State of North Carolina  
Division of Archives and History

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

MULTIPLE RESOURCE OR THEMATIC NOMINATION

1 NAME
   HISTORIC  
   James H. Lamb Farm
   AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
   STREET & NUMBER  
   N. side SR 1135, 0.7 mi N of NC 411
   CITY, TOWN  
   Garland
   STATE  
   North Carolina
   CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
   Third
   CODE
   037

3 CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY  
   _DISTRICT  
   _BUILDING(S)  
   _STRUCTURE  
   _SITE  
   _OBJECT
   _PUBLIC  
   _PRIVATE  
   _PUBLIC ACQUISITION
   _IN PROCESS  
   _BEING CONSIDERED
   _PUBLIC
   _PRIVATE
   _ACQUISITION
   _IN PROCESS  
   _BEING CONSIDERED
   _PUBLIC
   _PRIVATE

   STATUS  
   _OCCUPIED  
   _UNOCCUPIED  
   _WORK IN PROGRESS
   _ACCESSIBLE
   _YES: RESTRICTED
   _YES: UNRESTRICTED
   _NO

   PRESENT USE  
   _AGRICULTURE
   _COMMERCIAL
   _EDUCATIONAL
   _ENTERTAINMENT
   _GOVERNMENT
   _INDUSTRIAL
   _MILITARY
   _MUSEUM
   _PARK
   _PRIVATE RESIDENCE
   _RELIGIOUS
   _SCIENTIFIC
   _TRANSPORTATION
   _OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
   NAME  
   Harold Lamb
   STREET & NUMBER  
   Route 1, Box 237 B
   CITY, TOWN  
   Garland, NC
   STATE
   28441

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE,  
   REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC,
   STREET & NUMBER  
   SAMPO OR COUNTY COURT HOUSE
   CITY, TOWN  
   CLINTON, N.C. 28328
   STATE

6 FORM PREPARED BY
   NAME / TITLE  
   Thomas Butchko  
   Jim Sumner, Researcher
   ORGANIZATION  
   Survey & Planning Branch
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   STREET & NUMBER  
   109 East Jones Street
   CITY OR TOWN  
   Raleigh
   STATE  
   NC
   DATE  
   June 14, 1985
   TELEPHONE  
   (919) 733-6545
   STATE
   NC 27611
INVENTORY

A Mule Barn - two-story, three front bays, sheathed boarding, additional side sheds, one fairly recent, front gable roof.

B Smokehouse - small, German siding, front gable roof.

C Washhouse - unusually low ceiling, sheathed board sides, interior chimney containing wash pot.

D Tractor shed - new.

E Dairy - one room structure attached to southwest of house by short breezeway. One-by-one bay with engaged porch along north elevation.

F Corn Crib - frame, two-story, sheathed with wide boards. Projecting front gable, added-on tractor sheds; very nice.

G Garage/Carriage House - frame, weatherboarded, front gable roof, single car garage. Plain wide double doors with angled top outer corners. Small four-over-four sash.

H Chicken House - frame, gable roof, small.

I Brick Residence - typical late 1960s house built for current owner; one-story with car port.

J Animal Pen - wide board sides with flat roof. A rather makeshift structure.

K Tractor Shed - new.

L Packhouse - asphalt sided, somewhat new.

M Bulk Tobacco Barns - two new, metal.

N Hog Shed - shed roof with access along tall side.

O Shed - small frame, has had portions of the front wall removed, gable roof.

P Tenant House - small 1920s bungalow, undistinguished and vacant.

Q Tobacco Barn - frame, covered with asphalt siding, gable roof. Abandoned.

R Tobacco Barn - log, square notched, has been covered with asphalt siding to increase heat retention. Abandoned. Side shed used for hay storage.

S Shed - small, gable front shed with sheathed board walls, deteriorated back wall.

T Cemetery - see attached list.

There are a total of seventeen contributing structures/sites in this nomination.
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Lamb Cemetery

Florence Lamb Congleton: 16 Oct. 1892 - 3 Apr. 1973


Colin Lee, Jr., son of Colin Lee and Sue Lamb: 17 Jan. 1920 - 2 July 1921

(same stone) Married 21 Apr. 1917

[not filled in, "Mother" on foot stone]


J. H. Lamb: 18 Dec. 1808 - 18 Nov. 1889

Annie Lamb Robinson: 1857 - 1938

Colin Tate Lamb: 22 Mar. 1861 - 11 Dec. 1937

In 1835 James H. Lamb (1808-1899) bought land along the Great Coharie Creek and built his imposing two-and-a-half story Greek Revival residence, adding to it an earlier one-room dwelling that was pulled up from along the creek. Lamb was a prominent area farmer and large landowner, once owning as much as 2,000 acres. The focus of the farmstead is the large dwelling, one of the earliest county plantations to be built in the Greek Revival style, and the only surviving one that is side hall in plan. Surrounding the house is a complement of five outbuildings, most notable being one of the few surviving mule barns in the county, and the nearby Lamb family cemetery, where the builder and the subsequent family owners are buried. The house and farm were inherited by the builder's son, Colin Tate Lamb (1861-1937), his grandson, Colin Lee Lamb (1890-1960), and his great-grandson, Harold Lamb. All have maintained the active operation of the farm, although Colin Lee Lamb was the last to occupy the house. The present owner's son has expressed a major interest in eventually restoring the long vacant but very sound house.

CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

A. This large plantation is connected with the county's agricultural development and growth in the middle third of the 19th century, a time when the planter class built their plantations near the navigable creeks and rivers.

B. The farm is the homeplace of the vicinity's prominent Lamb family, a prosperous family of large landowners, successful farmers, and owners of fine houses.

C. Built in the side hall plan, the James H. Lamb House is one of the earliest rural houses to demonstrate the Greek Revival style. The superbly detailed, handsome house is a notable indication of the use by the planter class of this stately style. The sizeable complement of outbuildings are representative of the late 19th - early 20th century support structures once so numerous on the Sampson County farm.

D. Is likely to yield valuable archaeological information about early 19th through 20th century agricultural practices and lifestyles.
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The James Henry Lamb house is located in the western part of Sampson County, near the community of Garland. The house was built by Lamb in the mid to late 1830s and served as the seat of one of the largest farming operations in antebellum Sampson County.

James Henry Lamb (1801-1889) was born in New Hanover County to John and Elizabeth Henry Lamb. His mother died young and his father moved to Sampson County about 1820. He began purchasing land on the Coharie Creek in Sampson County in the 1830s, eventually becoming one of the county's largest landholders. He married Nancy Clark Underwood (1809-1901) in the 1830s. In the 1850s Lamb owned and operated one of the largest plantations in southern Sampson. The 1850 census credits Lamb with the ownership of 612 acres valued at $4,700 and 20 slaves. By 1860 Lamb had increased his holdings to 1873 acres, valued at $18,000. Lamb's plantation produced a wide variety of crops including 1,875 bushels of corn, 400 pounds of cotton, 860 bushels of sweet potatoes, 9 tons of hay and lesser amounts of wool, peas and beans, Irish potatoes, wine and butter. Lamb owned a large amount of livestock valued at $1,595 including 125 swine. He also produced naval stores including 410 barrels of turpentine, valued at $900. Lamb owned 43 slaves in 1860.

The aftermath of the Civil War coupled with Lamb's advancing age greatly reduced the value of the Lamb operation in 1870. Only 150 of Lamb's 2,060 acres were under cultivation and his real estate was valued at only $900 in the deflated post war currency, a dramatic drop from its 1870 value. Lamb continued to own large amounts of livestock. By 1880 Lamb's property had regained much of its prewar value. His 1,700 acres were valued at $10,000 and he had begun to regrow cotton.

James and Nancy Lamb had eight children: Allen, Elizabeth, Richard, John, James Clark, Annie, William Buchanan, and Colin Tate. The latter was born March 22, 1861, when his father was 60 and his mother was 52. He acquired the homeplace after the death of his father and continued to farm. He married Fannie Boykin (1857-1932). They had four children. The eldest, Colin Lee (1890-1960), continued to farm the land. His wife Sue Russell (1890-1975) was an area schoolteacher for many years. Colin Lee Lamb and his wife were the last to live in the house which has been unoccupied for some time. It is presently owned by their son Harold Lamb, who continues to farm the 475 acre tract which has come down from James Henry Lamb. Included

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


Census of the United States, Sampson County, North Carolina, 1850, Agricultural, Industrial and Slave Schedules; 1860, Agricultural, Industrial and Slave Schedules; 1870, Agricultural Schedule; 1880, Agricultural Schedule.

GEOGRAFICAL DATA

| ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY | 475 |

| UTM REFERENCES | | | |
| Zone | Easting | Northing |
| A | 17 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| B | 17 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| C | 17 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| D | 17 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property to be nominated is the tract of 475 acres, more or less, shown on the map of the property of Harold B. Lamb, as surveyed in March 1962, and as registered in the Sampson County Register of Deeds Office, Plat Map Book 5, Page 88. A copy of the map is attached.
in the property are a large number of outbuildings and a family cemetery, which includes the graves of all of the house's owners.

The Lamb house, its outbuildings, associated land and cemetery exemplify the large antebellum plantation of the middle of the nineteenth century. Its long association with the Lamb family, one of the more distinguished farming families of Southern Sampson County, adds to its historical importance.

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NOTES


3 Ninth Census of the United States, 1870, Sampson County, North Carolina, Agricultural Schedule; Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, Sampson County, North Carolina, Agricultural Schedule.

4 Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, Sampson County, North Carolina, Population Schedule; Bizzell (ed.), The Heritage of Sampson County 469-472; Information supplied by the owner, copy in file.