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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

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**1. Name of Property**

historic name Shields-Ethridge Farm  
other names/site number n/a

**2. Location**

street & number At the intersection of GA Hwy 319 and County Road  
125, approximately 5 miles southwest of Jefferson.  
city, town Jefferson (x) vicinity of  
county Jackson code GA 157  
state Georgia code GA zip code 30549

( ) not for publication

**3. Classification**

**Ownership of Property:**

- (x) private
- ( ) public-local
- ( ) public-state
- ( ) public-federal

**Category of Property**

- ( ) building(s)
- (x) district
- ( ) site
- ( ) structure
- ( ) object

**Number of Resources within Property:**

	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	58	7
sites	4	0
structures	3	0
objects	0	0
total	65	7

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

Elizabeth A. Lyon  
Signature of certifying official

5/19/92  
Date

Elizabeth A. Lyon  
State Historic Preservation Officer,  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

In my opinion, the property ( ) meets ( ) does not meet the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency or bureau

**5. National Park Service Certification**

**Entered in the  
National Register**

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Helena Byers 6/25/92

( ) determined eligible for the National Register

( ) determined not eligible for the National Register

( ) removed from the National Register

( ) other, explain:

( ) see continuation sheet

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Signature, Keeper of the National Register Date

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC; single dwelling, secondary structure  
AGRICULTURE; storage, agricultural field, animal facility,  
agricultural outbuilding  
INDUSTRY; processing site, industrial storage  
EDUCATION; school

### Current Functions:

DOMESTIC; single dwelling, secondary structure  
AGRICULTURE; storage, agricultural field, animal facility,  
agricultural outbuilding

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification:

Classical Revival  
Bungalow/Craftsman  
Other: Plantation Plain  
Central Hallway  
Gabled Ell  
Extended Hall-Parlor

### Materials:

**foundation** stone  
**walls** weatherboard, concrete  
**roof** metal  
**other** log, wood, brick

### Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Shields-Ethridge Farm is a large, very intact, mid-19th- to mid-20th-century rural farm complex that includes two main dwelling houses, several tenant houses, two cemeteries, a schoolhouse, and a wide variety of agricultural, industrial, and domestic outbuildings, all set on 610 acres. The farm is located approximately five miles southwest of Jefferson, Georgia, off U.S. 129 on GA 319. GA 319 runs northeast to southwest through the property. County Road 125 bisects the property from east to west and intersects GA 319. The main concentration of buildings is located near the intersection of these two roads.

This district represents a very intact piedmont Georgia farmstead with a multitude of agricultural, industrial, and domestic resources. The farm's buildings, structures, and sites date from the 1830s to the 1940s.

The farm is located on typical piedmont Georgia land, with the topography ranging from gently to sharply rolling hills. The west property line is the Middle Oconee River. Virgin forest grows along a

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portion of the river. Through the center of the property is Martin Creek, with open bottom land on each side used as pasture.

Following are individual descriptions of each building, structure, and site:

No. 1 The MAIN DWELLING HOUSE (Joseph Shields House) (photos 1,2,3,17,20), built in 1866, is a two-story, wood-framed house that fits the plantation plain type category. Originally the house had a one-story shed porch across the front. The front facade is flush paneled under the original porch roof line, with clapboard to the sides and above to the house roof. There were two shed rooms in the rear, giving the house a two over four configuration. Three chimneys date to the original construction, one at either end of the main house and a third for the south shed room. The main house sills are hand-hewn, heart pine, mortise-and-tenoned and pegged, and sit on stone pillars. Roofing material for the two-story section is standing seam metal, with the original rolled metal roof still covering the porch. Later additions have composition shingled roofs.

The original interior arrangement of the house was the plan of many plantation houses of the era: one room on either side of a nine-foot wide hallway, both upstairs and downstairs. The downstairs also had two shed rooms in the rear with a sheltered porch between. The interior walls are tongue-and-groove, hand-hewn pine boards applied with square nails. These wall boards are random width, 7 to 10 inches. The two front rooms downstairs and the hall have 10-foot-high ceilings. The height of the ceilings in the shed rooms are 7 feet 4 inches; the two rooms upstairs have a ceiling height of 8 feet. The floors in the older part of the house are original pine boards. These are of random width, five to eleven inches. There are hardwood floors in the newer additions. The hearths and fireplaces are of old brick and stone taken from a dismantled chimney on the homeplace. Mantels and doors are original. The handcrafted mantels are of pine. The doors are of heart pine. The double two-paneled front door is framed by a transom and sidelights, and finished naturally. Some of the doors are painted with a graining technique; others are finished in natural pine. Most doors have porcelain knobs. The newel post and the balusters are plain and simple, although the newel post is chamfered gracefully. The posts for the balustrade are grouped in threes on each step. Ogee mouldings are found in the downstairs area, used at the ceiling, baseboards, door and window surrounds, and around the inside edges of the door panels.

The original kitchen was a log house (No. 30) placed some forty feet to the side of the main dwelling. This structure was moved to another spot on the farmplace in 1910, and still stands next to one of the tenant houses. Through the years compatible modifications were made































































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