

STATE:

Arkansas

COUNTY:

Chicot

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ENTRY DATE

NOV 20 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:

Lakeport Plantation

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Johnson Plantation

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Between Arkansas Highway #142 and Mississippi River Levee

CITY OR TOWN:

About 3 miles southeast of Shives

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Fourth

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Chicot

CODE

017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ Public
☒ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☐ Occupied
☒ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

Yes:

- ☒ Restricted
☐ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify) not in use
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious at present
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific time

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Epstein Estate

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Lake Village

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Chicot County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Lake Village

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

☐ Federal☐ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

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10/4/19

7. DESCRIPTION						
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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						
<p>The Lakeport Plantation remains as one of the finer antebellum plantations to be found in Arkansas. The main structure is of five bay two-storey frame construction measuring approximately sixty feet across and forty feet deep, not including the rear ell that contains the original double kitchens. A two-storey portico with triangular pediment gable and centered rose window dominates three of the five bays of the entry facade. A low pitched hip roof combines with the symmetrical fenestration and entry portico to complete the Classical temple form of the plantation structure.</p> <p>The exterior is characterized by weathered clapboard siding, a wide, plain entablature with decorated, boxed cornice, and floor to ceiling windows on the entry facade and side porch. These windows measure approximately twelve feet in height with fifteen lights total. The remaining windows are twelve lights each.</p> <p>The front entry is by a twelve foot high panelled door flanked by narrow sidelights. There are nine rooms on the main floor in addition to the large central hall and an adjacent but separate stair hall. The ceiling height for the main structure is approximately sixteen feet.</p> <p>The interior woodwork is essentially plain. Most trim about the fenestration is plain with cornices over windows and doorways. Fireplaces are framed by pilasters with a plain frieze and simple mantel shelf. An exceptionally wide base moulding is noted. A significant feature is the elaborate plaster cornice moulding found in most downstairs rooms. The main front hall and the front parlor room have ornate ceiling medallions from which chandeliers once hung.</p> <p>Upstairs are five bedrooms, a central hall and the separate stair hall. The ceiling height is approximately fourteen feet. All doors have overhead adjustable transoms which aid in circulation of air.</p> <p>The rear ell is a one-storey edifice with gallery along one side. Therein is located the kitchen with its huge wood-burning fireplace and cast iron framing and oven. Two eral brick out buildings are located in the area adjacent to the rear kitchen and remain in excellent repair. The roofs do not appear to be original.</p> <p>The Lakeport Plantation is, essentially, in a fair state of repair, though the exterior is rapidly deteriorating. No apparent alterations have been made to the original structure, though there is evidence to suggest that small window</p>						

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7. Description (Lakeport Plantation - Page 2)

balconies on either side of the entry portico have been removed. Additionally a two-storey side porch no longer is intact.

The house and outbuildings combine to make Lakeport Plantation an excellent example of ante-bellum plantation architecture in Arkansas.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☐ Science

☒ Architecture

☐ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☐ Art

☐ Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications

☐ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lakeport Plantation originated in the first half of the 19th century, and throughout that century was owned by a single family. The two-storey cypress frame house faces the Mississippi River in the southeast corner of Arkansas, and is probably the best example of an ante-bellum plantation house in the state. Built circa 1850, Lakeport Plantation is of classical design with an imposing two-storey portico centered on the entry facade. Two brick accessory buildings complement the main structure.

Chicot County tax records indicate that Joel Johnson, a native of Kentucky, was farming on the area now known as Lakeport Plantation in 1831. At that time the estimated value of his house was \$100.00, so it can be safely assumed that this was not the stately Greek Revival home now associated with the Johnson family.

During the next 35 years Joel Johnson's assets rose considerably as the quantity of his land holdings, slaves, and farm animals steadily increased. His taxable property in 1852 was valued at \$100,000.00, and the value had doubled by 1860. However, like most Southern plantation owners, Johnson lost a great deal during the Civil War. By 1867 the total value of his taxable property was estimated to be only \$28,000.00. The financial records of Joel Johnson's plantation typify those of many other Southern plantations during the middle third of the 19th century.

Following the Civil War, ownership of the property passed to Joel's son, Lycurgus Johnson. The plantation stayed with the Johnson family until the 1920's when Dr. Victor M. Johnson, son of Lycurgus Johnson, sold the property to Sam Epstein. Lakeport Plantation has since remained in the Epstein family, and as part of the Epstein Estate, is now managed by Epstein's grandson, Sam Angel. Having been owned by only two families throughout its long history has helped to preserve the integrity of the Johnson's plantation house and outbuildings. Though now unoccupied, the present owner

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chicot County Tax Records, 1831-1867 (Microfilm)
 Goodspeed Publishing Company. Biographical and Historical
 Memoir of Southern Arkansas. Chicago: Goodspeed
 Publishing Company, 1890.
 United States Census. Chicot County, Arkansas. 1850

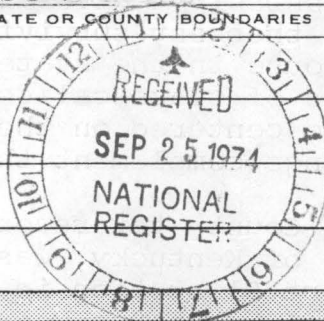
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: five acres

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: Anthony S. Riddle, Architect and Dianna S. Kirk, Historian	
ORGANIZATION Arkansas Historic Preservation Program	DATE 9-10-74
STREET AND NUMBER: Plaza West, Suite 1030 McKinley and Lee Streets	
CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock	STATE Arkansas CODE 05

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 William E. Henderson

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date September 10, 1974

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/20/74

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date 11-20-74

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 15/671850
 3681060
 CD
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8. Significance (Continued - Page 2)

continues to maintain and preserve the good condition of this historic plantation house.

Lakeport Plantation is a fine example of Arkansas' ante-bellum plantation architecture. Its classical features and spacious dimensions exemplify the residential tastes of a wealthy Southern planter in the years before the Civil War.



PROPERTY Lakeport Plantation STATE Arkansas 74000466

WORKING NUMBER

9.25.74.1498

Chicot plantation

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS

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Chicot

County

MAPS

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CONTROL REVIEW

Condition boxes #7 incomplete.
specific date #8. Otherwise ok

10-1-74
CT

HISTORIAN

CALL STATE RE: CONDITION
BOX — ACCEPT HWJ and
called 10/4/74

10/4/74

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

I cannot tell if the outbuildings are included.
They should be and there should be a description of them.

Accept
Lebovich
10/3/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colz
10/22/74

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
HWJ
11.5.74

KEEPER

OK
11/20

National Register Write-up

12/18/74

Send-back

Federal Register entry

2-4-75

Re-submit

Entered

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Lakeport Plantation
Chicot Co., Arkansas
second floor front porch entry

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FORM 10-301 A
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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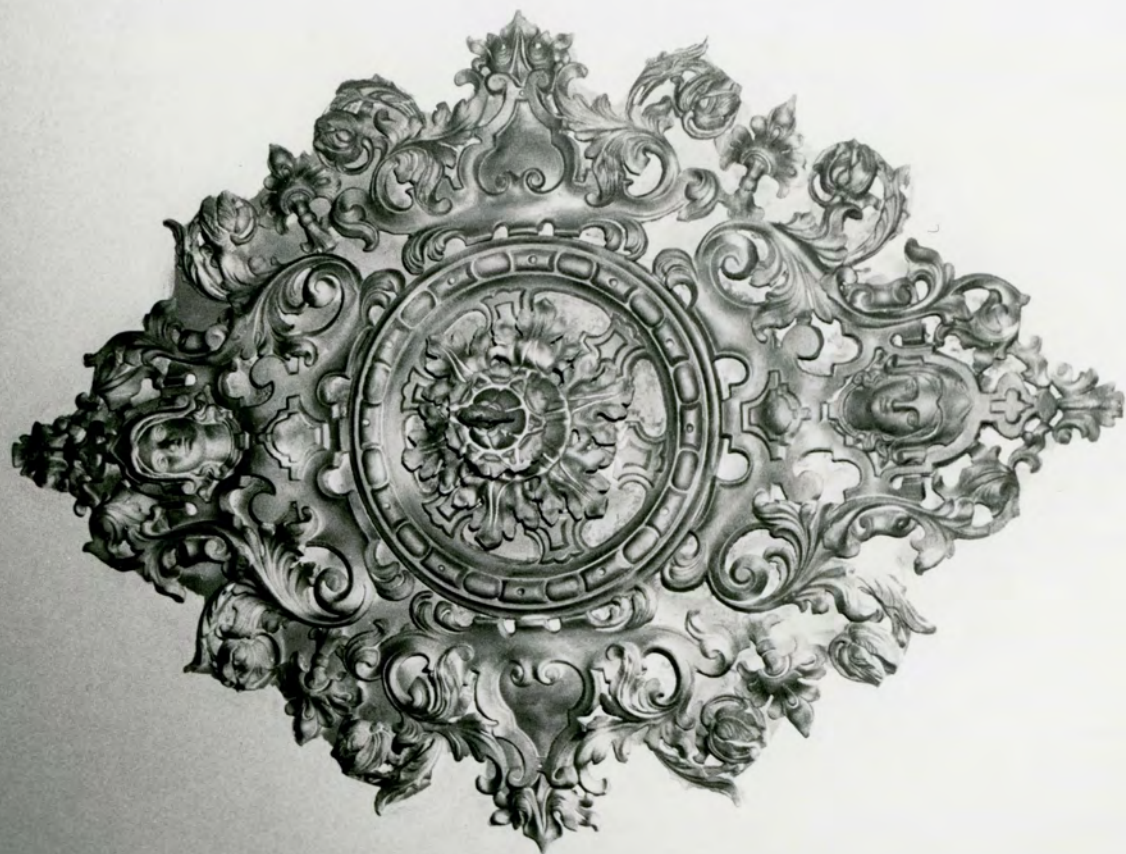
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Arkansas		Chicot	Lakeport
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE PHOTO CREDIT		DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Robert Dunn		1973	Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
4. IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

Second floor front porch entry.

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Lakeport Plantation
Chicot County, Arkansas
ceiling med. 00.

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Ceiling medallion

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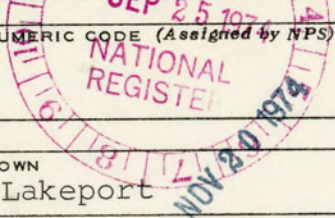
Lakeport Plantation
Chicot Co., Arkansas

detail of cornice + doorway trim in first floor central hall, rear

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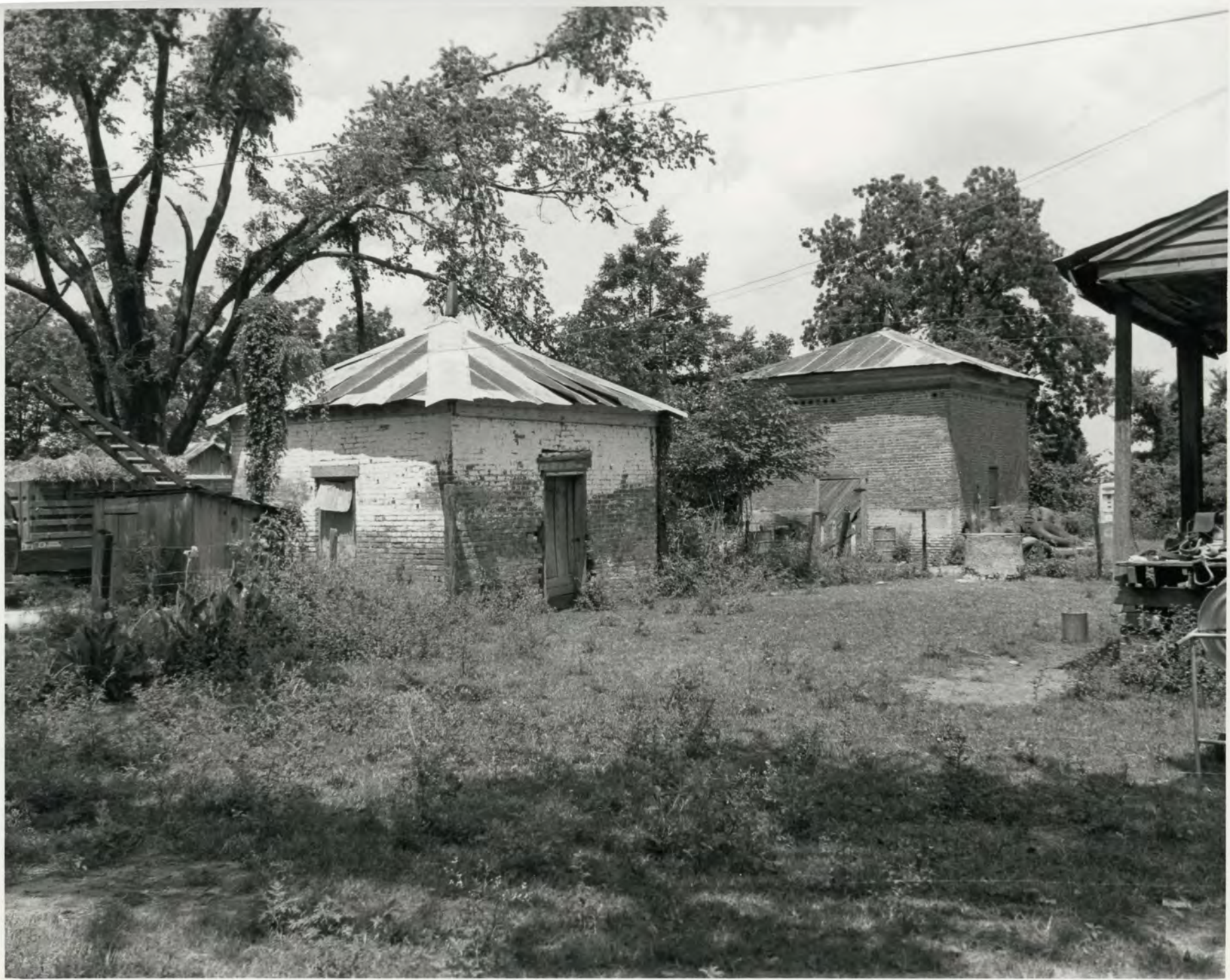
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Detail of cornice and doorway trim in first floor central hall,
rear.

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Lakeport Plantation
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brick

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Brick outbuildings, west of house

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Lakeport Plantation

Chicot County, Arkansas

facade & south elevation, viewed from the south

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Facade and south elevation, viewed from the southeast

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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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AND/OR HISTORIC

Johnson Plantation

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

NOV 20 1974

2. LOCATION

STATE

Arkansas

COUNTY

Chicot

TOWN

Lakeport

STREET AND NUMBER

3 miles southeast of Shives, between Arkansas Highway #142 and
Mississippi River Levee

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

USGS 7.5 Minute Series,
Red Leaf Quadrangle

DATE

1970

SCALE

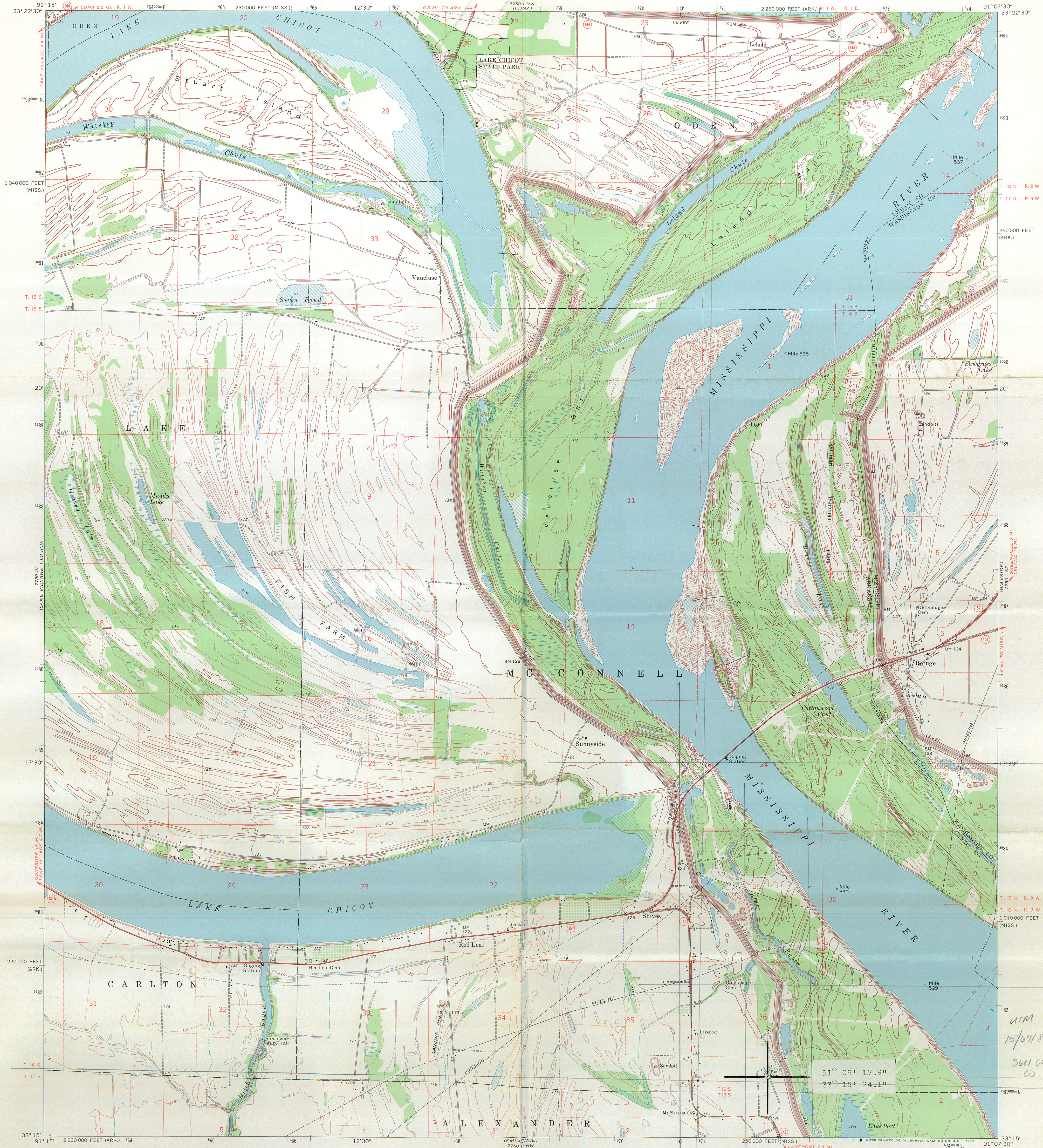
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

RED LEAF QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS—MISSISSIPPI
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 GREENVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE

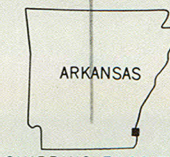
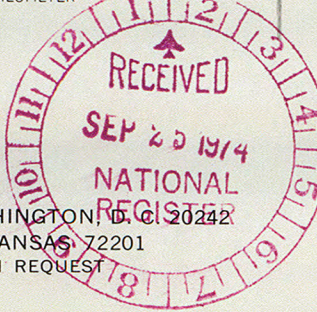


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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, Light-duty road, all weather,
hard surface, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, Unimproved road, fair or dry
hard surface, weather
U.S. Route State Route

RED LEAF, ARK.—MISS.
SW/4 GREENVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3315—W9107.5/7.5

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ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

1023 WEST THIRD STREET

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

501 374-0375



SUITE 1030, PLAZA WEST, MC KINLEY STREET AND LEE AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, 72205 501 371-1639

September 19, 1974

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Attached are National Register Nominations for the following properties:

Lakeport Plantation
Matthew Rainey House
Garrett House
Lake-Shores-Bell House
Black House
Bathhouse Row
St. Charles Battle Site
Clark County Library

These nominations have been approved by majority of the
State Review Committee.

Sincerely,

William E. Henderson
State Historic Preservation Officer

WEH:cm

Enclosures



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

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Date Entered

Name

Location

Lakeport Plantation

Shives vicinity
Chicot County

Black House

Searcy
White County

Also Notified

Hon. J. W. Fulbright	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. John L. McClellan	Mr. William E. Henderson, Director
Hon. Ray Thornton, Jr.	Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
Hon. Wilbur D. Mills	State Capitol - Room 149
	Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Regional Director, Southwest Region	