

STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
725 MONROE STREET  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130  
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ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY Autauga

PRESENT NAME GRAIN SCALE HISTORIC NAME GRAIN SCALE

LOCATION (Street and number) Rawlinsons Grist Mill

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Prattville, Alabama

PRESENT USE ABANDONED HISTORIC USE GRAIN SCALE

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME Andrew J. Rawlinson

MAILING ADDRESS 141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair ( ) Ruins (X)

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? Vandalism, Erosion of Surroundings

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ( )  
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a  
Historic District? NO

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State (X) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant,  
give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the  
community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend  
or person related to the building's importance.)

See Attached Sheet

Photo of Scale same as one for Wheat Scourer.

Date of Construction: 1910 Estimated  
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

FAIR BANKS MANUFACTURING COMPANY MODEL # 103/4

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

G. H. "RUBE" RAWLINSON (1879 to 1966)

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

ANDREW J. RAWLINSON SON OF G. H. "RUBE" RAWLINSON

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

PRESENT OWNER - NOMENCLATURE TAKEN FROM  
REMAINS OF SCALE

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)  
YOU MUST PROVIDE US WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STRUCTURE, SHOWING FRONT, SIDE, REAR  
AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Basement \_\_\_\_\_ Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscotting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings:

Give all alterations and additions: (Be specific, give date of change and original appearance when known)

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and additions. Also give north arrow and indicate front of the structure.

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Form prepared by Warren S. McEachern Date 1/7/78  
Address 422 Pratt Street Phone 365-2099  
Town Prattville, Alabama 36067  
Organization Historical Restorations Committee American Legion Post #122

This scale is part of several pieces of significant machines located in Rawlinsons Grist Mill on Whitewater Creek in Antauga County.

The scale was purchased by G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson for use in his mill. The scale was manufactured by the Fairbanks Manufacturing Company. The place of manufacture is not known. The estimated date of manufacture is 1910.

The scale is in very poor condition in relation to the other machines in the mill. The pressure plate and counter weights are missing. The metal frame and woodwork are in excellent condition.

This scale is an outstanding example of the type of scales used in mill operations at the turn of the century.

It is strongly recommended that the scale be added to the states list of historical items

Sincerely

Warren S. McEachern  
Chairman  
Historical Restoration Committee  
American Legion Post #R2

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COUNTY AUTAUGA

PRESENT NAME Wheat Scourer HISTORIC NAME Wheat Scourer

LOCATION (Street and number) Rawlinson's Grist Mill

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Prattville Alabama

PRESENT USE Abandoned HISTORIC USE Wheat Scourer

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME Andrew J. Rawlinson

MAILING ADDRESS 141 North Chestnut  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair (X) Ruins ( )

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? Vandalism, Erosion of Surroundings

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ( )  
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? No

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State (X) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

See Attached Sheet

Date of Construction: 1910 approximately  
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

The S. Haves Company  
Silver Creek, New York

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson 1879-1966 son of John L. Rawlinson  
1841-1902 founder of Rawlinsons Lrist mill.

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

Andrew J. Rawlinson son of G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson  
141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Present Owner - No mandature taken from stencils  
on machine.

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AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Basement \_\_\_\_\_

Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

General setting and orientation:

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Organization Historical Restorations Committee American Legion Post #122

This wooden machine is one of several pieces of significant machines located in Rawlinson's Grist Mill on Whitewater Creek in Autauga County.

This machine, a Eureka Double Wheat Scourer, model # 38, serial # 60504, was manufactured by The S. Howes Company of Silvercreek, New York. The date of manufacture is approximately 1910. This machine was purchased by Mr. G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson for use in his grist mill.

This machine is in outstanding condition despite its age and wooden construction. This machine is an outstanding example of the type of machinery used by millers at the turn of the century.

It is strongly recommended that this machine be added to the State of Alabama list of historic items.

Sincerely

Warren S. McEachern  
Chairman Historical Restoration  
Post # 122 American Region



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ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY Autauga

PRESENT NAME Stalk Cutter HISTORIC NAME Stalk Cutter

LOCATION (Street and number) Rawlinsons Grist mill

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Prattville, Alabama

PRESENT USE Abandoned HISTORIC USE Cane and Corn Stalk Cutter

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME Andrew J. Rawlinson

MAILING ADDRESS 141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good (X) Fair ( ) Ruins ( )

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? Erosion, Vandalism

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings (X)  
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? No

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State ( ) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

See attached sheet

Date of Construction: 1905 approximately  
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

G.H. "Rube" Rawlinson

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

G.H. "Rube" Rawlinson son of John L. Rawlinson  
founder of Rawlinsons Grist mill.

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

Andrew J. Rawlinson son of G.H. "Rube" ~~Rube~~ Rawlinson  
141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Present owner

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)  
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Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Basement \_\_\_\_\_ Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings:

Give all alterations and additions: (Be specific, give date of change and original appearance when known)

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Organization American Legion Post # 122 Historical Restorations  
Committee

This machine located in Rawlinsons Grist Mill is one of the most unique machines in the site. This machine was built by hand by G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson for use as cane and corn stalk cutter. The estimated date of manufacture is 1905.

This machine has not been used for many years, and is in outstanding condition. It is highly recommended that this machine be added to the States inventory of historic items

Sincerely  
Warren S. McEachen  
American Legion Post #12  
Historical Restoration  
Committee

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COUNTY Autauga

PRESENT NAME Flour Bolter HISTORIC NAME Flour Bolter

LOCATION (Street and number) Rawlinsons Grist Mill

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Prattville, Alabama 36067

PRESENT USE Abandoned HISTORIC USE Flour Bolter

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME Andrew J. Rawlinson

MAILING ADDRESS 141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good (X) Fair ( ) Ruins ( )

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? Erosion of Surroundings, vandalism

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ( )  
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? NO

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State (X) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

See attached sheets

Date of Construction: 1900 estimated  
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

No information available as to manufacturer

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson son of John L. Rawlinson founder of Rawlinsons Grist Mill.

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

Andrew J. Rawlinson son of G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson,  
141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Present owner - survey of machine

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)  
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AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Basement \_\_\_\_\_ Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings:

Give all alterations and additions: (Be specific, give date of change and original appearance when known)

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and additions. Also give north arrow and indicate front of the structure.

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Form prepared by Warren S. McEachern Date 1/8/78

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Town Prattville, Alabama 36067

Organization Historical Restorations Committee, American Legion Post #122

This flour bolter is one the most significant machines in Rawlinsons Gristmill on Whitewater Creek in Antauga County.

The machine was purchased around 1900 by G.H. "Rube" Rawlinson for use in his Grist Mill.

No information is available as to date and place of manufacture. The machine is in perfect condition despite its age and wooden construction.

This machine is an outstanding example of early Flour Bolters. It is highly recommended that it be added to the States list of Historical sites.

Sincerely,  
Warren S. McEachern  
Chairman  
Historical Restorations Committee  
American Legion Post #122



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COUNTY Autauga

PRESENT NAME RICE HUSKER HISTORIC NAME Rice Husker

LOCATION (Street and number) Rawlinsons Grist Mill

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Prattville Alabama

PRESENT USE ABANDONED HISTORIC USE Rice Husker

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME ANDREW J. RAWLINSON

MAILING ADDRESS  
Prattville Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair (X) Ruins ( )

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? Vandalism, Erosion of Surroundings

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ( )  
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? NO

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State (X) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

See Attached Sheet

Date of Construction: 1894 circa  
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

THE ENGELBERG HOLLER COMPANY  
SYRACUSE, New York, Patented September 11, 1894

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

John Lewis Rawlinson (1841-1902) FOUNDER OF  
RAWLINSONS GRIST MILL.

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

G. H. "RUBE" RAWLINSON SON OF J. L. RAWLINSON 1879-(1966)

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

MR. ANDREW J. RAWLINSON PRESENT OWNER.  
NO MANUFACTURE ON MACHINE MANUFACTURERS PLATE

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AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Basement \_\_\_\_\_ Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings:

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Organization HISTORICAL RESTORATION COMMITTEE, AMERICAN LEGION POST #122

This Rice Husker is one of several pieces of significant machinery located in Rawlinson's Grist Mill on White Water Creek in Autauga County.

This machine was purchased by John H. Rawlinson around the turn of the century for use in his mill. The machine was made by the Engelberg Huller Company of Syracuse, New York, model # 7398. The last know patent for this model machine was issued on September 11, 1894.

The condition of this machine is outstanding considering its age, amount of years in operation. All movable ~~are~~ parts are functional. This machine is an outstanding example of the type of machinery used by millers at the turn of the century.

It is strongly recommended that this machine be placed on the state of Alabama list of historical items.

Sincerely,

Warren S. McEachern  
Chairman, Historical Restorations Comm.  
American Legion Post # 122

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COUNTY Autauga

PRESENT NAME Grist Mill HISTORIC NAME Grist Mill

LOCATION (Street and number) Rawlinson's Grist Mill

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Prattville, Alabama

PRESENT USE Abandoned HISTORIC USE Grist Mill

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME Andrew J. Rawlinson

MAILING ADDRESS 141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good (X) Fair ( ) Ruins ( )

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

TREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? Erosion, Vandalism

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ( )  
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? No

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State (X) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

See attached sheet

Date of Construction: 1915 estimated  
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

No information available

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

H. H. "Rube" Rawlinson son of John H. Rawlinson founder  
of Rawlinson's Grist Mill.

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

Andrew J. Rawlinson son of H. H. "Rube" Rawlinson  
141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Present owner - Survey of machine

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)  
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~~Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_  
Basement \_\_\_\_\_ Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_~~

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings:

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Organization Historical Restorations Committee American Legion Post #122

This Grist Mill is one of several <sup>4</sup> pieces of significant machinery in Rawlinson's Grist Mill located on Whitewater Creek in Autauga County.

The machine was purchased by G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson for use in his mill around 1915. No information is available on place of manufacture.

This mill is in outstanding condition despite its age and wooden construction. The mill is in outstanding condition and a perfect example of the grist mills used by turn of the century mills.

It is strongly recommended that this machine be placed on the State of Alabama's list of historical items.

Sincerely

Warren S. McEachern  
Chairman  
Historical Restoration Committee  
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PRESENT NAME Grist mill HISTORIC NAME Grist Mill

LOCATION (Street and number) Rawlinson's Grist Mill

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Prattville, Alabama

PRESENT USE Abandoned HISTORIC USE Grist Mill

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME Andrew J. Rawlinson

MAILING ADDRESS 141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good (X) Fair ( ) Ruins ( )

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? Erosion of Surroundings, Vandalism

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ( )  
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? NO

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State (X) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

See attached sheets

Date of Construction: 1915

Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

No information available as to manufacturer

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson (1879-1966) son of John H. Rawlinson  
founder of Rawlinsons Grist Mill

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

Andrew J. Rawlinson son of G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson  
141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Present owner - survey of machine

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~~Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~Basement \_\_\_\_\_ Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_~~

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Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings:

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This heavy duty grist mill was purchased in 1915 by G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson for use in his Grist mill in 1915.

The mill machine is in outstanding condition despite its wooden construction and age. No information is available as to the manufacturer. This machine is an outstanding example of the heavy duty grist mills used by millers after the turn of the century.

It is strongly recommended that this machine be placed on the State of Alabama's list of historical items.

Sincerely

Warren S. McEachern  
Chairman  
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COUNTY Autauga

PRESENT NAME Rice Cleaner HISTORIC NAME Rice Cleaner

LOCATION (Street and number) Rawlinson Grist Mill

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Prattville, Alabama

PRESENT USE Abandoned HISTORIC USE Rice Cleaner

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME Andrew J. Rawlinson

MAILING ADDRESS 141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair ( ) Ruins (X)

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? Erosion, Vandalism

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ( )  
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District?  
No

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State (X) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

See attached sheet

Date of Construction: 1917.

Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

One minute Manufacturing Company  
Newton, Iowa

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson, son of John Lewis Rawlinson founder  
of Rawlinsons Grist mill.

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

Andrew J. Rawlinson son of G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson  
141 North Chestnut Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Present owner - No manelature taken from remains  
of machine.

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each catagory please state if elements are not original)  
YOU MUST PROVIDE US WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STRUCTURE, SHOWING FRONT, SIDE, REAR  
AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Basement \_\_\_\_\_ Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings:

Give all alterations and additions: (Be specific, give date of change and original appearance when known)

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and additions. Also give north arrow and indicate front of the structure.

Form prepared by Warren S. McEachern Date 1/7/78  
Address 422 Pratt Street Phone 365/2079  
Town Prattville, Alabama 36067  
Organization Historical Restorations Committee American Legion Post #122

This rice cleaner was purchased by S. H. "Rube" Rawlinson for use in his Grist mill in 1917.

The cleaner was manufactured in 1917 by the One minute Manufacturing Company of Newton, Iowa. The machine is in very poor condition due to its constant exposure to the weather.

This machine is an outstanding example of the type of machinery used in rice production of turn of the century mills. It is recommended that this machine be placed on the States list of historical items.

Sincerely,

Warren S. McEachern  
Chairman,  
Historical Restorations Committee  
American Legion Post #122



STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
725 MONROE STREET  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130  
PHONE: 832-6621



ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY AUTAUGA

PRESENT NAME EXHAUST FAN HISTORIC NAME EXHAUST FAN

LOCATION (Street and number) RAWLINSONS GRIST MILL

TOWN (Give directions if rural) PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA

PRESENT USE ABANDONED HISTORIC USE COTTON ELEVATOR EXHAUST FAN

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ( )

OWNER'S NAME ANDREW J. RAWLINSOON

MAILING ADDRESS 141 NORTH CHESTNUT STREET  
PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA 36067

CONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good (X) Fair ( ) Ruins ( )

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

From where? \_\_\_\_\_ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? VANDALISM, EROSION OF SURROUNDINGS

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ( )  
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )  
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District? No

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local (X) State (X) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

See Attached Sheet

Date of Construction: 1917 estimated  
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

Smiths DIXIE COMPANY Model # 18

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

G.H. "Rube" RAWLINSON (1879 to 1966) SON OF  
John Lewis RAWLINSON FOUNDER OF RAWLINSONS  
Grist mill.

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

ANDREW J. RAWLINSON SON OF G.H. "Rube" RAWLINSON  
141 NORTH Chestnut Street  
Prattville, ALABAMA 36067

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Present OWNER - NO MANUFACTURE TAKEN FROM  
EXHAUST FAN.

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)  
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AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

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Basement \_\_\_\_\_ Interior framing or structural system \_\_\_\_\_~~

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Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

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Outbuildings:

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ALA. HISTORIC COMMISSION

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Town Prattville, Alabama 36067  
Organization Historical Restorations Committee American Legion Post #122

This cotton elevator exhaust fan is the only surviving piece of machinery from a cotton gin operated by G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson.

This machine was manufactured by Smith's Dixie Company. The place manufacture is unknown. The estimated date of manufacture is 1917. The fan is in very good condition. Its blades is four in number.

This machine is an outstanding example of the ventilation machinery of turn of the century cotton gin mills. It is recommended this artifact be placed on the states list of historic items.

Sincerely,

Warren S. McEachern  
Chairman  
Historical Restoration Committee  
American Legion Post # 122

## Rawlinson Grist Mill Machinery

### Significance

On October 28, 1977, Rawlinson Grist Mill in Autauga County was placed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage as one of the oldest remaining Grist Mills in Central Alabama. Not only is the mill building a truly outstanding Alabama Landmark, but the equipment, that up until recently was still housed in the mill, is significant in its own right. Therefore, the Historical Restoration Committee of American Legion Post #122 has gathered the information necessary to nominate the equipment to the state register. In addition, they have initiated an effort to restore the equipment and the site as a significant demonstration of Central Alabama's history. The equipment includes a Stalk Cutter, a Wheat Scourer, a Flour Bolter, two Grist Mills, a Rice Husker, a Rice Cleaner, a Grain Scale and an Exhaust Fan. All of the equipment, with the exception of the Rice Husker, was acquired by G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson, son of John Lewis Rawlinson, who built the present structure prior to 1875.

STALK CUTTER - Built around 1915 by the owner of the Mill G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson. Used as a cane and corn stalk cutter, this machine has not been used for many years and is in good condition.

WHEAT SCOURER - A Eureka Double Wheat Scourer, model #38, serial #60504, manufactured by the S. Howes Company of Silvercreek, New York in 1910. The machine is in good condition and is an outstanding example of the type machinery used at the turn-of-the-century by Millers.

FLOUR BOLTER - Purchased around 1900, no information is available on the manufacturer, date or place of manufacture. The machine is in perfect condition.

GRIST MILL (I) - Purchased around 1915, nothing else is known about this mill. It is in good condition and is an outstanding example of mills used at the turn-of-the-century, significantly smaller than older mills.

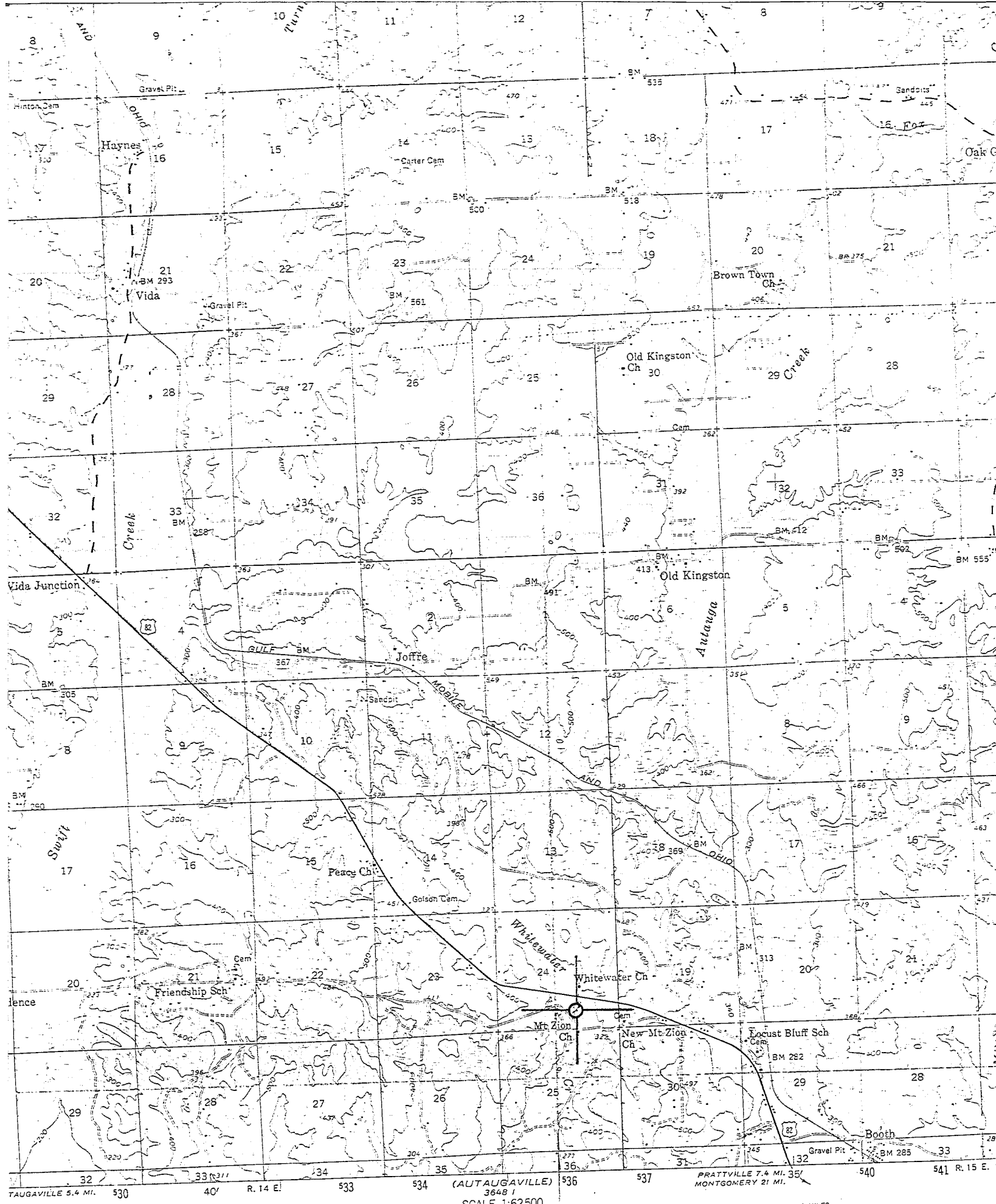
GRIST MILL (II) - This heavy duty grist mill was purchased in 1915 and is a good example of heavy duty mills used after 1900.

RICE HUSKER - This machine was purchased by John L. Rawlinson, founder and builder of the present Rawlinson Grist Mill, at the close of the 19th century. The machine was manufactured by the Engelberg Huller Company of Syracuse, New York, Model #7398, the last known patent for this model machine was issued on September 11, 1894. All moveable parts are still functioning.

RICE CLEANER - Manufactured in 1917 by the One Minute Manufacturing Company of Newton, Iowa, this machine is in poor condition due to its constant exposure to the weather, however, it is an outstanding example of an important machine in rice production at the turn-of-the-century .

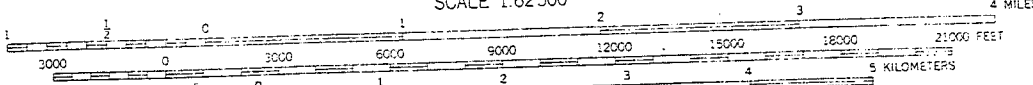
GRAIN SCALE - Manufactured by the Fairbanks Manufacturing Company around 1910, the scales are in poor condition. The pressure plate and counter weights are missing, but the metal frame and woodwork are in excellent condition.

EXHAUST FAN - This cotton elevator exhaust fan is the only surviving piece of equipment from a cotton gin operated by G. H. "Rube" Rawlinson in connection with his Grist Mill. Manufactured by Smith's Dixie Company around 1917 the fan is in very good condition.



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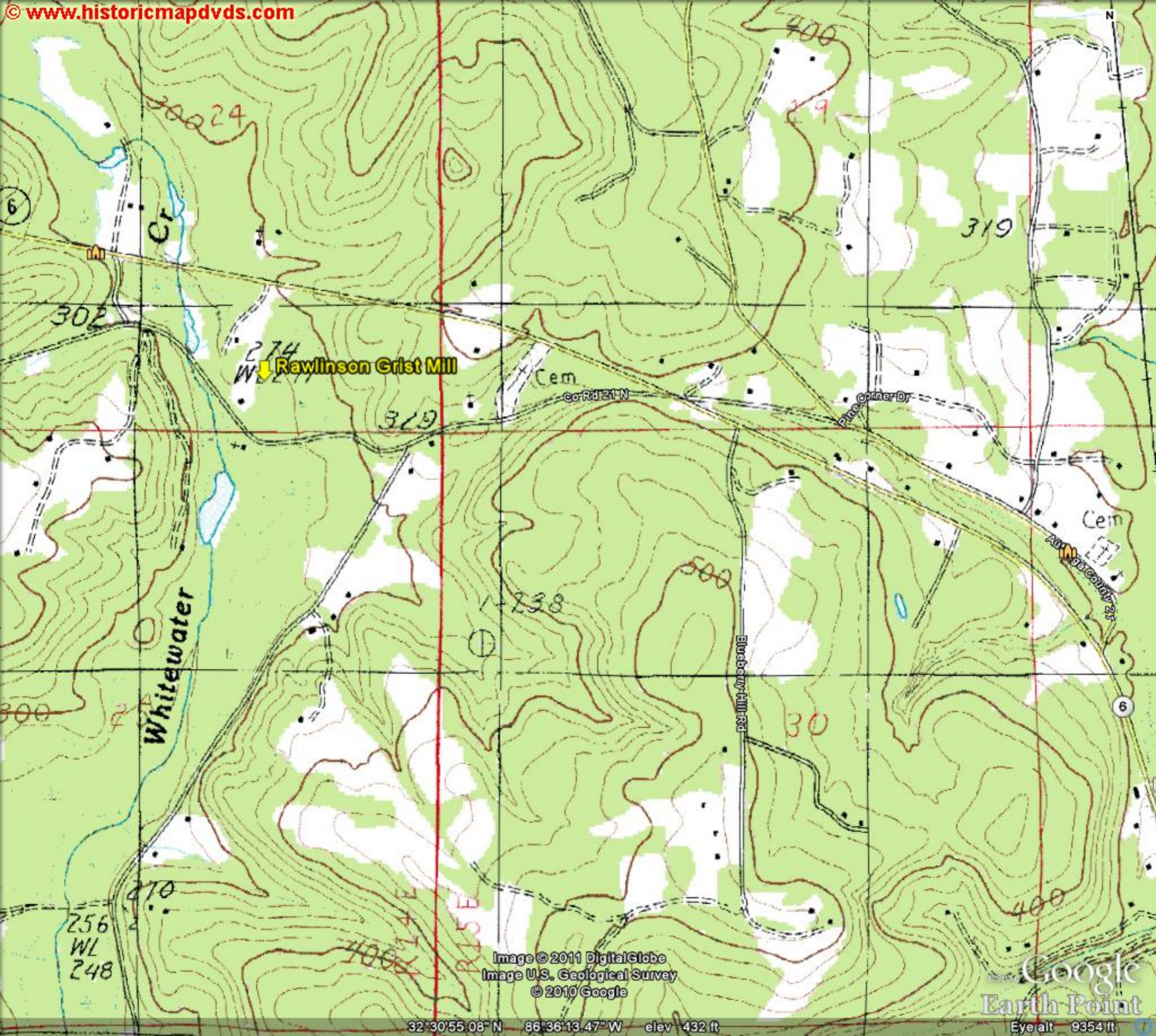
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