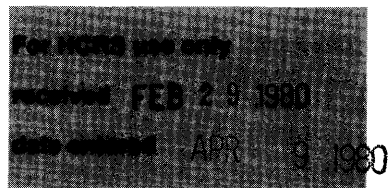


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Glenn-Thompson Plantation

and/or common Cedar Heights Plantation

2. Location

three miles south of Pittsview on U.S. 431 then 2.1
street & number miles east on County Road 12. not for publication

city, town Pittsview vicinity of congressional district 3

state Alabama code 01 county Russell code 113

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
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<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	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 type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Gertha Puryear Holmes

street & number Route 1, Box 8

city, town Pittsview vicinity of state Alabama

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Russell County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Phenix City state Alabama 36867

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978-present federal state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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

This is a one-story, mortise and tenon, clapboard structure with a hipped roof. Sills supporting the house measure 45" above ground level and rest on 30" x 16" limestone piers. Originally the house contained four rooms, two on either side of a central hall. In 1840, three years after it was built, a rear section was added to provide extra living space; nearly a century later, a one-room wing was added to the western side of the house. The original kitchen building was attached to the house by a breezeway, but it has been relocated to the west of the house and serves as a horse barn.

The facade of the original block consists of five bays with a centrally located entrance. This entrance has double doors made up of two vertical panels which are surrounded by sidelights and a transom. The two double hung windows on either side of the main door are 6/6 and measure 41" x 80". All windows on the house are shuttered and have original hardware. A portico supported by six square columns features an entablature which is continued around the house. To the rear of the house is a shed roof veranda which originally had square posts across the rear. It has since been enclosed and is used as part of the interior living space. Other alterations include the addition of aluminum siding, the change in roofing material from cedar shingles to asphalt tile, and new brickwork for foundations and walkway.

The interior of the house is basically intact. Fireplaces are located in the original four rooms and the 1840 addition. In 1970, when the house underwent renovation, these fireplaces were sealed on the interior and marble hearths and fireplace surrounds were put in. The original wood matels are intact and are paneled and beveled. The woodwork on the matels reflects that in the central hall. This hall contains a distinctive pilastered archway in the center. To the rear of the hall is a narrow stairway which leads up to the sleeping attic. Beneath the stairway is a small closet. Floors of the house are of heart pine. Interior doors have two vertical panels. Walls and 13' high ceilings were originally but plaster have been redone with sheetrock. Locks on the interior doors are brass; those on the front and back doors are from the c. 1900 Pittsview Bank.

Changes to the interior throughout the years have been sympathetic. The entrance to the solarium (the west wing added in the 1940s) is an archway copied from that in the hall. This solarium has nine large sash windows which are 6/6 in configuration and 34" x 80" in size. In 1970, numerous additions were made, including a three car garage, a utility room, a bedroom and a bathroom. Baths and closets were also added onto rooms on the east side of the house in a way so as not to disrupt those rooms.

The plantation is located in a rural area and faces south on County Road 12. The entrance is marked by large brick piers or posts and electric gates. A low brick wall runs along the road in front of the house. The only remaining structure associated with the original plantation is the previously mentioned kitchen. To the east of the house is a small Delco plant which furnished the house with electricity in the early 20th century.

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
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Constructed in 1837 as the home of one of Russell County's earliest settlers, Cedar Heights is one of the finest examples of the smaller Greek Revival plantation houses in the county and illustrates how the style was perceived by leading settlers in the area. Additionally, it is significant for its associations with its owners - a prominent local literary leader and educator and an important agriculturist - who contributed to the county by helping to settle it, providing educational leadership during its early period and developing it as an agricultural region.

The plantation lands were originally inhabited by the Creek Indians. In 1832 the Creek Cession in Eastern Alabama took place, clearing the way for settlement. The original 640 acres of land was deeded to Samuel B. Benton in 1835. Benton, however, quickly sold the land to Massilon McKendree Glenn. Massilon Glenn was the eldest son of the Reverend James Glenn, founder of nearby Glennville (NRHP: 8/7/79). The younger Glenn was a leading voice in literary societies in this area. His knowledge of literature and English aided him in his position as President of the Board of Trustees of the Glennville Female Academy.

It was Glenn, along with his father, who in 1837, had the present house constructed by skilled plantation laborers. This was one of the first houses to be built in the area after the Creek Cession. In 1840, Mr. George Hargraves Thompson, a successful cotton planter, traded his nearby house and plantation for the Glenn place. It was the Thompson family which developed Cedar Heights onto a 12,000 acre working plantation. Willis Thompson, a son, was among the first in the county to convert his acreage to the production of pecans. Some time during the first decade of the century, he planted trees and established the Eagle Pecan Company and Nursery. The house and lands are still in the hands of the family, but the main crop is timber.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 Walker, Anne Kendrick, Russell County in Retrospect, Dietz Press, Richmond, Virginia, 1950.

10. Geographical Data UTM NOT VERIFIED

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 Quadrangle name Pittsview Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet.

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 Ellen Mertins / Nancy Alexander (Lower Chattahoochee Regional Planning Commission)
 organization Alabama Historical Commission date February 21, 1980
 street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone (205) 832-6621
 city or town Montgomery state Alabama 36130

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Nils B. Howard, Jr.

title SHPO Alabama date Feb. 20, 1980

For HCRRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Carol D. Skelton 4/9/80
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: Carol D. Skelton 1/13/80
 Chief of Division

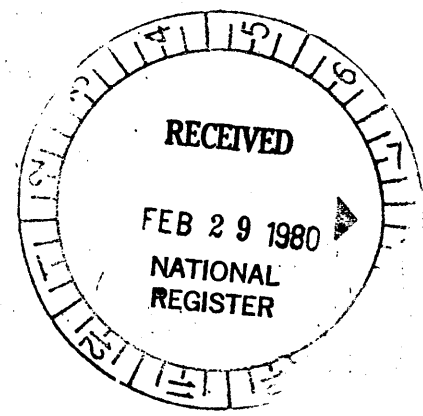
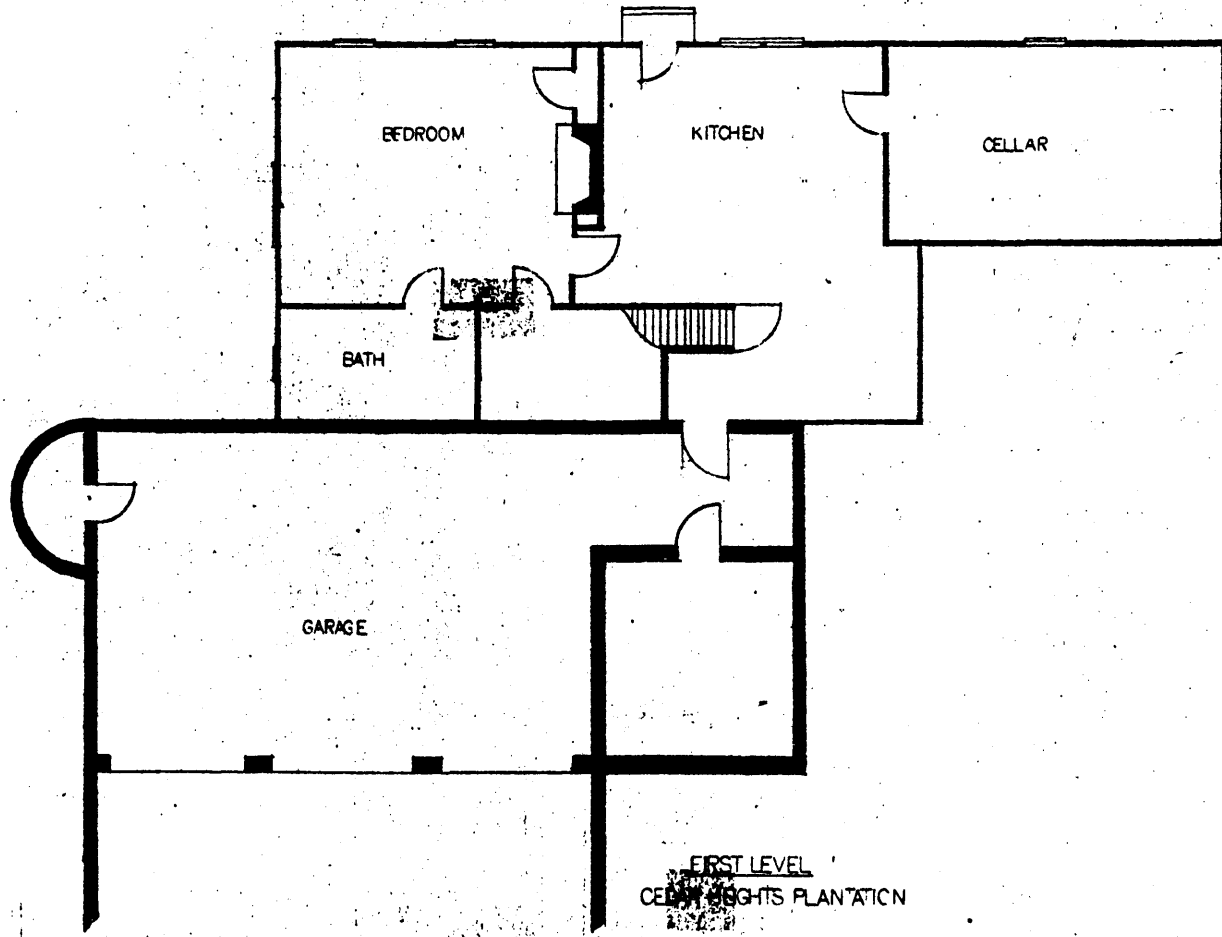
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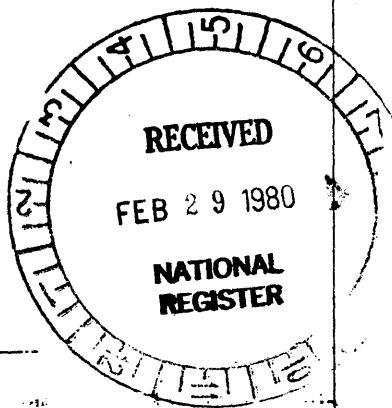
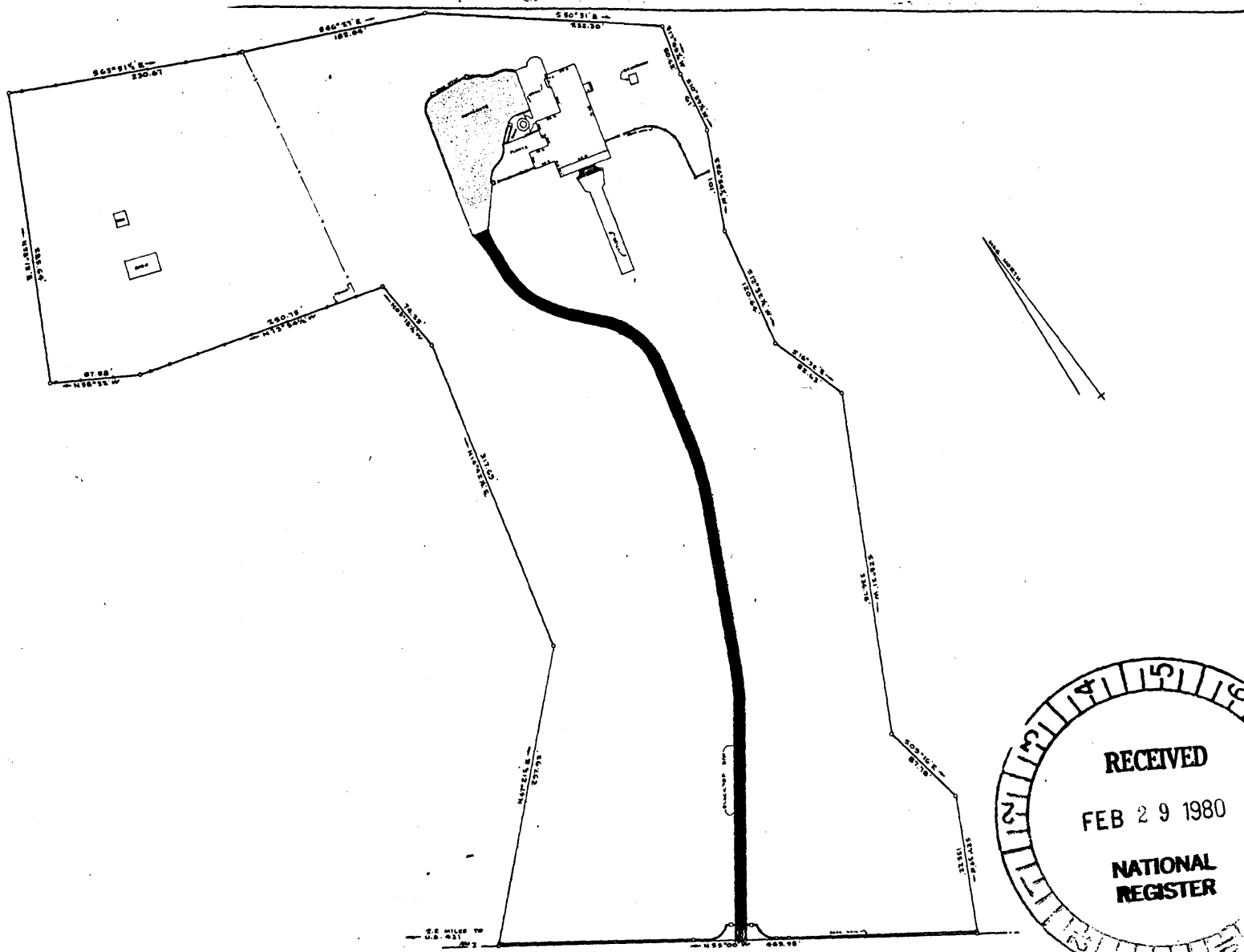
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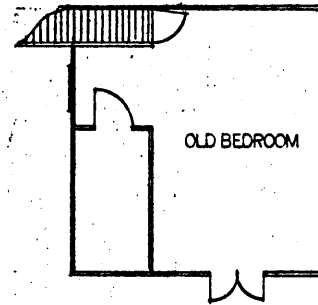




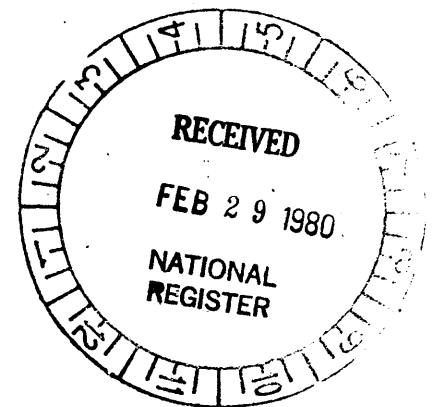
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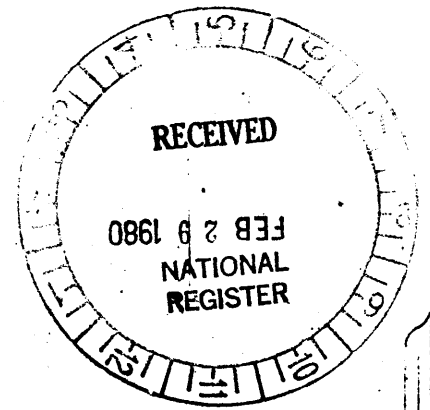
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 CIVIL ENGINEERS
 COLUMBIA, GEORGIA





UPPER LEVEL
CEDAR HEIGHTS PLANTATION





GROUND LEVEL
SCALE
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