

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Franklin	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Person Place

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
603 North Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Louisburg (Second Congressional District, The Hon. L. H. Fountain)

STATE North Carolina	CODE 37	COUNTY: Franklin	CODE 69
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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 checked="" 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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" 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:
Louisburg College

STREET AND NUMBER:
North Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Louisburg	STATE: North Carolina	CODE 37
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Franklin County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Louisburg	STATE: North Carolina	CODE 37
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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Person Place, located in the quiet college town of Louisburg, sits on the north edge of the Louisburg College campus and is shaded by several large oaks. The frame house rests on a stone foundation with rectangular air vents filled with vertical iron grates. It is composed of two sections: a large Federal structure and, to the south of it, a smaller Georgian wing. To the rear are additions from various periods.

The Federal, temple-form block is three bays wide and two stories high. It is covered with plain weatherboards and has paneled corner posts. The windows contain six-over-six sash at both levels and feature heavy sills, square in section, and symmetrically molded surrounds with unadorned corner blocks. Louvered shutters are hung at all windows on both sections but appear to be original only on this block.

Protecting the central bay of the main (east) facade is a small three-bay pedimented porch supported by four wooden Doric columns and a pair of engaged columns on the facade. Each leaf of the central flat-paneled door contains four alternating large and small panels. The door surround is symmetrically molded and extends above the door to include a transom which has four vertical lights. The half-sidelights also contain four lights. A large eighteen-pane lunette dominates the pediment which has a tympanum finished with flush siding.

On the rear of this block are two chimneys with concave shoulders, built of brick laid in common bond. At the first level between the chimneys is a wooden pent which has a central window. The second level has two tall, narrow windows with four-over-four sash between the chimneys. Two smaller windows appear above them in the gable.

The north side of the Federal block is three bays deep, the windows having six-over-six sash and the bay nearest the main facade containing a flat-paneled door similar to that of the main facade. The south side of this structure is covered by the older house.

The three-bay, one-story-plus-attic Georgian house joins the main block, forming an unbalanced composition. The central bay of this section contains a simple doorway while the flanking bays have narrow windows with molded sills. This block is covered with molded siding applied with rosehead nails. There appears to have been originally (or very early) a small ell to the rear which, at a later date, was raised to two stories and extended. The one exposed gable end has a chimney of brick laid in Flemish bond with sharply sloping, smooth shoulders and wings. A window occurs on either side of the chimney at both levels. The window to the rear of the chimney on the first floor has been covered by a shed room housing a bathroom. The roof line from this addition extends to the rear of the wing, the back portion of which is enclosed, leaving a small porch in the center. The one porch post that remains is square in section and tapers to a molded cap. The porch is enclosed by a rounded handrail which formerly had balusters square in section set diagonally. This porch appears to be contemporary with the older section of the Georgian block. In the rear, between the two sections, is an enclosed porch which covers the outline against one wall of an earlier

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porch roof which was supported by a Federal pilaster.

The interior of the Federal section has a lateral front hall opening on two large rooms. All three rooms have walls plastered above a flat-paneled wainscot. The symmetrically molded window and door surrounds have unadorned corner blocks. The window architraves continue to the baseboard, framing a flat panel under each window. The hall is unheated, but the two rooms have fireplaces with somewhat heavy Federal mantels featuring reeded pilaster strips on either side of the opening. The room to the north is slightly larger than the south one, and the wainscot along the wall which divides the two rooms reflects the paneling scheme which occurs under the windows on the opposite walls. Entrance to the pent closet is through a small door in the south room.

At the north and south ends of the hall are doors, the north one leading outside and the south into the older section, which originally had a hall-and-parlor plan. From the old hall the main stair ascends to the second floor of the main block. The short first flight ascends along the south wall to a landing. Below the closed stringer, the spandrel has two horizontal flat panels. The handrail is rounded with slender balusters, square in section, terminating in a newel, also square in section, with a molded cap which is silhouetted against the wall. The long enclosed second flight, at right angles to the first, ascends to the second floor behind the back wall of the hall in the main block. Continuing up the stair is a flat-paneled wainscot. (Beneath this stair is the outline of the fireplace hearth removed when the Federal block was built.)

The second floor of the Federal block has two large rooms on the rear and three small ones across the front. The rear rooms contain plain three-part Federal mantels with crude marbleizing. The front rooms are unheated. All second-floor walls are plastered above and below molded chair rails.

The Georgian block appears to have consisted originally of two rooms and a small ell to the rear with an entrance in the north room and a stair ascending from the south room. The early stair has been removed. The present stair rises in the late rear addition serving only its second floor. Access no longer exists to the attic of the oldest section. (A hole in the stair wall reveals shingles on the part of the roof of the Georgian block covered when the ell was raised and extended.) In the south room of the Georgian block is a simple mantel with four flat panels and a rectangular fire opening which has been partially filled. In this same room is a flat-paneled door hung with HL hinges attached with rosehead nails. There is also a plain Federal chair rail above a plaster dado, which probably dates from the building of the Federal block. In the north room there is a simple Georgian chair rail consisting of a molded strip attached to the center of a beaded strip. The finish of the subsequent additions to this section is quite plain.

3. 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)

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 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 Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The oldest section of the Person Place was built about 1789 by Wilson Milner on land he was willed by his father, Pate Wells Milner, who had died the previous year. The elder Milner had sold 100 acres in 1779 to the commissioners appointed by the General Assembly to buy land for the future town of Louisburg, the county seat of Franklin County.

In 1804 John Norwood, sheriff, sold the lands and tenants of Wilson Milner to John Huckby. After a number of transfers, the property was sold on October 17, 1807, to Matthew Dickinson, the first headmaster of Franklin Academy, which later became Louisburg College. The house had two more owners before being purchased by William P. Williams in 1822. Williams, who was one of the wealthier men of Franklin County, owned 3,655 acres in 1810 and is thought to have built the large temple-form east block of the rambling house. The house, however, was not to be purchased by the family from which it takes its name until 1858 when Thomas A. Persons [sic] purchased the house and 48 acres after the heirs of A. H. Ray petitioned the court for a settlement of Ray's estate. (It is not known how or when Ray acquired the property.) The house remained in the Person family until it was purchased by Louisburg College from the estate of Arthur W. Person in 1970.

The associations of the Person Place with the beginnings of both the town of Louisburg and Louisburg College, around which the town centers, make the house an excellent visible reminder of the town's heritage. The house, set in a pleasant grove near the college, is an interesting juxtaposition of buildings from two different eras: one a rather plain Georgian structure; the other, joined directly to it, a temple-form house in the late Federal idiom. At present a movement is underway to make the house the official residence of the president of Louisburg College--a most fitting use since it was the home of the first head of the academy which later became that college.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Davis, Edward Hill. Historical Sketches of Franklin County. Raleigh, North Carolina: Edwards & Broughton Company, 1948.

Franklin County Records, Franklin County Courthouse, Louisburg, North Carolina, Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Estate Papers).

Franklin County Records, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Estate Papers, Census Records.)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	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			
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	36°	06'	23"	78°	17'	51"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3/4 Acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Survey and Planning Unit

ORGANIZATION: State Department of Archives and History DATE: 1 February 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh STATE: North Carolina CODE: 37

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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

Title Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date 1 February 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

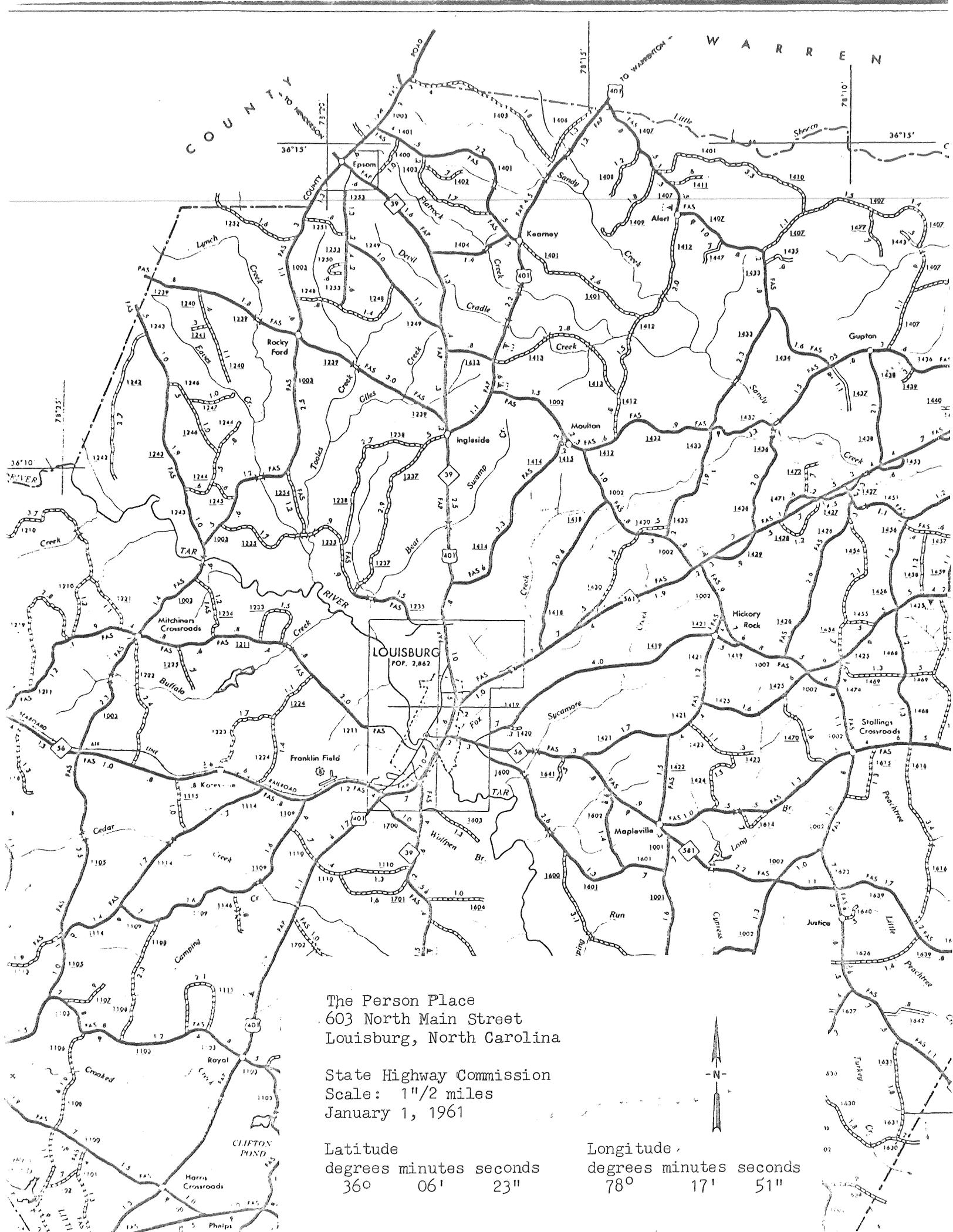
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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The Person Place
 603 North Main Street
 Louisburg, North Carolina

State Highway Commission
 Scale: 1 1/2 miles
 January 1, 1961

Latitude
 degrees minutes seconds
 36° 06' 23"

Longitude
 degrees minutes seconds
 78° 17' 51"

