

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
Roberts-Vaughan House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
130 East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Murfreesboro

STATE: North Carolina CODE: 37 COUNTY: Hertford CODE: 091

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 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:
Murfreesboro Historical Association, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 3

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Hertford County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

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

The Roberts-Vaughan House was originally a two-story frame structure with a gable roof. During the Greek Revival period the house was enlarged and a central portico added.

The main (north) facade is five bays wide and features a large tetra-style pedimented portico which covers the central three bays. Reeded Doric columns support a reduced entablature which carries around the house on all sides. It features brackets which resemble scroll modillions in profile, a row of pierced dentils, and a band of intricate fretwork. The central entrance has a double-door framed by a heavy molded architrave, flanked by sidelights, and surmounted by a leaded transom. The central doorway on the second story opens onto a rectangular balcony with a wrought iron balustrade. The door is framed similar to the main entrance but lacks a transom. The pedimented east and west ends each contain three bays separated by pairs of straight-sided brick chimneys. On the older east side the chimneys are laid in Flemish bond while those on the west are in American bond. Each tympanum contains a central oculus framed by a molded architrave with four keystones. The south (rear) side is six bays wide with three bays to the right of the central doorway. This facade features a single-bay, two-tiered, pedimented portico supported by plain square columns.

The walls in the east side of the south facade and on the east pediment are of the original beaded weatherboards. The windows in this section have nine-over-nine sash on the first story and six-over-nine on the second.

The remainder of the house is plain lapped weatherboards which date from the time of the Creek Revival additions. All the windows in this portion have six-over-six sash.

A single-story, frame kitchen with a gable roof and porches along its east and west sides has been added to the right side of the south facade. Its south gable features a small American bond chimney.

The interior of the Roberts-Vaughan house is essentially a center-passage plan with two rooms on either side. A stair decorated with ornamental brackets and marbelized treads rises from the left side of the main hall. The south-east room contains a secondary enclosed stair which ascends from the kitchen passage at the rear of the house. The walls in the hall and all rooms on the first floor are plaster above a flat paneled wainscot with primitive wood graining. The walls on the second floor have molded chair rails above simple baseboards. The older section of the house has its original Federal mantels.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

Benjamin Roberts is thought to have built the east portion of the Roberts-Vaughan House in the first decade of the nineteenth century. Roberts was a wealthy local businessman and a member of the first board of trustees of Hertford Academy. Uriah Vaughan acquired the property about 1835 and enlarged the house. In Vaughan's will, dated March 14, 1882, he bequeathed his residence to his wife, Sarah, provided she did not remarry.

The Murfreesboro Historical Association purchased the house from the estate of Uriah Vaughan's daughter, Alice Vaughan Stancil.

The house is one of the most ornate vernacular structures in Murfreesboro. The intricate work on the cornice and the original delicate marbelizing and wood graining make the house a valuable example of decorating techniques in ante-bellum North Carolina. The Roberts-Vaughan House is to be restored by the Murfreesboro Historical Association. It will serve as the community library and as offices for the Murfreesboro Historical Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

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ADJACENT GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hertford County Records, Hertford County Courthouse, Winton, North Carolina, Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Estate Papers, Census Reports.)

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

Parramore, Thomas C. The Ancient Maritime Village of Murfreesboro, 1787-1825. Murfreesboro, North Carolina: Johnson Publishing Company, 1969

19. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				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
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NE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

20. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John B. Wells, III, Survey Specialist

ORGANIZATION

State Department of Archives and History

DATE

November 16, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:

109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Raleigh

STATE

North Carolina

CODE

37

21. 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

Dr. H. G. Jones

Title Director, State Department of

Archives and History

Date November 16, 1970

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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Section of Vaughan House
140 N. of Main Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

City Map of Greensboro
City of Greensboro
Scale: 2 1/4" / 1200'
No date

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	<u>Latitude</u>		<u>Longitude</u>	
36	26'	33"	77	06'
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