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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: <b>ALABAMA</b>	
COUNTY: <b>TUSCALOOSA</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>NOV 19 1974</b>

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Byler Road**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Byler Road, Byler's Turnpike, Byler's Ridge**

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Congressional District: 7**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**11 miles north of Northport, <sup>1/2</sup> mile east of Highway 43**

STATE: **Alabama**      CODE: **01**      COUNTY: **Tuscaloosa**      CODE: **125**

#### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Tuscaloosa County Commission**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**714 Greensboro Avenue**

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

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Tuscaloosa County Courthouse, Probate Office**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**714 Greensboro Avenue**

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

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

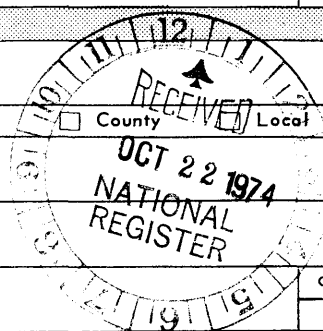
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:



STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. 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)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Byler Turnpike was Alabama's first state road and the section being nominated has retained much of its original appearance and atmosphere.

The turnpike was named for John Byler of Lawrence County, the promoter of the road. On December 16, 1819, shortly after Alabama became a state, Governor Bibb signed into law a bill authorizing Byler and his associates to build a turnpike and to keep all tolls for 12 years, provided that the road was maintained.

Completed in 1822, the road ran from Tuscaloosa on the Black Warrior River to the Tennessee River near Muscle Shoals, linking the markets of the Tennessee Valley with the head of navigation of the Black Warrior River.

Many towns in Lawrence, Winston, Walker, Fayette and Tuscaloosa Counties grew up along the turnpike and during the Civil War, both Confederate and Union armies traveled the road.

The Tuscaloosa County Commission has recently acquired this section of the road and will maintain it in its present condition for use as a historic park.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Information in files of Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society,  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

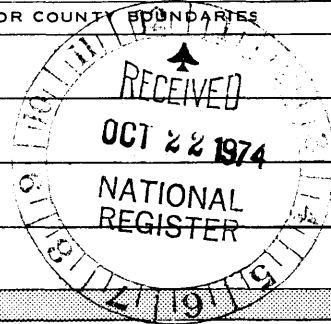
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	33°	23'	25"	87°	35'	59"			
NE	33°	23'	25"	87°	35'	42"			
SE	33°	23'	06"	87°	35'	42"			
SW	33°	23'	06"	87°	35'	59"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **12 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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. 9, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**725 Monroe Street**

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

**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 *Wils B. Howard, Jr.*

Title *SHPO Ala.*

Date *Oct. 14, 1974*

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

*A. Montrose*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *11/19/74*

ATTEST:  
*Charles H. Hays*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date *11.14.74*