



STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104
PHONE: 832-6621



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

COUNTY Wilcox

PRESENT NAME White Columns HISTORIC NAME Starr Plantation

LOCATION (Street and number) 9 miles from Camden on Clifton Ferry Road

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Possum Bend

PRESENT USE Residence HISTORIC USE Residence

OWNERSHIP: Public () Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ()

OWNER'S NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

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

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

From where? Give details in significance

THREATS: No (X) Yes () By what?

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

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land (X) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ()

Highway 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 () associated with events, persons, or movements

Local () State () National ()

(X) a good example of a type or style of structure

() other

Explain: A beautiful example of antebellum architecture.

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present home ~~is a~~ has the original appearance although age is slightly detectable. It has been maintained through the years, however and is in remarkable condition. Built in 1860, the date is emblazoned on roof ornamentation. It is a ^{Colonial} ~~Grand~~ mansion with two sets of massive columns--four on the front and four on the side, with a veranda on the second floor front. Ornate trim encircles the eaves.

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2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <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) |
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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although similar to ante bellum mansions of the Civil War era, this one is more colonial in architectural design rather than Greek Revival. Built in 1859 it wasn't completed until 1860. It was built and completed just prior to the Civil War. During its one hundred year-plus history it has been owned by the Tait and Starr families. Tours are permitted through the old home which has 15 foot ceilings. The most beautiful feature outside is the columns which grace both the front and right side of the mansion. There are four columns on the front and four on the side. The eaves are elaborately trimmed and the date of completion--1860--is emblazoned on the eaves.

~~Exquisite~~ Etchings of famous British paintings hang in the home. The paintings are in London.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . .	0 . .		32° 58' 00"	87° 21' 30"	
NE	0 . .	0 . .				
SE	0 . .	0 . .				
SW	0 . .	0 . .				

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:
Larry O'Hara, area coordinator, historical survey

ORGANIZATION: Alabama-Tombigbee Planning & Development Commission DATE: March '73

STREET AND NUMBER:
Clifton Street

CITY OR TOWN: Spanish Cordon STATE: Alabama CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
White Columns

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Starr Plantation - Tait (Felix) Plantation

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Nine miles from Camden on the Clifton Ferry Road

CITY OR TOWN:
~~Wilcox~~ Possum Bend

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Wilcox 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No visits permitted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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. Starr

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Possum Bend STATE: Alabama CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Wilcox County Courthouse, Probate Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN: Camden STATE: Alabama CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1935 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery and Washington STATE: Alabama and D.C. CODE:

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Wilcox County, AL.

Latitude - $32^{\circ}58'00''$
Longitude - $87^{\circ}21'30''$



