

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama
COUNTY: Butler
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Poole, Rufus, House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Thagard-Poole House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Luverne Road or Ala. 10 (2 mil. E. of Greenville Courthouse)

CITY OR TOWN:
Greenville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: **Alabama** CODE: COUNTY: **Butler** CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Rufus Poole

STREET AND NUMBER:
Luverne Road or Alabama 10

CITY OR TOWN:
Greenville

STATE:
Alabama

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Butler County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Commerce and Conecuh Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Greenville

STATE:
Alabama

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Thagard-Poole house is a one-story frame rectangular structure with a gable roof and 2 interior chimneys. It has a slant roof porch with 6 square columns connecting banisters made of flat boards with designs cut with a jigsaw. There is an elaborate casing at the roofline of the porch. A large double door topped with a transom and an elaborate cornice made up of spiral scrolls called volutes which forms the front entrance. The doors have sidelites down each side and are flanked by 4 windows. There are 4 windows on each side of the house, except an ell room on the west rear of the house. The windows are all 6/6 double hung-sash with shutters and topped with a doric cornice. Around the roofline of the house can be found elaborate brackets.

The interior is a simple central hall with 4 rooms each 20 x 20. The rear originally had a similar but simpler porch which has been enlarged and enclosed making a den.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thagard-Poole House was built in 1865 immediately after the close of the Civil War by W. R. Thagard, a leading business man and farmer in Butler County. The house was built in the style that was then popular, a combination of Greek and Gothic Revivals.

Thagard and his partner W. P. Rouse were involved together in several business enterprises together. Included among these ventures were several grist mills, saw mills and cotton gins. They are perhaps best remembered for building the Halso Mill on Pigeon Creek, because up until 3 years ago it was still operating. Thagard and Rouse were also known for their scientific farming. Thagard was, according to John Buckner Little, author of The History of Butler County, "known as one of the best and most successful scientific farmers in the county."

This house was pictured in Little's history and has retained much of its original appearance.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Little, John Buckner, The History of Butler County Alabama, From 1815 to 1885, Cincinnati, Ohio, Elm Street Printing Company, 1885.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE _____ CODE _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

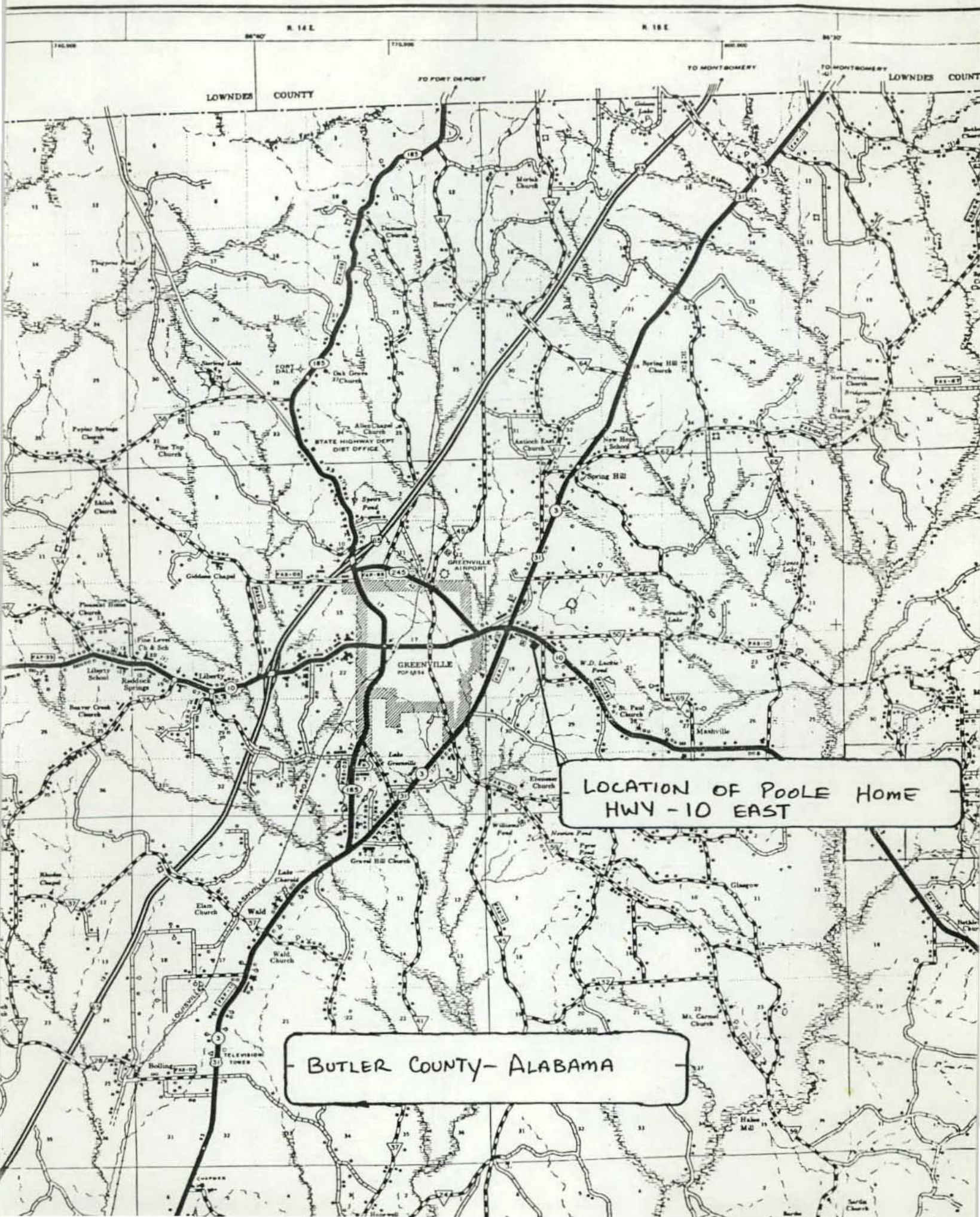
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ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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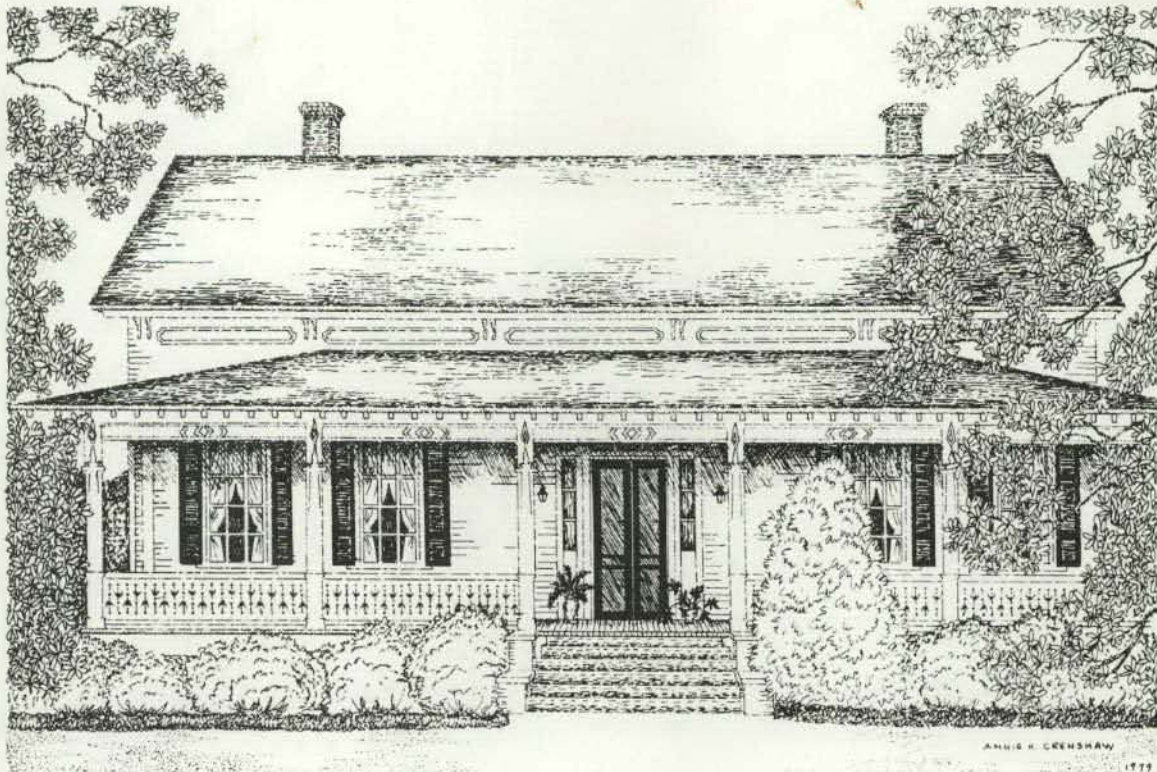
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LOCATION OF POOLE HOME
HWY - 10 EAST

BUTLER COUNTY- ALABAMA



Thagard-Poole Home

This is one of the two homes featured in the "History of Butler County," written by the late J. B. Little and published in 1885. The facade of the house is virtually unchanged today, retaining the original interesting and intricate woodwork. It remains one of the most beautiful homes of its distinctive architecture and one of the best preserved in the entire area.

THINGS TO NOTICE

ENTRANCE HALL: Mahogany Victorian secretary, c. 1850; American Victorian goldleaf pier mirror with original marble table, c. 1840; matched pair of rosewood finger-carved, acorn-motif Victorian mirror-back chairs, c. 1850; Mahogany Victorian balloon-back side chair with petit-point seat, c. 1850; tripod mahogany brass gallery-top table in the Chippendale manner with beautiful satinwood inlay, c. 1850; walnut reclining chair of Morris design, from family, c. 1870; mahogany Hepplewhite console, c. 1790; French shirt case, Chippendale styling, c. 1790.

LIVING ROOM: mahogany Federal chest, c. 1790, with claw feet and rope pilasters; goldleaf mirror on own pier, c. 1840; red velvet hip-rest lady's chair with nut motif, Victorian, c. 1840; Oriental silk prayer rug; matched pair Victorian pull-up chairs in walnut, c. 1850; rosewood Victorian sofa, finger-carved, c. 1840; pair of Chinese parchments in watercolor in black-and-brass frames; matched pair of Celadon Medallion Chinese Import ginger jars on teak stands, 18th century; French black lacquer-and-ormolu tripod table with satinwood inlay, c. 1790.

DINING ROOM: Oak banquet table, c. 1900; Oak sideboard with brown marble top, c. 1870; primitive pine table used as desk in Davidson family in the early 1800's; Victorian 5-bottle castor set, c. 1860; silver service, wedding gift to Mrs. Poole's mother and father, 1887; silver chest converted from thread chest, c. 1870.

FRONT BEDROOM: Four-poster Empire bed with blanket roll at foot and adapted field canopy, c. 1820; burl walnut dresser base with white marble top, c. 1870; Victorian recamier at foot of bed, c. 1870; coal hog with original hand-painted finish, c. 1890; large cedar blanket chest, about 80 years old; pair of flared Old Paris vases with studies of Scottish lady and gentleman.

BACK BEDROOM: Spool-turned walnut Victorian bed, c. 1860; framed collection of fans; very old trunk displaying quilts from members of Poole and Crenshaw families; Mrs. Poole's doll with original clothes and trunk; pair of gooseneck rockers with original hand-caning, c. 1860; kitchen clock in oak, c. 1890; lap sewing box, c. 1860.

DEN AREA: Antiqued pine plantation desk containing mementos of the owner's many trips abroad.