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**Bellefonte Town Site - Jackson Co. Site #28**

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BELLEFONTE    7 Box 6  
Jk. Co. Site #28    ITEM 27  
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TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY  
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map    28

1.    Name of site or structure    Town Site of Bellefonte

2.    Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number,  
and which quadrant of section if known)    1/4 mi. from Hollywood Cross  
Roads. Turn rt. off hwy 72 at Hollywood X rds.

3.    Description    few old tumble down buildings left. Only one  
of significance is the old Daniel Martin Hotel, which bears  
date of 1845

4.    Historical significance of site or structure if known    First permanent county  
seat of Jackson County; Federal soldiers camped in the town  
during the Civil War. Leroy Pope Walker lived and practiced law  
here as did Congressman W. R. W. Cobb

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**Names:**

Bellefonte  
Cobb, W. R. W.

Daniel Martin Hotel

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Survey

Walker, Leroy Pope

**Places:**

Bellefonte, AL

**Types:**

survey

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TARCOG  
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: Jackson

Field Surveyors' Names: FORNEY  
SOKKELS

Historical Notes Number: 828  
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: MAA/VV 26  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Bellefonte

2. Location: 1/4 mile from Hollywood Crossroads. Turn right off hwy  
72 at Hollywood Crossroads Store. Continue until you cross small bridge  
Bellefonte was at top of the hill on the left. Several parts of old  
buildings still standing

3. Owner of Property: Mary Texas (Hurt) Garner and her brother John  
Frank Hurt, Rt. 4, Scottsboro, Alabama. Mrs. Garner's phone number is  
x5745577 574-5770

4. Geographical Data: located on Harlan-Morgan-Riley Reservation

5. Acreage: tradition is that the old town was located on 60 acres  
however no evidence has been found to support this.

6. Classification: site

7. Integrity: Altered

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**Names:**

Bellefonte

Garner, Mary Texas  
Hurt

Hurt, John Frank

**Places:**

Jackson County, AL

**Types:**

survey

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8. Condition: abandoned; only one old building still standing. Chimney bears date of 1845; Am not sure this same building or another built to old chimney

9. Present Use: barn and storage by the Garners and Hurts(all the buildings that are left). John Frank Hurt has mobile home on what was once part of town square

10. Areas of Significance: Bellefonte first permanent county seat of Jackson County and was an important port for river trade before the time of the railroad. Three of the streets lead to the Bellefonte Landing(Deed Book D, Jackson County courthouse and various old deed records that I will have to search out for page numbers if necessary). Already a village in 1819, was selected as seat of justice in 1821 by a group of commissioners appointed by Legislature. First town incorporated in Jackson Co. There was public square surrounded by stores, courthouse, jail, residences. Courthouse (brick) completed in 1826; Meth.Ch. completed 1839 and Presbyterian in 1859; located on

11. Architectural Description: the Tennessee River which in that day constituted a main artery of transportation, Bellefonte enjoyed a good trade and attracted numerous settlers. By 1840, the town had attracted 4 physicians, a number of lawyers, a school, and several elegant homes. Disaster struck Bellefonte when citizens refused to let the Memphis and Charleston Railway lay tracks thru the town. As a result, the Memphis and Charleston officials located the station xxx 3 miles away at Hollywood. This stimulated Bellefonte's decline and Scottsboro's rise. By 1859, the courthouse was voted to Scottsboro but was not removed until after the war. Ref: W. Jerry Gist, THE STORY OF SCOTTSBORO, ALA. Nashville, Rich Printing Co., 1968, pp 30-34; W. Brewer, Alabama, p.283.

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 2 / 17 / 74

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**Names:**

Brewer, W.  
Garner,

Gist, W. Jerry  
Hurt, John Frank

Memphis &  
Charleston Railway

**Places:**

Jackson County, AL

**Types:**

survey

**Dates:**

Feb 17, 1974



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TARCOG  
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: Jackson

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: SORRELLS

Date of Photograph: 2/17/74 View Description: old barn

Roll Number: TWO storage building

Exposure Number: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 3  
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 3  
(If there is a historical notes form filled in for this place, write it in the photograph number in the upper right-hand corner of this form in space provided).

Location (Word Description): behind and to right of old inn.

Owner or Occupant: John Hurt  
(Name, if known)

Address: Rt. 4, Scottsboro, AL

TYPE of Structure: ( ) House ( ) Outbuilding ( ) Commercial  
(where appropriate, (X) Barn ( ) Industrial ( ) Other, describe  
check one or more)

Apparent period of construction: ( ) Federal  
Unknown ( ) Greek Revival  
( ) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century

Apparent period of Additions: ( ) Federal  
(if appropriate) ( ) Greek Revival  
( ) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century  
( ) Later 20th Century (modern)

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: Log hewed ~~for~~ using hand tools.  
Appears building may have been moved from another site.

Date of completion: 2/17/74 Form HS-2

Names:

Forbes,

Hurt, John

Sorrells,

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

survey

Dates:

Feb 17, 1974

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ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: Jackson  
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SORRELLS  
Historical Notes Number: 28  
(Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: 26  
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buildings still standing

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Brother of Mary

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Bellefonte  
Forbes,

Garner, Mary Texas  
Hurt

Harlan-Morgan-Riley  
Reservation

Hurt, John Frank  
Sorrells,

**Places:**

Jackson County, AL

**Types:**

survey

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Garner,

Gist, W. Jerry  
Hurt, John Frank

Memphis &  
Charleston Railway

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

survey

Dates:

Feb 17, 1974

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III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: Log house ~~for~~ using hand tool.  
Appears building may have been moved from another site.

Date of completion: 2/17/74 Form HS-2

**Names:**

Forbes,

Hurt, John

Sorrells,

**Places:**

Jackson County, AL

**Types:**

survey

**Dates:**

Feb 17, 1974



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TARCOG  
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: Jackson  
Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes  
Jerrells  
Historical Notes Number: 5  
(Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: No photographs  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Bridgeport

2. Location: on hwy 72 from Stevenson; about 10 miles above Stevenson

3. Owner of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Geographical Data: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Classification: site

7. Integrity: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Names:**

Bridgeport

**Places:**

Jackson County, AL

**Types:**

survey



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8. Condition: many of the older buildings run-down; some still in use

9. Present Use: as a town

10. Areas of Significance: ~~The Memphis and Charleston Railroad spanned the Tennessee River at Bridgeport causing the town to become a key base of operations in the Union victory at Chickamauga and in the lifting of the siege of Chattanooga. The truss bridge at Bridgeport was burned several times during 1862-63. Gen. O. M. Mitchell seized the town in April 1862 and held it until August. Union troops recaptured Bridgeport on July 1, 1863 as General Rosecrans took Chattanooga. (Kennamer, HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY, p. 171; IN AND AROUND BRIDGEPORT, p. 35; PICTORIAL WALK THRU OLD HI JACKSON, HAMMER)~~

11. Architectural Description: Some men from New York came to Bridgeport during her boom-town days and laid the town off inxx patterning it after New York City. A flatiron building stood there until a few years ago when it was torn down (IN AND AROUND BRIDGEPORT, Carmichael & Lee)  
owner of Condra Drug store started business from mostly modern  
BRB. Many have burned and been removed.

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 2/23/74

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Names:

Bridgeport  
Carmichael,  
Hammer,

Kennamer,  
Lee,

Memphis &  
Charleston Railway

Mitchell, O. M.,  
General  
Rosecrans, General

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

survey

Dates:

Feb 23, 1974

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