

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 7, Box 6, Item 5

Old Stagecoach Inn (Ben Lindsay Home) - Jackson Co. Site #6

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OLD STAGECOACH INN (BEN LINDSAY HOME)
Jk. Co. Site #6 7 Box 6
Sec. 28, T4S, R5E ITEM 5

TARCOG
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES
FIELD SURVEYOR
RECORDING FORM

County: Jackson

Field Surveyors' Names: FORBES
SORRELLS

Historical Notes Number: 6
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: 117-12
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Old Stage Coach Inn

2. Location: at foot of July Mountain near State Santa on Long Hollow
road. BYPASS US 72 to 79, Jackson cannot reach it.

3. Owner of Property: heirs of Charles Ginn Lindsay;
Mrs. Ethel Lindsay present owner.

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage: 23.8 acres.

6. Classification: building & site. Used as inn on old stage road.
Sections of old stage road still visible. Portable supply from cave
located on site. Prior to electricity, cave used as spring house to cool food.
Remains of station called visible near front of house. Structure
built over driveway. Spring still used for water supply.

7. Integrity: Altered but original site.

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Names:

Forbes,
Lindsay, Charles
Ginn

Lindsay, Ethel, Mrs.
Sorrell,
Stage Coach Inn

TARCOG Historical
Survey

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

survey

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Jk. Co. Site #6 7 Box 6
Sec. 28, T4S, R5E ITEM 5

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HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: Jackson

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: SORRELLS

Date of Photograph: 2/17/74 View Description: Stage depot

Roll Number: ONE Front / back: Entrance - road window

Exposure Number: 1000 back.

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 6
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 6
(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): on US 72 to 79 by pass, approx. 1/2 mile south of US 72.

Owner or Occupant: Mrs. Ethel Lindsey
(Name, if known)

Address: _____

TYPE of Structure: (X) House () Outbuilding () Commercial
() Barn () Industrial (X) Other, describe
Stage depot.

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

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

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: _____

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

Names:

Forbes,

Lindsey, Ethel, Mrs.

Sorrell,

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

survey

Dates:

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Old Stage Coach Inn

Types:

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OLD STAGECOACH INN (BEN LINDSAY HOME)
 Jk. Co. Site #6 7 Box 6
 Sec. 28, T4S, R5E ITEM 5

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)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Isosphy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> itarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>This is an early example of a country home; built around 1859-1861(1), it is of late Greek Revival details; Was used as a stage coach inn.(2) It is one of few buildings used as stage coach inns still intact. Hole over front door was made when a Union soldier shot at the house during the Civil War. The house stands on cedar pillars and underneath is a fruit cellar. It was built by Allen P. Robertson(3).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">May 15, 1974.</p> <p>(1) Interview with Alma(Lindsay)Paradise who was reared in this house. Interview with Maude(Robertson)Cotton, May 16, 1974, granddaughter of Allen P. Robertson</p> <p>(2) Ibid. and Pictorial Walk Thru Old High Jackson, Walter Hammer, The College Press, Collegedale, Tennessee, 1968; p.25 May 16, 1974.</p> <p>(3) Interview with Mrs. Maude (Robertson) Cotton/whose father sold the house to Charles Ginn Lindsay. She said her grandfather, Allen Robertson, built the house. The big spring behind the house has always been known locally as "Robertson Spring" and a short distance from the house is the Robertson Cemetery where Allen P. Robertson and his wife and William Nelson Robertson and his wife are buried.</p> <p>Deed Book 47, p.644, Jackson County, Alabama: William Nelson Robertson to Charles Ginn Lindsay, \$500, 60 acres; "known as the Betsy Robertson place; on the said land is the dwelling house formerly owned and occupied by Mrs. Betsy Robertson." Section 28, T-4, R-5E. May 12, 1913.</p> <p>Will Book X, pp.24,25,26,27, Jackson County, Alabama:Feb.16,1882: Heirs of Allen P. Robertson: Elizabeth("Betsy")Robertson, the widow; children: Matilda J. Harris, wife of J. K. P.Harris, Sue E. Smith, William N. Robertson, Isaac N. Robertson, John G. Robertson.</p>			

Names:

Hammer, Walter
 Harris, J. K. P.
 Harris, Matilda J.
 Lindsay, Charles
 Ginn

Paradise, Alma
 Lindsay
 Robertson, Allen F.
 Robertson, Betsy,
 Mrs.

Robertson, Elizabeth
 Robertson, Isaac N.
 Robertson, John G.
 Robertson, Maude

Robertson, William
 Nelson
 Smith, Sue E.

Types:

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OLD STAGECOACH INN (BEN LINDSAY HOME)
Jk. Co. Site #6 7 Box 6
Sec. 28, T4S, R5E ITEM 5

TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map 6

1. Name of site or structure Old Stage Coach Inn

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) By Pass U.S. 72 to 79, Jackson Co. Rd. 11

3. Description Simple but very refined in details of proportions; one-story center-hall clapboard. Details support reported construction date of latter 1850's. Details are late Greek Revival with a lightness that presages the Victorian styles. This is an elegant little building which should be restored. It is not a crude country structure. It's designer was skilled and sensitive. Sashes have sidelights (one-pane wide).

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known Used as a stage coach Inn.

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Names:

Old Stage Coach Inn

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Types:

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OLD STAGECOACH INN (BEN LINDSAY HOME)
Jk. Co. Site #6 7 Box 6
Sec. 28, T4S, R5E ITEM 5

1. COG
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES
FIELD SURVEYOR
RECORDING FORM

County: Jackson

Field Surveyors' Names: FORBES
SORRELLS

Historical Notes Number: 6
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: 15-12
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Old Stage Station

2. Location: at foot of July Mountain near ~~State~~ Saults on Long Hollow road. BYPASS US 72 to 79, Jackson County road 11.

3. Owner of Property: heirs of Charles Ginn Lindsay;
Mrs. Ethyl Lindsey prominent owner.

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage: 238 acres.

6. Classification: building & site. Used as inn on old stage road. Sections of old stage road still visible. Portable^{Ho} supply from cave located on site. Prior to electricity, cave used as spring house to cool food. Remains of storm cellar visible near front of house. Structure built over graveyard. Spring still used for water supply.

7. Integrity: Altered but on original site.

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Names:

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Places:

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Types:

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8. Condition: fair with some deteriorating on external surfaces and some temporary alterations

9. Present Use: dwelling:

10. Areas of Significance: built by Allen Robertson. It was being built when the Civil War came on; one room never finished. Used after war as stage station. During the war the Robertsons used secret compartments under the house to hide their meat and other food from Union soldiers. There is a place over front door where Union soldier shot through the wood. It stands on large cedar pillars; located on road over which President Monroe and two of his Cabinet members probably rode horseback during last days of May 1819 on way to Huntsville for a stop, June 1, 1819. Ref: Kennamer's Hist. of Jackson Co., p. 25 and family tradition as told to Christine Sumner by her mother who was raised in the old house.

11. Architectural Description: one-story. Building approx. 62' long by 36' wide. Raised approx. 3' above ground level using ~15" or larger red cedar piles. Frame construction of yellow poplar. Most joints held by wooden dowels. Large, square, forged nails evident in several places. One chimney. Entrance is by double doors with small, oblong windows on either side. Over size double doors at rear. Present owner claims structure never painted except for wood work around front doors. No inspection of interior except entrance hall. Owner claims hole over front door resulted from Union soldier shooting at house during Union occupation of area. Secret compartments not viewed but explained by owner. Photographed wooden locks; construction of large, hand forged square nails with rounded heads. Porch on front removed but beam joints visible along with dowel holes. Replaced by crude, wooden steps.

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 2/17/74

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Names:

Kennamer,

Monroe, President

Robertson, Allen

Sumner, Christine

Types:

report

Dates:

Feb 17, 1974

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HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: Jackson

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: Sorrells

Date of Photograph: 2/17/74 View Description: Stage depot.

Roll Number: ONE Front & back; entrance: end wooden

Exposure Number: lock.

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 18
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 18
(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): on US 72 to 79 by pass, approx. 1/2 mile south of US 72.

Owner or Occupant: Mrs. Ethel Lindsey
(Name, if known)

Address: _____

TYPE of Structure: (X) House () Outbuilding () Commercial
() Barn () Industrial (X) Other, describe
check one or more) Stage depot.

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

Apparent period of Additions: () Federal
(if appropriate) () Greek Revival
() Mid-19th Century
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III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: _____

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Lindsey, Ethel, Mrs.

Sorrells,

Places:

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