1. **NAME**
   - COMMON:
     - Buck Spring Plantation (site)
   - AND/OR HISTORIC:
     - Nathaniel Macon House

2. **LOCATION**
   - STREET AND NUMBER:
     - S.R. 1348
   - CITY OR TOWN:
     - Vaughan vicinity
   - STATE:
     - North Carolina
     - CODE: 32
     - COUNTY:
     - Warren
     - CODE: 93

3. **CLASSIFICATION**

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   | Site                 | Private   | 0
   | Structure            | Both      |

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4. **OWNER OF PROPERTY**
   - OWNER'S NAME:
     - Warren County Commissioners

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   - COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
     - Warren County Courthouse

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   - TITLE OF SURVEY:
     - Historic American Buildings Survey
   - DATE OF SURVEY:
     - 1941
   - DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
     - Library of Congress
     - East Capitol and Independence Avenue, S.E.
     - CITY OR TOWN:
     - Washington
     - STATE:
     - D.C.
     - CODE: 51
The site of Nathaniel Macon's Buck Spring plantation in Warren County is composed of approximately 70 acres adjacent to Spring Branch, a tributary of Hubquarter Creek which empties into Lake Gaston. It lies to the west just off county road 1344. Most of the land is covered by forest, but the homesite is in a large relatively open area about a half mile from 1344 at the end of the unpaved county road 1348.

Approaching the site from the southeast on 1348, the visitor passes on the left the graves of Macon, his wife Hannah Plummer Macon, and their only son. Before his death Macon requested that his grave be marked by a simple cairn of stones and that there be no inscribed marker. The cairns marking all three graves have survived. The large inscribed tombstone at the head of Macon's grave was placed there early in this century.

On the right side of the road further on is the corncrib. It is a most unusual log structure and has a high wooden shingle roof with a deep overhang. Most of its fabric is thought to date from Macon's time. At the end of the road are the dwelling house, smokehouse, and caretaker's house. The last mentioned is a relatively modern structure. The dwelling house is essentially a reconstruction done in the 1930s when Buck Spring was "restored." The framing of the smokehouse is original, but most of the exterior dates from the "restoration." Nearby is a log stable thought to be a late nineteenth or early twentieth century building.
Nathaniel Macon was a nationally prominent United States Representative and Senator from North Carolina. He was born near Warrenton, Warren County, North Carolina, the son of Gideon and Priscilla Macon, on December 17, 1758. Macon pursued classical studies and attended Princeton College. In 1763 his father willed him the five or six hundred acre nucleus of what was to become the Buck Spring plantation, where in 1781 he built the small house which served as home the remainder of his life.

Macon served in the House of Representatives from 1791 to 1815. From 1801 to 1807 he was Speaker of the House. During this time he was one of the most powerful men in the nation. Intimate with Jefferson, Monroe, and John Randolph, Macon was continuously a champion of conservative fiscal policy and strict constructionism. Elected to the United States Senate on December 5, 1815, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Francis Locke, Macon served until his own resignation on November 14, 1828. On three occasions he was elected president pro tempore of the Senate. In 1825 he received twenty-four electoral votes for vice-president.

Macon came out of retirement in 1835 to become president of the state constitutional convention. Later in 1836 he served as a presidential elector on the Democratic ticket of Van Buren and Johnson. Nathaniel Macon died near the town bearing his name in Warren County on June 29, 1837, and was interred on his estate near his home. Long before his death Jefferson had called him "the last of the Romans."

The house and seventeen hundred and twenty-four acre plantation were sold by Macon's executor, Weldon Edwards, to Francis A. Thornton in 1839. Thornton's executors conveyed the property to Robert L. Jones on December 10, 1852, and the executor of the Jones estate transferred the property to George W. Robinson on January 10, 1857. One thousand and fifty-three acres, including the homestead, were sold by Robinson's trustees to Simon Green on December 19, 1860. The same tract was sold to the trustees of J. Herbert Taylor on June 7, 1889. Taylor divided the property further, selling 191 1/2 acres on which the house and outbuildings stand to Hilliard T. Howard on September 8, 1894. This property was shortly thereafter subdivided into five tracts, three of which were conveyed to the Commissioners of Warren County on April 27, 1934. The dwelling and other buildings were included with these three lots.
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date ____________________________

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date ____________________________