

STATE:
North Carolina

COUNTY:
Alamance

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Allen House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 1, off U.S. 62, near intersection with 1129

CITY OR TOWN:
Burlington (Sixth Congressional District)

STATE North Carolina	CODE 37	COUNTY: Alamance	CODE 001
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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"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" 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:
State Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Raleigh

STATE: North Carolina	CODE 37
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Alamance County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Graham

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:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Allen house is a two-story hewn log dwelling with a gable roof of wooden shingles. It rests on a stone foundation.

The front (south) facade is covered by a shed porch supported by crudely hewn wooden posts. The central entrance contains a board-and-batten door on heavy strap hinges with driven pentils. The rear of the house is similar to the front, except that the west portion of the shed addition is a small room enclosed by lapped weatherboards.

The gables on the east and west sides also are covered with lapped weatherboards. The dwelling's only window is located on the west gable to the south of the interior end stone chimney.

The interior consists of one large room with walls of exposed logs. The west wall is flush paneled and features a large fireplace with a heavy wooden shelf. To the left of the fireplace is a small closet and an enclosed spiral stair; each is entered through a board-and-batten door constructed with rose-head nails.

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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<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)			
<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			
<p>John Allen built a log house in the Snow Camp Community in Alamance County about 1782, on land granted to his father, also John Allen, in 1756. The younger Allen, who was a farmer, blacksmith, and storekeeper, was sympathetic to the Regulator cause. Allen's sister, Amy, married Herman Husband, one of the Regulator leaders. The Regulators were made up primarily of the citizens of the Piedmont who objected to the malpractices of office holders, the domination of the provincial government by eastern planters, and the shortage of specie. At first they tried to work through peaceful means, but growing discontent led to increasing violence, which reached its climax at the Battle of Alamance. There, on May 16, 1771, the Regulators fought the militia under the command of Royal Governor William Tryon. Within two hours the Regulators were defeated, which effectively ended the Regulator movement.</p> <p>John Allen willed the house to his youngest son, William, who died in 1878, leaving the property to his son William Graham Allen. With the death of William Graham's son, Lester, in 1957 the house passed into the hands of Lester Graham's ten children who gave it to the state for restoration.</p> <p>The Allen house was moved to the Alamance Battleground in 1966 and restored as a homestead dwelling typical of most rural Piedmont homes of the Regulator period. It is an outstanding example of log construction and one of the few eighteenth century houses in the area with a fully recorded history.</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Alamance County Records, Alamance County Courthouse, Graham, North Carolina, Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroup: Deeds, Wills).

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

Lefler, Hugh Talmage, and Newsome, Albert Ray. North Carolina: The History of a Southern State. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1963.

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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0		"	0		"	36°	00'	33"
NE	0		"	0		"	79°	31'	16"
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, III, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: State Department of Archives and History DATE: April 8, 1971

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: April 8, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

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