

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: <u>Mississippi</u>
COUNTY: <u>Winston</u>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <u>APR 8 1973</u>

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Robinson Road

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION 16.6 miles NE of Louisville

STREET AND NUMBER:
Township 16 North, Range 14 East, Sections 1 and 2

CITY OR TOWN: Louisville (16.6 miles NE by Louisville-Betheden Road and Betheden-Bluff Lake Road) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Mississippi CODE: 28 COUNTY: Winston CODE: 159

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. AGENCY

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) Southeast Region

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta

STREET AND NUMBER: 17 Executive Park Drive, N.E.

STATE: Georgia CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Unknown

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Unknown

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 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

The section of the Old Robinson Road nominated for inclusion in the National Register is approximately 1 3/4 miles in length. It is located approximately 16.6 road miles northeast of Louisville and 3.5 miles southwest of Noxubee Refuge headquarters. More specifically it lies between the refuge road to GTR # 4 and the Bluff Lake-Betheden Road. The road bed has been slightly altered by skidders during logging operations. The road bed appears to be about 12 feet wide with ditches where they were needed.

The road is beginning to revert to forest with trees, up to and above two feet in diameter, along each side and in the ditches. Use of the road during logging operations and other activities (fishing and hunting) have kept the center of the road free from bushes and trees. However, in many areas the road crown is covered with briars and weeds.

Originally the road was a route through the wilderness. As was typical of most roads at that time, it was a very poor road by modern standards. While the Natchez Trace was built along the ridges, the Robinson Road was more or less a straight shot to Jackson, crossing most every river, creek and swamp in its path.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 new Indian lands were opened to settlement in Mississippi after the Indian Treaties of 1816, there occurred a rapid immigration of settlers. The population increased so rapidly that in 1821 the legislature moved the Capitol to Jackson. At that time, in order to get to Jackson from the Columbus Area, a person had to go up the Tombigbee River to Cotton Gin Port, take the Gaines Trace to Pontotoc, and then to Jackson via the Natchez Trace. A direct route through the wilderness would cut the distance in half.

The Mississippi Congressional delegation was able to achieve the passage of an act in 1821 for the building of a road through the Indian Country. In 1821, work began on the road and Raymond Robinson was employed to survey and make the road. The amount appropriated for the building of the road was \$5,000. This was not enough and two years later \$7,920 was appropriated by Congress to complete it. Then, in 1826, \$15,000 was appropriated to the road for repairs.

When completed, the Robinson Road led from the Military Road at Columbus, southwesterly to a point on the Natchez Trace near Jackson.

The Robinson Road soon became one of the most important roads in Mississippi, not only as a connecting link between those remote counties and the body of the State, but as a convenience to travelers in general, and especially to emigrants moving from the east to the new purchase. In 1830, after the State of Mississippi had taken over the care of the road, the legislature authorized certain individuals to erect toll gates and administer improvements to it, such as building bridges or levees.

By 1830, there were 10 stands (Inns) junctioning along the road. At this time, a stagecoach was running over the Robinson Road and the driver could change horses while the travelers rested and partook of the available refreshment.

In later years, as the flow of settlers subsided and settlements grew up in places removed from it, the Robinson Road finally passed into history as it became largely abandoned in favor of new and more convenient roads.

The section of the road nominated for inclusion in the National Register was in use into the 1930's.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

Jones, John G. History of Methodism in Mississippi, 2 Vols. Nashville 1887 - 1908

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	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 33° 16' 23"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 88° 50' 45"	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "		
NE	33° 17' 00"	88° 49' 11"				
SE	33° 16' 45"	88° 49' 00"				
SW	33° 16' 05"	88° 50' 35"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Mississippi	28	Winston	159
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Travis H. McDaniel DATE: 10/21/74

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Rt # 1

STREET AND NUMBER: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Brooksville STATE: Mississippi CODE: _____

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

Chas. R. Hilliard
 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

[Signature] 1/10/75
 Acting Regional Director
 Title
[Signature] 1/27/75
 Deputy Asst Secy-FWP

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/3/75

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date APR 2 1975

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 05551990/095000/413N
 SW 16/328206/3683390
 SW 16/328350/3102350
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