

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina
COUNTY: Lenoir
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Herring House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: West side of S.R. 1503, 0.4 mi. west of road on dirt lane,
0.5 mi. southwest of intersection with S.R. 1502

CITY OR TOWN: LaGrange vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First
The Hon. Walter B. Jones

STATE: North Carolina

CODE: 37

COUNTY: Lenoir

CODE: 107

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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Jack Garey

STREET AND NUMBER:
Highland Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Kinston

STATE: North Carolina

CODE: 37

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Lenoir County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Kinston

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 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 Herring House is a two-story frame dwelling built with beaded weatherboards on a Flemish bond brick foundation. The south (front) facade is five bays wide with a central entrance surmounted by a four-light transom. A single-story porch with a hip roof which carries around the front and the east gable end is a twentieth century addition. The east and west ends each have two bays separated by a step-shouldered chimney of brick laid in Flemish bond with a molded cap. The west chimney contains a brick dated 1801. The rather narrow windows have nine-over-nine sash in the first story and nine-over-six in the second. The ornament of the handsome cornice is most curious. Apparently when the weatherboards just below the cornice were replaced, the rear sections of the modillions were cut off, leaving a peculiar row of modillion ends suspended from the cornice.

The interior has a center-passage plan with a large parlor on either side. The open-string stair features curvilinear brackets and a simple balustrade with posts and balusters square in section. It rises from the left side of the main hall in two flights. The east room contains a secondary enclosed stair which ascends to the second level.

The walls in the hall are plastered above a flat-panel wainscot while the rest of the house has plaster walls above and below a molded chair rail. The attic is unfinished.

The mantels are of typical Federal design, each individualized with gouged and carved ornament. The most elaborate is of modified three-part form, with the center tablet no wider than the end blocks. It features fluted pilasters beneath a horizontal lower frieze band adorned with gouge-work scallops, a motif repeated on the frieze blocks, and an intricate gouged cornice. The other mantels feature end blocks only, with various combinations of gouge and fretwork.

Of particular interest is an early cupboard, located at the head of the secondary stair next to the partition wall. It rises to the ceiling and is capped by a dentil cornice. The side facing the stair is flat-paneled. The accessible side has two doors: a small lower door with two flat panels, the upper with the normal six-panel arrangement.

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3. 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)

1801

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 | <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 Herring House was built by one of the early families to settle in Lenoir County. It is a well-preserved Federal farmhouse with the restrained yet inventive detail typical of the more ambitious vernacular dwellings of the period.

The Herring family settled very early in what is now Lenoir County. A deed of May 10, 1736, refers to a patent of August, 1720, to John Herring. John Herring of this area was a representative in the North Carolina Assembly in 1749. His son Joshua held the office of justice of the peace in 1776.

The Herring House, the construction date of which is suggested by a brick in the chimney marked "1801," was probably built by Joshua's son, Edward Matchet Herring (1755-1825), or Edward's son, William Herring (1779-1830).

In October 11, 1889, William's youngest son, Joshua James Herring, Sr., deeded the house with a 314-acre tract to his son, Needham Whitfield Herring (1856-1942). The Herring homestead has remained in the family to the present.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Research by Charles Blume, Jr., survey specialist; architectural description by John Wells, former survey supervisor.
 Lenoir County Records, Lenoir County Courthouse, Kinston, North Carolina, Office of the Register of Deeds (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).
 Lenoir County Records, Division of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		35° 19' 44"	77° 48' 13"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Survey and Planning Unit

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives and History DATE: 20 August 1973

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, Division of Archives and History
 Date 20 August 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

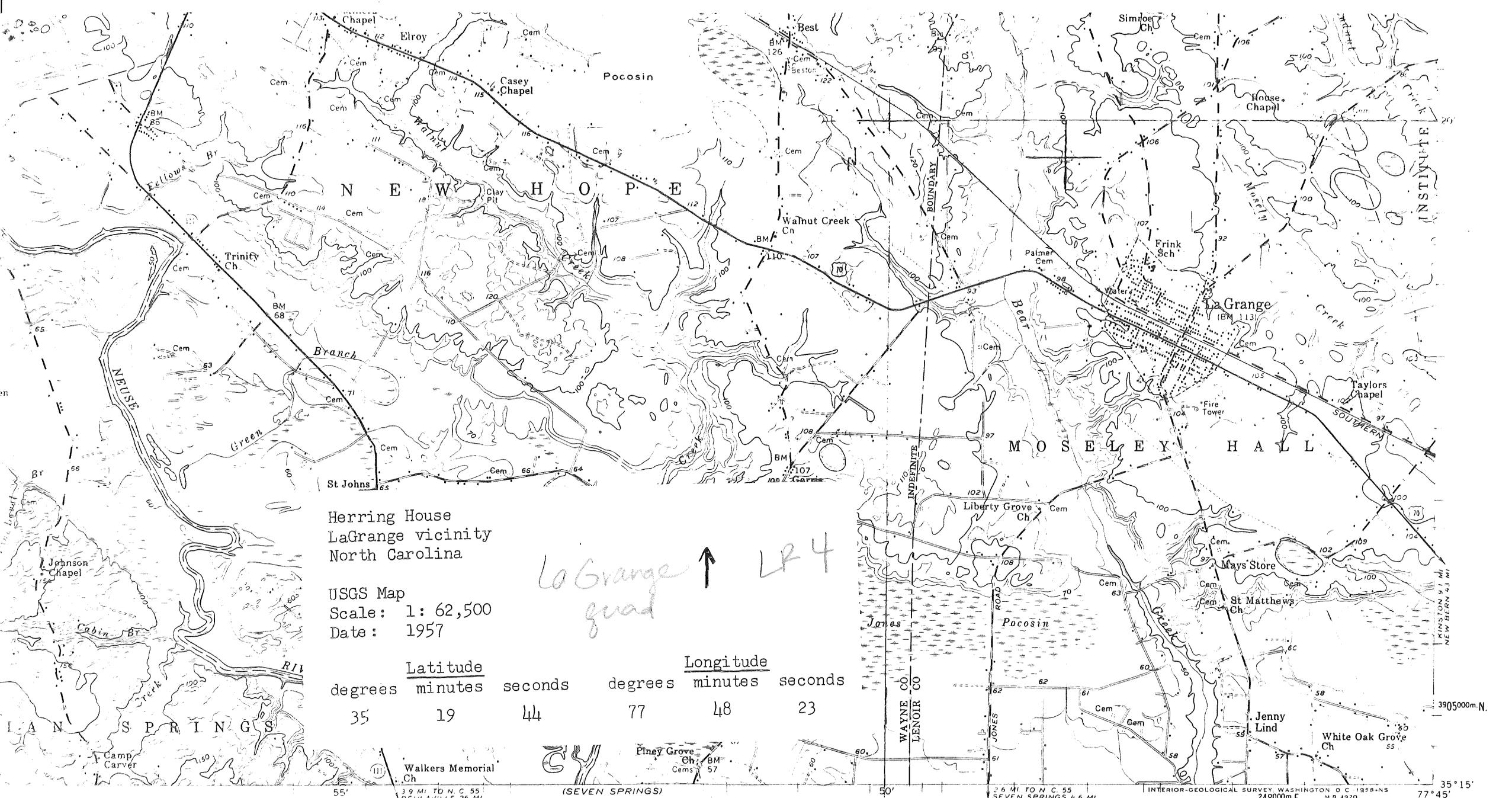
Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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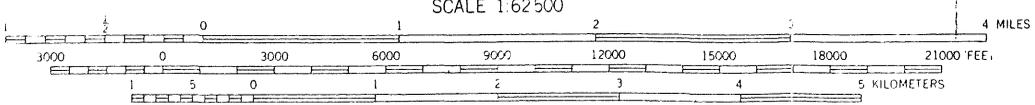
Herring House
LaGrange vicinity
North Carolina

USGS Map
Scale: 1: 62,500
Date: 1957

LaGrange ↑ *LR 4*
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	<u>Latitude</u>			<u>Longitude</u>		
degrees	minutes	seconds	degrees	minutes	seconds	
35	19	44	77	48	23	

3.9 MI. TO N. C. 55 BEULAVILLE 26 MI. (SEVEN SPRINGS) 2.6 MI. TO N. C. 55 SEVEN SPRINGS 4.6 MI. INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D. C. 1958-N5 M.R. 4920 248000m. E. 3905000m. N. 35° 15' 77° 45'



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
 Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
 U. S. Route (shield symbol) State Route (circle symbol)

