and fragile resources. In the Georgia Historic Resources Survey Database of 43,951 resources, 417 log buildings have been identified. Of these log buildings, there are only 157 single-pen dwellings. Many log buildings have either been demolished, moved, neglected to the point of ruin, or encapsulated in a larger building. Therefore, the Welcome P. Duke House is especially significant since it retains its original one-room plan and historic materials in its original location.

According to Fred B. Kniffen and Henry Glassie in "Building in Wood in the Eastern United States: A Time-Place Perspective," in half-dovetailing the head of the notch slopes upward but the bottom is flat. The half-dovetail notch is as effective as the full-dovetail but much easier to make. In Georgia, as in other parts of the United States, the half-dovetail notch is more commonly found.

The log building was constructed ca.1830 after the Georgia Land Lottery of 1827. In 1865, Welcome Parks Duke (ca.1815-1888) purchased the property for his family and for use as a farm. The family lived in the single-room log house until they built a larger house nearby and used the log house for a kitchen. The second Duke house has since burned. The farm associated with the house was originally 202 1/2 acres obtained in 1827 when Mr. Duke purchased the property; however, throughout the years the Dukes bought and sold portions of land changing the acreage. The house was owned by members of the Duke family up until 1994 when the current owners purchased the property.

Welcome P. Duke was born in ca.1815 in Troup County, Georgia and married Mary Hickey in Harris County, Georgia in ca.1835. They had 8 children. Welcome P. Duke and his family appear on the 1840, 1850, and 1860 census of Troup County in the Salem Community. Shortly after the Civil War, in which several of his sons were killed, Welcome Duke moved his family to this property outside of Hamilton. In 1877 his schedule of property listed one black horse, 1 boy mule, 1 yellow cow and calf, 1 white back and belly cow and calf, 3 yearlings, 3 shoats, 1 wagon, farming utensils, 15 bee stands, and other house furniture and utensils. Welcome P. Duke lived on this property until his death in 1888. After that his heirs and wife lived on the property. In 1943, his daughter Mary Duke was the property owner.

National Register Criteria

The Welcome P. Duke Log House is eligible under National Register Criterion C in terms of architecture as an intact and excellent example of a rare single-pen log house.
Section 8--Statement of Significance

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)
n/a

Period of significance (justification)
The Welcome P. Duke Log House was constructed in ca.1830 after the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)
The Welcome P. Duke Log House is the only contributing resource. There are no other resources included within the boundaries of the property.
Major Bibliographic References


Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) N/A

( ) preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
( ) preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued
   date issued:
( ) previously listed in the National Register
( ) previously determined eligible by the National Register
( ) designated a National Historic Landmark
( ) recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
( ) recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

(X) State historic preservation office
( ) Other State Agency
( ) Federal agency
( ) Local government
( ) University
( ) Other, Specify Repository:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): HS-CO-358
10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.38 acres

UTM References

A) Zone 16 Easting 701600 Northing 3625800

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary includes the property on which the Welcome P. Duke Log House sits and is indicated on the attached plat map with a heavy black line, drawn to scale.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the current legal boundaries associated with the Welcome P. Duke Log House. This property is situated in a larger compatible rural setting consisting of relatively young woods and cleared fields.

11. Form Prepared By

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( ) consultant
( ) regional development center preservation planner
(X) other: property owner

(HPD form version 02-24-97)
Photographs

Name of Property: Welcome P. Duke Log House
City or Vicinity: Hamilton Vicinity
County: Harris County
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: June 1997

Description of Photograph(s):

1 of 9: Welcome P. Duke Log House, front or north facade; Photographer facing south.
2 of 9: Welcome P. Duke Log House, northeast corner; Photographer facing southwest.
3 of 9: Welcome P. Duke Log House, southeast corner; Photographer facing northwest.
4 of 9: Welcome P. Duke Log House, stone chimney; Photographer facing west.
5 of 9: Welcome P. Duke Log House, northeast corner; Photographer facing southwest.
7 of 9: Welcome P. Duke Log House, detail of chimney and notching; Photographer facing south.
8 of 9: Welcome P. Duke Log House, interior; Photographer facing southeast.