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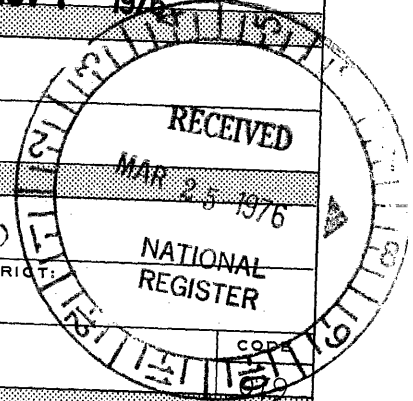
Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Mississippi
COUNTY:	Leake
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ENTRY DATE	NOV 7 1976



1. NAME

COMMON:
Robinson Road (Nos. 190-191-3M)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Robinson Road

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 416 *St. of Kosciusko* (See Section 7 for written description)

CITY OR TOWN: Kosciusko *vic*

STATE: Mississippi 39090

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 3

CODE: 28 COUNTY: Leake

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. AGENCY

U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Natchez Trace Parkway

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) Southeast

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta

STREET AND NUMBER: 3401 Whipple Avenue

STATE: Georgia 30344

CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Chancery Clerk's Office - Leake County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Carthage

STATE: Mississippi 39051

CODE: 28

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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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Natchez Trace Parkway bisects the Robinson Road 11 miles west of Carthage, Mississippi. The Old Natchez Trace is located to the west of the parkway where it and the Robinson Road meet.

The Robinson road on the east side of the parkway is grown up with underbrush and has sunken depressions 5-6 feet deep. It is located alongside (south) of present old Highway 16. The road crosses and recrosses, and often is part of old Highway 16. On the west side of the parkway the road is very deep to about 12-14 feet deep. It is located on the north side of old Highway 16. As it goes down this small hill the depressions are not so deep as it nears a small branch. Large pine trees have grown up in the old road bed and they have effectively shaded out most of the undergrowth.

Recommended treatment: Preservation
 Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$4,000.00
 Photograph enclosed

Order of Significance - 2nd

The total length of Robinson Road is approximately 1,950 feet. About 950 feet lies to the West of the trace and 800 feet to the East of it; a 200 ft. mid-section has been obliterated as a result of construction of old State Highway No. 16, and the route of the trace itself.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When the western half of the Mississippi Territory became a state in 1817, the greater part of the lands of the two cessions became a part of the Territory of Alabama. They were fertile, lying for the most part in the Tombigbee and Black Warrior River Valleys; and soon were opened for settlement. The small part of the area which fell to Mississippi was settled rapidly. A Mississippi writer, for example, lists the names of 36 white men who had established themselves east of the Tombigbee by 1819. The growth of population was so rapid that on February 9, 1821, the Governor of Mississippi approved an act of the legislature organizing Monroe County, containing about 450 square miles in what is now Lowndes and Monroe Counties.

The new county was isolated from the rest of the State. Communication with the state capital was difficult and circuitous. The distance via the only available route to Jackson was approximately 260 miles; by a direct route through the wilderness the distance was only 130 to 140 miles. Almost immediately after the establishment of the new county, there arose an insistent demand for a more direct road to Jackson.

The construction of such a road was impeded by relations with the Indians. It would cross more than 120 miles of Choctaw country. Hitherto, roads through Indian lands had been opened only by the Federal Government; and this only after the consent of the Indians had been secured. The Mississippi Congressional delegation promptly went to work and obtained passage of an act, approved March 21, 1821, authorizing the construction and appropriation of \$5,000 for a road.

The construction of the road began in late summer or early fall 1821. The contractor who surveyed the road was Raymond Robinson, one of the founders of Raymond, Mississippi. For that reason it was popularly, and later officially, called the Robinson Road. The road crossed many sluggish creeks and rivers, all of which were bordered by wide swampy areas and this made construction difficult. By 1830 dissatisfaction with the Robinson Road, which was probably then the most important thoroughfare in the state, led the state legislature to seek new means to bring about its improvement. In 1830 toll gates were to be installed once the toll keepers improved the road. This venture did not work. The route of the road was from the center of Madison County to Columbus, Mississippi. The road received a great deal of use and significantly helped develop portions of the state through which it ran. Today, many parts of it are used as part of the Federal highway system (U.S. 82) and other county roads.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Phelps, Dawson. "The Robinson Road." Journal of Mississippi History, vol. XII. (July 1950). 153-161.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		32° 42' 36"	89° 42' 33"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		UTM Ref.		
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		16/246100/3622225		
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.10 acre, Class VI

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William E. Cox, Assistant Chief Park Interpreter		DATE: 10-01-74
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Natchez Trace Parkway		
STREET AND NUMBER: R. R. 1, NT-143		PHONE: (601) 842-1572
CITY OR TOWN: Tupelo	STATE Mississippi 38801	CODE 28

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

Edward R. Williams
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

Sennis J. Orabelle 3/23/76
 Federal Representative Signature Date
 for the Deputy Assistant Secretary
 Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Larry J. Jones
 Acting Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date 11/9/76

ATTEST:

Wm J. Mumford
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 11/4/76

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