

PROPERTY NAME: Windsor Ruins

OTHER NAME/ NOT APPLICABLE
SITE No. :

MULTIPLE NAME: NOT APPLICABLE

ADDRESS/ 12 mi. SW of Port Gibson on MS 552
BOUNDARY :

CITY: Port Gibson VICINITY

COUNTY: Claiborne STATE: MISSISSIPPI

Restricted Location Information: Owner: PRIVATE Resource Type: SITE

Contributing Noncontributing

Buildings	0	0
Sites	1	0
Structures	0	0
Objects	0	0

Nomination/Determination Type: SINGLE RESOURCE

Nominator: STATE GOVERNMENT

Nominator Name:
NOT APPLICABLE

Federal NOT APPLICABLE
Agency:

NPS Park Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Certification: LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Date: 11/23/71

Other NOT APPLICABLE
Certification:

Historic DOMESTIC
Functions:

Historic SINGLE DWELLING
Subfunctions:

Current LANDSCAPE
Functions:

Current UNDERWATER *X*
Subfunctions:

Level of STATE Applicable Criteria: EVENT
Significance: LOCAL

Significant Person's Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Criteria Considerations: NOT APPLICABLE

Area of Significance: POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Periods of: 1850-1874
Significance:

Circa: Specific Sig. Years:

1859

Architect/Builder/Engineer/
Designer:

NOT APPLICABLE

Other Documentation:

NOT APPLICABLE

HABS No. N/A

Architectural NOT APPLICABLE
Styles:

Describe Other Style: NOT APPLICABLE

Foundation Materials: INAPPLICABLE
Wall Materials: INAPPLICABLE
Roof Materials: INAPPLICABLE
Other Materials: STUCCO IRON

Acreage: 2.1

UTM Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

Coordinates: 01/ /9 99 999/ /99 99 999 15/ /6 76 079/ /35 35 204

1860
1861

Cultural Affiliation:
NOT APPLICABLE

HAER No. N/A

military

for no UTM

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi	
COUNTY: Claiborne	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71-11-28-0015	DATE 11/23/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Windsor Ruins

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Windsor

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
12 miles southwest of Port Gibson on State Highway #552.

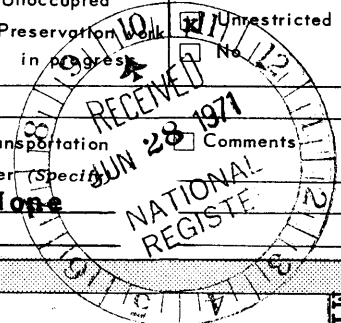
CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **28** COUNTY: **Claiborne** CODE: **021**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation Work in Progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

Other (Specify): **None**



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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Thomas Daniell Magruder et al

STREET AND NUMBER:
900 Hickory Street

CITY OR TOWN: **McComb** STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **39648** COUNTY: **28**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the Chancery Clerk, Claiborne County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Port Gibson** STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **39150** COUNTY: **28**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1936** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Division of Prints and Photographs

STREET AND NUMBER:
Library of Congress

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE: **08**

STATE: **Mississippi**

COUNTY: **Claiborne**

ENTRY NUMBER

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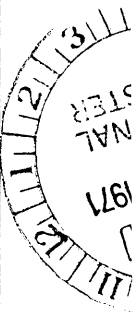
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Windsor was in the raised Greek Revival style with fully finished basement, two residential floors, and an attic. Twenty-nine columns, thirty feet high with ten-foot paneled stucco plinths, supported the projecting roofline with its plain, broad frieze and molded cornice, providing protection for the galleries which encompassed the house at the second and third levels. The fluted stucco-over-brick columns had iron Corinthian capitals and were joined at the galleries by an ornamental iron balustrade. Three flights of iron stairs provided access to the raised second floor on the façade (west elevation) and on each side, and a fourth led up to the ell on the east. Fenestration in the main block consisted of floor-length windows on the residential stories and shorter ones in the basement, and spacing was symmetrical on all floors: four across front and rear and six on each side elevation. Doorways were centered and those on the second and third floors were formally treated with elliptical fanlights with radial muntins and rectangular panes in the side lights. A square-shaped cupola was centered atop the hipped slate roof, its glass walls recessed beneath extended eaves which were supported at the corners by three miniature Corinthian columns, reinforcing the stylistic impact of the main block below. The eight chimneys were uniformly simple stacks and, despite their number, a minimum intrusion on the temple effect.

Windsor contained a total of twenty-three rooms and three hallways, with the floor plan of the main block consisting of central hallways with three rooms (measuring approximately 19 feet by 20 feet) on each side. The basement was given over to such utilitarian functions as dairy, store rooms, commissary, schoolroom, and doctor's office. The second floor on the south side of the hall contained double parlors and the library, and on the north was the master suite: bedroom, study, and bath. The third floor consisted of bedrooms and a second bath, and both baths were supplied with rainwater piped from the attic, where it was stored in tanks eight feet wide, twenty feet long, and five feet deep. The basement floor of the ell contained the kitchen and the secondary stairs; the dining room, with pantry and dumb waiter, was located directly above; and on the third floor were three bedrooms. The interior features of Windsor included a spiral staircase offset in the rear of the hallway and twenty-five mantelpieces made of Georgia and Tennessee marble, as well as two marble bathtubs. Ebony-framed mirrors surrounded the dark marble of the library mantelpiece, and chandeliers, floor-to-ceiling mirrors, and red draperies lined with white silk were included in the decor of the parlors.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1859-61

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

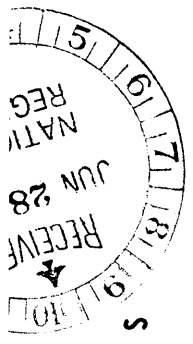
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The builder of Windsor, Smith Coffee Daniell, II, was born in Mississippi in 1826, the son of an Indian fighter turned farmer and landowner. His own holdings were so vast (eventually totaling 21,000 acres in Mississippi and Louisiana) that he studied law at the University of Virginia in order to better administer his estates. In 1849 he was married to his cousin Catherine Freeland (1830-1903), by whom he had six children, and in 1859 he began building Windsor. Basic construction was done by slave labor, and the 16-inch bricks for the walls were made at a kiln across the road from the house. Skilled carpenters were brought from New England for the finished woodwork, and the iron stairs, column capitals, and balustrades were manufactured in St. Louis and shipped down the Mississippi River to the port of Bruinsburg, several miles west of Windsor. Daniell died at age 34 on April 28, 1861, only weeks after completing his home at a cost of \$175,000.00.

During the Civil War, Windsor reputedly was used as an observation post by the Confederates, who sent signals from its cupola across the Mississippi River to Louisiana. It is also said to have served as a Union hospital after the Battle of Port Gibson in May, 1863, its mistress having dissuaded Federal troops from burning it.

Windsor remained the home of the Daniell family until February 17, 1890, on which date a fire broke out after a house guest accidentally dropped cigarette ashes into debris left by carpenters making repairs to the third floor. All was destroyed except a few pieces of china and the columns, balustrades, and iron stairs (one flight of stairs and some sections of balustrade are now installed at the chapel of nearby Alcorn College). The property was inherited by a daughter of Smith Coffee Daniell, II, Priscilla (1850-1932), who had been married at Windsor on December 13, 1888, to Joseph Moore Magruder. It next passed to Priscilla's niece, Katherine Daniell Magruder, whose heirs were the present owners: Thomas Daniell Magruder, John Martin Magruder, Robert Walter Magruder, and Samuel Bertron Magruder. The family cemetery located a mile north of the ruins contains the graves of



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Burning of the Daniell Residence." The Southern Reveille
 (Port Gibson, Mississippi). February 21, 1890. P. 3,
 column 2.
 Office of the Chancery Clerk, Claiborne County Courthouse,
 Port Gibson, Mississippi. Will Books B, p. 302; 4, p. 25;
 4, pp. 223-24.
 Personal Inspection by Dawn Maddox, June 11, 1971.
 Telephone Interview: Mr. Thomas Daniell Magruder, McComb,
 Mississippi, June 3, 1971.

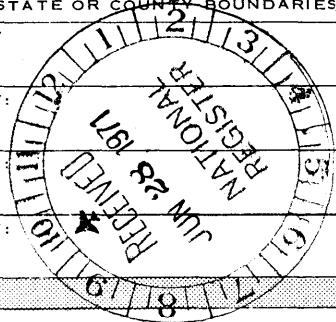
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.1 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Dawn Maddox, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Mississippi Department of Archives and History** DATE: **June 17, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 571

CITY OR TOWN: **Jackson** STATE: **Mississippi 39205** CODE: **28**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *R. A. McLemore*
R. A. McLemore

Title **Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History**

Date **June 17, 1971**

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

Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
NOV 23 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
William H. ...
 Keeper of The National Register
NOV 22 1971

Date _____

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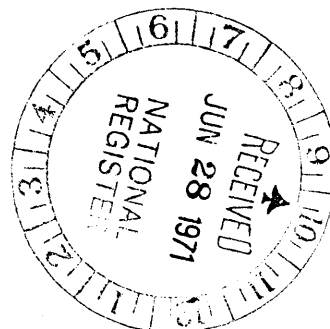
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8. Smith Coffee Daniell, I, II, and III, their wives and a number of children, Catherine Magruder Skinner (grandmother of Smith II and his wife), and Frisby Freeland (Revolutionary War soldier and father of Catherine Freeland Daniell).

The original floor plans and only known photographs of Windsor were destroyed in the 1890 fire, but the appearance of the house has been reconstructed from data supplied by Smith Coffee Daniell, IV (1885-1970), grandson of the builder. Mr. Daniell, who was born at Windsor and lived there until it burned, presumably relied on his own recollections, family tradition, and his professional training as a civil engineer to produce a physical description and layout of the house. The material is deposited with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and no other primary documentation is known to exist. Of the twenty-nine original columns, twenty-two remain standing today, evoking the grandeur as well as defining the dimensions of what was the ultimate expression of residential Greek Revival architecture in antebellum Mississippi. In order to preserve the ruins, the Port Gibson-Claiborne County Historical Society sponsored in 1970 a stabilization program which included sandblasting, waterproofing, and removal of cedar trees which grew atop the capitals.

9. United States Census, 1860. Claiborne County, Mississippi, Population Schedules.
"Windsor" Subject and Photograph Files. Collections, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi.
Works Progress Administration. "History of Claiborne County: Old Homes" (typescript). Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi.



NOTIFICATION OF GRANT-IN-AID ACTION

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1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER

75022402

2. (Reserved for use by State central information reception agency)

3. GRANTOR: a. Federal agency

Department of the Interior

b. Organizational unit

National Park Service

c. Administering office - (1) Name

Division of Grants

(2) Address - Street or P.O. Box

18th and C Streets NW.

City

Washington

State

DC

Zip Code

20240

4. FEDERAL AGENCY GRANT IDENTIFIER: a. Code

28-75-00052-00

b. Title

Windsor Ruins Development, Phase I

c. Purpose Archeological investigation to determine location of outbuildings, gardens and landscaping features. Historical research concerning physical history of house and property.

5. GRANTEE: a. Name

Mississippi Mr. Elbert Hilliard, Dir., State of Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History

b. Address - Street or P.O. Box

Post Office Box 571

City

Jackson

State

Mississippi

Zip Code

39205

6. GRANTEE TYPE (Check only the single most applicable box)

a. State b. Inter-state c. County d. City e. School district f. Special unit g. Community action h. Sponsored organization i. Other

7. APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE

Year Month Day
75 03 18

8. ACTION DATE

Year Month Day
75 03 31

9. EFFECTIVE STARTING DATE

Year Month Day
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10. ENDING DATE

Year Month Day
78 03 30

11. TYPE OF ACTION (Check as many boxes as apply to this action)

a. New grant b. Continuation grant c. Supplemental grant d. Change in existing grant
(identify agency in item 16) (1) Increase in duration (2) Decrease in duration (3) Cancellation (4) Increase(\$) (5) Decrease(\$)

12. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

a. Federal - (1) basic \$ 12,500 (2) Supplemental \$

b. State \$ 12,500* c. Local \$

d. Other \$

13. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (if none, clarify in item 16)

a. Program Number 15.904

b. Supplemental Program Number

14. AUTHORIZATION

a. Federal Budget Accounts 10-58-1040-0-1-405

b. Public Laws PL Title Sec. 89 665

c. U.S. Code 16 U.S.C. 470

15. FACILITY LOCATION: (For facility grant actions only)

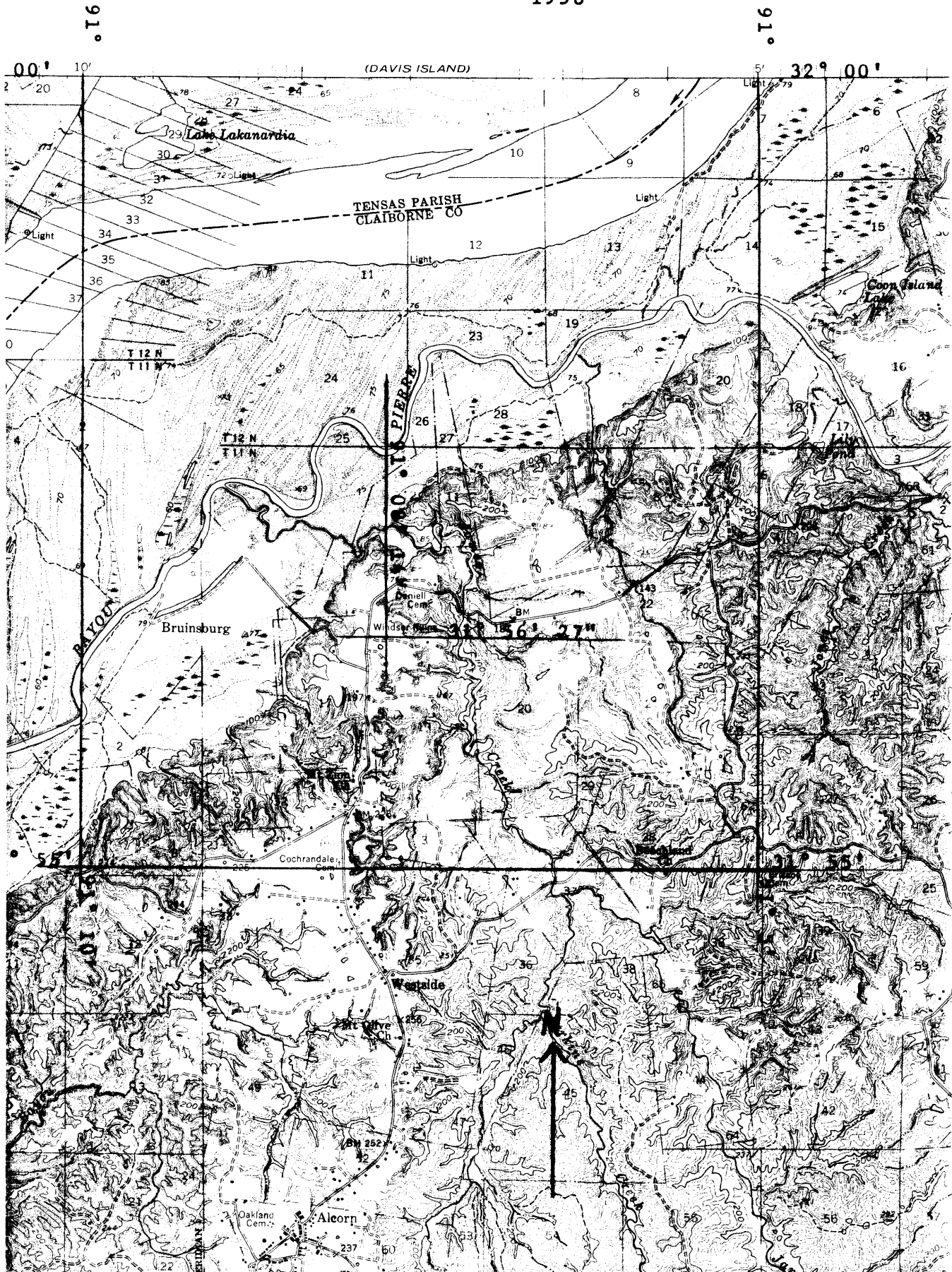
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b. County Claiborne

16. REMARKS

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U.S.G.S. 15'
St. Joseph Quadrangle
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1958





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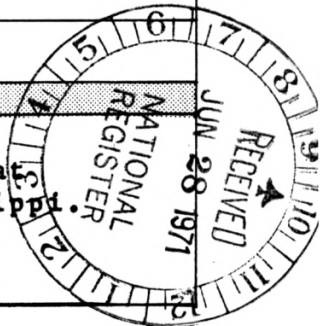
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DATE OF PHOTO: June 11, 1971			
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Flight of Windsor stairs and portion of balustrade at entrance to Chapel, Alcorn College, Lorman, Mississippi.			





WINDSOR RUINS

12 MILES S.W. OF PORT GIBSON ON STATE HIGHWAY 552

COLUMNS OF FAÇADE AND SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING N.E.

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Loc. Clairborne, Miss.

COLUMNS OF FAÇADE AND SOUTH
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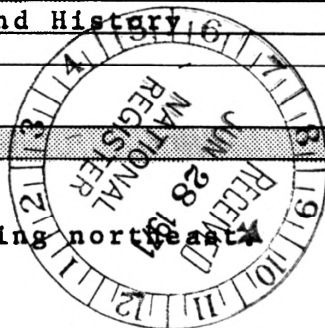
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Columns of façade and south elevation, looking northeast			





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