Form 10

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:
Grimesland Plantation

And/or Historic:

2. LOCATION

Street and Number:
Route #2 (SR 1569)

City or Town:
Grimesland

State:
North Carolina

3. CLASSIFICATION

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Present Use (Check One or More as Appropriate):  
- Agricultural  
- Commercial  
- Educational  
- Entertainment  
- Government  
- Industrial  
- Military  
- Private Residence  
- Religious  
- Park  
- Private  
- Public  
- Private Residence  
- Religious  
- Scientific  
- Transportation  
- Other (Specify)  
- Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Owner's Name:
Vernon White

Street and Number:
Box 41

City or Town:
Winterville

State:
North Carolina

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc:
Pitt County Courthouse

Street and Number:
Third and Evans Streets

City or Town:
Greenville

State:
North Carolina

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Title of Survey:

Date of Survey:

Depository for Survey Records:

Street and Number:

City or Town:

State:

Code:

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ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

STATE:

COUNTY:

Pitt

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Grimesland Plantation is a two-story structure built of beaded weatherboards with a gable roof and American bond exterior and chimneys. During the Greek Revival period a single-story wing with a hip roof was added on each end, a two-story addition was constructed across the north (rear) side, and a one story verandah was added to the front of the house.

The south facade of the main block is five bays wide. The central entrance contains a nine-panel door framed by a pair of engaged fluted columns supporting a diminutive entablature which features a pierced fret design and breaks out over each column. The wall under the entablature is of flush siding. The windows have nine-over-nine sash on the first story and nine-over-six on the second. Each wing contains a bay window with unusual applied wooden ornament.

The interior of the house is center-passage in plan with a parlor on either side of the main hall. A well-designed stair with fine ornamental brackets and a simple balustrade rises in three runs from the left side of the hall. The main door with its fanlight is framed by a molded architrave. It is flanked by reeded pilasters which support an entablature decorated with a Wall of Troy motif. On the door is an unusual iron box lock with two knobs.

The hall and parlors have plaster walls above and below a molded chair rail. There are simple Federal mantels in the main block and marble ones with arched fireplace openings in the wings.

The plantation grounds contain several fine outbuildings including slave quarters, still occupied by farm laborers, and a smokehouse built of uncoursed fieldstone with a low pyramidal roof.
In 1786 William Grimes bought several tracts along the Tar River in Pitt County and combined them into a plantation. He built a home for his family on this property in the last decade of the eighteenth century. Grimes was a prominent local politician and served several terms in the General Assembly. He died at the age of thirty-one and his son, Bryan Grimes, acquired the plantation soon afterward. In June, 1848, Grimes gave Grimesland to his son, also named Bryan Grimes. In 1861 the younger Bryan Grimes, a strong secessionist, and owner of fifty-seven slaves, was elected a delegate to the Secession Convention and was a driving force in North Carolina's withdrawal from the Union. He joined the Confederate Army as a major and as commander of the Fourth North Carolina Regiment. His military career was marked by aggressive bravery. At the war's end he had advanced to the rank of major general and his regiment fired the last volleys prior to the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia. On August 14, 1860, he was murdered by political enemies. General Grimes's widow, Charlotte E. Grimes, held the plantation house in dower until her death in the 1920s.

Among the other distinguished members of the Grimes family was J. Bryan Grimes, son of General Grimes. He served as Secretary of State of North Carolina and was noted for his progressive reorganization of that office.

Grimesland Plantation is now owned by State Senator Vernon White of Winterville, North Carolina, and remains as a fine example of an antebellum plantation in North Carolina. In addition to the plantation house, there is a barnyard with several well preserved outbuildings including a row of frame slave quarters and a stone smokehouse.

In its setting on the banks of the Tar River, among large open fields, Grimesland is perhaps more evocative of the antebellum era than many of the better preserved plantations of greater architectural merit in North Carolina.


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 15 acres.

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

STATE:          CODE COUNTY: CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John B. Wells, Survey Specialist
Greer Suttlemyre, Survey Assistant

ORGANIZATION: North Carolina Department of Archives and History

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 [x] Local [ ]

Name: Dr. H.G. Jones

Title: Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date: December 1, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of the National Register

Date