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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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Westwood Plantation, Uniontown, Perry County, Alabama -- second boundary increase-
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The Westwood nomination (NRHP 11-21-74) has been expanded to include archaeological and agricultural significance and to increase the acreage to include all of the historic acreage now under one ownership.

8. Archaeology-Historic, Criterion D

This large tract of land has historically been a part of Westwood Plantation since the 19th century. The undisturbed nature of the property makes it a potentially valuable source of archaeological information on the plantation system in the Black Belt of Alabama. Included in the boundaries are a number of architectural and engineering sites associated with the daily functioning of the plantation system. Among these sites are former slave quarters, hand-dug wells and cisterns, and a mule-driven cotton gin. In addition, there are documented sites of a large number of tenant houses which trace the breakup of the plantation system.

Agriculture, Criteria C & D

The Westwood Plantation is an excellent surviving example of a southern, antebellum agricultural development typical of many plantations in Alabama's Black Belt region. The acreage is largely intact with boundaries that date from the 19th century. Within these boundaries are identifiable sites which include probable antebellum slave camps with accompanying housing foundations, barns, wells, cisterns and a cotton gin. An early road and railroad spur -- essential to the welfare of an inland plantation -- are still intact. In addition to the antebellum sites are many post Civil War tenant houses and dependencies which represent dramatic changes and/or similarities between Southern agriculture based on slave labor and the tenant farming system.

Besides the obvious information available from the aforementioned sites, there is also considerable potential agricultural information to be learned, including the spacial relationship between agricultural industry (cotton gin) and existing transportation routes; types of land conservation practices, if any, employed; lifestyle differences between tenants and slaves; types of building materials and methods of construction used for farm dependencies.

Social History, Criterion D

Westwood Plantation offers strong sociological information potential; particularly black social history. Some of the current residents are direct descendants of former Westwood Plantation slaves. There is a strong tradition of oral history

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within these families. The site of an interesting former tenant community center, which was once the hub of social life on the property, offers possible additional archaeological findings concerning the social history of the property as it evolved from a mid-19th century slave society to a 20th century tenant farm society.

7. Description

The expanded nomination includes 1,468 acres, the large majority of which is open fields. Included in the boundaries are the main house, 2 early 20th century tenant houses (see photos), sites of slave quarters, a post-bellum plantation community house, a mule gin, wells, cementeries and other sites, as well as an antebellum brick railroad trestle.

Sites on the newly included section include:

1. Brick trestle
2. homesite, date unknown, china shards
3. homesite, date unknown, foundation and ruins of outbuilding
4. homesite
5. homesite
6. Tenant House, c. early 20th century, 1 story, frame with recent metal and board siding, gabled roof, front shed porch, 1 end exterior chimney
7. Tenant House, c. early 20th century, 1 story, frame with recent roll siding, gabled roof, two end exterior chimneys, shed roof porch
8. homesite
9. homesite
10. homesite; foundations and chimney
11. homesite
12. homesite; foundation and water well
13. underground cistern
14. homesite
15. homesite
16. cemetery site for the Shields Place
17. homesite
18. Price Hill gin site; brick foundations
19. homesite
20. underground cistern
21. homesite
22. homesite
23. homesite
24. homesite

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25. Nickel and Dime Society Hall site - main meeting and preaching hall and
plantation school
26. homesite
27. homesite
28. underground cistern
29. housesite
30. housesite
31. housesite
32. housesite
33. housesite
34. housesite
35. housesite
36. housesite
37. housesite
38. housesite; built 1929 for Dave Patterson
39. housesite
40. housesite
41. cemetery on the Blanks Place
42. cement silo, in excellent condition; also a well

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10: Geographical data

acreage: 1,468

UTMS: A. 16 450720 3592900
B. 16 451820 3592180
C. 16 451820 3591360
D. 16 451720 3590980
E. 16 451000 3590770
F. 16 450320 3590760
G. 16 448140 3590940
H. 16 448120 3591400
I. 16 448660 3592930

Boundary Description: The boundary of the plantation is described by the red line on the attached section map and includes all of the historic acreage currently under one ownership. The boundary is further described on the attached documents giving the boundaries for the Westwood, Davidson and Shields places -- which together comprise the historic Westwood Plantation and the current nomination.

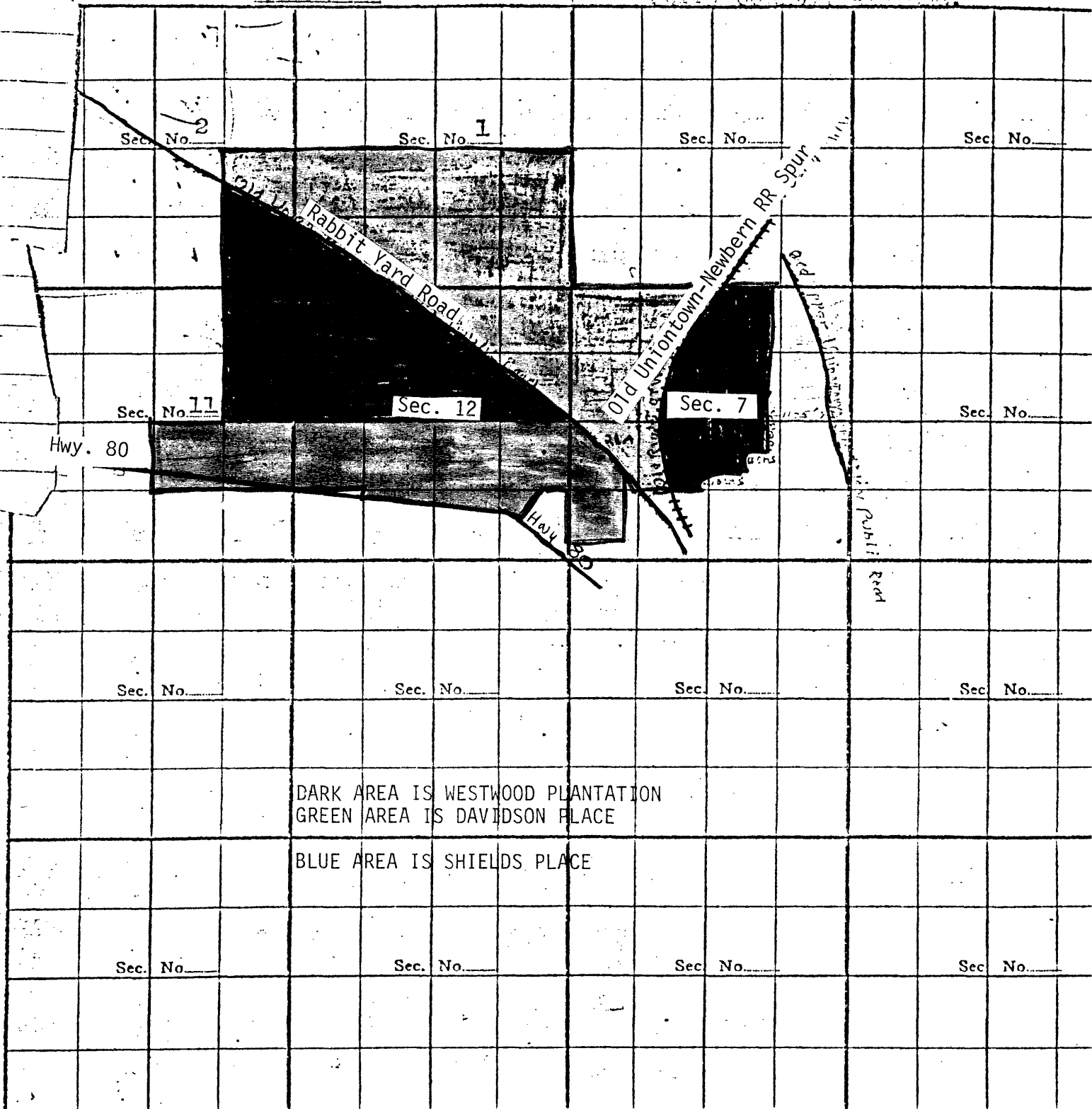
WESTWOOD PLANTATION.

Marengo County, Alabama.

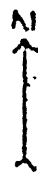
Township 17, North
RANGE 5, East

TOWNSHIP 17, North
Range 6, East

Perry County, Alabama.



Note: See next page for explanation of map. F.G.



WESTWOOD PLANTATION

All that part of that tract or parcel of land described as the North half of Section 12; the South half of Section 1; the East half of Southeast quarter of Section 2, and the East half of Northeast quarter of Section 11, all lying and being in Township 17 North, Range 5 East, Marengo County, Alabama, which lies South and West of the old Uniontown-Greensboro Public Road.

ALSO, the following described real estate situated in Perry County, Alabama: A tract of land described as all that part of East half of Northwest quarter; the Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter, and West half of Northeast quarter of Section 7, which lies East of the right-of-way of the old Newbern and Uniontown Railroad, excepting therefrom a strip of land containing 20 acres off the East side of said West half of Northeast quarter; also a tract or parcel of land containing 22 acres, more or less, in the NW corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Southeast quarter of Section 7, described as commencing in the Northwest corner of Northwest quarter of Southeast quarter of said Section 7, thence South 17 chains, thence East 10 chains, thence North 7 chains, thence East 5 chains, thence North 10 chains, thence West 15 chains to the point of beginning, all in Township 17 North, Range 6 East; all of the above described real estate situated in Marengo County and Perry County, Alabama, being known as the Westwood Place.

420 acres in Marengo County

121 acres in Perry County

541 acres total

DAVIDSON PLACE

The following described real estate, situated, lying and being in the County of Marengo, State of Alabama, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter of Section 1; all of the Southwest quarter of Section 1 lying north of the Old Uniontown and Greensboro Public Road; all of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 2 lying north of the Old Uniontown and Greensboro Public Road; all of the Northwest quarter that lies north of the Old Uniontown and Greensboro Public Road in Section 12; all of the Northeast quarter that lies north of the Old Uniontown and Greensboro Public Road in Section 12; all in Township 17, North, Range 5, East, containing 430 acres, more or less.

Also, the following described real estate in the County of Perry, State of Alabama, to-wit:

The West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 7; all that portion of the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section 7 that lies west of the right-of-way of the Old Uniontown and Newbern Railroad; 21 acres east of the Old Uniontown and Greensboro Public Road in the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 7; 15 acres west of the right-of-way of the Old Uniontown and Newbern Railroad in the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 7; all in Township 17, North, Range 6, East, containing 168 acres, more or less.

430 acres in Marengo County

168 acres in Perry County

598 acres total

SHIELDS PLACE

North half of Southeast quarter of Section 11; North half of Southwest quarter of Section 12; North half of Southeast quarter of Section 12; 7.23 acres off North side of Southeast quarter of Southwest quarter of Section 12, as lies North of Southern Railway; 11.94 acres off North side of Southwest quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 12, as lies North of the Southern Railway; 27.27 acres off the North side of Southeast quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 12, as lies North of the Southern Railway; all lying and being in Township 17 North, Range 5, East, Marengo County, Alabama;

LESS AND EXCEPT: 10 acres, more or less, heretofore conveyed to one R. H. Blakeney and more particularly described as follows: That certain lot or parcel of land described as beginning at a point on the North margin of Highway 80, said point being 9.00 chains North of the Southeast corner of Section 12, Township 17, Range 5; thence from this point of beginning run North 66 degrees and 30 minutes West along the North margin of Highway 80, 10.00 chains, thence North 14 degrees and 12 minutes East, 11.08 chains, thence East 6.36 chains to the East line of Section 12, Township 17, Range 5, and the County line between Marengo County and Perry County, Alabama, thence South along the section line 14.76 chains to the point of beginning, lying and being in the Southeast quarter of Southeast quarter, and Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 17, Range 5, Marengo County, Alabama.

ALSO, the following described real estate situated in Perry County, Alabama: Thirty-three and one-half ($33\frac{1}{2}$) acres of land, more or less, lying and being situated in the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 17, North, Range 6, East, Perry County, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the said $W\frac{1}{2}$ of the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 7, Township 17 North, Range 6 East, in Perry County, Alabama; running thence due South 28 chains to a stake; thence due East 15 chains and 30 links to a stake; thence due North 12 chains to a stake in the old Uniontown and Greensboro public road; thence North 37 degrees West along said road, to a stake in said road, 2 chains due South of the North boundary line of said $W\frac{1}{2}$ of the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 7; thence North 51 degrees West to a stake on the North boundary line of the said $W\frac{1}{2}$ of the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 7; thence due West 2 chains and 70 links to the point of beginning.

All of the above described real estate being situated in Perry County and Marengo County, Alabama, and being known as the Shields Place.

296 acres in Marengo County

33 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Perry County

329 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres total