Form 10-300

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(TYPE ALL ENTRIES - COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS)

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

COUNTY CODE:

Alamance 37

CODE:

001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (CHECK ONE)

District

Site

Object

Building

Structure

Ownership:

Public

Private

Both

Public Acquisition:

In Process

Being Considered

STATUS

Occupied

Unoccupied

Preservation Work In Progress

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

Yes:

Restricted

Unrestricted

No

PRESENT USE (CHECK ONE OR MORE AS APPROPRIATE)

Agricultural

Government

Public

Transportation

Other (Specify)

Commercial

Industrial

Private Residence

Comments

Educational

Military

Religious

Entertainment

Museum

Scientific

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Alamance County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

Graham

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:

DATE:

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER
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.
### Significance

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### Statement of Significance

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, Mary, 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.

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.

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.
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