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Sauta/Sauty/Sautah - Jackson Co. Site #5

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ITEM 4

#5

SAUTA (SAUTY, SAUTAH)
Jk. Co. Site #5
Sec. 7, T5S, R5E

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: ALABAMA
COUNTY: JACKSON

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
COMMON: Sauta (Sauty)
AND/OR HISTORIC: Sautah

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: village on N. Sauty Creek about 5 miles SW of
CITY OR TOWN: Scottsboro, Ala.
STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Jackson CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One):
☐ District ☐ Building ☐ Public ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Private ☒ Object ☒ Both
OWNERSHIP: Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered
STATUS: ☐ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: 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. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: not applicable
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

Names:

National Register of
Historic Places

Sauta (Sauty)

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

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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 type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Sauty was the temporary seat of Justice when Jackson County was created on Dec. 13, 1819. The first Jackson County Courthouse was built here. It was at "Sautah" that Sequoyah announced his invention of the Cherokee alphabet. And it was the site of the Arthur Burns Indian Reservation (Burns wife was a sister of George Lowery, Sr. who was called the "George Washington of the Cherokee.") It was here at Sauty that Saltpeter Cave was located and used extensively during the Civil War.</p>	
SEE INSTRUCTIONS	

Names:

Burns, Arthur

Lowery, George, Sr.

Sauty

Sequoyah

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE ALABAMA
COUNTY JACKSON
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME
COMMON: Sauta (Sauty)
AND/OR HISTORIC: same

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
Sauty Community, or village
CITY OR TOWN:
STATE: Alabama CODE COUNTY: Jackson CODE

3. MAP REFERENCE
SOURCE:
SCALE:
DATE:

4. REQUIREMENTS
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE Alabama
COUNTY Jackson
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME
COMMON: Sauty, or Sauta Community
AND/OR HISTORIC: same

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
about 5 miles SW of Scottsboro, Ala. on County Rd. 11
CITY OR TOWN:
STATE: Alabama CODE COUNTY: Jackson CODE

3. PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT:
DATE OF PHOTO:
NEGATIVE FILED AT:

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
about 5 mi. SW of Scottsboro on Jackson County Rd. 11

GPO 921-737

Names:

Sauty Community

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

form

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

6. 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 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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sauta(Sauty,Sautah) is historic for a number of reasons. The first courthouse in Jackson County was built here; It was here that Sequoyah announced his Cherokee alphabet; It was Sauta that was the first county seat of Jackson County and it was at Sauta that Saltpetre Cave was located and worked as early as 1812 and then more extensively during the Civil War.

Names:

Sauty Community

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

form

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. John R. Kennamer, "History of Jackson County," 1935, Winchester, Tenn., p.18
2. Ibid., p.32
3. Historical Marker on hwy 72 at Larkinsville
4. Jackson County ^{TVA} ~~Map~~ ^{Swearingin Quad.}
5. Cherokee Census of 1835, *OKla. Hist. Society, Indian Archives Div.*

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		0 0 0	0 0 0		
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0		0 0 0	0 0 0		
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0		0 0 0	0 0 0		
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0		0 0 0	0 0 0		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: _____

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christine P. Sumner, Historical Research Coordinator

ORGANIZATION: TARGOG DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Huntsville, STATE: Ala. CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

SPC 901.087

Names:

Kennamer, John R.

Sumner, Christine P.

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

form

TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map 5

1. Name of site or structure Sauta (Sauty-Sautah)

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) From U.S. 72 East--6.1 miles on Jackson County Hwy. 11
SEC 38 T5R5

3. Description small community

(Named by the Indians (5))

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known It was the temporary seat of Justice when Jackson County was created on Dec. 13, 1819. The first Jackson County Courthouse was built here(2). It was at Sauta that Sequoyan announced his alphabet(3). It was the site of the Arthur Burns Indian Reservation(4)

(1) "History of Jackson Co." John R. Kennamer, p.18

(2) Ibid., p.32 "The first (mail) route to serve Jackson County was from Huntsville, by Jackson Courthouse to Ross's Landing, etc. historical

(3) Hwy./marker on hwy. 72 at Larkinsville

(4) Jackson County maps, Sweetening Quadrangle, TVA, 1933.

(5) The Cherokee Census of 1835 shows a community here called "Sautah"

Names:

Kennamer, John R.

Sauty

TARCOG Historical

Survey

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

survey

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TARCOG
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES
FIELD SURVEYOR
RECORDING FORM

County: Jackson

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes
Sorrells

Historical Notes Number: 5
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: Not Photographed
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Sauta (Sauty-#5 Sautah)

2. Location: on N. Sauta Creek about 5 miles from Scottsboro
From U.S. 72 East - 6.1 miles on Jackson County Highway 11.

3. Owner of Property: ~~Mr. [illegible]~~ Community

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage:

6. Classification: site

7. Integrity: Altered

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p. 1

Names:

Forbes,

Sorrells,

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

survey

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8. Condition: ~~poor site under construction~~ Community

9. Present Use: ~~Being developed for recreation area: railroad, camps, fishing camp, etc.~~ Community

10. Areas of Significance: first Jackson County courthouse was located here; Earlier than that it was a Cherokee village established about 1784. It was here that Sequoyah made known his invention of the Cherokee alphabet. It is situated on Cherokee Chief Arthur Burns Reservation. Burns wife was Aky Lowery, sister of the Chief George Lowery. According to Peter Brannon in HERE & THERE IN ALABAMA, Sauta was first settled by an old Cherokee Indian named Winford who started the manufacture of gunpowder. By 1800 white settlers had arrived from Virginia and S.C.; in 1819, the little town was selected as the temporary county seat of

11. Architectural Description: Jackson Co and remained as such until 1821. The first post road to Jackson County ran through Sauta. It was never incorporated and ceased to exist shortly after 1821. It was here that the famed old Episcopal Mission School, "House of Happiness" was located. Richardson, Alabama Encyclopedia, p.130; Street, Report, 1901, p.420. Kennamer, History of Jackson Co. p.18; Gist, Story of Scottsboro, pp29,30 (Gist makes the reference to Peter Brannon's here and there in Alabama).

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 2/17/74

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p. 2

Names:

Brannon, Peter
Burns, Arthur

Kennamer, John R.
Lowery, Aky

Lowery, George, Sr.
Richardson,

Winford,

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: Site not photographed.

Roll Number: NA

Exposure Number: NA

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 275
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 275
(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): 6.1 miles south of US 72 on Jackson County road 11.

Owner or Occupant: Mr. Jim Westmoreland
(Name, if known)

Address: _____

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

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
(X) Later 20th Century (modern)

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: Nothing to photograph - road construction, etc. ongoing in area.

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

Names:

Forbes,

Sorrells,

Westmoreland, Jim

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
Sorrells
Historical Notes Number: 275
(Red Ink)
Photograph Record Number: Not Photographed
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Sauta (Sauty-# Sautah)

2. Location: on N. Sauta Creek about 5 miles from Scottsboro
From U.S. 72 East - 6.1 miles on Jackson County Highway 11.

3. Owner of Property: Mr. Jim Westmoreland

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage:

6. Classification: site

7. Integrity: Altered.

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p. 1

Names:

Forbes,

Sorrells,

Westmoreland, Jim

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

survey

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Sec. 7, T5S, R5E

8. Condition: poor; site under construction

9. Present Use: Being Developed for recreation area: resort, campsite, fishing camp, etc.

10. Areas of Significance: first Jackson County courthouse was located here; Earlier than that it was a Cherokee village established about 1784. It was here that Sequoyah made known his invention of the Cherokee alphabet. It is situated on Cherokee Chief Arthur Burns Reservation. Burns wife was Aky Lowery, sister of the Chief George Lowery. According to Peter Brannon in HERE & THERE IN ALABAMA, Sauta was first settled by an old Cherokee Indian named Winford who started the manufacture of gunpowder. By 1800 white settlers had arrived from Virginia and S.C.; In 1819, the little town was selected as the temporary county seat of Jackson Co and remained as such until 1821. The first post road to Jackson County ran through Sauta. It was never incorporated and ceased to exist shortly after 1821. It was here that the famed old Episcopal Mission School, "House of Happiness" was located. Richardson, Alabama Encyclopedia, p.130; Street, Report, 1901, p.420. Kennamer, History of Jackson Co., p.18; Gist, Story of Scottsboro, pp29,30 (Gist makes the reference to Peter Brannon's Here and There in Alabama).

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12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 2/17/74

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p. 2

Names:

Brannon, Peter
Burns, Arthur

Kennamer, John R.
Lowery, Aky

Lowery, George, Sr.
Sequoyah

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: _____

Roll Number: NA Site not photographed.

Exposure Number: NA

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 21
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 21
(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): 6.1 miles south of US 72 on Jackson County road 11.

Owner or Occupant: Mr. Jim Westmoreland
(Name, if known)

Address: _____

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

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
(X) Later 20th Century (modern)

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: Nothing to photograph - road construction etc. on going in area.

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

Names:

Forbes,

Sorrells,

Westmoreland, Jim

Places:

Jackson County, AL

Types:

survey

Dates:

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Collection Scope and Content: The Collection of 114 Linear ft. includes a total of 156 Archival Boxes. The Frances Cabaniss Roberts collection covers the historical records of the Cabaniss Roberts family. This collection contains extensive correspondence records of the Cabaniss Roberts family circa 1830 to 1930.

Archives/Special Collections Access Restrictions: None

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