

# INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

MULTIPLE RESOURCE OR  THEMATIC NOMINATION

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Dr. David Dickson Sloan Farm  
AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
E side US 701, 0.7 mi N of South River  
CITY, TOWN  
North Carolina  
STATE  
VICINITY OF  
Garland  
CODE  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Third  
COUNTY  
Sampson  
CODE

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Miss Catherine B. Sloan (919) 621-6752 home  
STREET & NUMBER  
3203 Oberlin Drive (919) 379-9369 office  
CITY, TOWN  
Greensboro, NC  
VICINITY OF

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Register of Deeds  
STREET & NUMBER  
Sampson County Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN  
Clinton, NC 28328  
STATE

## 6 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE  
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ORGANIZATION  
Survey and Planning Branch Research Branch  
DATE  
June 11, 1985  
STREET & NUMBER  
109 East Jones Street  
TELEPHONE  
(919) 733-6545  
CITY OR TOWN  
Raleigh, NC  
STATE  
NC 27611

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built about 1849 for Dr. David Dickson Sloan and his wife, Harriett Cromartie, this handsome Greek revival house was erected on land which was a gift to the couple from her father, John Cromartie, member of a large, wealthy, land owning family in Sampson and Bladen counties. The house is the centerpiece of a large farmstead on the bank of the South River. Sloan was the area's leading physician and citizen; prior to the late 1880s Garland was known as Sloan's Crossing, in reference to the bridge on the Sloan land that crossed the South River into Bladen County. The center hall plan house, featuring peaked and battered dog-ear surrounds throughout and fronted with an exceptional pedimented portico, is the finest rural Greek Revival house in the county.

Resting on brick piers and crowned with a low hip roof pierced by stuccoed interior chimneys, the handsome weatherboarded house has a well-executed pedimented portico from the central three bays of the five bay western facade. Simple Doric capitals carry the unadorned boxed cornice and frieze; the cornerboards, unlike many in the county, are simple and not treated as pilasters. A balustrade of slender, square members carries the rounded hand railing, terminating at the bottom of the central steps with a large, square, pointed newel. The entrance, which has a transom and sidelights, and all the six-over-six sash filled window openings of the main block have peaked and battered surrounds with dog-ears; this surround is also used throughout the interior. While this battered surround is prevalent on antebellum Greek Revival houses in the county, nowhere is it used as extensively as here; its interior application is indeed unusual.

At the southeast of the main block is the two-room kitchen ell, separated from the main block by a passage (now screened) which continues as a porch along the north elevation of the ell as an extension of the center hall and terminates at the engaged rear shed pantry. From the south side at the southwest room of the main house, connected by a screened and latticed porch and extending south, extends a small, one room structure which was originally the cook's house. Both the ell and the cook's house have simplified Greek Revival details and are two steps lower than the main house.

The plastered interior consists of two main rooms and a small rear bedroom arranged on each side of the center hall. A simple plaster medallion consisting of three molded concentric circles highlights the hall near the entrance. This medallion is one of the few instances of decorative plasterwork in the county to survive. Vernacular pilaster-and-frieze classical mantels are used at three of the four interior hearths; the northwest parlor is graced by a similar, though larger and paneled mantel. The same battered surrounds as on the outside frame the interior openings; doors have four slightly-raised panels with several two-panel doors on closets flanking the chimneys. Tall baseboards and the original pine flooring complete the rural Greek Revival interior.

Only four of the once extensive complement of outbuildings have survived to the present in addition to the attached cook's house. The most important is the frame potato cellar. The others are the grape arbor, a section of the original paling fence which once surrounded the yard, and a ca 1920 garage. General locations are known of the log kitchen (razed ca. 1975), dairy, well-house, privy, smokehouse, buggy house, six horse stables, two mule stables, numerous log cattle stables, and Dr.



**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

\_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL

\_\_\_\_\_ STATE

\_\_\_\_\_ X LOCAL

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1849

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Situated among the mixed pine-hardwood forests that border the picturesque South River, the Dr. David Dickson Sloan Farm is a prime example of the substantial farmsteads built by the county's planters before the Civil War. The plantation was a gift to Sloan and his wife from her father, John Cromartie, a wealthy neighboring landowner in Bladen County. Sloan (1821-1876) was the area's leading physician and citizen; prior to the late 1880s Garland was known as Sloan's Crossing in reference to the bridge on the Sloan land that crossed the South River into Bladen County. The centerpiece of the plantation is this extremely handsome residence which was built in 1849. The one-story, center hall plan Greek Revival cottage has a stately central pedimented portico supported by four Doric pillars; traditional Greek Revival elements, especially the notable battered door and window surrounds compliment the house. The house site was inherited by William Sloan (1858-1938), a son of Dr. Sloan, who continued to operate the farm. The house is currently occupied by his daughter, Miss Anabel Sloan. 388 adjoining acres of the once extensive Sloan landholdings remain in the family and are included in the farmstead.

## CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

- A. The farmstead is indicative of the traditional plantations of upper class in the early and mid 19th century, situated on a major river or stream to afford relatively easy transportation.
- B. This was the home of Dr. David Dickson Sloan (1821-1876), the area's leading physician and prominent citizen. The land was previously associated with his father-in-law, John Cromartie (ca 1774-1850), one of the largest and wealthiest landowners in adjacent Bladen County.
- C. The handsome residence, built in 1849, is the county's finest one-story, Greek Revival cottage, with a sophistication of design and quality of workmanship that equals that of the county's grandest and largest plantations.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The David Dickson Sloan house was built about 1849 near the community of Garland. The house is still owned by a descendant of the builder and has housed members of the prominent Sloan family since it was built.

David Dickson Sloan (1821-1876) was the son of Dickson Sloan (1796-1864) and Catherine Bryan (1801-1845). The elder Dickson Sloan served nine terms in the North Carolina General Assembly and one term as a state senator in a period from 1828 until 1840. David Dickson Sloan received his degree from the Medical College of South Carolina in Charleston in 1844 and became one of Sampson County's leading physicians. He married Harriet Cromartie in the 1840s. The Sloan house was built on property given by Mrs. Sloan's father John Cromartie.<sup>1</sup>

Census records show that Sloan owned about 300 acres but did not farm it extensively. In 1850 he had only 40 acres under cultivation. His land was valued at \$500 and his livestock at \$150. Sloan owned four slaves in 1850 but apparently owned none in 1860. He and his wife had a number of prominent children. Henry Sloan followed in his father's footsteps and became a Sampson County physician. Daughter Katherine Bryan Sloan married Alexander Graham and became the mother of Frank Porter Graham, who became president of the University of North Carolina and a United States senator from North Carolina.<sup>2</sup>

After David Dickson Sloan's death his widow Harriet Sloan continued to live in the house. By the time of his death he owned in excess of 400 acres but the Sloans continued to farm the land only in a modest way. In 1891 Harriet Sloan deeded the house to her son William Sloan.<sup>3</sup>

William Sloan (1858-1938) served as postmaster for Garland for many years. He also operated a general store in the Garland area, operated farms in both Sampson and adjacent Bladen counties, and was an active supporter of education in Sampson County. Sloan and his wife Carrie Moore Sloan had eight children, one of whom died in infancy. Their daughter Annabel Sloan, a longtime Bladen County school teacher, currently resides in the house, which is owned by Catherine Bryan Sloan, a granddaughter of William Sloan.<sup>4</sup> The Sloan house is one of Sampson County's leading antebellum houses. It epitomizes the substantial houses built by the county's leading citizens in the years which immediately preceded the Civil War. Its long association with the Sloan family adds to its historical importance.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bizzell, Oscar M., ed. The Heritage of Sampson County, North Carolina. Winston-Salem: Hunter Publishing Company, 1983.  
Census of the United States, Sampson County, N. C., 1850, 1860, 1880. Population Schedule, Agricultural Schedule, Slave Schedule (1850).

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 626

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 7	7 3, 8 6, 0, 0	3, 8 5, 1 7, 5, 0	B	1, 7	7 3, 8 9, 0, 0	3, 8 5, 1 4, 0, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1, 7	7 3, 8 7, 7, 5	3, 8 5, 0 1, 5, 0	D	1, 7	7 37 7 2, 5	3 8 4 8 9 2, 5

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See plat map enclosed. Property is outlined in red.

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<sup>1</sup>Sampson County Deed Book 30, p. 114; Oscar M. Bizzell (ed.), The Heritage of Sampson County, North Carolina (Winston-Salem: Hunter Publishing Company for the Sampson County Historical Society, 1983), 68, 598-600, hereinafter cited as Bizzell (ed.), The Heritage of Sampson County.

<sup>2</sup>Bizzell(ed.), The Heritage of Sampson County, 598-601; Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, Sampson County, North Carolina, Agricultural Schedule, Slave Schedule; Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, Sampson County, North Carolina, Slave Schedule.

<sup>3</sup>Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, Sampson County, North Carolina, Agricultural Schedule, Population Schedule; Sampson County Deed Book 83, p. 247.

<sup>4</sup>Bizzell(ed.), The Heritage of Sampson County, 598-601.

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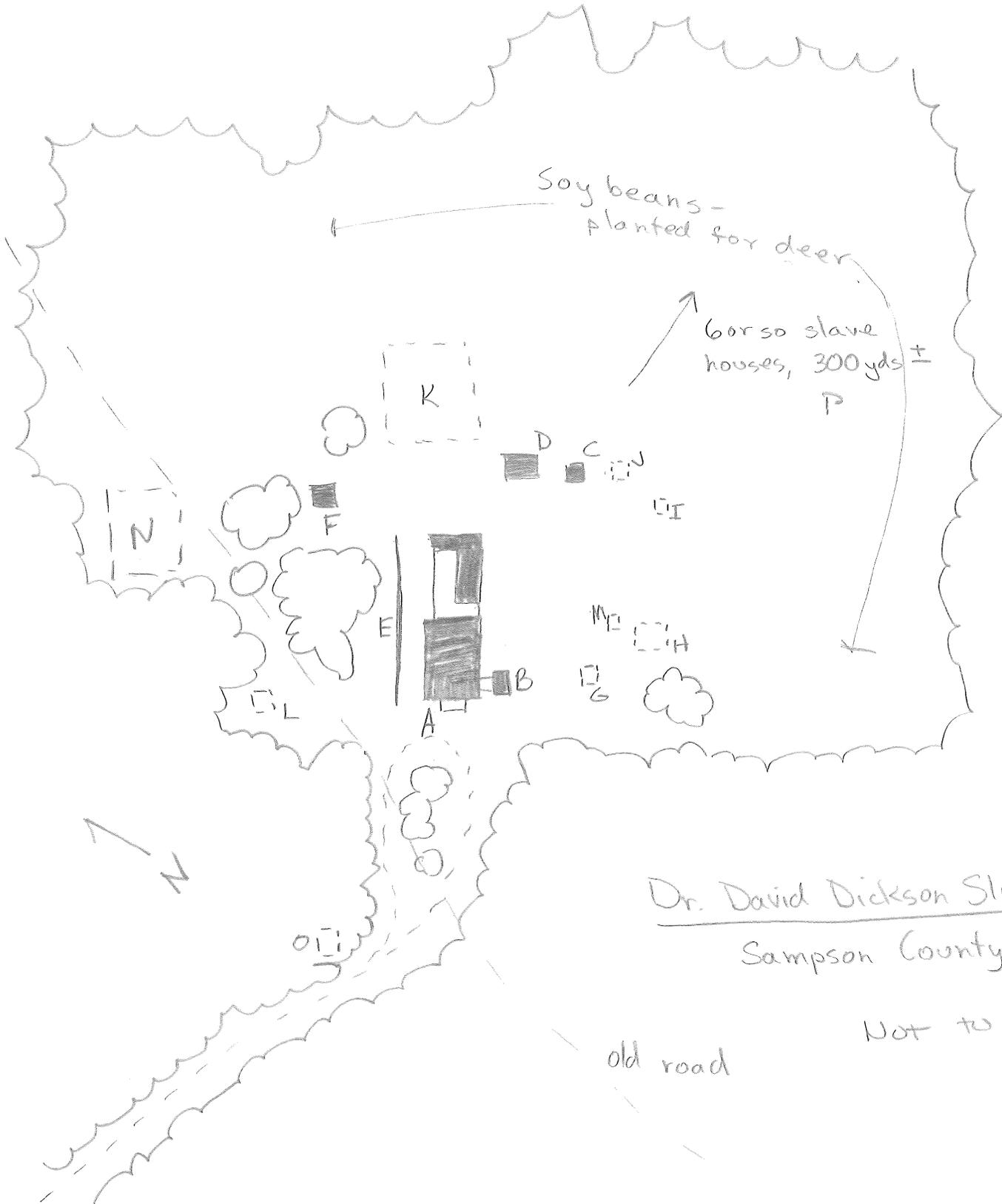
Boundary justification:

The property being nominated in association with the Dr. David Dickson Sloan House approximately 426 acres, represent the approximately 400 acres which Dr. Sloan was able to amass during his lifetime. The property includes the house and a number of outbuildings. The property is principally forested now. The house itself is set well back from the road and the amount of property maintains the seclusion and isolation of the house.

- A - Residence
- B - Cook's house
- C - Potato cellar
- D - Grape arbor
- E - Paling fence
- F - Garage

- G - Former dairy
- H - Former log kitchen
- I - Former privy
- J - Former smoke house
- K - Former vegetable garden
- L - Former buggy house

- M - Former well house
- N - Former barns & stables  
6 horse, 2 mule
- O - Former Doctor's office
- P - Former slave houses  
(about 6)
- Q (former) Cattle barns  
12 of log.



Dr. David Dickson Sloan Farm  
Sampson County, N.C.

TOWN OF GARLAND Formerly Sloans Cross Roads

38.10 AC. ROBERT RICH SLOAN TRACTS BK 855 P. 725

213.43 AC. J.C. ROBINSON TRACT

LAURA SLOAN HEIRS 27.54 AC.

CATHERINE B. SLOAN OLD SLOAN HOME TRACT

ELIZABETH SLOAN WILLIS 95.18 AC.

34.87 AC. ROBERT RICH

34.73 AC. Laura Sloan Heirs

Federal Paper Board Inc. J.C. (Rieser) Carter Tract M.B. 3 P. 149

130.90 AC. JOSEPH D. BOWMAN JR.

Traverse Jumpin Run A-  
 S 44-54 W 274'  
 S 50-00 W 178'  
 S 39 W 253'  
 S 72-24 W 129'  
 N 85-36 W 117'  
 S 68-10 W 85'  
 S 25-50 W 205'  
 S 35-05 W 183'  
 S 36-53 W 84'  
 S 65-24 W 327'  
 S 83-40 W 307'  
 N 16-20 W 122'  
 N 89-35 W 187'  
 S 15-24 W 114'  
 to South River

Cut Rd Traverse  
 20 S 21°22'E 244.5'  
 21 S 12°10'E 36.4'  
 22 S 13°38'W 380.0'  
 23 S 16°20'W 143.3'  
 24 S 8°12'W 382.8' to SH in line  
 25 S 8°12'W 8.4'  
 26 S 12°30'E 137.4'  
 27 S 6°10'E 112.0'  
 28 S 26°39'E 89.0' to SH in line  
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I, Stuart Gooden, R. S. No. L-805, Elizabethtown, N.C., certify that this map was prepared under my direction and supervision from an actual survey or as indicated above, that the error of closure is better than 1:5,000 and that this map was prepared in accordance with G.S. 47-36 as amended. Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of June 1976.  
 Stuart Gooden, R. S. L-805  
 Notary Public

PROPERTY OF CATHERINE B. SLOAN AND OTHERS LOCATED NEAR THE SOUTH LIMIT OF GARLAND, SOUTH RIVER TWP. SAMPSON COUNTY, N.C.

REVISIONS			SURVEYED BY STUART GOODEN, R.S.		
NO.	DATE	BY	DATE	SCALE	MATERIAL
1	10.7.76	Cable	JUNE 1-19, 1976	1" = 660'	
2					
3					
4					

NOTE:

Line G-F-E-H-I-J-K-L-M-V-W is Agreed line with Robert Cable. See 11.0 recorded agreement.

Cable lines Surveyed July, 1957

SLOAN CEMETARY

J N 16°45'E 304.8'  
 R N 81°55'E 210.0' to E  
 O S 22°27'W 240.0' W to E  
 P S 81°55'W 210.0'  
 Q N 22°27'E 240.0'  
 R 1.16 acres

Tie Line

A N 53°51'E 191.08'  
 B N 9°50'E 182'  
 C N 5°41'E 437.0'  
 D N 11°28'E 847.0'

Note: New Cut Island is in Bladen County and Not Part of this Survey.

SALLY SLOAN W. OF US 701  
 8.92 AC.  
 44.37 AC.  
 6.0 AC.  
 59.29 AC. ±

425.16 acres

