

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
Myers-White House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Sycamore Grove

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
SR 1347, .7 miles east of junction of SR 1347 and SR 1339

CITY OR TOWN:
Bethel Township (First Congressional District)

STATE North Carolina	CODE 37	COUNTY: Perquimans	CODE 113
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Charles E. White, Sr. (estate)

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 1

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

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Church Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hertford	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 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 Myers-White House is a story-and-a-half frame dwelling with a gambrel roof and brick ends. Horizontal beaded flush siding covers the front (north) facade, which is protected by a shed porch. The ends and the massive double-shoulder exterior end chimneys, laid in English bond, have a low water table. The lower portion of each chimney has exceptionally steep flat-surfaced weatherings laid in a herringbone pattern. At the base of the shaft is a shallow offset. The three-bay front facade with central entrance is marked at the first level by nine-over-nine sash windows with molded architraves and sills. Shed dormers repeat the rhythm above. On the west end, fenestration appears at either side of the chimney with windows of nine-over-nine sash on the lower level and four-over-four in the attic. This arrangement also appears on the east side, except that the opening south of the chimney has been bricked up. All the end windows are replacements, larger than the originals, as changes in the brickwork clearly show.

The interior is divided into two rooms with the main entrance leading into the larger room on the west side. The walls are plaster with a flat-paneled wainscot and a heavy molded cornice. The west wall features a fireplace with a rectangular opening framed by a molded architrave and surmounted by a ramped entablature. The flat-paneled overmantel is enriched with ovolo moldings. The secondary room has an identical mantel, without the overmantel. Except for the absence of the cornice, the wall treatment is also the same as that in the larger room. There are six-panel doors with H-L hinges throughout.

The rest of the first floor area of the Myers-White House is a later addition. The arrangement of the stair, however, indicates that the addition replaces an original shed area. The enclosed stair leads from the outside rear wall and rises through the east room. This creates a cupboard below the stair in the secondary room, which is sheathed with flush vertical siding.

The attic is divided into three rooms, the east room being the only one with a mantel. The square opening has an arched surround with simple molded architrave, plain shelf, and flat-paneled overmantel.

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

The Myers-White House was built before 1730 by Thomas Long or his son on land purchased in 1694. The younger Long lived in the house until his death in 1781. In 1788 the property was purchased by Charles Moore, whose household comprised eight free persons and fifteen slaves according to the 1790 federal census. Upon his death in 1806, his sons, William and Augustus, inherited it. The Moore brothers owned the house jointly until November 12, 1838, when it was sold in a public sale to Nathaniel Hathaway. During the next eleven years, the house was held by several owners. In 1849, it was purchased by Whitaker Myers, whose holdings in 1850 are listed as 314 acres valued at \$2,000. Myers, a captain in the Confederate Army and organizer of the Perquimans Partisan Rangers, Company D, 66th North Carolina, lived in the house until 1890 when he moved to the town of Hertford. Seven years later he died and bequeathed the house and farm to his fourth wife, Elizabeth White Myers. Since 1897 the property has belonged to various members of the White family including Mrs. Charles E. White, Sr., the present occupant.

The Myers-White House, one of the two known gambrel roof houses with brick ends in the state, is especially noted for its archaic chimneys and fine interior woodwork. According to Waterman, its shed rooms and rear wall stair make it a worthy example of a transitional style in the progression to two full stories. Possibly the oldest gambrel dwelling in North Carolina, it is also one of the oldest in the southeast.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Perquimans County Records, Perquimans County Courthouse, Hertford, North Carolina, Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

Perquimans County Records, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

Waterman, Thomas Tileston, and Johnston, Frances Benjamin. The Early Architecture of North Carolina. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1947.

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 ' "	36° 07' 25"	76° 27' 09"		
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Two 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, John B. Wells, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: Department of Archives and History DATE: May 10, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
109 East Jones Street

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

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

Title Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date May 10, 1971

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

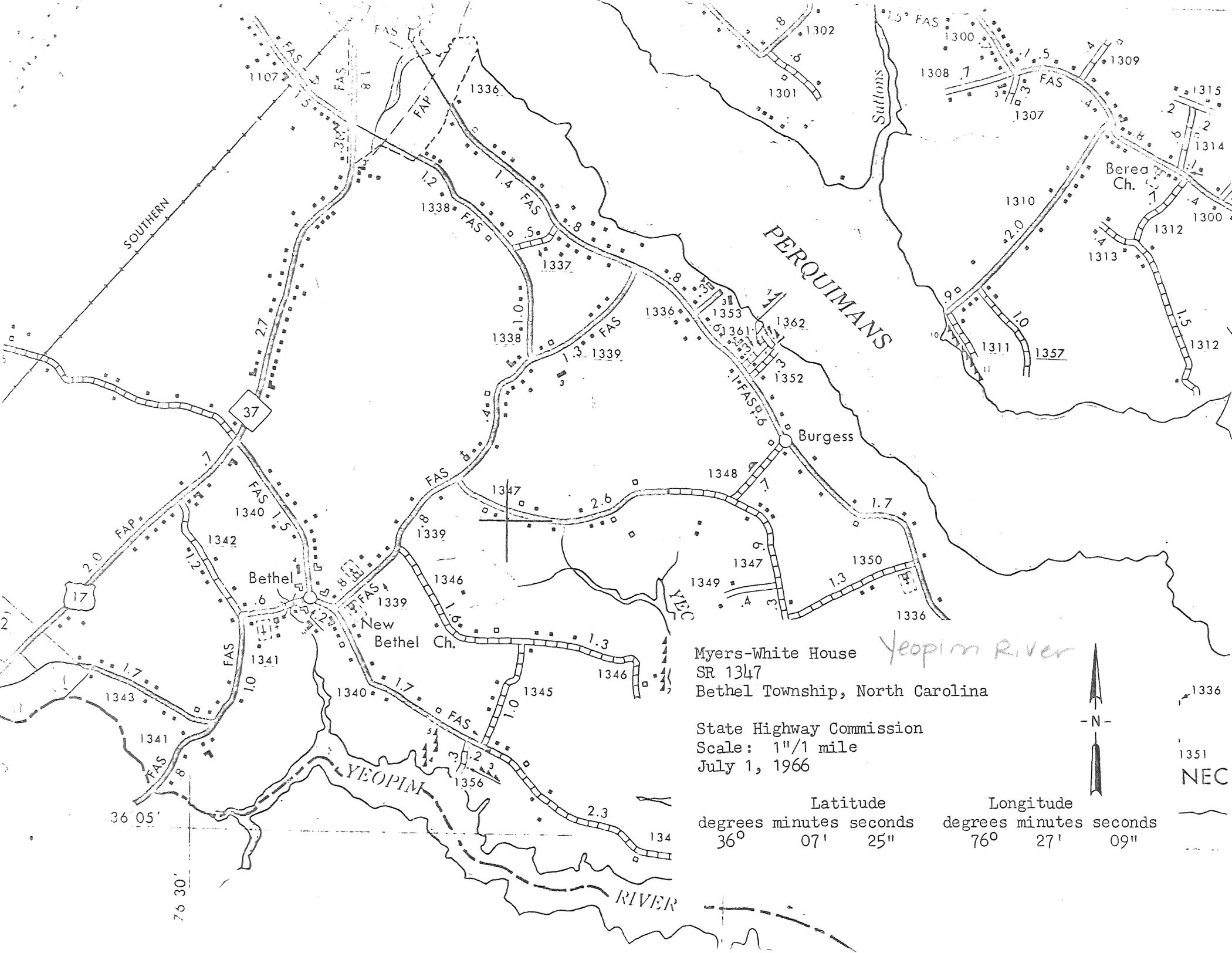
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ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

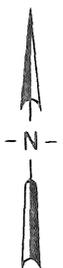
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Myers-White House
 SR 1347
 Bethel Township, North Carolina

Yeopim River

State Highway Commission
 Scale: 1" / 1 mile
 July 1, 1966



	Latitude	Longitude
	degrees minutes seconds	degrees minutes seconds
	36° 07' 25"	76° 27' 09"

36 05'
 76 30'

1336
 1351
 NEC

