

ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

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Alabama Historical Commission
725 Monroe Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dan Cook Home Place

AND/OR COMMON

Cook Hill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Alabama Highway 10

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Camden

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Alabama

VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY

Wilcox

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Heustis Moore Cook

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 94

CITY, TOWN

Camden

VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wilcox County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Camden

STATE

Alabama

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cook Hill is a two-story woodframe structure of Plantation Plain style. Built in 1839, the house has been occupied continuously by the same family.

The house has a full-length front porch with a shed roof supported by 6 slender Tuscan columns. The structure has a 5-bay facade with the windows being 6/6 double-hung sash type. The main entrance is a double door with a transom of small panes and thin muntins. Other windows in the two-story portion of the house are also 6/6 double-hung sash type.

The original interior woodwork has been retained. Federal mantels and door trim, and the wainscoating in the parlor are outstanding examples. Four end-exterior chimneys of handmade brick are standing.

Alterations include the incorporation of a side gallery and breezeway into the living area of the house. Rooms made from this open space include a den, bath, entrance hall, and kitchen. The enclosing formed a rear wing to the original portion of the house. The rear wing is one-story. This alteration was completed in 1948. Four closets were added. The first bath was added on the main stair landing in the 1920's.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 c. 1839

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Daniel Cook

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Construction began on Cook Hill in 1830 and was completed in 1839. The original owner and builder, Daniel Cook, came to Wilcox County in 1829 from Georgia after having lived for brief periods in South Carolina and North Carolina. The Cooks were prominent settlers and landowners in the early years of Wilcox County.

Daniel Cook, Jr., second owner of Cook Hill, was a planter and Alabama State Legislator. He and his wife occupied the home from 1898 to 1930. His son, Wilcox County Circuit Clerk Abe Cook inherited the property in 1930. Abe's son, the present owner, has occupied the house since 1974.

The house is a well-preserved example of the Plantation Plain Style and has been occupied by the same family since its construction in the late 1830's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cook, Virginia James and Newell, Leacy Elizabeth, The Book of Cooks. Privately published, 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Coy

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 463500 3538870

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Heustis Moore Cook

ORGANIZATION

DATE

9/20/78

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, P. O. Box 94

TELEPHONE

682-9120

CITY OR TOWN

Camden

STATE

Alabama

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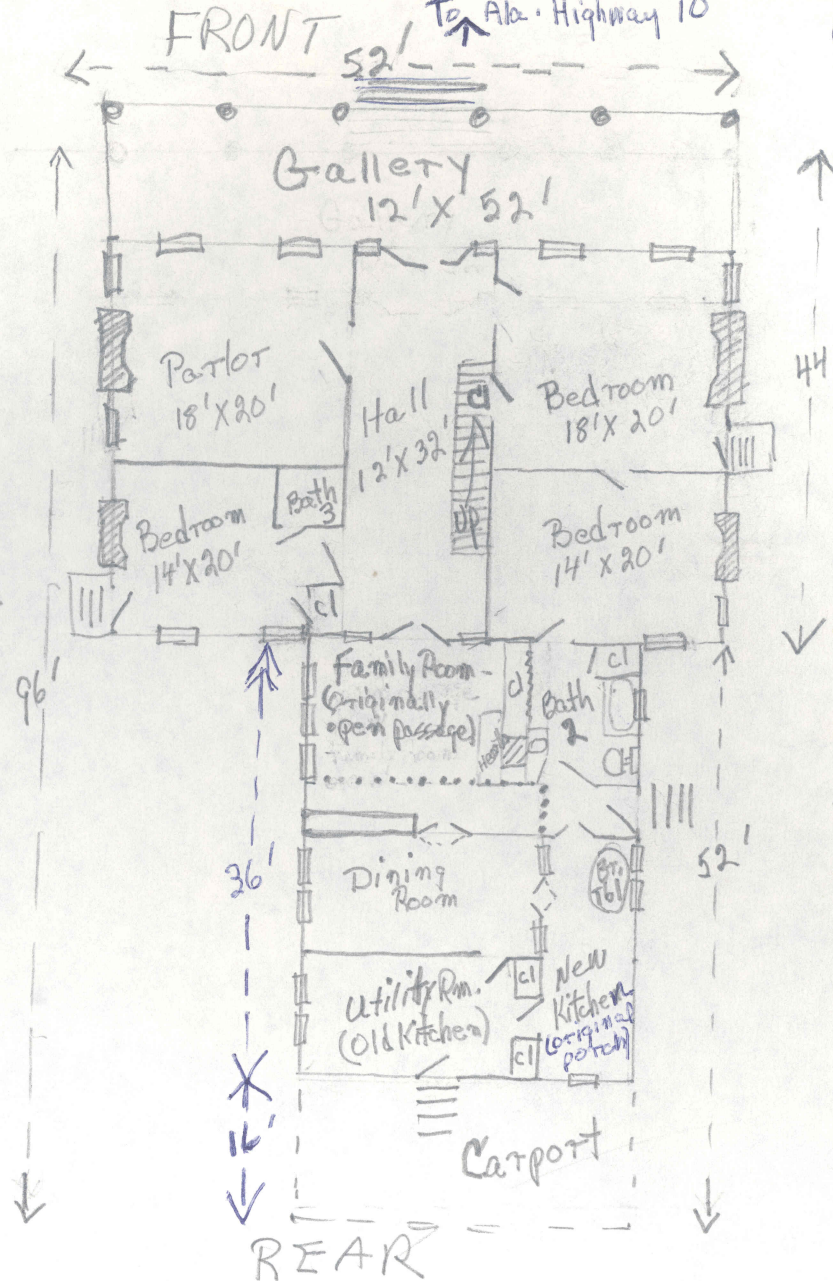
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Thematic Category Art-Architecture

National Register Potential

Added to National Register _____

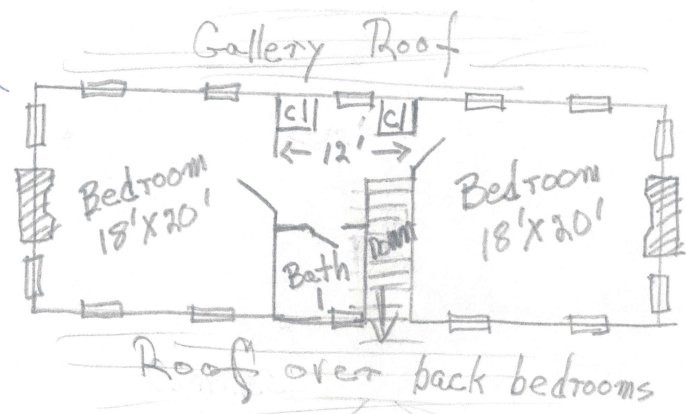
Cook Hill -
Wilcox County



Bath 1 upstairs
added about
1930
Bath 2 in 1948
Bath 3 + new
kitchen in 1974
Carport in 1977

Cook Hill -
Lower Floor -
1978

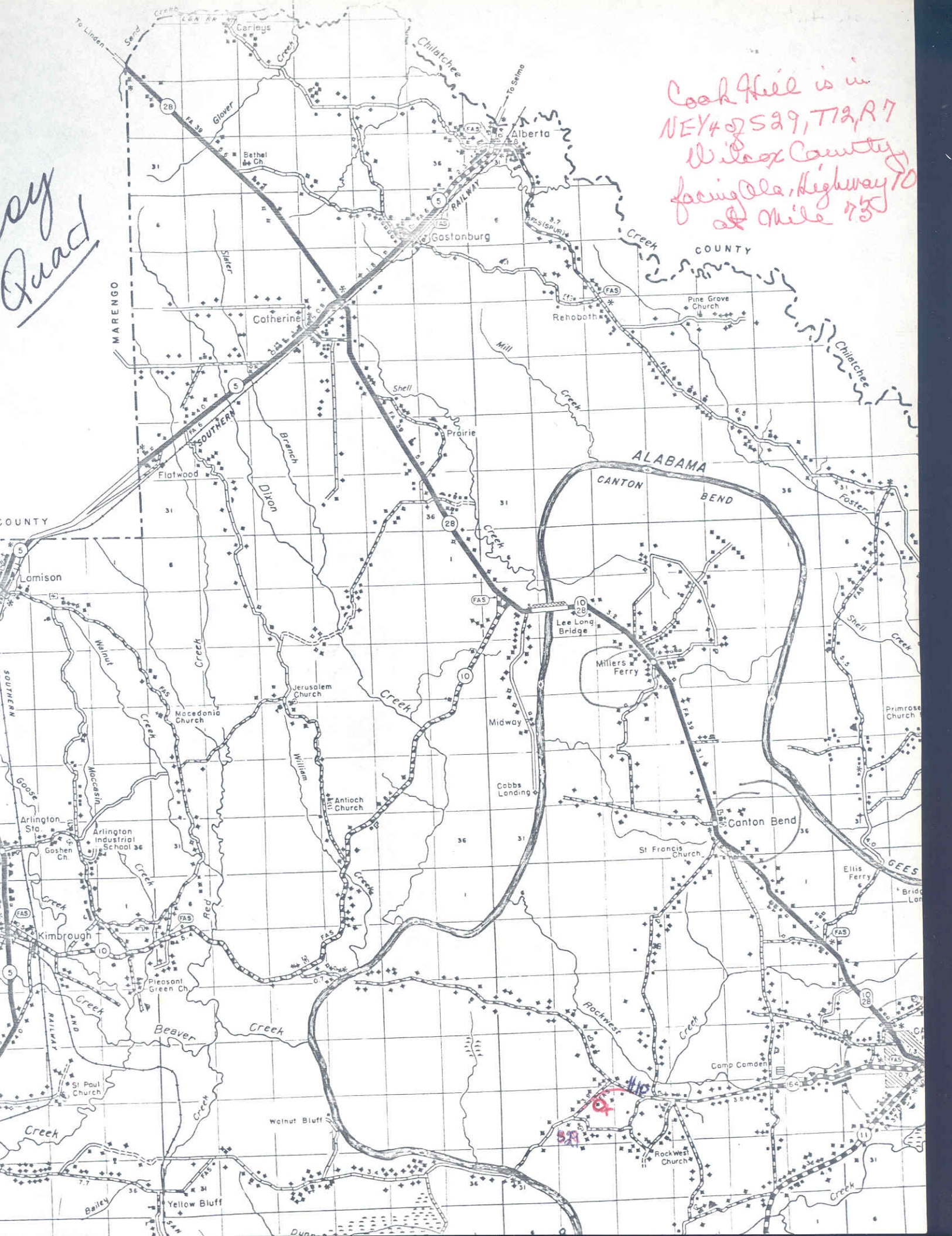
← Dotted lines
in Family Room
show original
Dining Room
Walls.
Bath 2 and
new kitchen
on original
lattered side
gallery



Second
Floor -
1978

My Quad

*Cook Hill is in
NE 1/4 of S29, T12, R7
Wilcox County
facing Ala, Highway 10
at mile 73*





STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130
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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

COUNTY WILCOX

NAME: Present COOK HILL Historic DAN COOK HOME PLACE

LOCATION: Street and Number Rt.1, Box 94 (Alabama Highway 10, Mile 73)

Town (Give directions if rural) Six miles west of Camden, Alabama

A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM

CATEGORY: Building (X) Structure () Object () Site () District ()

USE: Present Home of Mr. & Mrs. Heustis Moore Cook Plantation home

OWNERSHIP: Public () Private (X)

Owner's Name Heustis Moore Cook

Mailing Address Rt. 1, Box 94

Camden, Alabama 36726

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved () When?

From where? (Give details in significance.)

CONDITIONS: Excellent (X) Good () Fair () Ruins ()

TREATS: No (X) Yes () By What?

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered () Underway () Completed (X) Not planned ()

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land (X) Woodland (X) Scattered farm buildings (X)
High building density () Commercial () Industrial ()
Residential () Rural (X)

Acreage About 300

For all categories other than a district and object give a site plan with a North arrow. Show related buildings.

For a district give a verbal boundary description and attach a sketch map of the district. Cook Hill is located in the NE 1/4 of Section 29, township 12, Range 7 East in Wilcox County Map attached

SIGNIFICANCE:

Why is this landmark significant? (X) associated with events, persons, or movements
 Local (X) State (X) National (X)
 (X) a good example of a type or style of structure
 () other

Explain: (Briefly state why the above is true) Cook Hill plantation was settled and the home built in 1830 during the pioneer days of Wilcox County and western Alabama. The builder was the son of Ruth Moultrie Cook, sister of Gen. William Moultrie of Revolutionary War fame. Cook Hill is one of the oldest Black Belt homes continuously occupied by the same family, same name, for almost a century and a half. It is an excellent example of Plantation Plain Style before the Greek Revival homes of the 1840's and 1850's.

Date of Construction or Period of major importance.

Foundation laid in 1830; home completed and housewarming held in 1839

Architect or Builder (Give name and biographies, if known)

Daniel Cook, Sr., is said to have been his own architect-builder. He may have had advice from his brother-in-law, Samuel Sellers. Daniel Cook was born in S. C. in 1795 and died at Cook Hill on January 16, 1878. Samuel Sellers was born in 1788 and died in 1878.

Give a complete but concise history of the Landmark. Include information on important people and events associated with the landmark. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

Daniel Cook, Sr., (1795-1878), son of Daniel & Ruth Moultrie Cook of S.C. First wife was Martha Norwood of Darlington, S.C. (1799-1840). Second wife was Caroline McMillan (Murphy) (Murphy), widow of Murdock Murphy and then of a brother of Gov. John Murphy. Caroline's grandmother also was a Murphy, aunt of the governor. Daniel and Martha moved from S.C. to N.C. to Ga. and finally to Wilcox County in 1829. Caroline M. Cook survived her husband until 1896. Her son Frank and his wife lived with her until shortly before her death. Daniel and Martha had eleven children, Daniel and Caroline five. Fourteen of these sixteen lived to be adult, twelve married and had children of their own. The story of the family is told in a book, THE BOOK OF COOKS, by Virginia James Cook and Leacy Elizabeth Newell, to be available October 1, 1978, published privately by the authors. The book is heavily documented with legal documents, private letters, and other matter dating back to 1818.

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Daniel Cook, Jr., second owner of Cook Hill, a planter and Alabama State Legislator, and his wife Sallie Funchess Crum Cook lived in the home from 1898 to 1930. His son, Wilcox County Circuit Clerk Abe Crum Cook, and his wife, Lallie Marie Bragg Cook, inherited the plantation in 1930. Abe's son Hustis Moore Cook and his wife Virginia James Cook have lived there since 1974.

DESCRIPTION:

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANDMARK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Complete as directed below for each category.

BUILDING: Two-story plantation plain style with one-story rear section

Number of stories Two Foundation Log, rough pine timbers, handmade bricks

Wall Material: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)
 (clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batton, stucco over wood or brick, metal, logs) White clapboard, plain white trim, metal guttering

Structural System: (If known)

Wood frame (X) Load-bearing masonry () Iron or Steel ()

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Roof Type: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination) **Tall central gable, hipped back section**
Roof Covering: (Wood shingle, Asphalt, Tile, Metal, Slate) **Originally wood shingles; now asbestos tile**

Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.) **Simple boxing around eaves**

Chimneys: 4 Exterior chimneys of brick made by skares; clay pit still exists

Porches: Front (type and description) **Railed front gallery, 52' X 12', with six tapered round columns of Tuscan style**

Rear (type and description) **Originally open latticed, now enclosed and made into rooms**

Side (type and description) **Originally open latticed, now enclosed and made into rooms.**

Doors: Main entrance (location, description) **Four-fold double-cross at center front of house, opening almost entire 12-ft. width of main hall**

Other entrances (location, description) **At back of central hallway, two-fold (double) doors. These and interior doors have English liftlocks.**

Outside doors from each of two back bedrooms, one added later than original. Also

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade **modern doors from side entrance & from Double-hung, original glass, 14 upstairs, 11 downstairs in main house; rear utility room.**

Types and number per floor for sides and rear

Rear section has eleven others. Front: 4 lower floor, 5 upper. East: 6 lower, 2 upper. West: 11 lower, 2 upper. Rear: 1 lower, 5 upper.

Interior: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features. **The interior woodwork is outstanding. Wainscoting in front rooms and parlor, pilastered mantel and window trim in parlor, mouldings of Federal mantels and doorways upstairs and down (five in all). Main stairway begins at back of central hall and rises toward the front of the building. Simple rail stained dark, square newel post, oval plywood motifs applied at corner of each riser on outside (exposed) side of stairway. Twenty risers to twelve-foot ceiling height. Lath and plaster walls, wide baseboards, no cornices or crown molding. No traces left now of original wallpaper. Original plaster, repaired in 1974. Flooring of wide heart pine boards. Notable hardware includes English lift locks with solid brass knobs and seal bearing the lion and unicorn; 8 doors, faux bois finish.**

Other: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

The long side gallery and breezeway between main house and dining-kitchen area have been enclosed and incorporated into the living area, a family room, bath, entrance hall, and kitchen having been created in the open space and the old kitchen now used for a utility room. The old smokehouse, barns, cribs, and leg structure used for the first kitchen with sleeping loft used while Cook Hill was being built are still within the fenced-in area. The first bathroom was installed on the big stair landing upstairs in the 1920's, second bath behind east bedrooms on breezeway in 1948, and a third bath in the back bedroom behind the parlor in 1974. Only 1 closet originally, 4 added.

On an additional sheet make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions if possible.

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!

Cook family cemetery is 200 yards from house; graves date from 1834-1977

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

STRUCTURE: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the structure. (See examples)

OBJECT: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the object. (See examples)

SITE: On a separate sheet of paper give the present description of the site and how the site is believed to have looked during its period of importance.

DISTRICT: On a separate sheet of paper give a general description of the district. Also needed is a numbered list of the structures in the district corresponding to the sketch map. This listing should include a name for the structure, a date of construction, a brief description, a statement of why the structure is significant, if it is.

A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

Photographs: Black and white, glossy finish, 5 x 7, or 8 x 10, is preferred.

FORM PREPARED BY

Name MRS. HEUSTIS MOORE COOK Date Sept. 20, 1978

Address Rt. 1, Box 94 Telephone 682-9120

Town Camden, Alabama 36726

Organization In response to request from Mary Lou Price, Historic Resources Coordinator, Alabama Historical Commission

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STAFF COMMENTS:

MAP REFERENCE: MAP _____

U. T. M. Reference Zone Easting Northing

Thematic Category _____

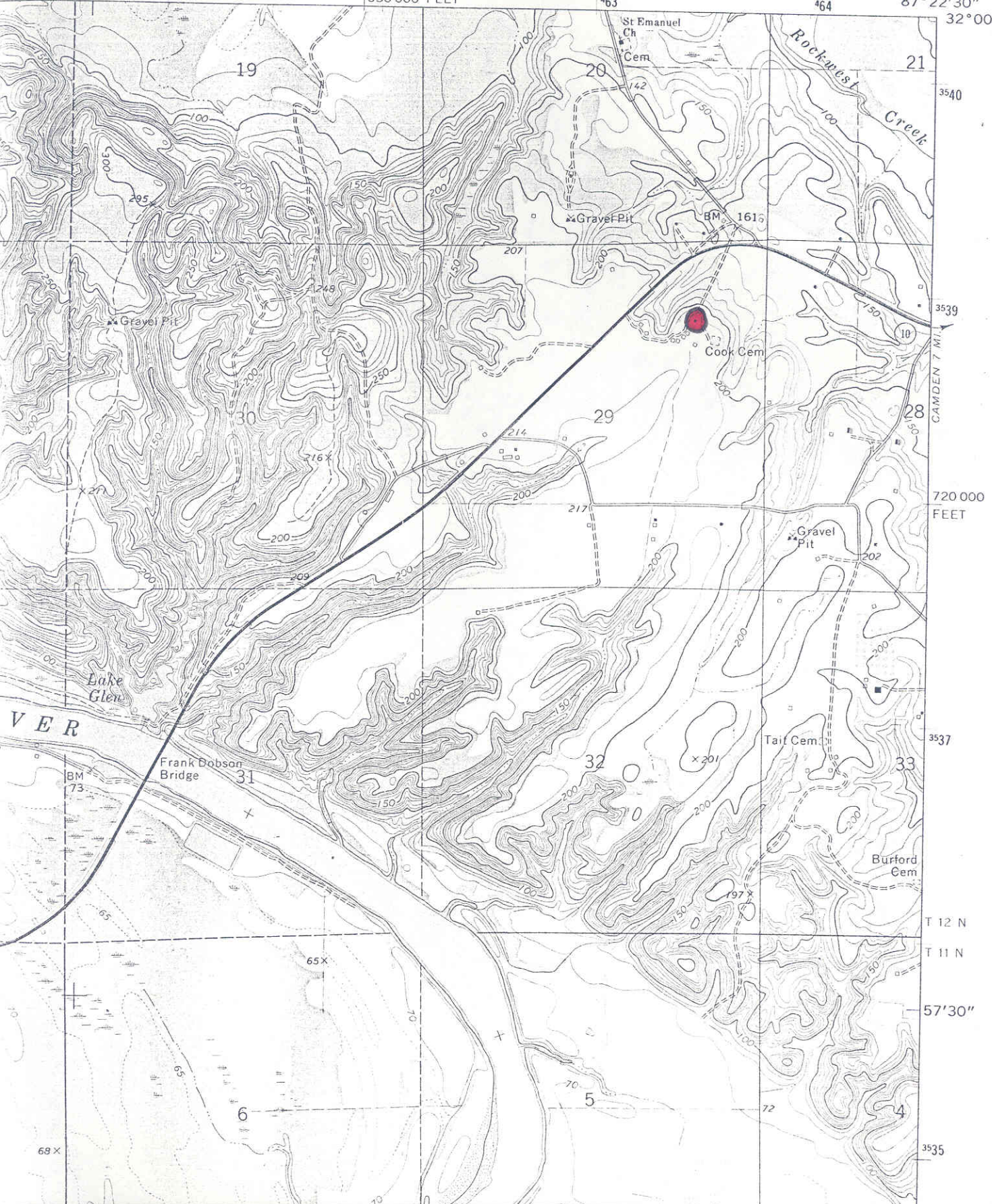
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(CAMDEN NORTH)

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CAMDEN 7 MI

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COOK HILL, WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA