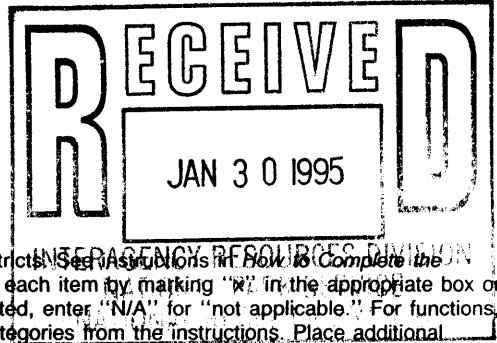


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Tansy Island Hunting Club Camp Site and Clubhouse

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Tansy Island Road off of Doloroso Loop N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Woodville ☒ vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Wilkinson code 157 zip code 39669

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ 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 ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. P. P.
Signature of certifying official/Title

January 20, 1995
Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.
- ☐ removed from the National Register.
- ☐ other, (explain): _____

Edson W. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Entered in the
National Register 3/3/95
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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & Culture: outdoor recreation

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & Culture: outdoor recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

No style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete piers

walls weatherboard

roof tin

other brick chimney

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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.)

Property is:

- ☐ **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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Entertainment/Recreation

Period of Significance

1904-1944

Significant Dates

1904

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

built by original club members

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☒ Other

Name of repository:

Tansy Island Hunting Club, Inc.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 28 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting	North	ing

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Glenn Ray Whetstone, Jr., President (Edited by Brenda Crook, MDAH)

organization Tansy Island Hunting Club, Inc. date June 30, 1994

street & number 91 Tucker Lane, P.O. Box 364 telephone 601/888-3621

city or town Woodville state MS zip code 39669

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Tansy Island Hunting Club, Inc., C/O Glenn Ray Whetstone, Jr., President

street & number P.O. Box 364 telephone 601/888-3621

city or town Woodville state MS zip code 39669

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7. DESCRIPTION

Situated in northwest Wilkinson County, the original 28-acre tract of the Tansy Island Hunting Club is located along a 300-foot-high bluff above the east branch of the Homochitto River and overlooking an eight-mile-wide floodplain of the Mississippi River. Directly northwest of the Club property, lying between the east and west prongs of the Homochitto River, is the large island for which the Club is named. The east branch of the Homochitto River forms the western boundary of the Club property, and swamp land extends about 150 yards from the river to the east. An eight-acre open field typically planted with rye, corn, wheat, oats and crimson clover to provide sanctuary for game runs the length of the eastern boundary. A road enters the property at the northeast corner, skirting the field and leading to the Club's eight buildings, which are located on a one-and-one-half acre yard on the highest ground of the tract. The remainder of the acreage is in timber, including oak, hickory, beech, cypress, sweet gum, cottonwood, hackberry, ash, pine, magnolia, redbud and dogwood trees.

The only original building remaining on the property is the Clubhouse, which was built in 1904. It is a one-story, frame building resting on concrete piers and crowned by a standing-seam tin pyramidal roof that is pierced by a central interior brick chimney. The main (east) facade is sheathed in vertical flushboard and has four openings: the two central bays are filled with single-leaf, four-panel doors topped by two-light transoms while the outer bays are filled with two-over-two, double-hung sash windows protected by louvered blinds. The shed-roof of the full-width front porch is supported by plain posts, which are replacements for the original turned posts. A shed roof porch also spans the rear elevation. The interior of the clubhouse has four rooms, each 16 feet 6 inches square, with beaded tongue-in-groove ceilings 10 feet 6 inches high, and beaded board walls partially covered with pine panelling. Windows and doors are trimmed with molded surrounds, and the floors are four-inch-wide cypress boards. Each of the four rooms has a corner fireplace serviced by the one central chimney. The mantels have molded surrounds and a plain mantel shelf supported by brackets.

Seven dependency buildings are located on the property. The original kitchen building was replaced in 1964 with the present frame, one-by-two-bay building with gable roof clad in standing seam

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metal. The kitchen stands only a few feet north of the Clubhouse. A frame bathhouse with standing seam metal gabled roof was constructed just east of the kitchen in 1974. Other dependency buildings include the "Card House," a small, frame building 12'x12' in size, built in 1964; the "Bunkhouse," a frame building measuring 28'x16', built in 1965; the Whetstone Cabin, a two-by-one bay, board-and-batten, gabled building measuring 14'x16', built in 1960 on a nearby hill overlooking a deep wooded bluff; a meat-processing shed, which is a frame and metal structure with screening on the sides, built in 1955 and measuring 18'x9'; and a cypress frame barn 28'x16' in size with tin roof, built in 1958 (see site plan). Because none of these dependency buildings date to the period of significance, they are counted as noncontributing elements.

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Clubhouse and 28-acre camp site of the Tansy Island Hunting Club are being nominated for significance in the area of entertainment and recreation (Criterion A). Continuously active since its incorporation in 1904, the Club is believed to be the oldest incorporated hunting club in the state of Mississippi. The Clubhouse and camp site have served as a base of operations for the Club since the land was purchased in that year. Hunting and fishing have long been very important recreational activities in Mississippi, and hunting clubs have traditionally held a significant place in the society and culture of the state. Although membership was limited to a small number of men, the Tansy Island Hunting Club not only provided much-needed recreational activities for residents of rural Wilkinson County, but also provided urbanites from as far away as Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and New York City, with a rural retreat. In addition to serving as the camp site for its members through the various hunting seasons, the Tansy Island Hunting Club property was also the site of a number of social activities hosted by the Club and open to guests. The period of significance begins in 1904 and ends in 1944, which is the arbitrary 50-year cutoff date.

In 1904 George Thomas McGehee, a planter, civic leader and former Confederate officer, sold a group of local sportsmen 28 acres in the southwest corner of his Rose Hill Plantation for use as a camp site. These sportsmen founded the Tansy Island Hunting Club, named for the large island located directly northwest of the camp site between the east and west prongs of the Homochitto River. The Club received its charter of incorporation in May of 1904. Twenty-five members' names appeared on the charter, including that of the first club president, Robert Micajah McGehee, a nephew of George Thomas McGehee. Stock certificates were issued to each member, and Club by-laws were published annually beginning in 1904.

The Club's by-laws of 1905 stated that members had to be at least 18 years of age and were to be classed as either regular or honorary members. Regular members were subject to dues not to exceed \$25 per year and had the right to vote and hold office in the Club. The number of regular members was not to exceed 50. Honorary members were admitted by the Board of Directors by special resolution and were limited to the Governor, Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Chancery Appeals of Mississippi, and "distinguished strangers visiting Wilkinson County."

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Since its inception 90 years ago, the Tansy Island Hunting Club has been a source of recreational and social activities for persons not only from Wilkinson County but throughout Mississippi as well as from other sections of the United States. The 1914 roll, for example, lists a total of 39 members--24 from Mississippi, seven from Louisiana, two from New York, and one each from Missouri, Ohio, and Indiana. Members included doctors, lawyers, bankers, engineers, educators, merchants, cattlemen, and farmers.

Although not specifically stated, club membership was open only to white males. "The introduction of ladies as visitors to the Club" was at all times "subject to action by the Board of Directors;" however, at all entertainments, members of the Club were "authorized to bring with them their wives, daughters, or any other ladies without invitation" (Tansy Island Hunting Club, 1905 By-Laws). Although denied membership, African-American males also apparently took part in some of the hunting expeditions, such as the annual rabbit hunts, as documented by two circa 1906 photographs that show both white and black men holding their kills. These black men were possibly responsible for driving the dogs and serving as guides. African Americans also served as year-round caretakers of the Club property; the first was Willie McCoy, then Major Wilson, and later Robert McMorris. These caretakers often guided members--especially those not from the area--through the swamps to hunt turkeys, ducks, geese, deer and squirrels.

Located on the original 28-acre camp site are a number of buildings, but the only original building to survive is the Clubhouse, which was constructed in 1904 and which retains a good degree of integrity. Alterations appear to be limited to the replacement of the porch posts and the addition of panelling to some of the interior walls. The Clubhouse has always been the centerpiece of the camp site and was to be "opened at the pleasure of the members" (1905 By-Laws). The Clubhouse provided sleeping quarters and a place to play cards--but only in the rooms designated by the House Committee. Although through the years several additional camp buildings have been constructed on the site, including a separate "Card House," the setting of the property retains a high degree of integrity. The eight-acre game plot sanctuary that forms the eastern boundary is still planted with rye, corn, wheat, oats and crimson clover as it was historically, and the wooded area remains wooded and has never been timbered by the Club.

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The Club originally owned only the 28-acre tract purchased from George McGehee and leased an additional 6,700 acres on which its members could hunt; only within the last several years has the Club purchased additional acreage. A variety of animals and fowl were hunted: deer, squirrel, opossum, raccoon, rabbit, black bear, turkey, ducks, geese, quail and dove. Bass, catfish and bream could be caught in the Homochitto River, as well as in the streams of the leased property. Hunting was almost never done on the 28-acre camp site, but rather this acreage served as the "home base" where the men were lodged in the Clubhouse, the horses corralled, the dogs penned, and the game cleaned and processed. In addition, there were many social activities at the camp site for Club members and their guests, including barbecues, fish fries, all-night poker games, picnics, and dinner parties. The Club's hunting seasons, social events and endeavors to promote conservation and environmental protection have become part of the area's rich social and cultural history.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description: The property is located in Section 49,
Township 4 North, Range 3 West. The boundary is indicated on the
accompanying USGS map and is based on the Tax Assessor's map on file
at the Wilkinson County Tax Assessor's Office.

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes the original 28-acre
tract that was purchased by the Tansy Island Hunting Club in 1904 and
which from that time has been the base of operations of the Club.
This acreage served as the camp site where the men were lodged in the
Clubhouse, horses corralled, dogs penned, game cleaned and processed,
and social functions held.

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

- (1) Tansy Island Hunting Club Camp Site and Clubhouse
- (2) Woodville vicinity, Wilkinson County, Mississippi
- (3) James N. Pitts
- (4) May 1994
- (5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo #1--(6) Main facade of Clubhouse, view to west (bathhouse
is visible to right of Clubhouse)

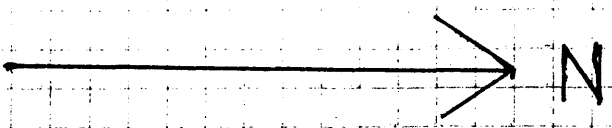
Photo #2--(6) Rear (west) elevation of Clubhouse (right) and
kitchen (left), view to east

Photo #3--(6) Interior of northwest bedroom of Clubhouse, view to
southeast

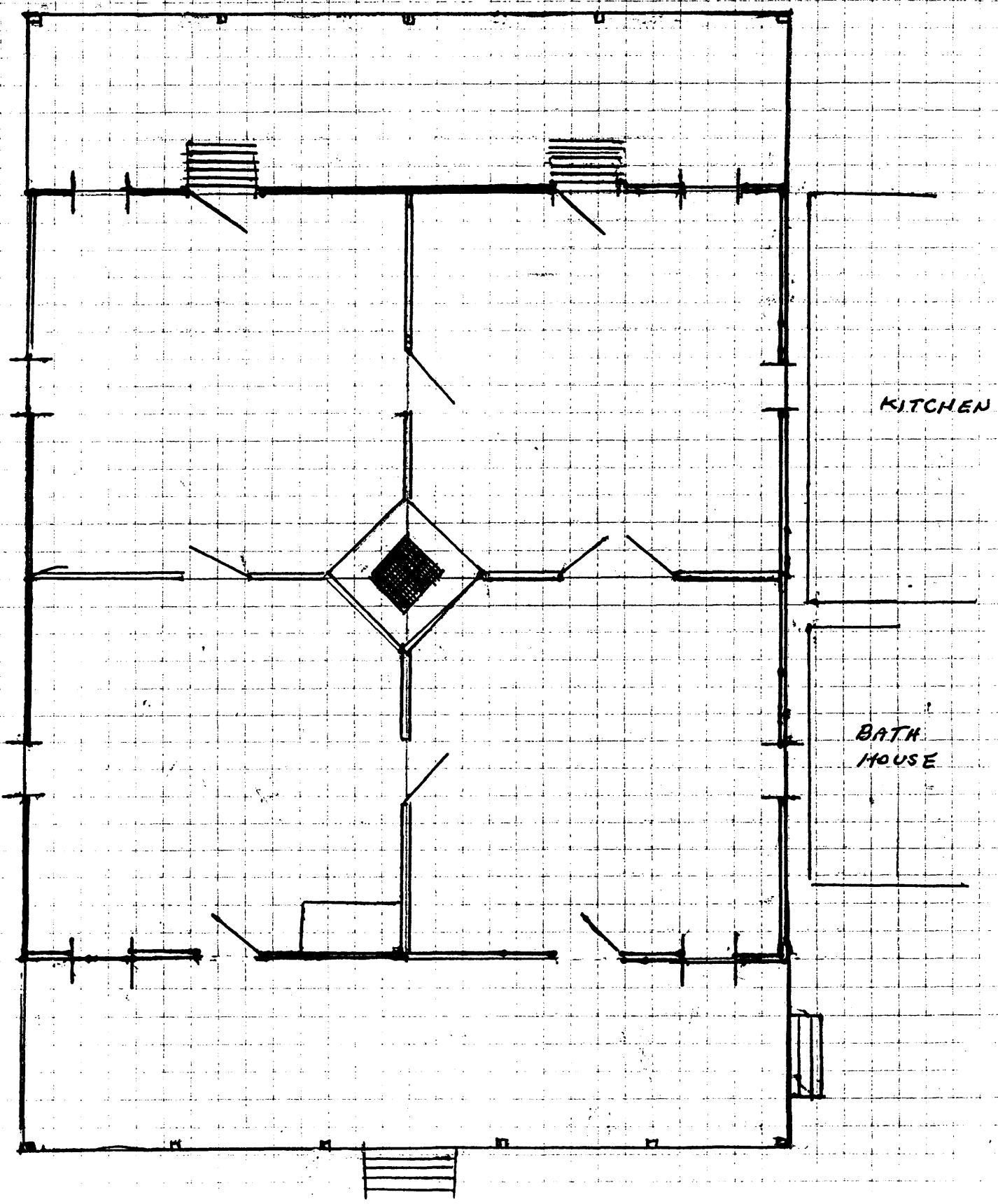
Photo #4--(6) Barn, view to west

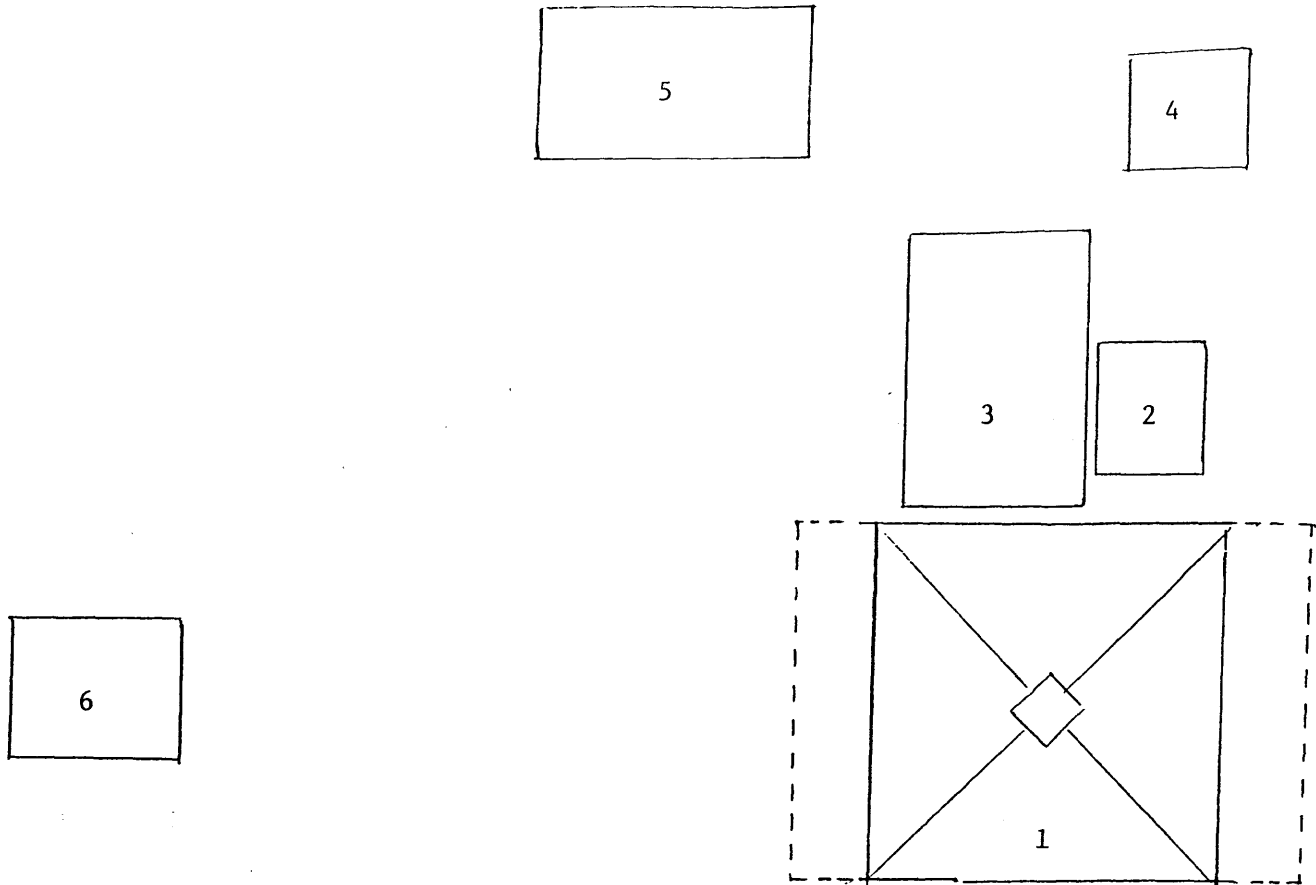
Photo #5--(6) Whetstone Cabin, view to southwest

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MAIN CLUBHOUSE
TANSY ISLAND HUNTING CLUB
WILKINSON COUNTY MS

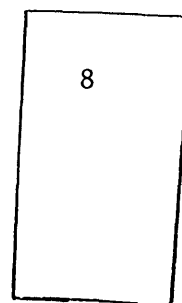
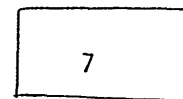
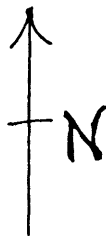




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Tansy Island Hunting Club
Wilkinson County, Mississippi

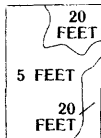
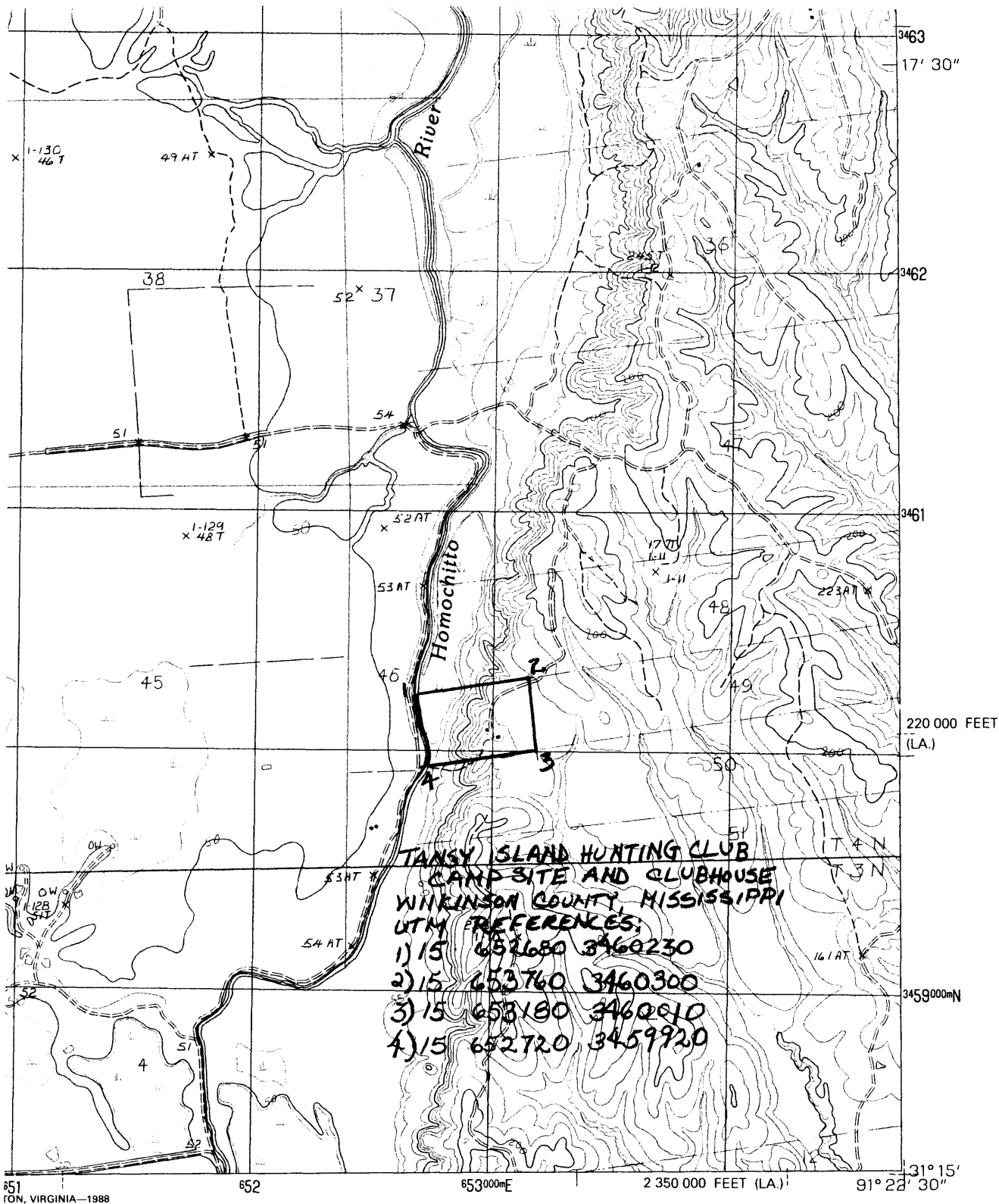
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1. Clubhouse
2. Bathhouse
3. Kitchen
4. Card House
5. Bunkhouse
6. Whetstone Cabin
7. Meat processing shed
8. Barn





Tansy Island Hunting Club Clubhouse, Woodville vic, Wilkinson Co., MS
Early Quail Hunt, early 1920s
Photographer Unknown



CONTOUR
INTERVAL



ROAD LEGEND

Improved Road
Unimproved Road
Trail

Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

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2 Sibley
3 Kingston
4 Fairview
5 Doloroso
6 Lake Mary
7 Lessley
8 Laneheart

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BUCK ISLAND, MISS.-LA.

SW/4 KINGSTON 15' QUADRANGLE

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Taney Island Hunting Club
Camp Site + Clubhouse
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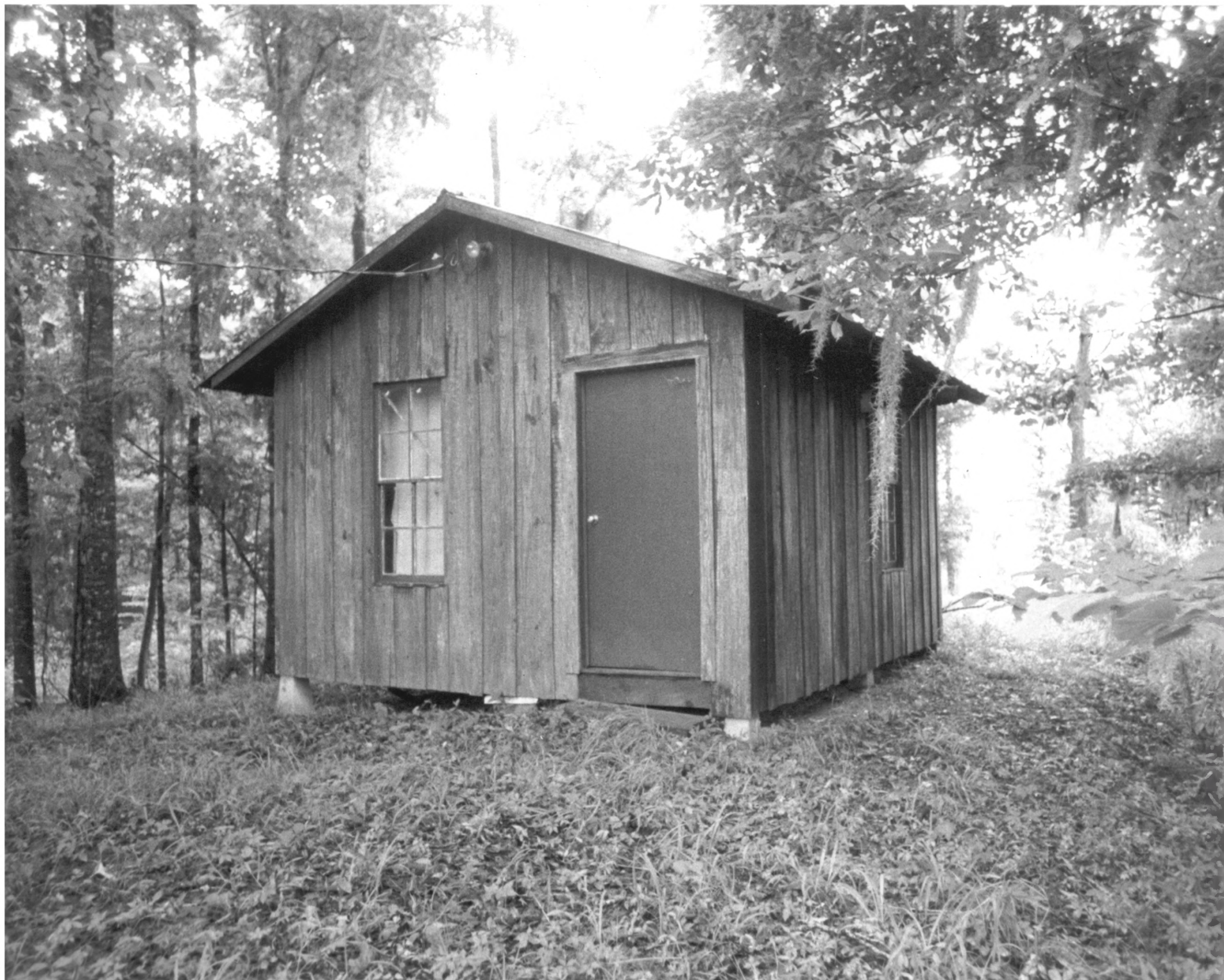


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