DATA SHEET

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi
COUNTY: Winston
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ENTRY DATE: APR 8 [illegible]

1. NAME

COMMON: Old Robinson Road

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

16.6 mi NE [illegible]

STREET AND NUMBER: Township 16 North, Range 14 East, Sections 1 and 2

CITY OR TOWN: Louisville(16.6 miles NE by Louisville-Betheden Road and Betheden-Bluff Lake Road)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Mississippi — CODE: 28

COUNTY: Winston — CODE: 159

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Building ☐ Site ☒ Structure ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☒ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Agricultural	☒ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other *(Specify)*	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. AGENCY

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)* Southeast Region

STREET AND NUMBER: 17 Executive Park Drive, N.E.

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta

STATE: Georgia — CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Unknown

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: — CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Unknown

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☒ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered		☐ Moved	☒ Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The section of the Old Robinson Road nominated for inclusion in the National Register is approximately 1 3/4 miles in length. It is located approximately 16.6 road miles northeast of Louisville and 3.5 miles southwest of Noxubee Refuge headquarters. More specifically it lies between the refuge road to GTR # 4 and the Bluff Lake-Betheden Road. The road bed has been slightly altered by skidders during logging operations. The road bed appears to be about 12 feet wide with ditches where they were needed.

The road is beginning to revert to forest with trees, up to and above two feet in diameter, along each side and in the ditches. Use of the road during logging operations and other activities (fishing and hunting) have kept the center of the road free from bushes and trees. However, in many areas the road crown is covered with briars and weeds.

Originally the road was a route through the wilderness. As was typical of most roads at that time, it was a very poor road by modern standards. While the Natchez Trace was built along the ridges, the Robinson Road was more or less a straight shot to Jackson, crossing most every river, creek and swamp in its path.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 15th Century
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 17th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [X] 19th Century
- [X] 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - [ ] Prehistoric
  - [ ] Historic
- [ ] Agriculture
- [ ] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [X] Commerce
- [X] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [ ] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape Architecture
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Philosophy
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Theater
- [X] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When new Indian lands were opened to settlement in Mississippi after the Indian Treaties of 1816, there occurred a rapid imigration of settlers. The population increased so rapidly that in 1821 the legislature moved the Capitol to Jackson. At that time, in order to get to Jackson from the Columbus Area, a person had to go up the Tombigbee River to Cotton Gin Port, take the Gaines Trace to Pontotoc, and then to Jackson via the Natchez Trace. A direct route through the wilderness would cut the distance in half.

The Mississippi Congressional delegation was able to achieve the passage of an act in 1821 for the building of a road through the Indian Country. In 1821, work began on the road and Raymond Robinson was employed to survey and make the road. The amount appropriated for the building of the road was $5,000. This was not enough and two years later $7,920 was appropriated by Congress to complete it. Then, in 1826, $15,000 was appropriated to the road for repairs.

When completed, the Robinson Road led from the Military Road at Columbus, southwesterly to a point on the Natchez Trace near Jackson.

The Robinson Road soon became one of the most important roads in Mississippi, not only as a connecting link between those remote counties and the body of the State, but as a convenience to travelers in general, and especially to emigrants moving from the east to the new purchase. In 1830, after the State of Mississippi had taken over the care of the road, the legislature authorized certain individuals to erect toll gates and administer improvements to it, such as building bridges or levees.

By 1830, there were 10 stands (Inns) junctioning along the road. At this time, a stagecoach was running over the Robinson Road and the driver could change horses while the travelers rested and partook of the available refreshment.

In later years, as the flow of settlers subsided and settlements grew up in places removed from it, the Robinson Road finally passed into history as it become largely abandoned in favor of new and more convenient roads.

The section of the road nominated for inclusion in the National Register was in use into the 1930's.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Philips, Dawson A. "The Robinson Road" Journal of Mississippi History XII (July 1950) 153-161

Jones, John G. History of Methodism in Mississippi, 2 Vols. Nashville 1887 - 1908

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY									OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE						LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds				Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	33°	16 '	23 "	88°	50 '	45 "				°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	33°	17 '	00 "	88°	49 '	11 "									
SE	33°	16 '	45 "	88°	49 '	00 "									
SW	33°	16 '	05 "	88°	50 '	35 "									

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

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Mississippi	28	Winston	159
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NW 16/329126
NE 16/330560/3663950
SE 16/332 2 4/3623390
SW 16/32 F 35/3 2 2 356

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Travis H. McDaniel

DATE: 10/21/74

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Rt # 1

STREET AND NUMBER:

PHONE:

CITY OR TOWN: Brooksville

STATE: Mississippi

CODE:

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ None

Albert R. Hilliard
State Liaison Officer Signature

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

Bureau Review Board

Federal Representative Signature — Date 1/10/75

Acting Regional Director
Title

Fed Rep Signature — Date 1/27/75

Deputy Asst Secy-FWP

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/3/75

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 2 1975

GPO 938-449

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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NEGATIVE FILED AT: Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, Rt # 1, Box 84, Brooksville, Mississippi 39739

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

North east end of portion of road nominated where it intersects refuge road to GTR # 4. Site of Old Robinson Road has been kept clear by logging activities.

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Typical portion of Old Robinson Road showing weeds, briars, and shrubs growing in road bed and pine and oak saplings and trees growing along either side.

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Ruts in Old Robinson Road caused by skidders during logging operations of recent years. Ruts nearly hidden by pine seedlings and other vegetation at time photograph taken.

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Young pine trees growing in ditch and road shoulder of Old Robinson Road near its intersection with the Bluff Lake - Betheden Road.

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