

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: Bullock	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Chunnenugee Ridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Chunnenugee Public Gardens

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Union Springs Vicinity

CITY OR TOWN:
NE ¼ of NE ¼ of S.33, T 14, R 24

STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Bullock CODE: 011

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>woods</u>
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. W.O. Turnipseed

STREET AND NUMBER:
201 Chunnenugee Ridge Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Union Springs STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Bullock County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Union Springs STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

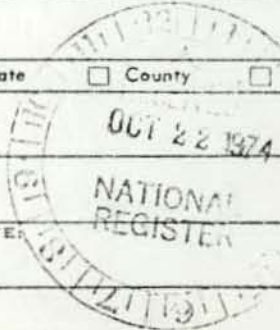
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chunnenuggee Ridge Public Garden consisted of a five acre tract of land located on the Peachburg Road across from the residence of Dr. N.B. Powell. The original layout of the rather elaborate garden is not known, but it was enclosed with a post and plank fence, was well planted with shrubery and contained a latticed pavillion. This pavillion was constructed in 1851, and had a central column encircled with seats. In addition there were arbors and a 'Lover's Knot' maze.

The area is now planted with pecan trees but a small (90 foot by 120 foot) plot has been made into a garden.



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(Significance Continued)

A small section of the original gardens has been acquired by the Chunnenugee Horticultural Society, which was organized in 1938, and has been planted as a garden.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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 | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | 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

The Chunnenugee Ridge Public Garden was Alabama's first public garden and was designed and developed by the first horticultural society in the state and one of the South's earlier botanical organizations.

In the 1840's a number of planters with lands in the area surrounding Chunnenugee Ridge moved their homes to this higher land, leaving their plantations under the supervision of overseers. By the early 1850's, the community was well established and two colleges and several churches were built.

On the evening of March 6, 1847, a group of men and women met for the purpose of organizing a horticultural society with the intention of having monthly exhibits of flowers and, in season, fruits and vegetables.

At the third meeting of the society in late March, it was resolved that the society would lay out and build a public garden and a committee was appointed to select and acquire a suitable site. As this same meeting A.J. Downing was elected an honorary member.

Later the society decided to hold a public fair on the second of May. The fair, which was very successful, became an annual event known as the Chunnenugee May Fair and attracted crowds from nearby cities.

By November of 1847, the property committee had acquired by donation a tract of land belonging to Dr. N.B. Powell with the stipulation that the property revert to him should it cease to be used as a public pleasure ground.

The site was cleared and the garden laid out by the slaves of the society members. A section of the garden was set aside for growing cotton and strawberries which were sold to defray the cost of prizes for the flower shows.

Several buildings were constructed in the garden and the annual fairs continued until shortly before the Civil War. During the war the gardens fell to ruins and the property was acquired in the 1920's by the present owner.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Garden Club of Alabama - Year Book Number Five, 1938-1939

Minutes of the Chunnenugee Horticultural Society, in files of Archives and History.

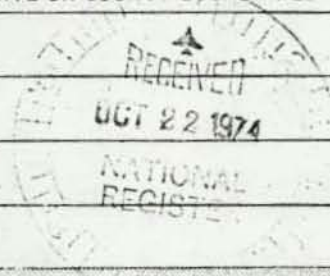
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	.	.	32°	09'	23"
NE	0	.	.	85°	38'	11"
SE	0	.	.			
SW	0	.	.			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission

DATE: Oct. 10, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
725 Monroe St.

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery

STATE: Alabama

CODE: 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Phil B. Howard Jr.

Title SHPO Ala.

Date Oct. 14, 1974

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 _____

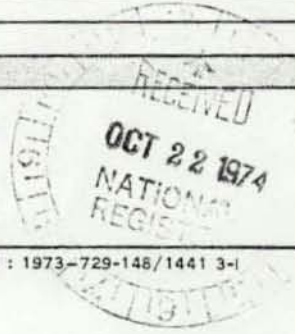
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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

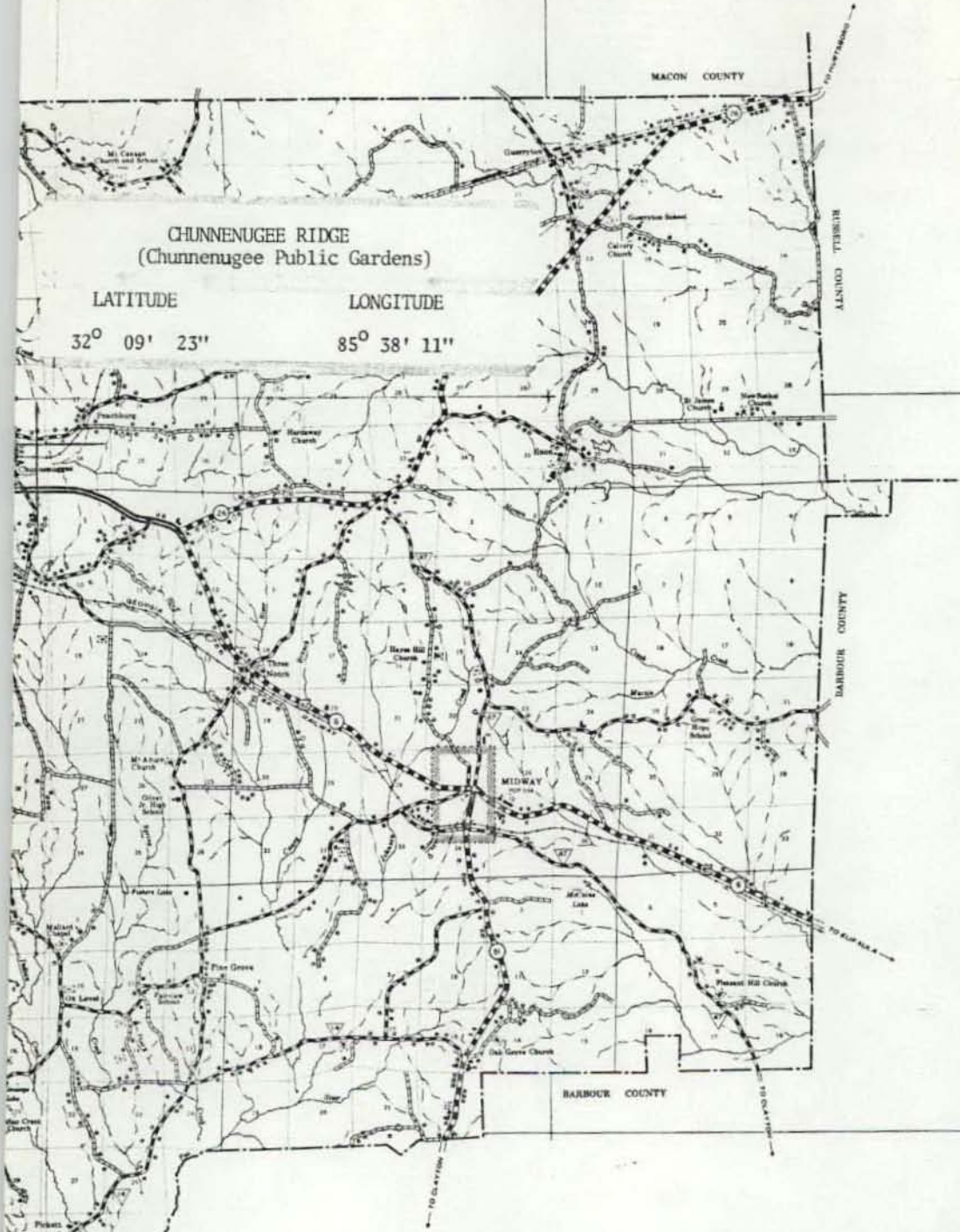
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Alabama	01	Bullock	011
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Alabama State Highway Department, Bureau of Planning & Programming General Highway Map Bullock County			
SCALE: 1 inch equals 2 miles			
DATE: 1967			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





CHUNNENUGEE RIDGE
(Chunnenugee Public Gardens)

LATITUDE

LONGITUDE

32° 09' 23"

85° 38' 11"



GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP BULLOCK COUNTY ALABAMA

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ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
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