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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	ALABAMA
COUNTY:	CLARKE
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	DEC 31 1974

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
**FORT SINQUEFIELD**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**FORT SINQUEFIELD**

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**5 miles S. E. of Grove Hill**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Grove Hill**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**1**

STATE: **Alabama**      CODE: **01**      COUNTY: **Clarke**      CODE: **025**

#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Empty Field</u>

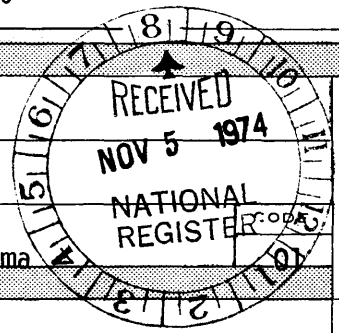
#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**D. C. Mathews**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Grove Hill**

STATE:  
**Alabama**



#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Clarke County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Grove Hill**

STATE:  
**Alabama**

CODE:  
**01**

#### 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)  
 Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)  
 Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)  
 Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The half acre site originally enclosed by the fort is presently part of an open field which contains a few trees and a stone marker erected by the school children of Clark County

The fort was located on the western side of Bassett's Creek on a table-land extending for a mile north and south. Eastward is a gentle slope which terminates finally in the Bassett's Creek Valley. The fort palisades encompassed about a half acre. A three foot trench was dug in which 15 foot pine trees were inserted to form a 12 foot high palisades. Inside the stockade was a two-story blockhouse which stood above the level of the outside walls. Also within the palisade were the tents of the settlers.



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**5. 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) **1813**

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fort Siquiefield was one of a number of rude defenses hastily constructed by settlers in southwestern Alabama in the summer of 1813, following rumors of advancing Creek Indian war parties.

The attack which occurred at Siquiefield was part of the first major Indian offensive which also included the attack on Fort Mims. Along with the widely publicized massacre at Mims, the Siquiefield attack signaled the start of a major Indian war and irrevocably changed the relationship between the Indians and settlers. During the war which ensued, the Creeks lost over half their land and within 20 years were forced to move west of the Mississippi.

In mid-August, the Creeks, heartened by the victory at Burnt Corn, held a council at the Holy Ground and divided into two divisions, planning simultaneous attacks on Mims and Siquiefield. The larger party set out for Mims and on August 30, massacred all but 20 to 40 of the estimated 500 people gathered at the fort.

The smaller party led by the prophet Josiah Francis led a party of 125 warriors toward Siquiefield. In route the warriors attacked and killed 12 settlers who had recently moved from the protection of the crowded fort.

A contingent from Fort Madison led by Lt. James Bailey and including Issac Hayden was sent to Fort Siquiefield to assist in burying the dead. At noon on September 3rd as the ceremonies were being conducted the Indians attacked. As the mourners rushed for the protection of the fort the Indians saw about 10 women who had been doing wash by the nearby spring and rushed to cut off their escape. Hayden watching from the fort, mounted a horse and rallied the pack of hunting dogs within the fort. With the dogs and a pistol, Hayden confused the Indians long enough to cover the retreat of the women, enabling all but one to reach the fort safely.

In the attack on the stockade, only one settler was killed and a small boy wounded, while eleven of the Indians were killed. Following the attack the settlers abandoned the fort, fleeing to the larger Fort Madison.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Halbert, H. S. and Ball, T. H., The Creek War of 1813 and 1814, University; University of Alabama Press, 1969.

Pickett, A. J. History of Alabama, republished from the 1851 edition by Birmingham Book and Magazine Co., 1962

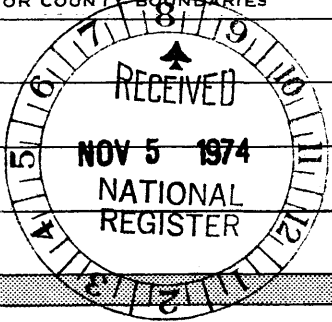
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	31°	39'	34"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	87°	42'	22"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 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:  
**W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director**

ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission**      DATE: **Oct. 29, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**725 Monroe Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Montgomery**      STATE: **Alabama**      CODE: **01**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Miss B. Howard Jr.</u></p> <p>Title <u>SHPO Ala</u></p> <p>Date <u>October 31, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>AR Wacker</u>                  Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>DEC 31 1974</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Atty Perry Ramsey</u>                  Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>DEC 31 1974</u></p>
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