

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Glynn	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.9.13.0039	DATE 9/28/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Horton-duBignon House, Brewery Ruins, duBignon Cemetery

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Riverview Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Jekyll Island

STATE Georgia	CODE 13	COUNTY: Glynn	CODE 127
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Jekyll Island State Park Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:
214 Trinity-Washington Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Atlanta

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Jekyll Island State Park Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:
214 Trinity-Washington Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Atlanta

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

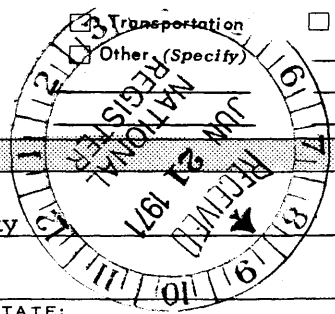
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

At the intersection of Riverview Drive and Major Horton Road stand the remains of the Horton-DuBignon House built by Major William Horton (c.1736) and later the residence of the DuBignon family.

The surviving two-story oblong shell is of tabby, a once popular building material of the coastal area composed of equal parts of sand, lime, oyster shell and water mixed into a mortar and poured into forms. It is presumed that the surviving structure dates largely from Horton's period although we know that during the DuBignon ownership additions were made to the house.

Across the north facade are two parallel rows of vertically accented windows, five above and four below with a center doorway. The south facade consists of two parallel rows of windows, four above and below separated by center doorways on each floor. The end walls of the building are windowless with the interiors displaying the remains of fireplaces. The roof and upper floor have disappeared.

The Jekyll Island Club braced the uppermost story with steel rods and added brick-concrete wall sections.

Just east of the house, across Riverview Drive, lies the small DuBignon Burial Ground. A few nineteenth century tombs are marked with engraved tablets and are protected by a low stucco covered brick wall erected by the Jekyll Island Club.

Several hundred feet southeast of the house on the banks of DuBignon Creek, large sections of crumbling tabby still stand marking the site, and are the remains, of Georgia's first brewery.

Together, the three sites on either side of Riverview Drive constitute a district marking the remains of the pre-Jekyll Island Club era.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) House and Brewery, c. 1736; Cemetery, after 1814

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>History</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

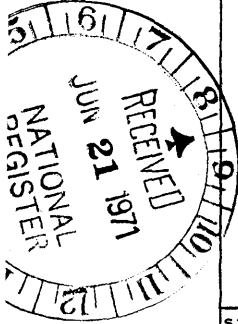
The Horton-duBignon House, the old brewery ruins and the duBignon cemetery land in the 1730's formed the nucleus of an English outpost on Jekyll Island, one of Georgia's Golden Isles. At that time the Golden Isles constituted a buffer zone between the English to the north and the Spanish to the south. In 1736 General James Edward Oglethorpe, commander of Georgia's military forces, established a base of operations at Fort Frederica on nearby Saint Simons Island and directed Major William Horton to maintain an outpost on Jekyll.

Horton, the first English resident of Jekyll, built a two-story tabby structure, the shell of which stills stands, as his dwelling house and military headquarters. The vast fields were cleared and planted with rye, barley and hops giving the area the name "Rye Patch." These crops were used in the manufacture of beer, the only alcoholic beverage allowed in the Georgia colony. Horton's tabby brewery, the first in Georgia, was built several hundred feet from his house and supplied the soldiers on Saint Simons. In 1742 after the Battle of Bloody Marsh on Saint Simons, Horton's house was burned by the retreating Spanish. Afterwards only a small group of English soldiers were stationed on the island. Major Horton succeeded Oglethorpe as commander of military forces in the colony upon the General's final return to England in 1743. Horton died in Savannah in 1748.

From 1791 to 1886 Jekyll Island was owned by the duBignon family, fugitives from the French Revolution. The original owner, Le Sieur Christophe Poulain de la Houssaye duBignon, repaired the tabby Horton house adding wooden wings and made it his home. The old fields were turned to the cultivation of indigo and Sea Island cotton. Upon his death in 1814 duBignon was buried at a now unknown spot near duBignon Creek. Generations of his family were buried in the duBignon cemetery overlooking the creek and across from the Horton-duBignon House. During the Civil War, the tabby house and several later duBignon houses were destroyed, as was the plantation economy.

Members of the Jekyll Island Club who purchased the island in 1888 grew interested in the island's history and reinforced the ruins of the old tabby house. They also built a wall around the cemetery where they buried two sailors drowned at sea on March 21, 1912. In 1947 the state purchased the entire island and placed its administration under the Jekyll Island State Park Authority, guaranteeing its conservation and preservation.

The shell of the Horton-duBignon House, the ruins of the old brewery and the small duBignon cemetery stand in marked contrast to the fabulous Jekyll Island Club complex only a short distance away. Yet the contrast marks well the different phases of Jekyll's history - from the simple 18th century military outpost, to the 19th century cotton plantation, to the 20th century millionaire's village -altogether having national significance.



S T R U C T U R E S

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

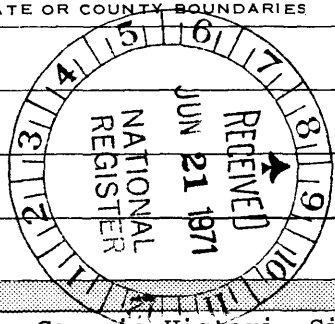
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		81	24	52
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than ten acres (noncontiguous)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William R. Mitchell, Jr., Director, Georgia Historic Sites Survey
Carole Summers, Nancy O'Hare

ORGANIZATION: Georgia Historical Commission DATE: June 15, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 116 Mitchell St, S.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

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 Mary Gregory Jewett
 Title State Liaison Officer
 Date June 16, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date SEP 28 1971

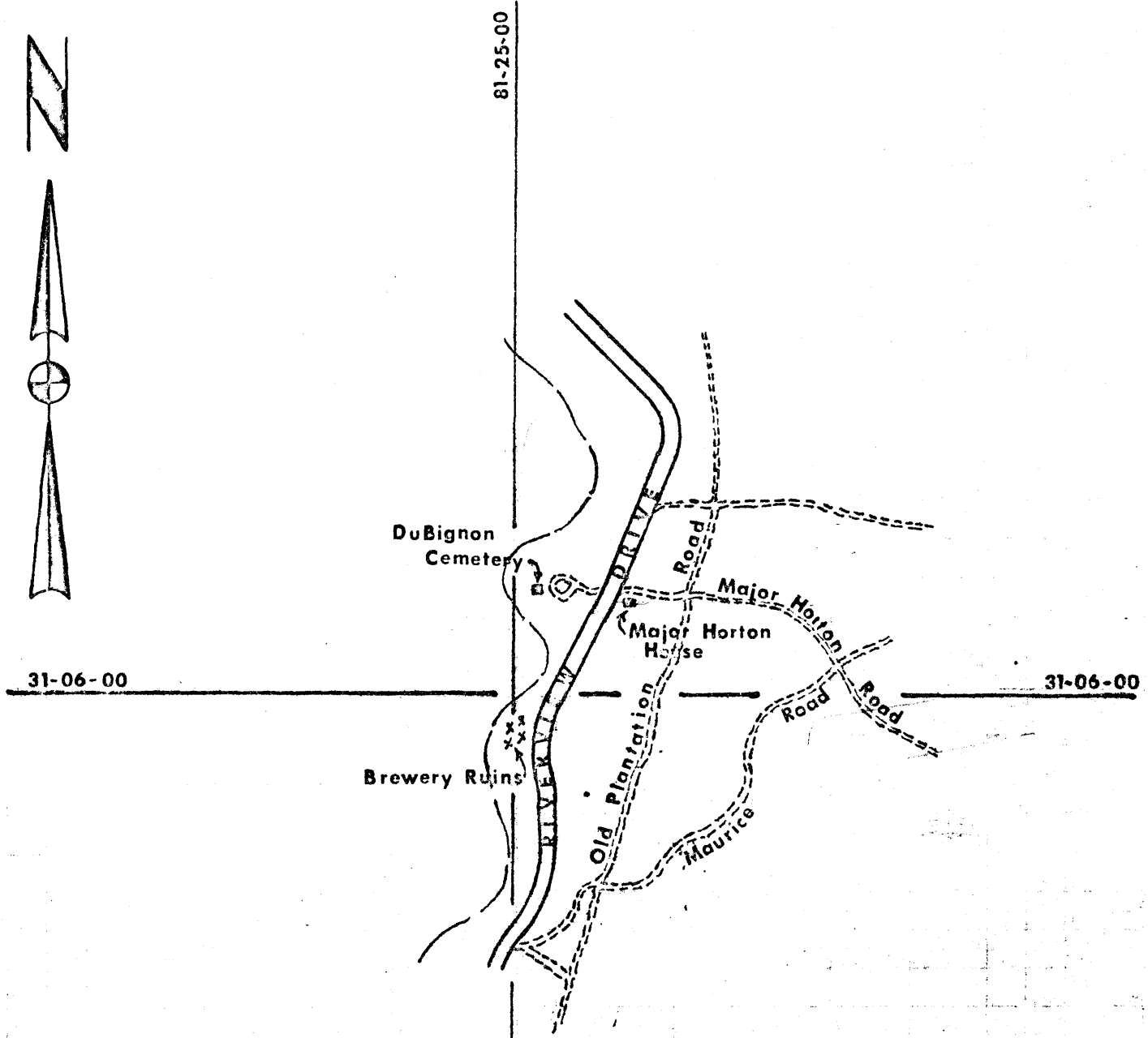
ATTEST:
William R. Mitchell, Jr.
 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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CHKD. BY _____ DATE _____

SUBJECT Map of Major Horton
House and Vicinity for
HABS Survey

SHEET NO. 2 OF _____
JOB NO. 032971



MAP OF
MAJ. HORTON HOUSE & VICINITY

JEKYLL ISLAND STATE PARK,
JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA

Scale 1" = 1,000'

81-25-00

Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Portion of map of Jekyll Island State Park by Larry Miller			
SCALE: 1" = 1,000'			
DATE: April 1958			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

