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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 14001156

Date Listed: 1/14/2014

Property Name: Columbia Country Club

County: Marion

State: MS

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

1.14.2015

Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 3: Level of Significance

The Level of Significance is hereby changed to LOCAL. The documentation does not provide sufficient context to evaluate this property on a state-wide basis.

The Mississippi State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file**
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Columbia Country Club

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)



2. Location

Street & number: 28 Golf Course Rd.

City or town: Columbia State: MS County: Marion

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national X statewide ___ local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A ___ B X C ___ D

	<u>11/24/14</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

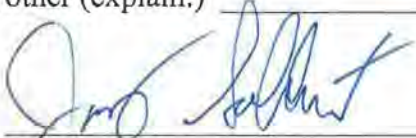
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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)


Signature of the Keeper

1-14-2015
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

- RECREATION AND CULTURE/Sports Facility
- SOCIAL/Clubhouse
-
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Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

- RECREATION AND CULTURE/Sports Facility
- SOCIAL/Clubhouse
-
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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS/Colonial Revival
MODERN MOVEMENT

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: WOOD, BRICK, GLASS

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Columbia Country Club is located north of downtown Columbia, Marion County, along the west side of Martin Luther King Drive (Old Highway 35N). The golf course is a landscaped 3,134-yard nine-hole par 36 golf course on a 57.18-acre site. A low hill toward the center of the site serves as the setting for most of the club's structures: a clubhouse (Resource #1; photos #2-5 & #14), an activities building (Resource #2), a maintenance shop (Resource #3; photos #10 and #13), a pool house/office (Resource #4; photos #11-13), and a pool complex (Resource #5; photo #12). The northern end of the golf course (Resource #6; photos #14-21 and #24-29) slopes gently down from the northern property line to a narrow creek that defines the base of the hill. This portion of the course contains four of the course's nine holes and a small frame shelter (Resource #12) at its northern end. The gently undulating southern portion of the course (Resource #6; photos #14-21 and #24-29) contains the remaining five holes along with another shelter (Resource #7; photo #30), three tennis courts (Resources #8 and #9; photo #24), and two cart storage sheds (Resources #10 and #11; photo #23). The property is in good condition and continues to reflect its historical development from 1923 through 1964.

Narrative Description

Columbia, Mississippi, is a small city in southern Mississippi, and is the county seat of Marion County. The Columbia Country Club is located on an irregularly shaped parcel that is bounded to the east by Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, to the south by residential properties, to the west by commercial and industrial properties, and to the north by a wooded area. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive extends in a north-northwesterly direction and the club's northern property line extends directly to its west. The west property line extends directly south to a point just above the midpoint of the property before jogging west and then jogging again south. The southwest corner of the property angles to the south with a property line that extends eastward to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

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The principal concentration of buildings is located on a hilltop at the center of the site. A winding driveway lined with narrow landscaped lawns extends north and then northwest from Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to the centrally located clubhouse (Resource #1; photos #2-5 & #14). The drive splits into two branches that continue around the north and south sides of the clubhouse (Resource #1; photos #2-5 & #14) and connect to an asphalt parking area to the rear of the clubhouse. The branch of the driveway at the northern end of the clubhouse passes through a covered walkway that extends to the activities building (Resource #2) to the north. The activities building is oriented parallel to the clubhouse, as is the maintenance shop (Resource #3; photos #10 and #13) that is located to its west. The poolhouse/office (Resource #4; photos #11-13) and pool complex (Resource #5; photo #12) are located at the southern end of the parking area and are set at an angle to the clubhouse. A large pond is to the north of the activities building, and the golf course greens extend to the north and south of the hill on which the principal group of buildings sits.

The golf course extends to the north, west, and south of the principal group of buildings. The northern end of the course slopes gently down from the northern property line to a narrow creek that defines the base of the site's central hill. This portion of the site contains Holes #1 through #4, each of which is separated by a linear grove of pine trees. The gently undulating southern portion of the site contains the Holes #5 through #9, each of which are separated by similar pine groves. A narrow ditch bisects the southern portion in a generally northwest to southeast direction. Pine trees also line the perimeter of the site.

Tennis courts (Resources #8 and #9; photo #24) are along the west side of the site as are two cart storage sheds (Resources #10 and #11; photo #23). Two small frame golf shelters are centered along the northern and central property lines (Resources #7 and #12; photos #30 and #22).

Inventory of Resources
Columbia Country Club
C=Contributing Element; NC=Non-Contributing Element

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|---|-----------|----------|---|------|
| 1 | Clubhouse | Building | C | 1924 |
|---|-----------|----------|---|------|
- The clubhouse is a one-story T-shaped frame building with a cross gable composition shingle roof with three gable dormers at its front slope and boxed cornices with returns. The building faces east and has a seven-by-two bay core with a rear four-bay deep extension. A full façade recessed porch with a dentiled cornice that originally wrapped to the north and south elevations has been glassed in. The principal façade has double leaf entrances at its second, fourth, and sixth bays and fixed glazing at its remaining bays with intermediate wood pillars. The east bay of the north elevation of the core has a fixed glass panel, the center bay has wood 12/12 double hung sash window, and the western bay has an entrance with double-leaf doors. A covered walkway extends from the entrance to a gable-roofed porte cochere at the adjacent driveway. Four single 12/12 double hung sash windows extend along the north elevation of the rear extension. The south elevation is similar with no openings at the western bays of the core. The rear elevation has similar 12/12 windows at its outer bays and center-north bay, with a single 8/8 window at the second bay and a single entrance at the fourth bay from the north. The building is clad with cementitious shingle siding and has large louvered wood vents at the gable ends of the core.

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The interior plan consists of a large open assembly room at the core that now extends into the former porch spaces to the east and north and approximately one-half of the depth of the rear extension. The central section of the core retains decorative roof trusses with a fireplace along its south wall. The former porch area along the south end of the core has been enclosed to serve as a bathroom and mechanical room. A meeting room, kitchen, and storage room are located in the remaining portion of the extension.

The clubhouse has been altered by the enclosure of its porches (circa 1976) and the application of cementitious siding to replace the original weatherboard siding (circa 1945). The porches had previously been enclosed with screening with extensive framing (see Figure #1), so these alterations have not destroyed the overall historic character of the clubhouse. [Photos #2-5, #13]

2 Activities Building Building C 1964

The activities building is a rectangular one-story brick veneer over concrete block building with a low-pitched gable composition shingle roof with wide overhanging eaves and a concrete slab foundation. The building faces the golf course to the north and is eight bays wide and two bays deep. An aluminum-framed entrance at the north façade with a single-leaf door at the second bay from the east is flanked to the east by a glass window wall with a central sliding glass patio door. A single aluminum horizontal 2/2 window flanks the entrance to the west. Remaining bays to the west include two sets of paired clerestory windows, four similar grouped windows, an entrance, and a similar single window. The south elevation has no openings. An attraction board is centered at the elevation below a small gable portico. The south elevation is similar to the north except that its eastern bay is a blank brick veneer wall. The window wall from the east bay of the north elevation wraps to the north bay of the east elevation. The south bay is a brick wall with a brick planter at its foundation level. A patio extends to the east and north corresponding to the window walls and is enclosed by a low brick retaining wall.

The interior plan consists of an off-center north-south hallway with a perpendicular hallway running through the center of the building to the east. A living room with a large fireplace, located at the east end of the building, has a beamed wooden ceiling and brick veneer interior walls. Game rooms, locker rooms, and showers are located to the north and south of the hallway at the western section of the building and typically have exposed wood beamed ceilings and painted concrete walls.

The exterior of the activities building has not been altered and the only interior alteration has been the partitioning of the east-west hallway from the north south hallway. [Photos #2 (right) and #6-8]

3 Maintenance Shop/Apartment Building C ca. 1930

The maintenance building is a two-story frame and concrete block building with a front-facing gable composition shingle roof with exposed rafter ends. The building is rectangular and faces east and is three bays wide and three bays deep. A shed canopy supported by pipe columns extends the full-width of the façade and wraps to the south and west elevations. A second story porch with insect screening is centered at the north elevation above an enclosed storage room and is accessed by a wooden exterior staircase. The first

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floor of the façade has a central entrance flanked to either side by sliding aluminum replacement windows (circa 1965). The upper level has double two wood 6/6 windows. There are no openings at the remaining bays of the first floor. The second floor of the south elevation has similar double windows at its outer bays and a small single 6/6 window at its center bay. The west elevation has two single 6/6 windows. The north elevation has an off-center entrance at the porch flanked to the east by a single window and to the west by two double windows. What appears to have been an original garage opening at the first floor of the east façade has been enclosed with a frame partition clad with wood novelty siding. Remaining elevations of the first floor are painted concrete block and the second floor is frame clad with cementitious shingle siding. In all rooms but the storage room, ceilings are finished with composition tiles, walls with plywood paneling, and floors with carpeting.

The first floor of the interior contains a workroom to the east with a small hallway, office, and storage room to its southwest and another office to its northeast. The storage room has exposed ceilings and walls and a concrete floor. The upper level historically served as an apartment and has a kitchen and living area to the north and two bedrooms and a bathroom to the south. Ceiling, wall, and floor finishes are similar to the offices on the first floor.

Changes to the exterior include the infill of the former opening at the first level of the façade (circa 1965). [Photos #10 and #13]

4 Pool House/Office Building C 1957

The pool house is a one-story concrete block building with a low-pitched side gable composition shingle roof. The building is rectangular, faces west, and is four bays wide and two bays deep. The principal façade has entrances in its second and fourth bays (from the east) and double aluminum horizontal 2/2 windows in its first and third bays. Similar windows are located at the outer edges of the north and south elevations. The east elevation is similar to the west elevation. Exterior walls are painted concrete block with applied plywood siding at the gable ends.

The interior includes an office at the northwest corner, showers at the north end, and the remainder of the interior is a meeting/recreation room. Interior walls are painted concrete block, ceilings are covered with sheetrock, and floors are covered with carpeting. [Photos #11-13]

5 Pool Complex Structure C 1957

The pool area includes one large pool and a small children's wading pool with connecting concrete decks that are enclosed within a chain link fence. The pools are concrete with tile copings. [Photo #12]

6 Golf Course Site C 1923 George Ensminger Designer

The golf course is a landscaped 3,134-yard nine-hole par 36 golf course. The northern end of the course slopes gently down from the northern property line to a narrow creek that defines the base of the site's central hill. This portion of the site contains Holes #1 through #4, each of which is separated by a linear grove of pine trees. The gently undulating southern portion of the site contains the Holes #5 through #9, each of which are separated

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by similar pine groves. A narrow ditch bisects the southern portion in a generally northwest to southeast direction. Pine trees also line the perimeter of the site.

The holes are typical of golf course layout. Each has a tee that is a flat mown area from which players begin play. Fairways of mown grass extend between the tees and a putting green that contains the cup for each hole. The putting greens are typically mounded flat areas of short mown grass. Rougher areas of grass, known as roughs, flank each hole and most holes have obstacles in the form of sand traps or water features.

Hole #1 is a straight 386-yard par four hole with two small sand traps protecting the green. The tee is located to the south of a pond that serves as a water obstacle at the northwest slope of the central hill and the fairway extends to the north. The tee for Hole #2, a straight 327-yard par four hole, is located to the east of the green for Hole #1 and its fairway extends to the south to a green at the base of the hill. The creek forms a water obstacle for Hole #2. The tee for Hole #3, a 471-yard par five hole with a dogleg, is located to the southeast of the green for Hole #2. The fairway extends to the north-northeast before doglegging to the northeast to a green at the northeast corner of the property. A sand trap serves as an obstacle at the dogleg and two sand traps protect the green. The tee for Hole #4, a 476-yard par four hole with a slight dogleg, is located to the east of the green for Hole #2. Its fairway extends to the south-southeast to a green that is slightly elevated at the base of the hill. The creek forms a water obstacle for Hole #4. The tee for Hole #5, a 407-yard par four hole with a dogleg, is located to the south of the green for Hole #4 across the entrance driveway. The fairway extends to the south-southwest before doglegging to the southwest to the green. A small pond at the rear of the green acts as an obstacle, as does the ditch that crosses near the midpoint of the fairway. The tee for Hole #6, a straight 398-yard par four hole, is located to the north of the green for Hole #5 and its fairway extends to the north. The ditch also serves as an obstacle in the northern third of the fairway and the green is protected by a single sand trap. The tee for Hole #7, a straight 152-yard par three hole, is located to the north of the green for Hole #6 and its fairway extends to the south-southeast. Two sand traps protect the green at Hole #7. The tee for Hole #8, a straight 170-yard par three hole, is located to the east of the green of Hole #7. Its fairway extends to the south to a green protected by two sand traps. The tee for Hole #9, a 347-yard par four hole with a dogleg, is located to the southeast of the green for Hole #8. Its fairway extends to the north, crossing the ditch, before doglegging to the north-northwest to a green protected by a sand trap.

In addition to the numerous pine trees on the site, smaller ornamental trees and shrubs, of which azaleas are most prevalent, are planted along the approach road and surrounding the clubhouse complex. [Photos #14-21 and #24-29]

- 7 Shelter Structure C ca. 1925
The shelter is a one-story frame open shed with a pyramidal composition shingle roof with exposed rafter ends. The roof is supported by two perpendicular vertical board walls each of which has benches along its sides. [Photo #30]
- 8 Tennis Court Structure NC 1966
The resource includes a tennis court that is striped and has a net, enclosed by a chain link fence. [Photo #24]

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- 9 Tennis Courts Structure NC 1966
The resource includes two tennis courts paved with asphalt that are striped and have individual nets. The courts are enclosed by a single chain link fence. [Photo #24]
- 10 Cart Storage Shed Structure NC ca. 1970
One story open pole shed with a gable composition shingle roof. Chain link fencing and chain link gates enclose the structure that is used to store golf carts. Two out shed additions have been constructed to the north side of the structure. [Photo #23]
- 11 Cart Storage Shed Structure NC ca. 1970
One story open pole shed with a gable composition shingle roof and an enclosed room to the east. Chain link fencing and chain link gates enclose the structure that is used to store golf carts. An out shed addition has been constructed to the west side of the structure. [Photo #23]
- 12 Shelter Structure C ca. 1955
The shelter is a one-story frame open shed with a pyramidal composition shingle roof with exposed rafter ends. The roof is supported by pipe columns at its four corners and is enclosed at its outer ends. [Photo #22]

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Entertainment/Recreation
Landscape Architecture

Period of Significance

1923-1964

Significant Dates

1923
1949
1964

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Ensminger, George.

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Period of Significance (Justification)

The period of significance for the resource extends from 1923, the year of the construction of the golf course and clubhouse, through 1964 reflecting the National Register program's fifty-year cutoff. This period reflects the years the site was used for its historic purpose as a golf course.

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Columbia Country Club is significant on a statewide basis under Criterion A in the area of entertainment and recreation for its role as Columbia's primary sports facility in the early to mid 20th century and one of its primary social hubs. Constructed in 1923 during the "golden age of sport" in America, the course is representative of the type of golf facilities that became popular in Mississippi between World War I and the Depression. The course was developed by Hugh Lawson White (1881-1965), Columbia's most prominent business leader at the time who became Governor of Mississippi during his ownership of the property. It is also significant under criterion C in the area of landscape architecture as a relatively rare Mississippi example of an early 20th century golf course that made use of its natural setting and that continues to reflect its overall historic design and character. The course was designed by George Edward Ensminger (1889-1951), a native of Buffalo, New York, who rose to statewide prominence in Mississippi as a golf professional and golf course designer between 1911 and the start of the Depression.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Entertainment and Recreation

Columbia Country Club is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of entertainment and recreation for its role as Columbia's primary sports facility in the early to mid-20th century and one of its primary social hubs. The club has served as the city's only golf course since 1923 and has remained in continuous use since that time except for a short time in the 1940s. Having been built by the city's most prominent business leader of the time, the clubhouse was the setting for numerous social events during the 1920s and 1930s and hosted local civic clubs.

Landscape Architecture

Columbia Country Club is significant under Criterion C in the area of landscape architecture as a representative example of an early to mid 20th century golf course. Designed by George E. Ensminger in 1923, the design of the course utilized the natural topography of the site to provide challenging golf play while affording views back toward the central clubhouse (Resource #1; photos #2-5 & #14). With its undulating topography, hilltop on which to site the clubhouse and maintenance building (Resource #3; photos #10 and #13), and natural watercourses, the site offered an excellent setting for a moderate-sized nine-hole urban course (Resource #6; photos #14-21 and #24-29). The landscape design always utilized its natural pine trees as a major landscape element to which native ornamental shrubs, including numerous azaleas, were

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added. When the course was restored in 1955, 5,000 additional pine trees were planted, as were additional azaleas. The course retains two wooden shelters for golfers to use during inclement weather. The oldest of these (Resource #7; photo #30), at the southern portion of the course, appears to date from circa 1925 and the newest (Resource #12; photo #22), at the northern end of the course, from circa 1955. The pool (Resource #5 photo #12) and pool house (Resource #4; photos #11-13) constructed in 1957, and the activities building (Resource #2, Photos #2 and #6-8) constructed in 1964, were sited near the clubhouse, thereby preserving the historic plan that centrally located non-course activities.

The overall historic landscape retains integrity. While little photographic documentation exists to depict the course in its original form, one photograph (Figure #1) survives of the clubhouse in the 1930s that clearly shows both ornamental shrubs surrounding the clubhouse and pine trees on the course itself. There is no evidence that the overall layout of the course has been modified to any appreciable degree since 1923. Records of changes to the course since the present organization took ownership in 1955 indicate that the grass type was changed and new pine tree and shrub plantings occurred in 1960, but these changes were consistent with the historic plantings at the site. Other than some minor changes to the putting greens, the addition of tennis courts in 1966 (Resource #s 8-9; photo #24), carts storage sheds (circa 1970, Resources #10-11; photo #23), some minor landscaping changes, and the loss of numerous trees during Hurricane Camille in 1969, the course and its landscape design continue to reflect their overall historic character.

Narrative History

Hugh L. White, who would become Governor of Mississippi in 1936, acquired the bulk of the current Columbia Country Club property in six separate transactions that began on July 13 and were completed by October 20, 1923.¹ Two smaller additional parcels were acquired in February 1924 and November 1925. White engaged noted golf professional and course designer George E. Ensminger to design and oversee construction of the course. Ensminger was born in Buffalo, New York, but relocated to Mississippi in 1911 and was involved in a variety of capacities with golf courses at Biloxi, Jackson, Greenville, Hattiesburg, and Greenwood prior to coming to Columbia. According to club tradition, "the course was 'hand built' with mules and slips, and the greens were often plucked of foreign grass by hand."²

The Country Club was initially organized with White serving as president, R.D. Ford as Vice-President, and T.C. Griffith as Secretary. The inaugural Board of Governors included White, A. Evans, L.B. Sedgwick, Dr. J.G. Gardner, Dr. D.A. Ratliff, Dr. G.C. Maxwell, A.S. Turner, Griffith and Ford. The Constitution of the club stated "the object of the club shall be the promotion of interest in the game of Golf and athletic games of like character; and the cultivation and encouragement of social intercourse."³ Eighty-four members joined the club in its first year. There were initially five classes of membership: Business or Professional, Business or

¹ Deed Book 46, page 453, July 13, 1923, G.T Pickering and wife to H.L. White; Deed Book 46, page 435, July 18, 1923, M. H. Colbert to H.L. White; Deed Book 46, page 441, July 28, 1923, Allen Hammer to H.L. White; Deed Book 46, page 447, August 1, 1923, John Mary E. Ratliff to H.L. White; Deed Book 46, page 473, September 29, 1923, John S. Hawkins to H.L. White; Deed Book 46, page 510, October 20, 1923, C.D. Duke and C.L. McArthur to H.L. White; Deed Book 55, page 99, February 22, 1924, Robert Pope and wife to H.L. White; Deed Book 59, page 378, November 14, 1925, Frank Felix, et al, to H.L. White.

² "History of the Columbia Country Club, Columbia, Mississippi." Typescript. NA, April, 1979.

³ Columbia Country Club, Constitution and By Laws, Columbia, MS: Columbia Country Club, 1924.

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Professional (Club House privileges), Salaried Men, Junior Women, and Non-Resident. The constitution also stated "There shall be no drinking or gambling in the Club House or on the Club Grounds by any member or guest or guests under penalty of expulsion."

The clubhouse was completed in time for its first event held on March 24, 1924. A later recollection by a club member described the clubhouse:

After the Country Club Building was completed, Mr. White outfitted it completely – sofas around the big room, a piano, some chairs, turning fans were installed along the walls, and the kitchen was equipped with china, glassware and silverware to serve 144 people, anything that was needed for any social affair. The first party was on March 24, 1924. Rook was the entertainment for the evening. There was a wide, screened-in porch on three sides of the building, the east, north and west, which was a wonderful place for the younger generation to have dances.⁴

Ensminger appears to have stayed on as a golf instructor and professional at the club for some time and later Roy Jorgensen became the professional. Jorgensen appears to have been the first professional to live on the property, likely in the apartment above the present-day cart repair shop.⁵ The club held its first tournament in 1924, and its 1925 edition was covered in the Hattiesburg American:

The second annual invitational tournament and annual professional of association matches will be held on the course of the Columbia Country Club soon. Local golfers are on the course daily and are grooming for the best two days' sport experiences within the year, and extend to visitors both amateur and professionals, a hearty welcome, with assurance of royal entertaining during the tournament."⁶

Another article a few days later continued:

Hugh White, owner of the Columbia Country Club and Golf Course, is most enthusiastic over the prospective success of the annual meeting of the Professional Golf Association and invitational tournament to be held at the local course next Monday and Tuesday and says that reservations at the hotels indicate the largest attendance of professionals and amateurs ever assemble at a formal tournament in the State...The local golfers will entertain the visitors Monday evening with a big barbeque and smoker at the club house, and are busy making arrangements to show their guests a good time."⁷

The club was a center for the social life of Columbia during the mid to late 1920s. In addition to the annual tournaments, it hosted other golf outings and events. The Hattiesburg American noted in July 1926: "Many Hattiesburg golfers, both men and women, were guests of Mr. Hugh

⁴ Columbia Country Club, vertical file

⁵ Columbia, MS, Marion County and City of Columbia, Museum, Columbia Country Club, vertical file, miscellaneous clippings.

⁶ "Columbia," Hattiesburg American, October 2, 1925, p. 12.

⁷ "Professional In Golf Have Tournament," Hattiesburg American, October 12, 1925, p. 3.

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White, general president of the Columbia Country Club, and his charming wife, Friday for a spend-the-day party when the third in a series of inter-club golf matches was played on the sporty links of the Columbia Club."⁸

The clubhouse was used for other social events. The Woman's Culture Club of Columbia held their club institute there on March 19, 1927.⁹ In April, 1929, The Hattiesburg American noted: "Columbia Country Club was never more inviting than when Zone No 1, comprising the four literary clubs of Columbia—Culture No. 1 and 2, and the Pleiades met in a business session...The spacious lobby of the clubhouse was artistically decorated with flowers from native trees and shrubs which so profusely adorn the highways and woodlands at this time of year."¹⁰ Other newspaper accounts record such events as a meeting of the As-You-Like-It Club in February 1931 and a card party benefiting the Parent-Teachers association April 1933.

According to club tradition, the club suffered from a reduced membership during the Depression, and White tried to sell the property to the city for \$4,800 circa 1932. He eventually sold it to Sam Portero on August 29, 1941.¹¹ Portero (1887-1968) was a local businessman and car dealer whose Portero Motor Company became the city's Chrysler-Plymouth dealership in 1936.¹² Portero converted the clubhouse into a residence and announced: "circulating reports that the golf course, scene of many thrilling golf matches, would be put back into shape and opened to the public 'are not true and have no authentic origin."¹³

The Columbia Country Club appears to have dissolved about this time but a new club was formed in 1949, later to be known as the Columbia Golf Association, and made arrangements with Portero to maintain and utilize the golf course. Some time between 1953 and 1955, Portero agreed to sell the property to the Association for \$45,000. Wiley W. Wolfe, Ed H. Austin, and Bernard Callender acting as trustees, purchased the property from Portero and his wife for that amount on April 25, 1955. Wolfe, Austin, and Callender, obtained a charter for the Columbia Country Club, Incorporated, with authorized capital stock of \$50,000 on May 3, 1955 and on May 17, they in turn transferred ownership of the property to the Columbia Country Club, a Mississippi corporation.¹⁴

A front page article in the May 19, 1955 Columbian-Progress announced the formation of the club and noted: "The transfer of the deed, which has been in escrow, was the climax of six weeks' planning and work by the local group in obtaining the property for use as a country club, and was the realization of a long time desire for a country club for local use." The article continued: "It is the plan of the club to develop a program of social activity for the members, their families and guests in addition to existing facilities for golf as easily as reasonably possible."¹⁵

⁸ "Hattiesburg Golfers Royally Entertained in Columbia Friday," Hattiesburg American, July 17, 1926, p. 5

⁹ "Worth While Club Meeting," Hattiesburg American, March 10, 1927, p. 4.

¹⁰ Hattiesburg America, April 2, 1929, 12.

¹¹ Marion County Mississippi, Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book 172, p. 44.

¹² "Funeral Services For Sam Portero Held At Chapel," The Columbian-Progress, April 11, 1968, p. 3.

¹³ "Sam Portero Buys Country Club Prop'ty From Hugh L. White," The Columbian-Progress, September 4, 1941, p. 3.

¹⁴ "Charters Issued In State Shown, Biloxi Daily Herald, May 10, 1955, p. 12; "Columbia Country Club Organized,"

The Columbian-Progress, May 19, 1955, p. 1; Deed Book 329, page 256

¹⁵ "Columbia Country Club Organized."

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Wiley Woodard Wolfe (1911-1977) was the owner of Wolfe Lumber Company, which he took over after the death of his father in 1949.¹⁶ He had previously worked for the state highway department and served in the Air Force during World War II. Bernard Callendar (1913-1979) was a prominent local attorney who served as Mayor of Columbia from 1946-1953.¹⁷ Ed Harris Austin was also a prominent business leader who for a time served as the Superintendent for a local textile mill.¹⁸

Wiley Wolfe served as the new group's first President and Fred Woodson was hired as the club's professional. Club members and their wives organized an "Open House-Furnishing" party for the clubhouse to replace the clubhouse furnishings that had been lost to the sale to Portero. In Wolfe's first annual report prepared in mid-1956, he reported that the Board had retired all but \$3,800 of its original \$45,000 indebtedness and had \$1,200 in the bank.¹⁹

The Board approved the construction of a swimming pool in 1956 (Resource #5; photo #12) and a concrete block pool house (Resource #4; photos #11-13) were completed in 1957. In 1958, the Board allotted \$50 for Mrs. Nell Wolfe to begin purchasing azaleas to be planted on the grounds. The clubhouse saw a \$10,000 remodeling in 1959 and the club leased its first four Victor golf carts. In 1960, the driveway was paved, 5,000 pine trees were planted, and the greens were changed from Bermuda grass to Tifton 328 grass. The club joined the U.S. Golf Association in 1962 and allowed private carts on the course for the first time. In 1963, the club approved the construction of a \$70,000 activities building (Resource #2, Photos #2 and #6-8) that was completed in 1964. Two tennis courts were built in 1966 (Resource #9). The course suffered the loss of 750 trees during Hurricane Camille in 1969. The clubhouse was again remodeled in 1976.

Golf in Early 20th Century

Although there are 18th century references to golf clubs in Charleston and Savannah, the sport of golf took its first permanent roots in the United States in 1888 with the construction of the St. Andrews Golf Club in Yonkers, New York. The popularity of golf soon spread across the northeastern part of the country and, by 1895, 112 courses had been developed, mostly in major northern metropolitan areas.²⁰ By this time, the sport was starting to make inroads into the south, as single courses had been developed in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, and Kentucky. By 1900, the number of courses in the U.S. increased to 982, including a small scattering of additional southern courses.

Josiah Newman, publisher of Golf magazine, wrote an article entitled "Golf in the South" in his January 1898 edition and stated:

As many of my readers are contemplating tours round the Southern resorts during the next few months, I will record here a few notes that are at hand with

¹⁶ "Wiley W. Wolfe, Columbia businessman, dies at 66," Hattiesburg American, January 10, 1977, p. 2

¹⁷ "Former Mayor Rites Said Sunday," The Columbian-Progress, October 25, 1979, p. 3.

¹⁸ 1941 census.

¹⁹ Annual Report, Board of Directors, Columbia Country Club, 1956, Columbia Country Club, vertical file.

²⁰ Adams, Robert L.A. and John F. Ronney, Jr., "Evolution of American Golf Facilities," Geographical Review 75 (Oct. 1985), p. 422.

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regard to some of the principal courses that may be worth a visit. Golf in the south is yet in its infancy.²¹

Newman mentions ten courses, all of which appear to have been developed as recreational facilities for resort hotels: Hot Springs and Richmond, Virginia; Asheville, North Carolina; Chattanooga and Memphis, Tennessee; Aiken and Summerville, South Carolina; Augusta, Georgia; and Jacksonville and Ormond, Florida. The edition also includes the following advertisement: "First Class Professional, will take charge of links at a Southern Resort for winter season. Good coach and clubmaker. Address: Charles G. Nieman, 397 Riley Street, Buffalo, N.Y."²² Nieman was responsible for constructing Mississippi's first golf course, the Great Southern Golf Club, developed as a recreational amenity for the Great Southern Hotel in Gulfport.²³ According to the club's website, it was organized in 1908 but historic newspaper accounts document the first membership solicitation in 1909 and the course opening in early 1910. Other early Mississippi courses included the Biloxi Golf Club (1918) and the Mexican Gulf-Pine Hills (1923)

The early part of the twentieth century, especially the period between World War I and the Depression, is often referred to as the "golden age of sport" in America:

That decade saw Bobby Jones in the forefront of golf. His playing and personality were important stimuli for golf at a time when the popularity of professional baseball and intercollegiate football was increasing. Between 1923 and 1929, "more than 600 new courses were built annually, and the total number continued to rise until 1931. That growth coincided with a period of construction for all types of sports complexes, particularly the large major-league baseball and collegiate football stadia."²⁴

During this "golden age," the number of golf courses in this country rose from 750 to 6,000. While many iconic courses were built in large metropolitan areas, such as the Pebble Beach Golf Links (1918) in Pebble Beach California, Oak Hill Country Club (1926) in Rochester, New York, and Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, the majority of the courses built during this era were constructed in smaller cities.

Constructed in 1923 and early 1924, the Columbia Country Club was built during the zenith of the "golden age, when the number of courses in the U.S. rose from 1,903 to 5,648 from 1923 to 1929. The course was designed and its construction was supervised by Charles E. Ensminger, a protégé of Nieman's who had worked with him at the Wanakah Golf Club in Buffalo and relocated to Mississippi to work with Nieman at Great Southern in 1911. Ensminger remained in Mississippi until circa 1930 and became a noted professional golf professional and course designer.

²¹ "Golf in the South," Golf, Vol. 2, No. 1, January 1898, p. 1.

²² Ibid., p. 53.

²³ "Country Club Issues Prospectus," the Biloxi Daily Herald, December 17, 1909, p. 1; the article refers to Charles M. Nieman, but this is was a misprint, as an article in the February 2, 1910 edition states that the course "has been laid out by Charles G. Nieman recently with the Wanakah Golf Club of Buffalo, New York," p. 4; the architects for the buildings on the site were DeBuys, Churchill, and Labouisse of New Orleans.

²⁴ Ibid., 9. 423.

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Other early Mississippi courses included: Azalea Course at Country Club of Jackson (1914), Isles Golf Club (1914) in Pass Christian, Biloxi Golf Club (chartered 1918), Greenville Golf Association (chartered 1920), Hattiesburg Country Club (1919), Laurel Country Club (1920), Greenwood Country Club (1920), Clarksdale Country Club (1922), Duncan Park Golf Course (1922) in Natchez, Country Club of Canton (1923), Columbus Country Club (1923), Mexican Gulf/Pine Hills (1923) in Bay St. Louis, Perry Creek Golf & Racquet Club (1923) in Grenada, Fernwood Country Club (1924), Yazoo Country Club (1926), Country Club of Canton (1926). Edgewater Gulf Hotel (1924) in Biloxi, Gulf Hills Golf Club (1927) in Ocean Springs, Corinth Country Club (1929), Winona Country Club (1929), Vicksburg Country Club (1930), Northwood Country Club (1930) in Meridian, Derrall Foreman Course (1932) at Delta State University in Cleveland, West Point Country Club (1934), Brookhaven Country Club (1935), Indianola Country Club (1935), and the Shelby Country Club in Shelby (1937). The Mississippi Golf Association's was founded in June of 1925.

There are no golf courses currently listed in the National Register in Mississippi. While a detailed inventory of these early Mississippi golf courses has not been conducted, research indicates that only a few retain vestiges of the original layouts and/or buildings. The Great Southern clubhouse survived until 2005 when it was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The earliest portions of the course layout at Laurel Country Club and the Clarksdale Country Club remain, for instance, but their clubhouses were replaced in the 1960s. The basic layout of the Duncan Park Golf Course in Natchez remains and its original clubhouse, the historic Auburn house, remains although it is no longer functionally related to the course. Many clubhouses have been replaced due to fire or the changing needs of the club membership and many of the courses have been altered and/or expanded over time. The integrity of the course layout and the presence of the Club House and other early supporting buildings and structures at the Columbia Country Club distinguishes this property from other early 20th century golf courses in the state.

Hugh Lawson White (1881-1965)

Hugh Lawson White was born in 1881 and was the youngest of seven children born to J. J. White, Sr. The elder White had built a substantial lumber business in McComb that eventually grew to operate its own railroad, a cotton mill, and saw mills. Hugh White attended the University of Mississippi and graduated from the Soule Business School in New Orleans. He joined his father's company just before a 1904 economic depression hit and seriously affected the company's interests. His father's bank failed but the elder White guaranteed its depositors by securing their deposits against all of his personal possessions.

In 1905, Hugh White took over management of his father's lumber business. He immediately began to grow the business and in 1911 purchased 17,000 acres of long leaf pine land in Marion County. He closed the company's saw mill in McComb in 1912 and constructed a new one at Columbia. His lumber interests grew to include a box factory and lumber yards in four communities.

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White served three terms as Columbia's Mayor. He was also active in civic organizations including serving as District Governor and on an International Rotary Committee for the Rotary, twice as Potentate of the local Shriners, and as Elder in the Presbyterian Church. In the early 1930s, the Depression resulted in the closure of the J.J. White Lumber Company and with it went most of the area's industrial jobs. White responded by developing his "Columbia Plan" to promote industrialization and truck farming activities in Marion County and the surrounding region.

His economic successes in Columbia helped get White elected Governor of Mississippi in 1936. During his one term, he adapted his Columbia Plan statewide as his "Balance Agriculture with Industry" program. He was then elected to the State House of Representatives, where he served as chairman of the State Building Commission and of the Oil and Gas Board. He ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 1942 and was reelected to serve a second term as Governor in 1952. White died in 1965.

George Edward Ensminger (1889-1951)

George Edward Ensminger was born in Buffalo, New York, on April 19, 1889. He began his professional career at the Wanakah Golf Club, established in 1889 in Hamburg, New York, a suburb of Buffalo. He relocated to Gulfport in March 1911 to serve as a golf instructor at the Mississippi Coast Country Club under the club's then secretary, Charles G. Nieman (b.1878-), who had also worked previously at Wanakah.²⁵ Nieman was responsible for the layout of the then nine-hole course at the Mississippi Coast Country Club and served as the club's first groundskeeper and golf instructor.²⁶ He was responsible for clearing the site and planting the grounds in late 1909 and early 1910. The course was one of the state's most notable early courses and hosted President Woodrow Wilson in the winter of 1913-1914, although Ensminger had likely moved to another course by that time.

Ensminger "of the Jackson Country Club" coordinated the 2nd Annual Mississippi Golf Association Tournament held at the Mississippi Coast Country Club in Biloxi in June 1916.²⁷ By June, 1917, when he married Marjorie Murphy of Olean, N.Y, Ensminger had relocated to Greenville, MS and had "been acting as the golf expert at the Country Club for some time past."²⁸

Ensminger entered the U.S. Army during World War I on October 3, 1918 and was ordered to report for training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia by the Local Board for Military Duty in Greenville.²⁹ He served as a Sergeant in Company D of the 552nd Engineering Battalion but was not deployed overseas and was honorably discharged on January 3rd, 1919.

The Hattiesburg American edition of March 17, 1919 announced that Ensminger would be in town in a few days:

²⁵ "New York Man Wins Golf Tournament," Gulfport Daily Herald, March 6, 1911, p. 4.

²⁶ "Work Progress," Biloxi Daily Herald, June 12, 1916, pp. 1 & 4.

²⁷ Biloxi Daily Herald, June 12, 1916, p. 1.

²⁸ "In the Past... Mr. Ensminger Married," Greenville Delta Democrat Times, June 19, 1942, p. 2.

²⁹ U.S. Lists of Men Ordered to Report to Local Board for Military Duty, ancestry.com; the orders list his occupation as "Golf Instructor."

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George E. Ensminger, one of the best known golf professionals in the south, who had wide experience in golf instruction in Buffalo, N.Y., will come to Hattiesburg within the next ten days to give golf lessons to members of the recent organized Hattiesburg Golf club, which has opened links at the corner of Hardy and Broad streets. Mr. Ensminger was professional at the Country Club in Jackson for several years and had charge of two state golf championship tournaments. His coming doubtless will increase interest in golf in Hattiesburg.³⁰

The article also noted that Ensminger "is now temporarily at Greenville, where he laid out an excellent golf course a few years ago."

In April 1919, it was announced that Ensminger had been hired to oversee the design and construction of a "3,000-yard nine hole golf course" in Hattiesburg. He was initially engaged to serve as the club's professional through early 1920. The 60-acre, nine-hole course described in a 1919 newspaper article was similar to the Columbia Country Club he would design in 1923: "An inexpensive but attractive club house, with wide verandahs and all modern conveniences, is to be constructed vey soon. It will be erected on a beautiful hill in the middle of a grove of small pine trees."³¹

Ensminger placed the following classified advertisement in the December 1919 edition of Golfer's Magazine: "George E. Ensminger. Golf Instructor and Club Maker, Hattiesburg Country Club, Box 305, Hattiesburg, Miss."³² He placed a similar ad in the January 1921 edition listing his home as Greenwood.³³ The Greenwood Commonwealth of August 25, 1920 records that Ensminger was hired as a golf instructor, although it notes that the course was designed by W. G. Warmood, a landscape gardener. The article noted that Ensminger was "supplied with golf sticks, balls and all necessary equipment and the same can be obtained from him as none of the local stores carry a supply."³⁴ In March 1921, the paper noted "Mr. George Ensminger is renovating the golf links at the Greenwood Country Club and when the work is completed in about sixty days, the local club will have one of the best courts in the State."³⁵

By 1922, Ensminger is recorded as being from Jackson in which he won a tournament at the Laurel Country Club and in 1923 he is listed as participating in a tournament in Hattiesburg and being from Allison's Wells.³⁶ In 1923, Ensminger was hired by White to design and oversee the construction of the Columbia Country Club. He married Mrs. Hilma Barnes Freeman of Columbia on June 14, 1924. An announcement of the wedding in the Hattiesburg American noted: "Mr. Ensminger is a native of New York and came to Columbia last year to superintend the building of the golf course at Columbia Country Club, just north of town. He is an expert golfer and will remain here until December as instructor of a large number of lovers of that sport.

³⁰ "Golf Expert Coming Here in Few Days," Hattiesburg American, March 17, 1919, p. 8.

³¹ "Country Club For City Is Definitely Assured," Hattiesburg American, April 11, 1919, p. 8.

³² Golfers Magazine, Vol. 35, No. 6, November 1919, p. 6, <http://books.google.com>.

³³ Golfers Magazine, Vol. 38, No. 1, January 1921, p. 6, <http://books.google.com>.

³⁴ The Commonwealth, Greenwood, MS, August 25, 1920 reprinted in <http://www.aboutgreenwoodms.com/postcards/countryclub.html>

³⁵ *Ibid.*

³⁶ "Rumble Fails to Win Title," Laurel Daily Leader, June 10, 1922, Page 1; "Golfers Fight For Title in Finals Today," Hattiesburg American, June 15, 1923, p. 7.

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Mr. & Mrs. Ensminger leave Columbia about the middle of December to spend Christmas with homefolks at Buffalo.³⁷

The April 3, 1925 edition of The Daily Herald, Gulfport and Biloxi Mississippi Coast, noted that Ensminger designed a golf course in Brookhaven: "Geo. Ensminger of Columbia, who has played on the Biloxi Golf Club course on several occasions and who participated in the Gulf States Championship recently, laid out the course upon which a clubhouse will be constructed later."³⁸

The Ensmingers were the subject of a highly publicized scandal that began in December 1924 when the couple mailed a package of Christmas cookies to Ensminger's son by a previous marriage. His former mother-in-law became violently ill after eating the cookies and a city bacteriologist determined that they had been laced with poison. An arrest warrant for Mrs. Ensminger was issued by officials in Olean, New York on a charge of attempted murder.³⁹ The Ensmingers denied any knowledge of poison in the cookies.⁴⁰ An article in the Biloxi Daily Herald of December 30, 1924 noted: "Mrs. Ensminger's relatives, prominent in social circles of central Mississippi have retained legal talent who will ask Governor Whitfield to refuse to surrender Mrs. Ensminger to the New York officers. The governor while a college president was taught to play golf by Mr. Ensminger."⁴¹ Marion County Sheriff W. W. Branton determined that the original request by the Olean Police Chief was insufficient to arrest Mrs. Ensminger and stated: "Knowing Mrs. Ensminger and her family, he is absolutely confident that no effort will be made to place her beyond his jurisdiction," but noted that "he desires to co-operate with the officials of New York."⁴² The Governor of New York refused to request extradition in January 1925, likely after conferring with Governor Whitfield "who is said to have personally made an investigation" into the matter and indicated that he would refuse such a request.⁴³ In September 1925, Mrs. Ensminger was exonerated of all charges in when "two physicians and a state expert on poisons...decided that there was no poison in the candy."⁴⁴ The Ensmingers subsequently divorced, and Hilma Ensminger is recorded in a 1927 city directory for New Orleans where she was known to have had family connections. She was recorded in the 1930 census, erroneously as a widow, living in Columbia with her son Rodney Freeman, Jr. (age 11).⁴⁵

George Ensminger relocated to Miami, Florida by 1934, where he continued to work as a golf pro. He passed away in Miami on April 19, 1951.⁴⁶

³⁷ "Mr. George Ensminger Marries in Columbia."

³⁸ "Tournament Begins Today," Daily Herald, Gulfport and Biloxi Mississippi Coast, p. 7.

³⁹ "Woman Sent Poison Candy To Her Stepson, Is Charge [sic]," Washington Post, December 24, 1924, p. 1; "Mrs. Ensminger Again Denies That Candy Contained Poison," Coming (NY) Evening Leader, December 26, 1924, p. 3.

⁴⁰ "Poison Candy Sent in Mail," Courtland (NY) Standard, December 24, 1924, p. 1.

⁴¹ "Deem Warrant Insufficient," Biloxi Daily Herald, December 30, 1924, p. 1.

⁴² *Ibid.*

⁴³ "Will Pass Extradition," Biloxi Daily Herald, January 15, 1925. P. 1.

⁴⁴ "The Weekly Round-up," Cuba (NY) Patriot, September 18, 1925, p. 5.

⁴⁵ Hilma Ensminger was referred to as Mrs. Hilma Barnes Freeman in an announcement of her marriage to Charles Ensminger in the Hattiesburg American on June 16, 1925 (p. 5).

⁴⁶ Charles Ensminger is listed in the 1934 Miami city directory as a golf pro; he is buried in City Cemetery in Miami, FL as recorded in an Application for a Headstone or Marker, George E. for Ensminger, April 24, 1951, Ancestry.com; his "George Edward Ensminger," www.findagrave.com.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): 091-COL-0106 _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 57.18 ac.

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |
- See Continuation Sheets

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The nominated boundaries include the entire current tax assessment parcels 064-32-000-32-031, 163-32-000-01-070, 167-32-000-03-001, and 163-32-000-01-052 as recorded in the Assessor's Office of Marion County, Mississippi.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary represents the historic parcel associated with the subject resource.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Columbia Country Club
City or Vicinity: Columbia
County: Marion State: MS
Photographer: David B. Schneider
Date Photographed: December 2013

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photo #1 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0001)
General site view, entrance drive, camera facing north

Photo #2 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0002)
Clubhouse (L, Resource #1) and Activities Building (R, Resource #2), camera facing northwest

Photo #3 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0003)
Clubhouse (Resource #1), east (L) and north (R) elevations, camera facing southwest

Photo #4 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0004)
Clubhouse (Resource #1), west (L) and south (R) elevations, camera facing northeast

Photo #5 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0005)
Clubhouse (Resource #1), interior, camera facing southeast

Photo #6 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0006)
Activities Building (Resource #2), north elevation, camera facing southeast

Photo #7 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0007)
Activities Building (Resource #2), north (R) and east (L) elevations, camera facing southwest

Photo #8 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0008)
Activities Building (Resource #2), interior, camera facing northeast

Photo #9 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0009)
Activities Building (Resource #2), interior, camera facing southwest

Photo #10 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0010)
Maintenance Shop/Apartment (Resource #3), east (R) and south (L) elevations, camera facing west

Photo #11 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0011)
Pool House/Office (Resource #4), west (R) and north (L) elevations, camera facing south

Photo #12 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0012)
Pool House/Office (Resource #4) and Pool Complex (Resource #5), camera facing southwest

Photo #13 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0013)
Clubhouse Complex, camera facing northeast

Photo #14 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0014)
Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #2, camera facing north

Photo #15 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0015)

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Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #1, camera facing northwest

Photo #16 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0016)

Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #3, camera facing north

Photo #17 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0017)

Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #4, camera facing northeast

Photo #18 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0018)

Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #4, camera facing southwest

Photo #19 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0019)

Golf Course (Resource #6), Holes #2 (L) and #3 (R), camera facing northeast

Photo #20 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0020)

Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #2, camera facing south

Photo #21 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0021)

Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #4, camera facing northeast

Photo #22 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0022)

Shelter (Resource #12), camera facing northeast

Photo #23 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0023)

Cart Storage Sheds (Resources #10-#11), camera facing northwest

Photo #24 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0024)

Golf Course (Resource #6) and Tennis Courts (Resources #8-#9), camera facing northwest

Photo #25 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0025)

Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #6, camera facing north

Photo #26 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0026)

Clubhouse complex, camera facing south

Photo #27 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0027)

Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #8, camera facing north

Photo #28 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0028)

Golf Course (Resource #6), Hole #5, camera facing northeast

Photo #29 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0029)

Golf Course (Resource #6), general view, camera facing northeast

Photo #30 (MS_MarionCo_ColumbiaCountryClub_0030)

Shelter (Resource #7), camera facing northeast

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Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Figure #1, Photograph, circa 1930 (courtesy Marion County Historical Society)



Figure #2, Postcard View, undated



Entrance to Country Club and Golf Links, Columbia, Miss.

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Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

(Follow similar guidelines for entering these coordinates as for entering UTM references described on page 55, *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*. For properties less than 10 acres, enter the lat/long coordinates for a point corresponding to the center of the property. For properties of 10 or more acres, enter three or more points that correspond to the vertices of a polygon drawn on the map. The polygon should approximately encompass the area to be registered. Add additional points below, if necessary.)

Datum: WG 84

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| 2. Latitude: | 31.133889 | Longitude: | -89.663056 |
| 3. Latitude: | 31.760278 | Longitude: | -89.866944 |
| 4. Latitude: | 31.067500 | Longitude: | -89.002222 |
| 5. Latitude: | 31.969722 | Longitude: | -89.016667 |

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COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB

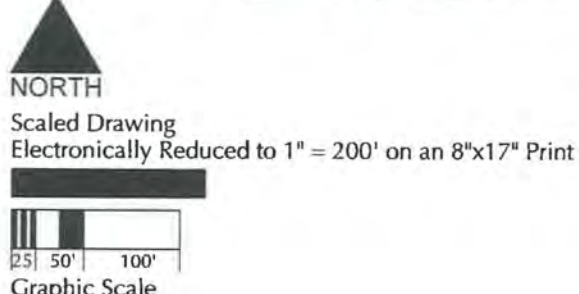
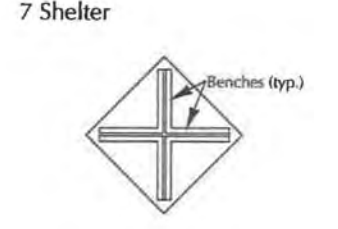
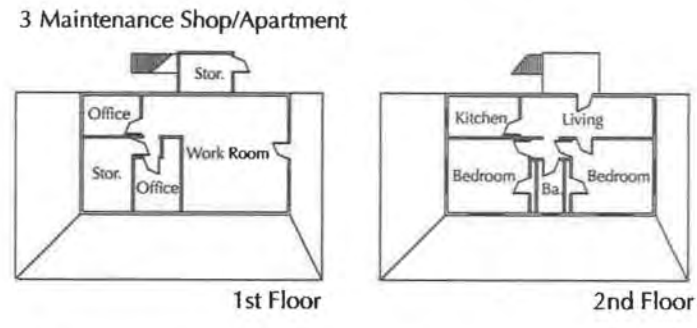
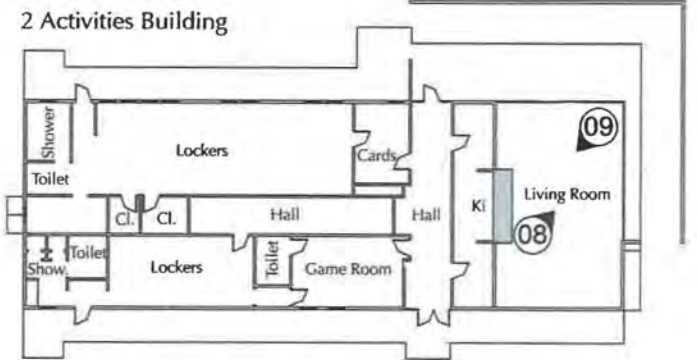
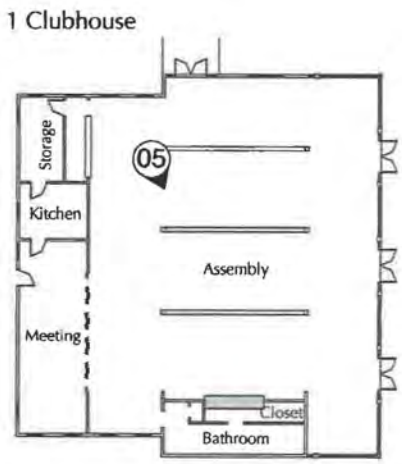
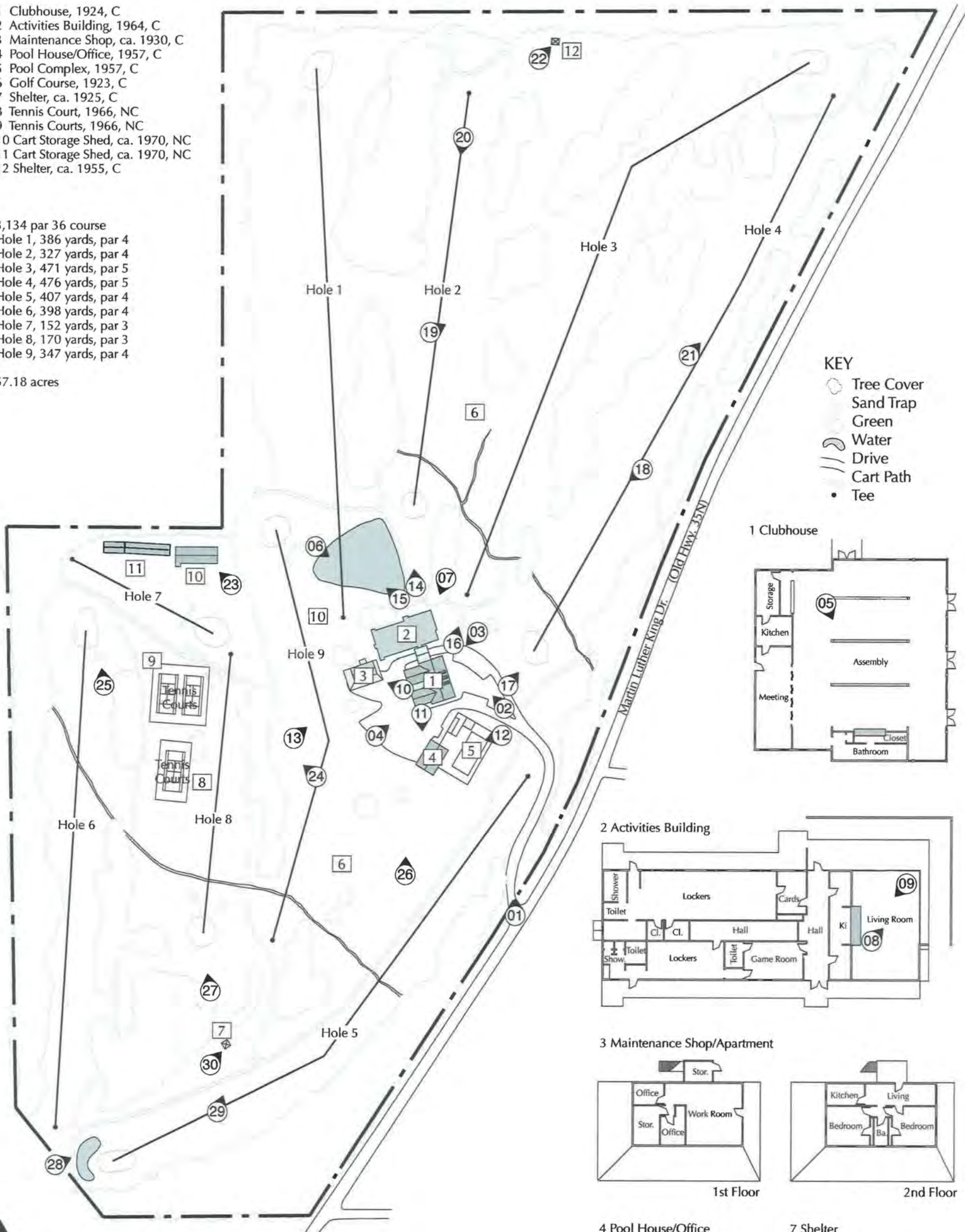
Columbia, Marion County, Mississippi

SITE PLAN

- 1 Clubhouse, 1924, C
- 2 Activities Building, 1964, C
- 3 Maintenance Shop, ca. 1930, C
- 4 Pool House/Office, 1957, C
- 5 Pool Complex, 1957, C
- 6 Golf Course, 1923, C
- 7 Shelter, ca. 1925, C
- 8 Tennis Court, 1966, NC
- 9 Tennis Courts, 1966, NC
- 10 Cart Storage Shed, ca. 1970, NC
- 11 Cart Storage Shed, ca. 1970, NC
- 12 Shelter, ca. 1955, C

- 3,134 par 36 course
- Hole 1, 386 yards, par 4
- Hole 2, 327 yards, par 4
- Hole 3, 471 yards, par 5
- Hole 4, 476 yards, par 5
- Hole 5, 407 yards, par 4
- Hole 6, 398 yards, par 4
- Hole 7, 152 yards, par 3
- Hole 8, 170 yards, par 3
- Hole 9, 347 yards, par 4

57.18 acres



September 16, 2014



COLUMBIA
COUNTRY CLUB



ONE WAY
KEEP RIGHT
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Columbia Country Club

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Marion

DATE RECEIVED: 11/28/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/30/14
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/14/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/14/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14001156

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 1/14/2015 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Locally significant golf/country club, typical of early 1920s design

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C

REVIEWER J. Gabbert DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/~~N~~ see attached SLR ~~Y~~/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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November 25, 2014

Mr. Paul Loether
Program Director, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW (2280)
Washington, D.C. 20005



Dear Mr. Loether:

We are pleased to enclose the nomination form and supporting documents to nominate the following properties to the National Register of Historic Places:

Columbia Country Club, Columbia, Marion County

The property was approved for nomination by the Mississippi National Register Review Board at its meeting on November 20, 2014.

We trust you will find the enclosed materials in order and will let us hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. T. Holmes".

H.T. Holmes
State Historic Preservation Officer

By: William M. Gatlin

National Register Coordinator