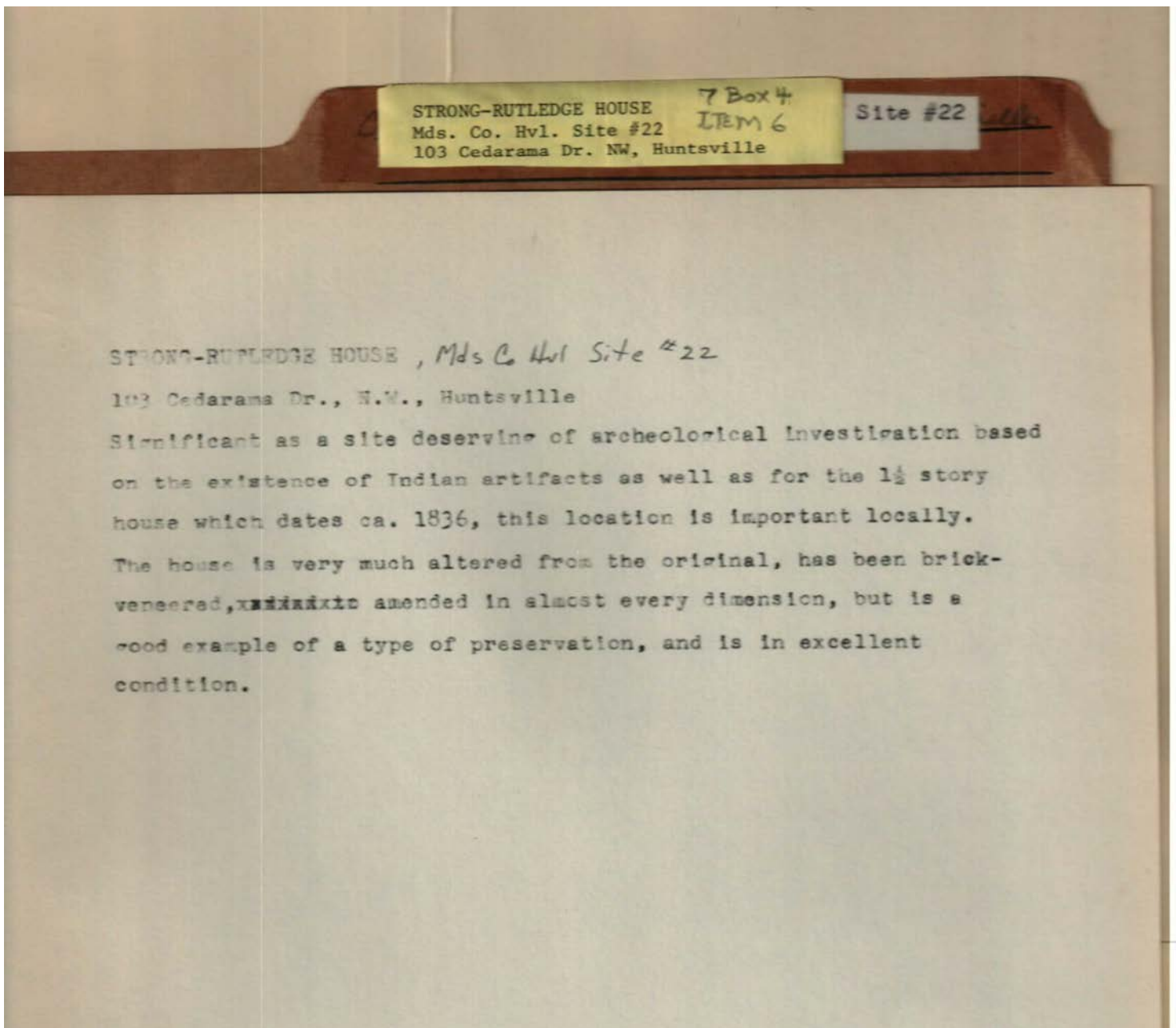


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**Names:**

Indian Artifacts

Strong-Rutledge  
House

**Types:**

inventory

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Mds. Co. Hvl. Site #22 ITEM 6  
103 Cedarama Dr. NW, Huntsville Site #22

TARCOG  
HISTORICAL NOTES  
HISTORICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR  
VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION FORM

County: Madison  
Coordinator's Name: Martha H. Simms  
Historical Notes Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Blue Ink)

(3) Indian Carving and Mortar -  
1. Name: and Chas. Strong home

2. Location: 2 miles south of Meridianville on west side of Hwy 231.  
T 2, R 1 W, Sec. 36, near 103 Cedarama Dr., N.W.  
Huntsville, Ala.

3. Classification: Building used as home

4. Owner of Property: Mr. & Mrs. Floyd M. Rutledge phone 852-8901  
103 Cedarama Dr. N.W.  
Huntsville, Ala.

5. Location of Legal Description: Madison County Courthouse

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Names:

Indian Carving And  
Mortar

Rutledge, Floyd M.,  
Mr. & Mrs.

Simms, Martha H.  
Strong, Charles

Types:

inventory

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys: Madison County Historical Inventory  
18A1 B/C-2 Meridianville file - 1968 - ~~also~~  
~~also in hand sketch from file -~~

7. Description: Originally built of wood from riverboat wrecked near Ditt's  
Landing at Whitesburg on the Tennessee River. On hillside site, house had  
kitchen and another room on ground floor (no hall) with two rooms  
above. Site sloping so that "upstairs rooms  
above. At rear the upper rooms were on ground level also.  
Porch and rear rooms added.  
Still later, 1970, house was veneered with handmade  
brick and completely renovated by Mrs. Mrs. Floyd M. Rutledge.  
Head of Indian carved into limestone boulder.  
Limestone rock hollowed out for use as a mortar for  
grinding or crushing grain with a pestle.  
For reason: hand made brick from brick bats, new; 2x2x2 banded,  
brown limestone, reddish brown. yellow soap - yellow entrance.  
chimneys 2 exterior, 1 1/2 on front exterior; double 1/2.  
mantelpiece - 3 required and 1/2 on woodwork, painted.  
upstairs painted - 1/2 on woodwork, painted - 1968-70 at 67-69.

8. Historical Significance

A. Period: ca. 1836

B. Specific Dates: Chas. W. Strong acquired land in 1835 from estate of  
father, Geo. House built shortly thereafter.  
1830 died John Maux to George Strong  
1835 - estate to Chas. W. Strong  
1878 - Dr. J. O. Watts purchased  
1883 - died to Strong estate to Wm. Allen  
1932 - W. P. Satterfield  
ca. 1959 Paul Means to F. M. Rutledge -

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Names:

Allen, William  
 Indian Face  
 Madison County  
 Historical Inventory

Maux, John  
 Means, Paul  
 Rutledge, Floyd M.,  
 Mr. & Mrs.

Satterfield, W. P.  
 Strong, Charles W.  
 Strong, George  
 Watts, J. O., Dr.

Types:

inventory

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Site #22

8. Historical Significance (continued)

C. Areas of Significance: Historical, Architectural, and Indian-Archaeological

Full face of Indian, faces East, carved on stone.

"Dr. Walter B. Jones states it is the only one he has ever seen that has Easter Island features."

D. Statement of Significance:

The extent of Archaeological significance will have to be determined by reports in the field. Indications strongly suggests claims that stones are authentic.

House is good evidence of adaptive preservation and as such might well be architecturally significant.

Historically, the site is definitely significant to local historians.

Chas. Strong, builder, was born in Rockland County, Va., in 1804 and migrated with his parents, George and Mary, given to 1827. Moved to Didama Humphrey in 1828. He bought land to put together a large plantation. Laid out the same street pattern for the house was brought to the site from a wrecked steamboat. What is being found on the return trip of his cotton wagons carrying cotton there for shipment on the Tennessee River.

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**Names:**

Humphrey, Didama  
Indian Face

Jones, Walter B., Dr.  
Strong, Charles

Strong, George  
Strong, Mary

**Types:**

inventory



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9. Specific Bibliographical Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jones, Virgil Carrington (Pat), Jones, John, Old Madison County, Alabama Historical Publications, 1211 Belgrade Ave., N.W., Huntsville, Ala.*

10. Verified Geographical Data: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Names:**

Jones, Virgil  
Carrington, (Pat)

**Types:**

inventory

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Mds. Co. Hvl. Site #22 ITEM 6  
103 Cedarama Dr. NW, Huntsville Site #22

TARCOG  
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: Madison  
Field Surveyors' Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Historical Notes Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Chas. Strong home  
2. Location: 2 mi s. of Meridianville, Ala, on west side of Hwy 231-  
T 2, R 1 W, Sec. 36  
3. Owner of Property: Floyd M. Rutledge  
4. Geographical Data: \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Classification: Building used as home-  
7. Integrity: Altered considerably- very much-

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Names:

Charles Stone Home

Rutledge, Floyd M.

Strong, Charles

Types:

inventory

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8. Condition: Excellent as modernized residence

9. Present Use: Residence

10. Areas of Significance: Architectural -  
*Indian?* Full face of Indian, faces East carved on stone.  
"Dr. W. B. Jones states it is the only one he has ever seen that has Easter Island features."

11. Architectural Description: Originally built of wood from ~~near~~ riverboat wrecked near Ditt's Landing at Whitesburg on the Tennessee River. Strong carried cotton to the landing for shipment and loaded lumber for his house for the return trip. Built on a hillside, the East side was two-storied, the rear one storied. Originally had 4 rooms, kitchen and another room on ground floor level at the front, a staircase led up from the south room to two upstairs rooms, with attic above.  
Later a porch and ~~attic~~ rooms at rear were added.  
Still later, in 1970, the house was veneered with handmade brick and completely renovated.  
Chas. W. Strong acquired land in 1835 from estate of his father, Geo. House built shortly thereafter.

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Names:

Indian Face

Jones, Walter B., Dr.

Strong, Charles W.

Strong, George

Types:

inventory

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TARCOG  
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: Madison  
Field Surveyors' Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Historical Notes Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Strong home (Chas)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2. Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
3. Owner of Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
4. Geographical Data: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
5. Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
6. Classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
7. Integrity: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Names:**

Strong Home

Strong, Charles

**Places:**

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

inventory



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8. Condition:		
9. Present Use:		
10. Areas of Significance:		
11. Architectural Description:		
12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:		
Date of Completion:		

**Names:**

Strong, Charles

### Places:

Madison County, AL

**Types:**

inventory

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