### STATE OF ALABAMA



### ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION 725 MONROE STREET MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130 PHONE: 832-6621



### ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

PRESENT NAME Holland Farm HISTORIC NAME Holland Farm
LOCATION (Street and number) Route 1
TOWN (Give directions if rural) 3 miles north of Snead, just off Alabama 75
PRESENT USE Residence HISTORIC USE Residence
OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private ( x) Public acquisition being considered ( )
OWNER'S NAME Mr. Kenneth M. Holland
MAILING ADDRESS Route 1
Altoona, Alabama 35952
CONDITION: Execlient ( ) Good ( X ) Fair ( ') Ruins ( )
INTEGRITY: Original Site (x) Moved ( ) When?
Fron where? Give details in significance.
THREATS: No (x) Yes ( ) By What?
RESTORATION WORK: Being considered ( ) Underway ( $_{ m X}$ ) Completed ( ) Not planned (
SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( x) Woodland ( ) Scattered buildings ( ) High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( ) Residential ( ) Rural (x)
If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District?
SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important $(x)$ associated with events, persons, or movements Local $(x)$ State $(x)$ National $(x)$ a good example of a type or style of structure $(x)$ other
Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the

One of the oldest land-grant farms in Blount County
House is an example of a pyramidal roof house, but has been altered
extensively.

or person related to the building's importance.)

Date of Construction: 1891

Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

Robert Holland -Came to Blount in 1845, and built the original cabin on this site. He served on the surveying team which laid out the boundary lines for Blount and Marshall counties.

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

John D. Holland - Son of Robert Holland. organized one of the first steam operated gins in the county, the Holland Gin Company and operated it for fifty years. Also served as Justice of the Peace for many years.

Farm was inherited by one of his sons, Walter Holland who deeded the farm to his son Kenneth M. Holland, the present owner.

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Blount County Survey, 1973

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each catagory please state if elements are not original)
YOU MUST PROVIDE US WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STRUCTURE, SHOWING FRONT, SIDE, REAR
AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

Number of	stories	1	Foundation Concrete blocks & stone
Basement	No		Interior framing or structural system
	Wood frame	е	

Exterior wall material and design: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another) Clapboard

Roof type and covering:

Roof Trim: (Cornices, vergeboard, brackets, etc.)

Chimneys: (Give number, location, and material)

1 end-exterior, stone

Porches: Front (type and description) Central pedimented portico

Rear (type and description) Enclosed and connected to a long porch on

east side

Side (type and description) Small shed roofed porch on west side

Doors: Main entrance (location, description)

Single door (location, description) Other entrances:

Windows: (Give types, number for each floor of facade, describe trim)

4/4 double hung sash, 2 flanking front porch

(Give types, number per floor for rear and sides)

INTERIOR FEATURES

Mantels: (Number, location, and description):

One in west front room, plain yellow poplar Hearth stone raised 3" off of floor is hand cut and was from the original cabin built on this land. Describe interior window and door trim:

Stairways (types, locations and features)

Flooring:	Pine	Notable hardware:
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General sett	ting and orientation:	
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### HOLLAND FARM

### SIGNIFICANCE

Holland Farm is one of the earliest land-grant farms in Blount County. Mr. Robert Holland came from Tennessee in 1845 and settled on this land. The original grant was dated March 1, 1858, and signed by James Buchanan, then President of the United States. The original cabin built by Robert Holland is gone, but was located about 100 yards north of the present structure. In 1891 the present structure was built by John D. Holland, son of the original owner.

Robert Holland was on the surveying team which laid out the boundary lines for Blount and Marshall counties. His son John D. Holland organized one of the first steam operated gins in the county, the Holland Gin Company, and operated it for some fifty years. He also served as Justice of the Peace for many years. The farm was inherited by his son, Mr. Walter Holland who deeded the farm to one of his sons, Kenneth M. Holland in 1961. Kenneth M. Holland is now in the process of restoring the house.

The Holland Farm is located three miles north of Snead, just off Alabama 75. The House is a single story frame structure and originally consisted of three rooms. It contained hand-hewn chestnut sills, clapboard siding, hand-planed and tongued and grooved ceilings of one inch X 12 inches heart pine lumber. The present house is constructed around this earlier structure and now consists of eight rooms and three porches.

The farm has remained in the family for 128 years.

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This land-grant farm of ca. 1845 is located three miles north of Snead, Alabama just off highway 75 N. The original house is no longer standing, but the house which was built in 1891 by Mr. Robert Holland's son, John D. Holland, stands today and is in excellent condition. This house originally consisted of three rooms and was of wood frame construction. It contained hand-hewn chestnut sills, clapboard siding, hand-planed and tongued and grooved ceilings of 1"X 12" heart pine lumber. The later additions to the house used machined lumber.

The present house is constructed around this earlier structure and now consists of eight rooms and three porches. The house design is rural rustic domestic and sits about twenty yards off a small dirt road.

Approaching the house from the front, one sees a small front porch which is of white pine lumber with a floor of 1"X 6" oak lumber. The overall porch measures 12'-1" X 18'-3\frac{1}{2}" and rests upon a concrete block foundation. After entering the front porch there is a small front door which leads into a long hallway. The hall is about 24'-1\frac{1}{2}" long and measures about 5'-11" wide at the narrowist point, and 11'-7" at the widest point. The hallway is flanked on either side by bedrooms.

The bedroom on the left-hand side is about 15'-1" X 15'-2' in size, with a 8'-8" ceiling. The floor is con-

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structed of 1"X 6" heart pine wood, over which has been placed a small linoleum rug. The walls are constructed of 1"X 6" pine lumber and has been covered with luan paneling. On the west end of the room is a fireplace which is adorned with an original yellow poplar mantel. The hearth rock is raised about 3" off the floor and is hand-out. This hearth rock was the original rock which was in the first cabin built by Mr. Robert Holland when he settled the farm. Wainscoting is used around the walls and is made of 1"X 4" pine. The wainscoting extends about 36" above a six-inch baseboard.

Across the hallway, on the right-hand side is another bedroom which is much the same as the one on the left. This bedroom has a white acoustical ceiling which is installed over pine lumber and the floors are also of pine. The doors are of pine and are painted white. This room also contains wainscoting of 1"X 6" pine which extends about thirty-six inches up the walls, which is of sheetrock and painted white.

There is another small, enclosed hallway to the left of the north end of the hallway. This hallway runs from east to west and opens out onto a small porch on the left-hand side. This small hallway is about 15'-3" X 8'-42" in size and has a white accustical ceiling with sheetrock walls. The floor is original 1"X 6" heart pine, and has a ten inch baseboard. This hall is in the process of being converted into a bathroom.

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It opens onto a small wood frame porch which is 6'-9%" X 9'-9%" in size with a floor of 1"X 6" pine. The roof is supported by three white, wooden posts and rests upon a cement block foundation.

After once again entering the hallway, there is a door which leads into the den. The den is 11'-7" X 15'-42" in size and has a 7'-6" ceiling. The walls are constructed of 1"X 6" pine and the floors are also of 1"X 6" heart pine. On the left-hand wall, is a small, hand-made, pine mirror holder which was used in the old days to prop a mirror on to see how to comb ones hair and to shave. On the left wall hangs Mr. Robert Holland's eath of allegiance to the government of the United States. This allegiance concerned Mr. Holland's negative opinion of slavery, and is dated September 11, 1865. On the right-hand wall is a copy of the original land-grant which is dated March 1, 1858 and signed by the President of the United States, James Buchanan. On the left of the den is an old, original, hand-made door which leads into the living room. This door is about thirty-six inches wide and is constructed of 1"X 9" heart pine lumber. The door is an excellent example of pioneer craftsmanship, and the original door handle and look are still intact.

The living room measures 15'-34" X 15'-3/4" and has a ceiling which is constructed of original hand-sawed, hand-dressed, tongued and grooved, 1"X 9" pine lumber. The original plane marks can still be seen on the surface of the wood and at this time Mr.

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Sheet 4 Description:

Kenneth M. Holland still has the original hand plane in his possession. The floor is 1"X 4" pine which was installed over the original 1"X 4" pine floor. There once was a fireplace on the north end of this room, However it has long since been torn down.

There is another original hand-made door on the west end of the living room which is constructed in the same manner as the previously mentioned door. This original door leads to a small room on the west side of the house, which is utilized as a study. It is about 11'-3 3/4" X 11'-7" in size and has a 8'-7" ceiling. The ceiling is of white acoustical tile and the walls are of walnut paneling which was put on over 1"X10" lumber. The floor is of heart pine. There is a small pine panel door which leads outside, and contains six clear glass panes.

After returning to the den, there is a door leading into the dining room, which is 11'-7½" X 11'-8½". It has a ceiling which is 7'-6" tall. The walls and ceiling in the room are constructed of 1"X ¼" pine lumber, which is painted a lemon yellow. The floor is of 1"X 6" pine and is covered by a small rug with a decorative floral pattern.

On the north end of the dining room is another single, white door which leads into the kitchen. The kitchen is 11'-72" X 11'-52" with a 7'-6" ceiling. The walls are 1"X4" pine. This room is furnished with the usual electric appliances. The

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Sheet 5 Description:

floor is of 1"X 6" pine and is covered by a small linoleum rug.

The kitchen has a door on the north end which opens onto the L-shaped porch which extends the full length of the back of the house and around the corner of the kitchen and down to the right front bedroom. The back porch is enclosed and houses an enclosed well, which was hand-dug and has a pine windless (crank). On the left of the wall is a small, recessed milk cooler which was used to cool milk in the days preceding the invention of the refrigerator. This concrete cooler measures about twenty-four inches wide and forty-two inches long, while it is about twenty-four inches deep.

As mentioned before, this porch continues on around the right side of the house and ends at the right front bedroom. It is about ten feet wide and the floor is of 1"X 6" heart pine. The ceiling is 6'-4" tall and is of plywood which has been painted mint green. From the back porch wall to the right front bedroom measures 56'-3", and the porch is supported by eight white, wooden posts.

The overall structure rests upon a combination foundation of concrete blocks and stone, while the roof is composed of corrugated tin, green conventional shingles, and wood shingles. The house is being restored and is in excellent condition.

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This is one of the earliest land-grant farms in Blount County. The original stake which made claim to the land was driven in 1845 by Mr. Robert Holland. Mr. Holland came to Blount County from southern Tennessee, and married the former Cynthia Hudson in Summitt, Alabama on May 14, 1840.

The original grant was for seventy-nine and ninety-nine hundreths acres and was dated March 1, 1858. It was signed by the President of the United States, James Buchanan.

Mr. Holland and his wife moved to the farm and built a small cabin and began the difficult task of clearing the land and planting their first crop. The original cabin was located about a hundred yards to the north of the present structure. Today nothing remains of the old original structure. However the structure which was built by Mr. Holland's son, John D. Holland in 1891, is still standing and in excellent condition.

Mr. Robert Holland (1813-1874) was a renowned hunter and an expert shot with a rifle. He was also familiar with engineer's tools and was on the original surveying team which laid out the boundry lines for Blount and Marshall counties.

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One story related to me by Mr. Walter Holland, (Mr. Robert Holland's grandson) concerned an experience where Mr. Holland was hunting on the farm and came across a deer which he killed, and because the day was still young, he did not want to return to the house with the kill, so he began digging a hole in which to bury the deer to keep it cool until he could return and carry it to the house. While digging the hole, he came across some strange looking chunks of metal which later proved to be lead. After this Mr. Holland used the lead to mold his own bullets. Since that time several members of the family have tried in vain to locate the source of the lead.

Located near the house is a cool, clear spring, which according to Mr. Kenneth Holland, influenced Mr. Robert's decision to locate his farm there. Located near the spring is a tall, slender rock which rises about three feet out of the ground. According to members of the family, it is believed that the Indians placed the stone there as a marker to help them locate the spring. This theory is furthur evidenced by the fast an Indian village was located nearby, and several artifacts have been found by members of the family over the years.

Upon Mr. Robert Hollands death in 1874 the farm was inherited by his son, John D. Holland. Mr. John Holland constructed the present house about 1891, and he and his wife, the former Mae Breasseal, made their home there until around 1937.

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Located about a hundred yards to the northwest of the present structure is a small family cemetary where several members of the Holland family are interred. Among those interred are Mr. Robert Holland and his wife Cynthia, and their children. Only three of the tombstones are still legible.

Mr. John D. Holland organized one of the first steam operated gins in the county, the Holland Gin Company, and operated it for some fifty years. In addition, he was a former Justice of the Peace, appointed by the governor of Alabama around the turn of the century. He served in this capacity for many years. Upon his death, the farm was inherited by his son, Mr. Walter Holland. Mr. Holland worked for many years as a mail carrier, but he is presently employed as a car salesman in Oneonta, Alabama. He deeded the farm to one of his two sons, Kenneth M. Holland in 1961, and Mr. Holland is in the process of restoring the home.

The farm and house are significant because of the fact that it was one of the earlier land-grant farms in Blount County and because of the significant role that the Holland family played in the development and settlement of the county. The house is an excellent example of pioneer craftsmanship and should be preserved. The farm has remained in the family for 128 years.

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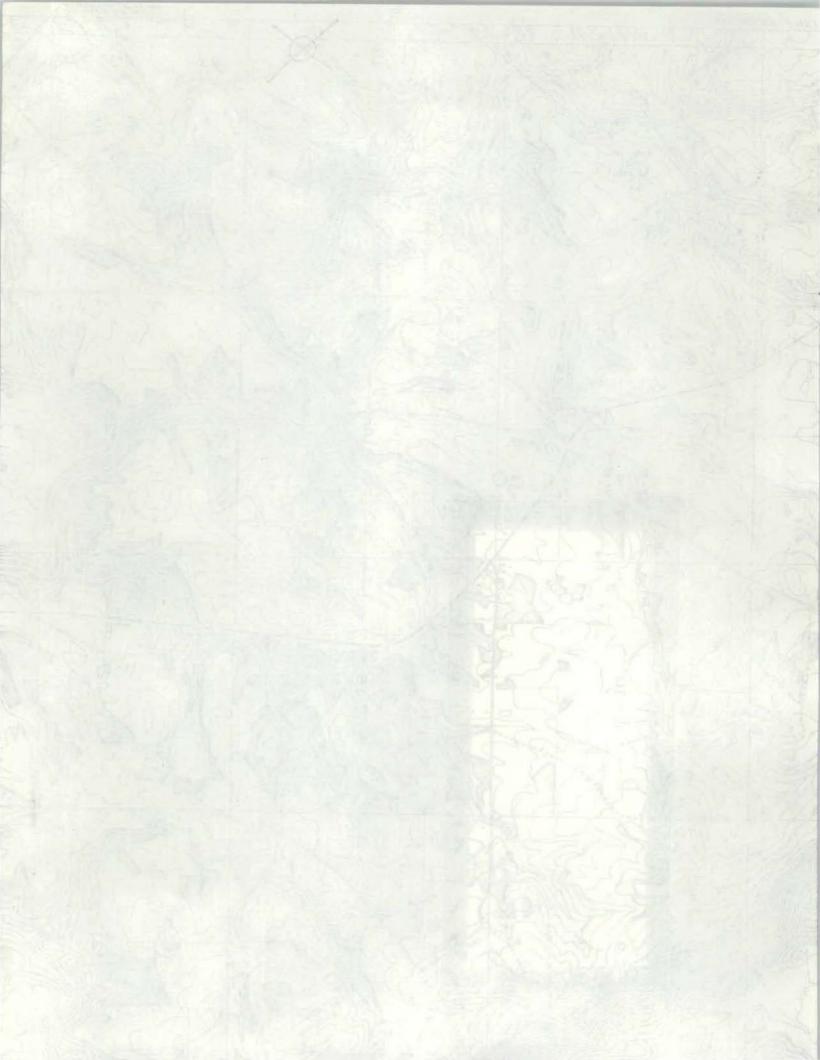
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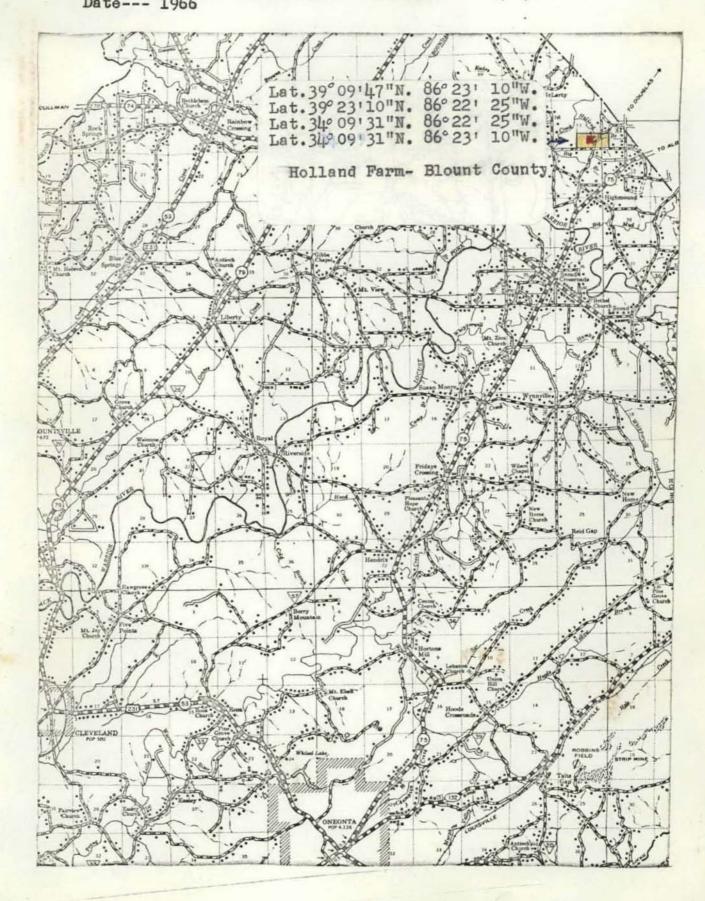
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