

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Bertie	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Historic Hope

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Hope Plantation

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Four Miles northwest of Windsor, North Carolina, off  
North Carolina State Highway 308

CITY OR TOWN:  
Windsor vicinity

STATE North Carolina	CODE 32	COUNTY: Bertie	CODE 8
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input 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:  
Historic Hope Foundation, Incorporated

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Roxobel	STATE: North Carolina	CODE 32
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Bertie County Courthouse--Register of Deeds Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
King Street

CITY OR TOWN: Windsor	STATE: North Carolina	CODE 32
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input 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

Exterior: The Hope Plantation house is a two story structure built over a high basement. The mansion is of frame construction with beaded weatherboarding and has a brick foundation laid in Flemish bond. The facade is five bays wide (measuring fifty feet) and the ends are four bays wide (measuring forty-five feet). All windows are four-over-four, of the enlarged type used in the Federal period; they measure 16" x 20". Each window has full shutters. The facade features a splendid proportioned pedimented double portico with turned posts and Chinese Chippendale railings. It has a fine modillion cornice which is carried around the house. The small one-story porch on the rear is pedimented and features the same details as the portico on the facade. Simple transoms are featured over both doorways on the facade and over the one on the rear. There are four exterior chimneys, two on each side. They are laid in Flemish bond and rise in two stages marked by flat surfaced weatherings. The form of the roof is a deck-on-hip. There is a Chinese Chippendale railing around the deck forming a "captain's walk." Wooden gutters are concealed in the roof line.

Interior: The plan of Hope is an interesting variation of the transverse hall type. The basement contains a kitchen and two large storerooms. A secondary or servant stair extends from the basement to the roof, with exits on each floor, permitting privacy in the public rooms, yet allowing the servants freedom to do their work. On the first floor in the hall is an enclosed staircase ascending along the left side of the hall as seen from the front door. The hall is divided into two unequal sections by an elliptical arch. On the first floor in addition to the main hall are two bedrooms on the west side, and the main dining room and the family dining room on the east. The two most important rooms of the house--the library and the drawing room--are on the second floor. The library is furnished with built-in floor to ceiling bookcases on two walls with glazed doors above the dado level and solid paneled doors below. In David Stone's lifetime these bookcases housed more than 1,400 volumes in his library. The drawing room, measuring twenty by thirty feet, has raised panel wainscot and a dentil cornice. A door in the drawing room leads to the upper gallery. Also on the second floor are the back hall and three small rooms used as bedrooms. All mantels in the house are Federal with fireplace facings of imported Italian marble or a red stone found in Newark, New Jersey.

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## 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) 1803

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land on which the Hope Plantation house now stands was first granted by the Lords Proprietors in the 1720s to members of the Hobson family. In 1765 Francis Hobson deeded the property to his wife, Elizabeth Williamson. After Hobson's death his widow married Zedekiah Stone, who had settled in Bertie in 1766. In February, 1793, Zedekiah deeded the property to his son David Stone, only a month before David married Hannah Turner, daughter of Simon Turner of Bertie. The deed referred to the property as the "Hope Tract of land. . . lying about five miles west of Windsor on both sides of the Halifax Road." The property contained 1,051 acres. Almost immediately the building of the "Hope" mansion was undertaken by the Stones, but the structure was not completed until 1803. Though the Stones were frequently absent from the plantation, living in Raleigh and Washington, D.C., "Hope" continued to be David Stone's official residence for political reasons and the plantation was extensively developed. By 1810 it had grown to more than five-thousand acres and more than fifty slaves.

David Stone, son of Zedekiah and Elizabeth Stone, was born in Bertie County, North Carolina, on February 17, 1770. His father was a wealthy planter and merchant who had emigrated to North Carolina from Massachusetts in 1766. David, educated at Princeton College in New Jersey, became active in politics at an early age. He represented Bertie County at the Convention in Fayetteville in 1789, which ratified the Constitution of the United States. After reading law under the renowned William R. Davie at Halifax, David Stone served in the North Carolina House of Commons from 1790 to 1794. At the same time he served as the District Solicitor for the Edenton Judicial District. From 1794 to 1798 Stone was a judge in the North Carolina Superior Court system. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1798. In 1800 he was elected to the United States Senate. After a full term as United States Senator (1800-1806), he retired to serve again as a Superior Court judge (1806-1808). In 1808 and 1809 Stone was elected Governor of North Carolina for one-year terms. At the end of his second term as Governor, Stone was elected again to the North Carolina House of Commons (1810-1812). And, in 1812 Stone was appointed to the United States Senate, but resigned his office in 1814 amid controversy over his opposition to President James Madison's policies during the War of 1812. David Stone died at his plantation on the Neuse River in Wake County on October 7, 1818.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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8. Architecturally, Hope Plantation is of particular interest as an example of the emerging Federal style in a large country house. Its fine architectural details and sophisticated roof form show the influence of the best work of the period. The chimney arrangement is less academic, and reflects the persistence of earlier vernacular forms. The placing of the principal rooms on the second floor is the result of the influence of the most sophisticated houses of the Carolinas, particularly of the Miles Brewton house in Charleston.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ashe, Samuel A. (ed.), Biographical History of North Carolina (Greensboro: Charles L. Van Noppen, 8 volumes, 1905-1907), IV, passim.  
 Bertie County Records, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Estate Papers, Census Records).  
 Bertie County Records, Bertie County Courthouse, Windsor, North Carolina. Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Estate Papers).  
 Lobst, Dr. Richard W., "Domestic Life of David Stone." Unpublished research report prepared for Historic Hope Foundation, Inc., 221 pages, n.d.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . "	0 . "		36 0 1 . 39 -	77 0 1 . 09 -	
NE	0 . "	0 . "				
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Eight acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Raymond F. Pisney, Assistant Administrator, Historic Sites and Museums

ORGANIZATION: State Department of Archives and History DATE: March 3, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:  
109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh STATE: North Carolina CODE: 32

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 H. G. Jones  
H. G. Jones, Director  
State Department of Archives  
and History

Date March 3, 1970

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

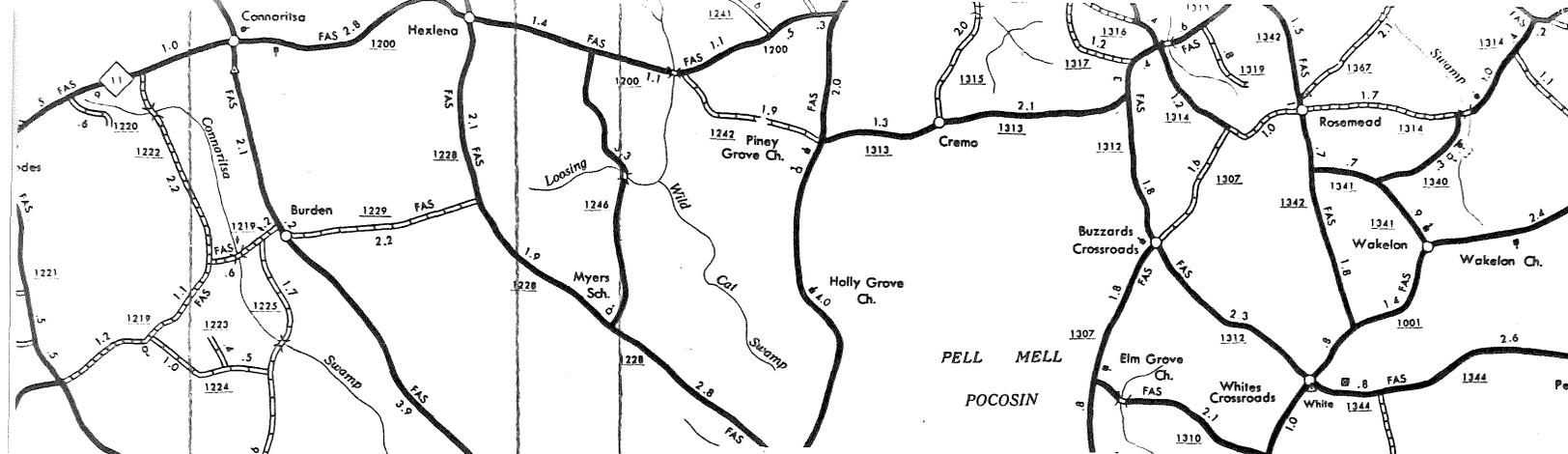
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ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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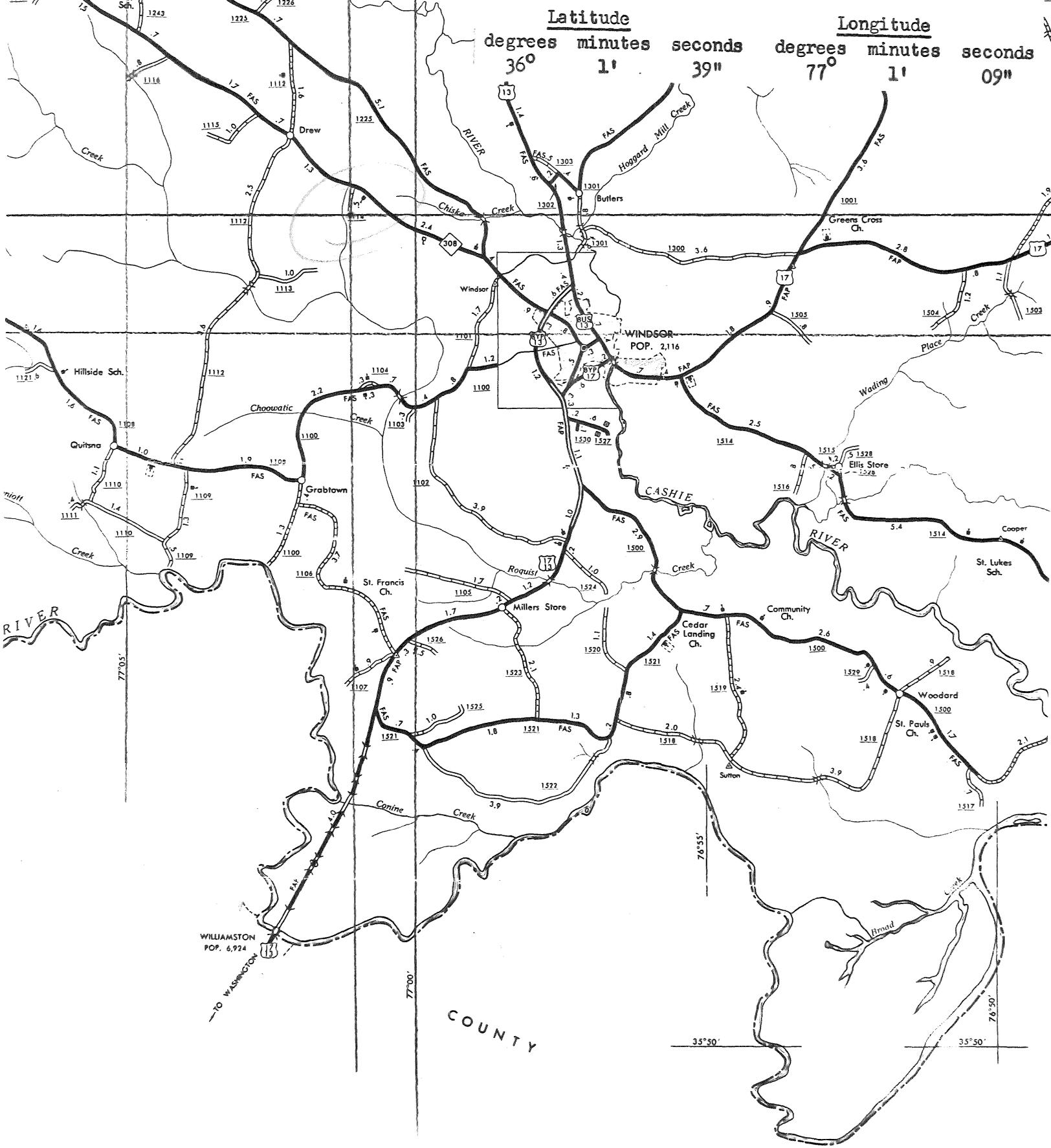


Historic Hope (Hope Plantation)

Windsor Vicinity  
Bertie County, North Carolina

Highway Map of Bertie County  
North Carolina State Highway Commission  
Scale: 1"/one mile  
January 1, 1968

REPUBLICAN ROAD



Latitude			Longitude		
degrees	minutes	seconds	degrees	minutes	seconds
36°	1'	39"	77°	1'	09"

COUNTY

