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Willstown Cherokee Mission Site, established in 1823 - DeKalb Co.

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Willstown Mission Site
DK. Co. Ft. Site #13
Kershaw, Fort Payne

Box 5

13
ITEM 35

TARCOG
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES
FIELD SURVEYOR
RECORDING FORM

County: DEKALB

Field Surveyors' Names: FORBES

Historical Notes Number: 17
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: D-37 - D-39
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Willstown Mission Site

2. Location: Two miles northeast of mid-Fort Payne. One block off Kershaw Road - on right side going from County Club to Fort Payne High School.

3. Owner of Property: Mrs. Charles M. Scott
107 N.W. First Street
Fort Payne, Alabama

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage:

6. Classification: Site

7. Integrity: original

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p. 1

Names:

Scott, Charles M.,
Mrs.

TARCOG Historical
Survey

Willstown Mission
Site

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Fort Payne, Dekalb
Co., AL

Types:

form

Dates:

Mar 23, 1974

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Name and No. WILLSTOWN MISSION SITE 13
Box 5 DK. Co. Ft. Site #13 Kershaw, Fort Payne ITEM 35

8. Condition: Free

9. Present Use: Private owned by descendant (great-grandson) of Vance & Margaret Larmore, who are buried in Willstown Mission Cemetery. Site includes the entrance & avenue to present historical site.

10. Areas of Significance: Mission established by American Board of Missions in 1823 under direction of Prussian Mission, was Catholicism - it was Episcopal. Original all wooden structure still stands in nearly good large remnant with pieces of New York and Dept. of Interior of mission.

11. Architectural Description:

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 3/23/74

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Names:

Larmore, Vance &
Margaret

Willstown Mission
Site

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Types:

form

Dates:

1823

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TARCOG
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: DeKalb

Field Surveyors' Names: Fingers
Brown

Photographer: Fingers

I. Information on Photograph

Date of Photograph: 3/22/74 View Description: Willstown
Mission site - old wood building
in country - smaller house.

Roll Number: _____
Exposure Number: _____

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 17
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 17
(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): Two mile NE of Ft. Payne (willstown)

Owner or Occupant: Mrs. Charles Scott
(Name, if known)

Address: 107 NW First St Ft. Payne, AL.

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

Apparent period of construction: () Federal
c.s. 1823 (X) 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: _____

Date of completion: 3/22/74 Form HS-2

Names:

Scott, Charles M.,
Mrs.

TARCOG Historical
Survey

Willstown Mission
Site

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Fort Payne, DeKalb
Co., AL

Types:

form

Dates:

Mar 23, 1974

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7 Box 5 DK. Co. Ft. Site #13 ITEM 35
Kershaw, Fort Payne

TARCOG
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES County: DeKalb
FIELD SURVEYOR Field Surveyors' Names: Ford
RECORDING FORM Booth
Historical Notes Number: 17
(Red Ink)
Photograph Record Number: 0-37-0-39
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Willstown Mission Site

2. Location: Two miles northeast of mid-Fort Payne. One block off Kershaw Road - on right side going toward Peachtree Place to Fort Payne High School.

3. Owner of Property: Mrs. Charles M. Scott
107 N.W. First Street
Fort Payne, Alabama

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage:

6. Classification: Site

7. Integrity: original

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p. 1

Names:

Scott, Charles M.,
Mrs.

TARCOG Historical
Survey

Willstown Mission
Site

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Fort Payne, DeKalb
Co., AL

Types:

form

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Name and No. WILLSTOWN MISSION SITE
Box 5 DK. Co. Ft. Site #13 Kershaw, Fort Payne 13 ITEM 35

8. Condition: Fair

9. Present Use: Privately owned by descendant (great-great-granddaughter) of Vance, Margaret Larmore, who now lives in Willstown Mission Cemetery - who wishes the site to remain as important historical site.

10. Areas of Significance: Mission established by American Board of Missions in 1823, under direction of Prussian Mission, Mrs. Antoinette - to save fugitives. Original all stone house still stands in heavily overgrown yard. Large monument marks grave of Prussian land agent, representative of mission.

11. Architectural Description:

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 7/23/74

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p. 2

Names:

Larmore, Vance &
Margaret

Willstown Mission
Site

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Types:

form

Dates:

1823

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TARCOG
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: DeKalb

Field Surveyors' Names: Folger

I. Information on Photograph
Photographer: Booth

Date of Photograph: 3/23/74 View Description: Willstown
Roll Number: _____ Mission site - oldest building
Exposure Number: _____ in country - smoke house.

II. Information on Site
Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 17
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)
Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 17
(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): Two mile NE of Ft. Payne (mid town)

Owner or Occupant: Mrs. Charles Scott
(Name, if known)
Address: 107 NW First St Ft. Payne, AL

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

Apparent period of construction: () Federal
ca. 1823 (X) 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: _____

Date of completion: 3/23/74 Form HS-2

Names:

Scott, Charles M.,
Mrs.

TARCOG Historical
Survey

Willstown Mission
Site

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Fort Payne, DeKalb
Co., AL

Types:

form

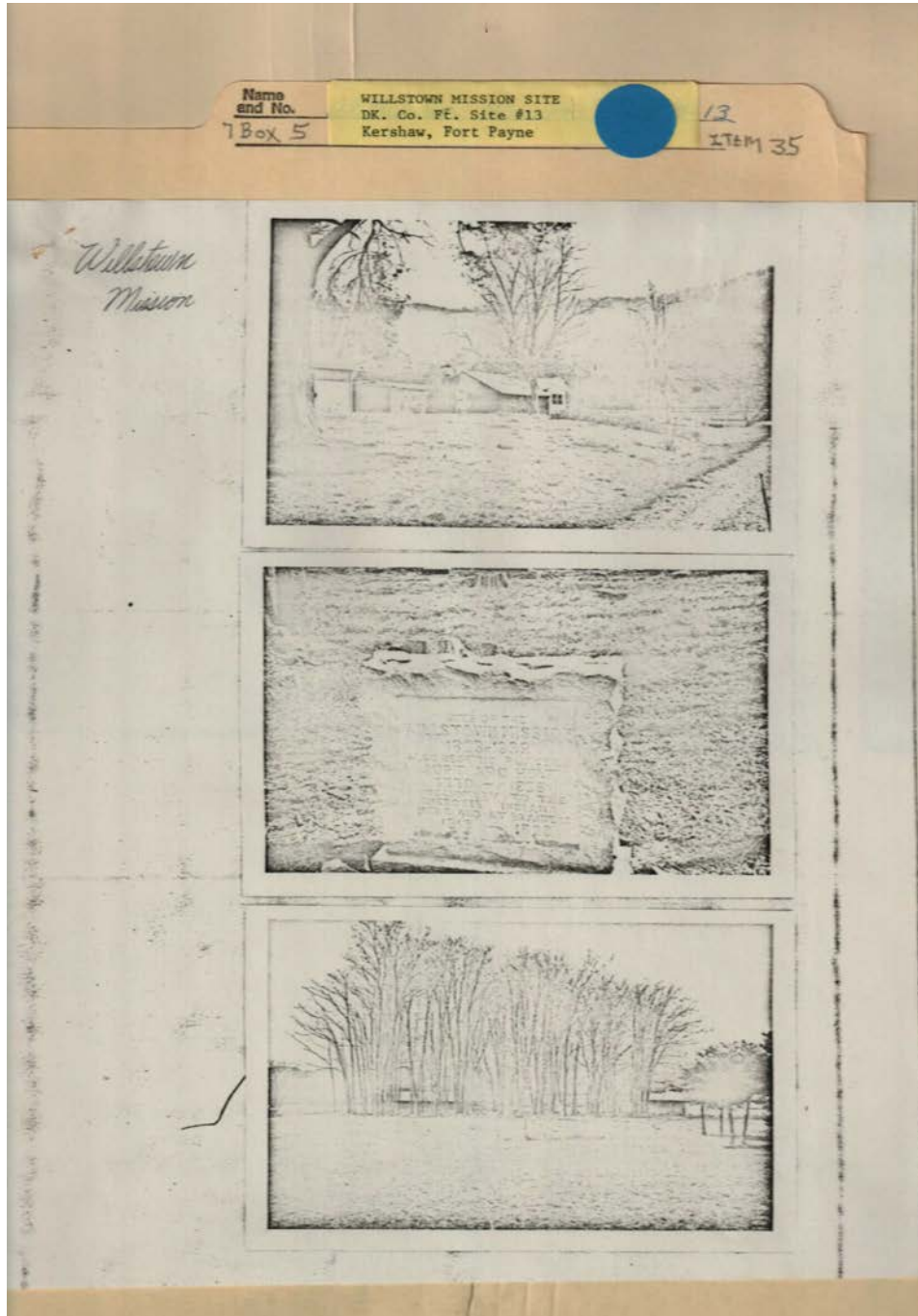
Dates:

Mar 23, 1974

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Names:

Willstown Mission
Site

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Types:

photographs

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Names:

Willstown Mission
Site

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Types:

photographs

Name and No. WILLSTOWN MISSION SITE
 DK. Co. Ft. Site #13
 Kershaw, Fort Payne

Box 5
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Form 10-300 (July 1967) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>Alabama</u>	
COUNTY: <u>DeKalb</u>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Willstown Mission

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: TAMM Road (Northeast Fort Payne)

CITY OR TOWN: Fort Payne

STATE: Alabama COUNTY: DeKalb

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Privately owned cemetery lot</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Charles M. Scott

STREET AND NUMBER: 503 N.W. 4th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Fort Payne, Alabama STATE: Alabama CODE: 35967

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: DeKalb County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Grand Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Fort Payne STATE: Alabama CODE: 35967

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

Names:

National Register of Historic Places

Scott, Charles M., Mrs.

Willstown Mission

Places:

Dekalb Co., AL

Fort Payne, Dekalb Co., AL

Types:

nomination form

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Name and No.		WILLSTOWN MISSION SITE			12
Box 5		DK. Co. Ft. Site #13 Kershaw, Fort Payne			
7 DESCRIPTION					
CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE					
<p style="text-align: center;">SEE INSTRUCTIONS</p>					

Names:

Willstown Mission

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Types:

nomination form

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Box 5 DK. Co. Ft. Site #13 ITEM 35
Kershaw, Fort Payne

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" 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 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"/> Itorian	_____
<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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Names:
Willstown Mission

Places:
DeKalb Co., AL

Types:
nomination form

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

*Walker, Robert Sparks, Lookout, the Story of a Mountain, Second Edition, Chattanooga: George C. Hudson & Company, 1952, I, VI, I,
LAND MARKS DEKALB COUNTY INC. The DeKalb Legend, Fort Payne, Fort Payne, Printing Co. 1972*

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	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	° . ' . "	° . ' . "	°	' "	° . ' . "
NE	° . ' . "	° . ' . "	°	' "	° . ' . "
SE	° . ' . "	° . ' . "	°	' "	° . ' . "
SW	° . ' . "	° . ' . "	°	' "	° . ' . "

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: _____

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

GPC 901.087

Names:

Walker, Robert Sparks

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Types:

nomination form

TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY
Final Report Form 17

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map 13

1. Name of site or structure Willstown Mission

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) _____

3. Description Site

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known A granite monument at the grave of the missionaries and Hoyt marks the site of the Willstown Mission established by the American Board of Missions in 1823. The mission served the Cherokee of the area until they were forced to leave.
The Reverend Will Hoyt was a native of Connecticut who served as superintendent of the Engwird Mission near Chattanooga, before coming to help establish the mission at Willstown. When Hoyt died he was buried in the garden. Many other unmarked graves were added later as soldiers and whites were laid to rest near Hoyt's grave. Later, during the years 1841-1848 Vance and Margaret Larmore and five of their children were buried in the small cemetery. (Today a great-great granddaughter of Vance Larmore owns the lot.)
On an adjoining lot stands the oldest building in DeKalb County, the original old smoke house of the mission.

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Names:

Hoyt, Ard, Rev.
Larmore, Vance &
Margaret

TARCOG Historical
Survey
Willstown Mission

Willstown Mission
smoke house

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

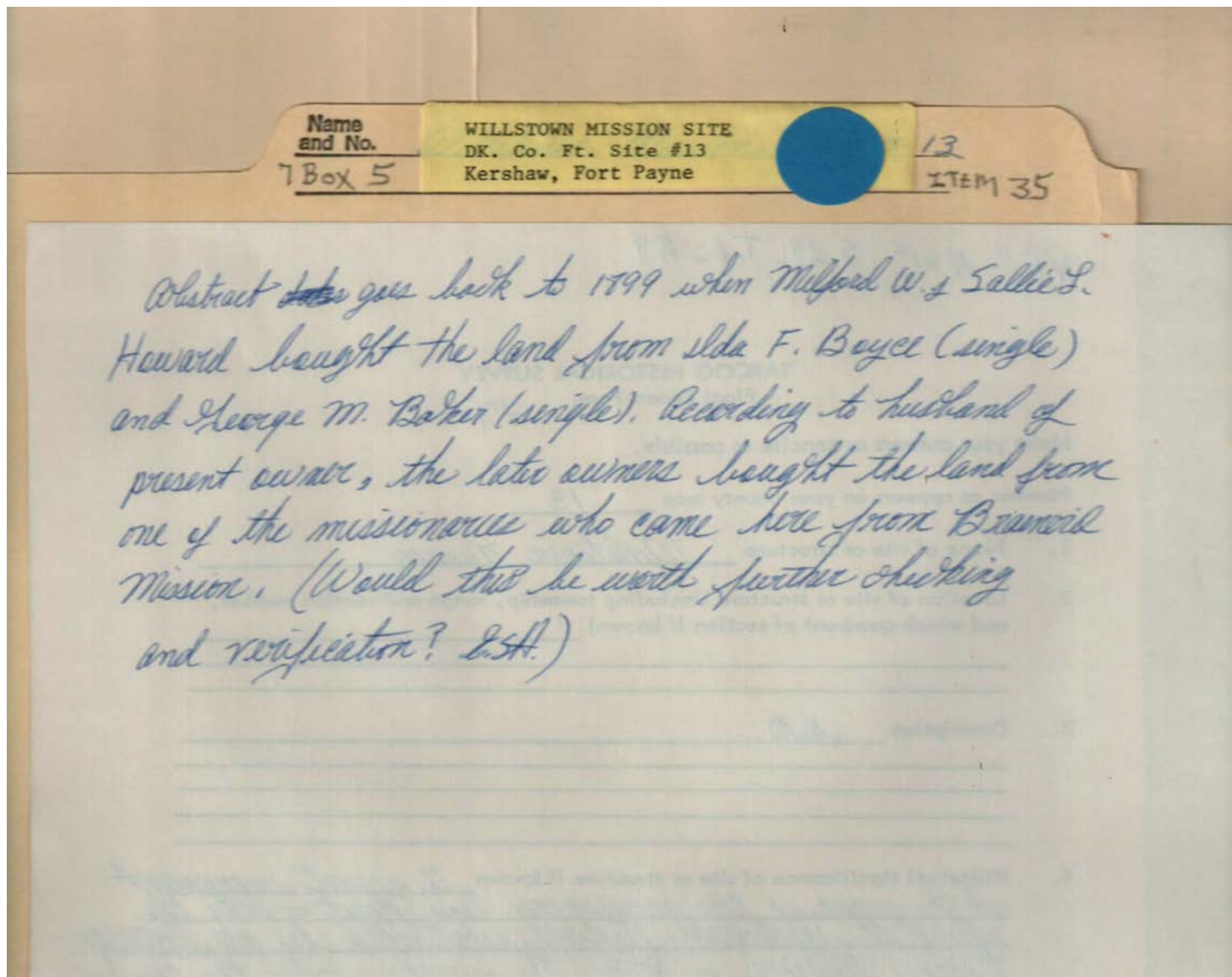
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Names:

Baker, George M.
Boyer, Ida F.

Howard, Milford W.
& Sallie L.

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

Types:

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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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