



## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Golden West Cemetery is situated on a rolling hill rising to the west along the outskirts of Port Gibson. The eastern border of the cemetery is on the city's western boundary. Measuring approximately three acres, the cemetery is largely overgrown, unkempt, and inaccessible. An entranceway from Rodney Road runs north along the eastern flank of the property. Carved stone monuments used during the early part of this century have been succeeded by cast-concrete slabs with hand-etched inscriptions.

## ALTERATIONS:

## OUTBUILDINGS:

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Golden West Cemetery property was appropriated to local blacks for use as a burying ground around the turn of the century. Known locally as Port Gibson Negro Cemetery until the 1970s, the property was renamed by Agnes Quigless of the Golden West Cemetery Association. After 1970 a second black cemetery was established in a lot east of Golden West, and named Scott Memorial Cemetery. Though lacking significant landscape features, Golden West displays an evocative rural quality and a primitive expression of folk art in its makeshift monuments.

NAME: Golden West Cemetery

STREET NO: Rodney Road

TOWN/VIC: Port Gibson

COUNTY: Claiborne

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Golden West Cemetery Association

ADDRESS c/o Blanche Upton, 602 Greenwood Street

Port Gibson, Mississippi 39150

PRESENT USE: Cemetery

FORMER USE:

DATE: ca. 1900

STYLE:

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE:

ENVIRONMENT: residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

ITE OR AREA P WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Overgrown

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

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

CREAGE: 3 acres

TM REF:

A	1	5	6	8	9	8	0	0	3	5	3	7	2	8	0
	ZONE EASTING								NORTHING						
C	1														
B															
	ZONE EASTING								NORTHING						
D															

FORM PREPARED BY:

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