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:
Jesse Jackson House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
U. S. Highway 11 South, 1/2 mile north of Jackson's Store

CITY OR TOWN:
Kinston (First Congressional District)

STATE:
North Carolina

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (CHECK ONE)

☑ District ☐ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object

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 ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Commercial ☑ Industrial ☑ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☑ Other (Specify)

☐ Educational ☑ Military ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific ☑ Other (Specify)

☐ Entertainment ☑ Museum ☐ Scientific ☑ Other (Specify)

☐ Transportation ☑ Religious ☐ Scientific ☑ Other (Specify)

☐ Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER’S NAME:
Simon Parrott Jackson

STREET AND NUMBER:
U. S. Highway 11

CITY OR TOWN:
Kinston

STATE:
North Carolina

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Lenoir County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Queen Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Kinston

STATE:
North Carolina

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:
The Jesse Jackson House is set in a grove of deciduous trees on a high bluff overlooking the Neuse River. A drive shaded by century-old oaks and cedars leads to the house from the highway.

The house is a two-story frame structure with a common bond brick foundation and a gable roof. The west (front) facade is five bays wide with a central entrance in each story. The entrance on the first floor contains a Greek Revival door with two long vertical flat panels surmounted by an eight-light transom which carries over the sidelights. The doorway on the second level is similar to the main entrance but lacks a transom. Protecting the main entrance is a one-story porch featuring a diminutive entablature supported by wooden pillars. The flat roof is enclosed by a plain square balustrade.

The north and south sides each have two bays separated by a concave-shouldered chimney. The north chimney is laid in Flemish bond, while the other apparently has been rebuilt in random common bond. Dominating the rear facade is a single-story shed porch with the two south bays enclosed. Late in the nineteenth century the porch was connected to a single-story addition to the south.

The windows have nine-over-nine sash on the first story and nine-over-six on the second. Two small attic windows with four-over-four sash flank the chimney stack on each gable. An unusually large molding semi-circular in section provides the only decoration for the simple box cornice which returns on the gables.

The interior is center passage in plan. A stair with plain balusters square in section and molded handrail rises on the left side of the hall in two flights to the second floor and then in two flights to the attic. The walls in all rooms are of plaster above a high baseboard. There is a wide flat panel beneath each window, which is enclosed by an extension of the heavy window casing.

The mantels are all of the same basic design. A pair of square pilasters support an entablature with two paneled end blocks and a horizontal fret below a simple molded cornice shelf.
About 1850 Jesse Jackson, a planter who lived near the Neuse River west of Kinston, bought from his neighbor, Henry Jones, property which included the building now known as the Jesse Jackson House. It is not known how long Jones had owned the property nor when the house was built, but the building appears to have been constructed about 1840.

Jesse Jackson attended Wake Forest College (1835-1836), served in the North Carolina General Assembly in 1844 and 1846, and was one of the two original deacons in the first Baptist church in Kinston, which he helped to found in 1857. He married Elizabeth Croom Whitfield, and their son, Jesse, Jr., was born in the house in 1854.

The property passed from Jesse through his wife, Elizabeth, to their son, Jesse Jackson, Jr. Like his father, Jesse, Jr., attended Wake Forest College (1872-1873), was a successful planter, and became prominent in the community, serving as treasurer of Lenoir County and helping to organize the New Hope Baptist Church. In 1906 the local newspaper noted that he had 420 acres under cultivation.

Since its acquisition by Jesse Jackson, Sr., the house has remained in the Jackson family. The present owner is Simon Parrott Jackson, youngest son of Jesse Jackson, Jr.

The Jesse Jackson House, architecturally one of the finest plantation homes in Lenoir County, has been for over one hundred years the residence of one of the most prominent families in the area.
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8 acres

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Survey and Planning Staff, John B. Wells, III, Supervisor
ORGANIZATION: State Department of Archives and History
ADDRESS: 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina
DATE: March 24, 1971

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 [x]

Name: H. G. Jones
Title: Director, State Department of Archives and History
Date: March 24, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Date: __________________________

ATTTEST:

Keeper of The National Register
Date: __________________________
About 1850 Jesse Jackson, a planter who lived near the Neuse River west of Kinston, bought from his neighbor, Henry Jones, property which included the building now known as the Jesse Jackson House. It is not known how long Jones owned the property nor when the house was built, but the building appears to have been constructed about 1840. Family tradition has it that the purchase included 1000 acres and the house. This appears to be reasonable, since 1000 acres was a rather standard parcel of land at that time and the house is of a size and quality appropriate to a 1000 acre farm. The official county records which would substantiate this claim were destroyed in a courthouse fire in 1878.

Since its acquisition by Jesse Jackson, Sr., the house and surrounding acreage have remained in the Jackson family and been in continuous use as a working farm. The present owner is Eliza J. Casteen, the daughter of Jesse Jackson, Jr., and heir of the previous owner who was listed on the original nomination. Her 108 acres of Jackson property is the only intact part of the original 1000 acre farm and contains the Jesse Jackson House, associated outbuildings (frame barns and sheds built in the early 20th century), a family cemetery surrounded with a Victorian wrought-iron fence, a pecan grove at the bottom of the bluff, and cultivated bottom land stretching to the Neuse River.


Item 10 - Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 108.94 acres more or less

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary for the Jesse Jackson House is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled "Survey of the Eliza J. Casteen Property, August 5, 1978."

UTM REFERENCE: (A)17/260100/3903000
(B)17/260050/3900600
(C)17/258450/3900650
(D)17/258460/3903100
Jesse Jackson House (with addendum)
U.S. Hwy. 11 South, 1/2 mile North of Jackson's Store
Kinston, Lenoir County, N.C.
Deep Run Quadrangle Scale 1:62500
108.94 Acres

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