State of North Carolina  
Division of Archives and History  

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR  

X MULTIPLE RESOURCE  OR  THEMATIC NOMINATION

1 NAME  
HISTORIC Cherrydale  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION  
STREET & NUMBER N side SR 1919, 0.1 mi E of SR 1952  
CITY, TOWN Turkey  
CITY, TOWN CAROLINA  
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Third  
STATE North Carolina  
CODE 037  
COUNTY Sampson  
CODE 163

3 CLASSIFICATION  
CATEGORY DISTRICT 
X BUILDING(S)  
X STRUCTURE  
X SITE  
X OBJECT  

OWNERSHIP PUBLIC  
PRIVATE  
X BOTH  
PUBLIC ACQUISITION  
IN PROCESS  
BEING CONSIDERED  
N/A

STATUS X OCCUPIED  
UNOCCUPIED  
WORK IN PROGRESS  
ACCESSIBLE  
YES RESTRICTED  
YES UNRESTRICTED  
NO

PRESENT USE  
AGRICULTURE  
COMMERCIAL  
EDUCATIONAL  
ENTERTAINMENT  
GOVERNMENT  
INDUSTRIAL  
PARK  
PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
RELIGIOUS  
SCIENTIFIC  
TRANSPORTATION  

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY  
NAME Mrs. Lizzie S. Britt  
PHONE (919) 533-3370  
STREET & NUMBER Route 1

CITY, TOWN Turkey  
STATE North Carolina  
CODE 28393

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Turkey  
STATE North Carolina  
CODE 28393

6 FORM PREPARED BY  
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ORGANIZATION Survey and Planning Branch  
STREET & NUMBER 109 East Jones Street

Jim Sumner, Researcher  
DATE May 30, 1985  
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STATE NC  
CITY OR TOWN Raleigh, NC
This plain Federal house, built in 1832 for Lewis Moore, serves as the family seat of the Turkey-Six Runs area's large and prominent Moore family. Lewis's grandfather founded the family, settling here in 1760 from Edgecombe County. Through the years the Moores have been active in all the area's affairs—agricultural, commercial, political, social and religious; a current descendent is longtime county historian Claude H. Moore. Picturesquely sheltered by several large trees, Cherrydale is indicative of the handsome hall-and-parlor dwellings erected by the prosperous descendents of the county's pioneering families. The house is currently occupied by the widow of John Lewis Britt (1887-1932), a great-nephew of the builder.

**CRITERIA ASSESSMENT**

A. Representative of the substantial but architecturally plain farm dwellings erected in the early-19th century when area planters were beginning to attain some wealth.

B. Associated with the area's prominent and pioneering Moore family, who have always been active in the county's affairs.

C. Indicative of the vernacular form the Federal hall-and-parlor house achieved in the county. Unlike the larger dwellings in the southern part of the county, this plain house has an interior that is not embellished with the intricate reeding and pierce work seen in many of the county's Federal residences.

D. Is likely to yield information valuable to the history of the area.
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Lewis Moore house, more commonly known as Cherrydale, is located in the eastern part of Sampson County, near the community of Turkey. The Federal style house was built around 1832 for Moore and has been owned and occupied since by members of the Moore family and associated Britt family.

Lewis Moore (1766–1846) was the third of nine children born to James Moore and Ann Thomson and was a descendant of an earlier James Moore (1641–1706) who was governor of South Carolina in the early eighteenth century. He married his cousin Ann Thomson (1766–1846) and they had six children. John Thomson Moore (1803–1852) acquired the house following the death of his parents. The 1850 census shows that he owned almost 800 acres, valued at $4,000 and owned 19 slaves. Moore grew corn, cotton, peas and beans, oats, wheat, and other crops and owned livestock valued at $540, including 76 swine and 20 sheep.

John T. Moore also married a cousin, Maria Overton Moore (1812–1878). They had seven children: Walter, Ann, John Thomas, Lewis, Sallie Eliza, William Henry, and Mary. The eldest three sons served in the Confederate army, with Lewis suffering wounds that eventually proved fatal. For a short period after the Battle of Bentonville in the closing days of the war, Cherrydale was used as the headquarters of Union General Smith Atkins.

Maria Moore continued to farm the land surrounding Cherrydale following her husband's death, although on a smaller scale. The house became the property of daughter Sallie (1849–1933) who married John L. Britt (1849–1901) in 1877. Britt was a graduate of Wake Forest and a Baptist minister while his wife was a graduate of Clinton Female Institute and a school teacher. The Britts had eight children. Son John Lewis Britt, Jr. (1887–1961) obtained the property from his mother in 1913, six years prior to his marriage to Elizabeth Seay of Danville, Virginia. They had one daughter Jeanette (1920–1963). Mrs. Britt (b. 1892) continues to own the house.

Cherrydale has an unusually rich history. Maria Overton Moore's brother, Thomas Overton Moore, was Confederate War Governor of Louisiana and was a frequent visitor to Cherrydale. Two of John Moore's slaves were Dr. Peter Moore, the founder of Elizabeth City State Teachers College (now University) and Dr. George Moore, a professor at Raleigh's Shaw University. Members of the Moore and Britt families have been locally prominent in eastern Sampson County in a number of fields. This rich history coupled with Cherrydale's status as a representative antebellum farm combine to give it strong local historical significance.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres, more or less

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The property to be nominated is the Cherrydale house side, containing approximately two acres, with a frontage of about 240 feet and a depth of about 260 to 405, as shown on the site plan. This parcel is part of a 26.5 acre, more or less, lot described in the Sampson County Register of Deeds Office, Book 510, Page 514 and dated 15 October 1939. Copies of the site plan and the deed are attached.
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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NOTES


3 Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, Sampson County, North Carolina, Agricultural Schedule, Population Schedule, Slave Schedule; Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, Sampson County, North Carolina, Agricultural Schedule (Reverend Britt continued to farm on a small scale); Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, Sampson County, North Carolina, 1900, Population Schedule; Bizzell (ed.), The Heritage of Sampson County, 322, 524; Sampson County Deed Book 466, p. 427; Book 510, p. 514.
Cherrydale
Sampson County, N.C.

Field

30' pines

rows of 10' pines

Small trees & scrub

Small branch - drainage ditch

Field

Pecans & scrub

Shed

Smokehouse

Pine

Turkey

SR 1919

SR 1919

235'

Pinion

Pine