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Foreword

The 1st report volume of the 16th IPE created great interest with the participants of the IPE and the scientists interested in the area and their biota. The number of papers sent or pledged increased suddenly to the point that only an additional volume would provide enough space. The editors decided therefore to split the 2nd volume into two. These volumes will contain specific papers about the region, their vegetation, or its floristic affinities to the other regions of the world. While most contributions come from participants of the 16th IPE, the editors have invited contributions from colleagues specially interested in the area or its floristic affinities.

The 2nd volume contains all papers about vegetation analysis or species description from the area visited during the 16th IPE, received in time to be included in vol. 2. Volume 3 will contain global comparisons and all other papers received too late to be incorporated into vol. 2.

The papers in this volume deal either with the description of species or vegetation types in North and South Carolina or with the causes of vegetation appearance or distribution. The papers are arranged geographically. All papers dealing with North Carolina vegetation only are in front, all those dealing with several states or South Carolina alone follow thereafter. Within these two categories papers from the mountains come first and those from the coastal area are last. Fig. 1 shows the approximate geographical location for each paper.

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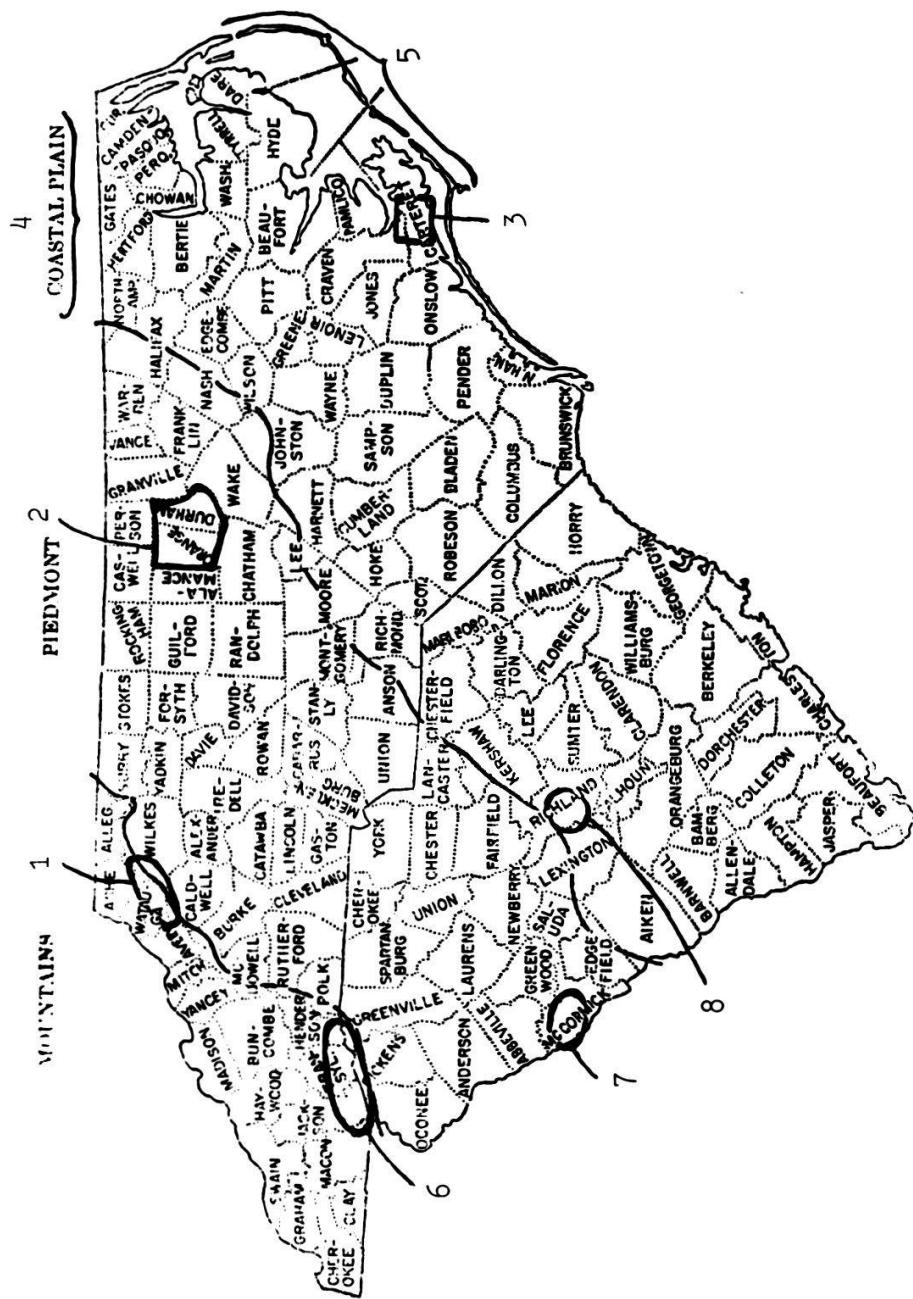


Figure 1. Approximate geographical position of the eight study areas from which reports are included in this volume.