



# Historic Sites Survey

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Wintergreen Cemetery is situated on a large eight-acre lot heavily forested with giant cedars. A curving drive with an inner loop leads east to a new section. Family plots are characteristically outlined with intricately decorated cast-iron fences, most in imitation of gnarled tree trunks. Several prominent family monuments are embellished with statues and obelisks. At the west end of the inner loop is a circular gathering place used in the past for Confederate Memorial Day exercises (Arnold). A soldiers' row from the Battle of Port Gibson is identified by an iron marker and located west of the gathering place.

## ALTERATIONS:

Extension of the cemetery east of its original site.

## OUTBUILDINGS:

**LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** Presence of cedars throughout the cemetery casts pebbled shadows and darkens the entire space. Grounds are planted with a variety of shrubbery and flowering trees.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Wintergreen Cemetery began as the Gibson family burying place after 1800. A grandchild of Samuel Gibson was buried here in 1807. The impressive monuments, ornate family gates and fences, and curving drive create a striking visual impression and express the romantic inclinations of mid-nineteenth-century cemetery landscapes popular in the eastern United States.

NAME: Wintergreen Cemetery

STREET NO: East End, Greenwood Street

TOWN/VIC: Port Gibson

COUNTY: Claiborne

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Wintergreen Cemetery Association  
ADDRESS: c/o James O. Carpenter, 1401 College  
Port Gibson, Mississippi 39150  
PRESENT USE: cemetery

FORMER USE:

DATE: 1807 - present

STYLE:

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE:

ENVIRONMENT: residential, forested

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL

STATE X

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Well maintained

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Refer to cemetery boundaries as outlined on U.S.G.S. map

ACREAGE: eight acres

UTM REF:

A	15	691000	351361650
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
B			
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
C			
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
D			
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING

FORM PREPARED BY: DATE

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