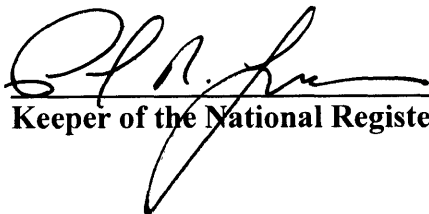




United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, Old Natchez Trace (212-3k 213-3K), reference number 76000203 was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 11/07/1976, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of 02/01/1977. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

9/8/2008
Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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DATE ENTERED	Nov 7 1976

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Path to Choctaw Nation

AND/OR COMMON

Old Natchez Trace (Nos. 212-3K--213-3K)

2 LOCATION

Natchez Trace Parkway, between mileposts #174.5 and 175

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kosciusko

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Mississippi 39090

28

Attala

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3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Natchez Trace Parkway

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable)

Southeast

STREET & NUMBER

3401 Whipple Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia 30344

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Chancery Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kosciusko

STATE

Mississippi 39090

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION**CONDITION** EXCELLENT DETERIORATED GOOD RUINS FAIR UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE** UNALTERED ALTERED**CHECK ONE** ORIGINAL SITE MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**Preservation Recommended

This area is very level, slightly undulating, and the Old Trace varies from faint sunken depressions that are regularly mowed to prevent loss of location to banks that are 8 feet high. Unfortunately sections through here were used to dump waste dirt and, this of course, filled in some of the sunken portions. It is an area of mixed forest and open fields and pasture land. The Old Trace crosses and recrosses the Kosciusko-French Camp road. The present road has only "straightened the curves" of the Old Natchez Trace. Some sections of the Old Trace could not be located.

1. Old Natchez Trace (No. 212-3K)

Mowed for 600 feet to a drainage ditch the Old Trace is grown up after that from the ditch to the boundary. There is no depression where it is being mowed and fill dirt has been placed in the Old Trace at the time of parkway construction.

Longitude: 89° 27' 11"

Latitude: 33° 12' 46"

Acreage: 800' x 30' = .55 acre, Class VI

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$500.00

Photograph enclosed

2. Old Natchez Trace (No. 213-3K)

Traveling north from the parkway the Old Trace is not visible for about 300 feet until one gets on top of the cut made by the parkway. The Old Trace is a path like trail with a small depression as it goes downhill across a drainage ditch. After crossing the ditch it runs north to the county road just below a slight rise at the park boundary. The county road then becomes the Old Trace.

Longitude: 89° 27' 11"

Latitude: 33° 12' 46"

Acreage: 800' x 30' = .55 acre, Class VI

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$500.00

Photograph enclosed

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When Europeans began to explore the Old Southwest, they found a network of trails which showed a marked tendency to follow watershed divides, avoiding wherever possible stream crossings and swamps. Several of these trails, though individually unimportant, led southwesterly from Nashville, Tennessee, to Natchez, Mississippi.

One such trail was the Chickasaw Trace which ran from Nashville to about Tupelo, Mississippi, to the Chickasaw Nation. There it intersected another trail which connected to the Choctaw and Natchez Tribes and which appears on French maps of the 1730's. The southern part of the trail appears on British maps of the 1770's as the "Path to the Choctaw Nation." These trails often shifted with the weather and population as towns sprang up nearby.

Traders and travelers traveled over these trails and they let it be known that they connected Natchez and Nashville. In 1785 a small scow from Pittsburgh loaded with flour landed at Spanish Natchez. This was the beginning of the Natchez Trace as the Boatmen's Trail. From this humble beginning, western products began to flow down the Mississippi to Natchez and New Orleans. The effect on the western economy was enormous. This was the major outlet of trade for them.

In 1798 the Mississippi Territory was formed and traffic increased so much there was a demand to improve the road. By 1810 about 8-10,000 people were using the road. It was also important to have a good line of communication between the Federal Government and the capital of the Mississippi Territory.

In 1801 President Thomas Jefferson authorized improvement on the Natchez Trace and work began in that year and ended in 1807. Postal service also began on the Old Natchez Trace in 1800 and continued until the 1830's. Stands or inns, such as Mount Locust, sprang up along the Trace until 50 were located between Natchez and Nashville.

In 1812 the United States declared war on England. Gen. Andrew Jackson's Tennessee Militia was ordered down the Natchez Trace to protect New Orleans from a threatened Spanish invasion. This invasion never materialized, and he and his men returned over the Trace to their homes. It was on this march that Jackson won the sobriquet "Old Hickory." The Natchez Trace Parkway was created in 1938 to memorialize the Old Natchez Trace.

Significance: 1st order

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William E. Cox, Assistant Chief Park Interpreter

10-01-74

ORGANIZATION

Natchez Trace Parkway

DATE

(601) 842-1572

STREET & NUMBER

Rural Route 1, NT-143

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Tupelo,

STATE

Mississippi 38801

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES _____ NO _____ NONE _____

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE _____

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is _____ National _____ State _____ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____

DATE _____

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE _____

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE _____

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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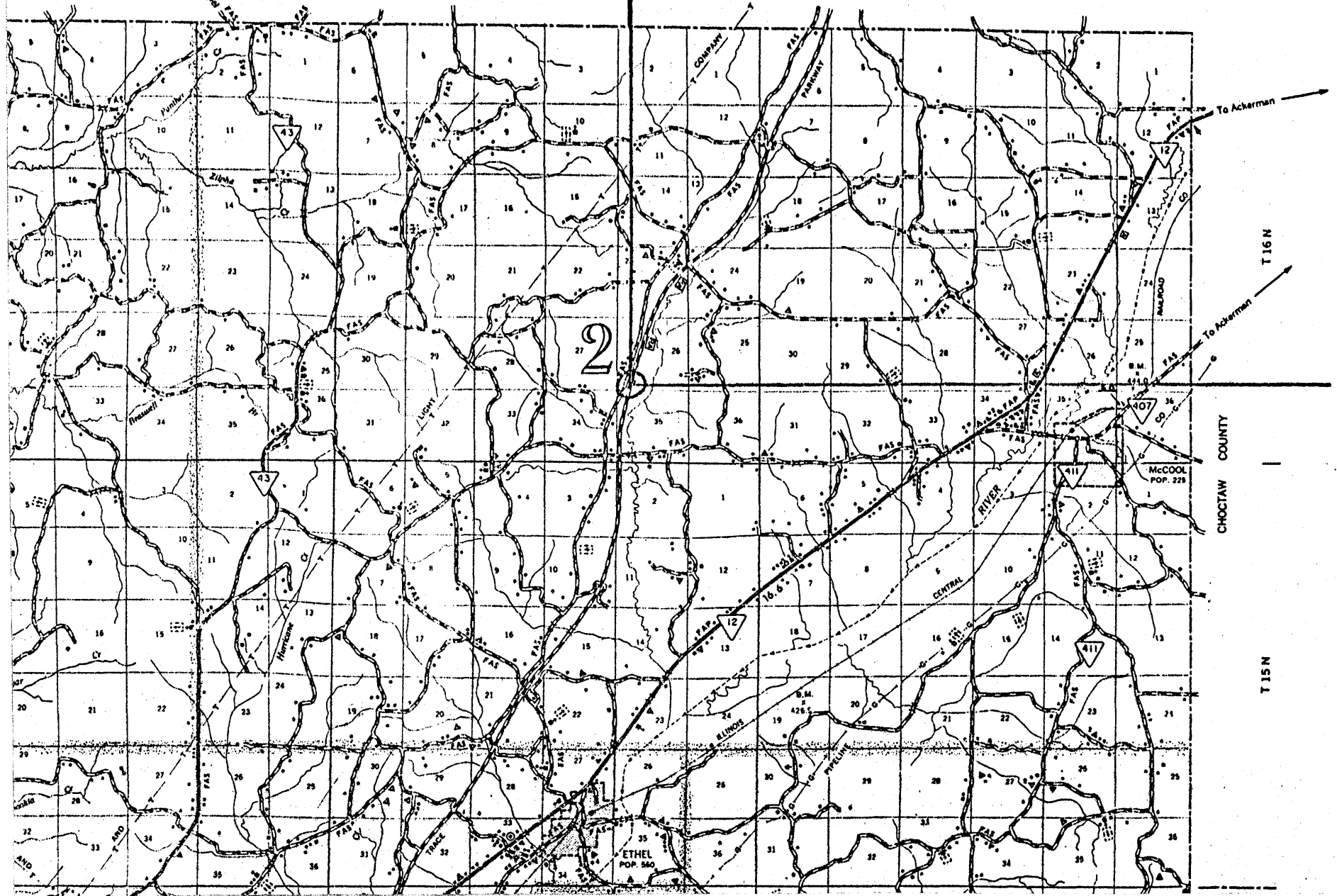
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