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Alabama Register Property Information

Ala. Historical Commission

1. Name

historic Henry, C.B., Barn

and/or common Henry Farm Barn

2. Location

street & number see attached legal description

city, town Jacksonville _____ vicinity of

state Alabama county Calhoun

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant/not in use

4. Owner of Property

name Ron Stancil

street & number 1430 Quintard Avenue

city, town Anniston _____ vicinity of state Alabama

5. Please use space below to sketch floor plan/site plan.

see attached

6. Description

Condition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	Check one	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The subject property consists of approximately ten (10) acres and is a single tract of land. The most prominent structure remaining on the land is an imposing, U-shaped multi-level barn built around (1910 by a former owner of the land, C.B. Henry. The only other structure located on the tract is a small out-building in an advanced state of disrepair. At the time of its construction, the barn was a state of art "picture book" facility. Although the building has been vacant for scores of years and largely neglected, the concrete walls and floors of the 13,500 square feet barn are still in remarkably good and sound condition. There are imposing giant twin silos and remnants of the automatic cattle feeders, elaborate hay lifting devices and water and drainage systems. The barn is surrounded by brush and trees, and the presence of graffiti on the interior walls is evidence of frequent visits from trespassers and vandals over the years. Current plans for development of the Henry Farm Barn include the restoration of the structure and conversion into a restaurant with banquet facilities.

The barn was far more technologically advanced than any similar facilities in the area, containing automatic feeders, elaborate lifting devices for hay, and sophisticated water and drainage systems. The sturdy construction of the barn attested by the fact that it now stands in its present, structurally sound condition.

W.I. Greenleaf, another prominent businessman and property owner in the Jacksonville community, subsequently purchased the Henry Farm property, and his family held title to the property until 1971 when the remaining 269 acres was purchased from W.I. Greenleaf estate by the City of Jacksonville for \$165,000. The land no longer included the mansion, which had burned in the early 1950's. The City has developed portions of the farm, and the Jacksonville Hospital, an airport, the National Guard Armory, the Alabama Department of Public Safety Trooper Post, and doctors' and dentists' offices now occupy a large portion of the former farm.

7. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates *c. 1910*

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The subject property consists of approximately ten (10) acres and is a single tract of land. The most prominent structure remaining on the land is an imposing, U-shaped multi-level barn built around 1910 by a former owner of the land, C.B. Henry. The subject property was originally a portion of a 1400 acre tract of land purchased in 1852 by Columbus, S.C. native James Ainsley Stevenson. Aderholt's Mill was contained in the original purchase. Stevenson subsequently constructed a large antebellum mansion called "Hill Crest" on the property and operated a large plantation-style farm in the property with approximately 100 slaves. Stevenson became a prominent farmer and citizen in the area. The Henry Farm Barn was a state-of-the-art dairy barn at the time of its construction. C.B. Henry came to northeast Alabama from his home in New England, where barns of this type would have been more common. The style and design of the barn was traditional for New England, but its construction would have been notable even when compared with the very best dairy farms in the northeastern part of the country. In the South in general, however, and Alabama in particular, a dairy barn of this construction at this point in history was an extreme rarity. People came from miles around to see the barn and elderly people in the Jacksonville community (even now) can recall being taken to the farm to see this imposing and amazing barn. There were probably no more than 2 or 3 dairy farms in the entire state of Alabama at the time, so there was no "typical" dairy farm operation as such. At the time of the barn's construction, very few dairy barns of any type existed. The vast majority of dairy farmers used a lean-to type shed for their milking and dairy operations, and had no specialized facilities for their dairy functions. The farmers would carry by hand their pails from a well to the area where the cows were milked. There they would wash the cows' udders with water and milk the cows, using the same buckets to catch and carry the milk. There was no pumping or drainage system, no separate facility for cooling or storing the milk away from the dust and insects. The Henry dairy barn had concrete floor areas in which cows could be milked, with stanchions to hold the cows in place at their individual stations all the while. As many as 40 cows at a time could be serviced in this manner. When the milking was complete, these cows would be removed and another group moved into place. All floors and walls in the barn were constructed of concrete, including the upper levels. The Henry Farm also had a separate out building, which is still standing,

that was used specifically for storing the milk. This small building had a basement which would be pumped with water, and containers of milk would be placed in the cool water to keep it fresh. There is a fireplace on the upper floor and a well from which water was drawn and/or pumped. The walls of this structure are also concrete.

There are no known documents to indicate the builder/architect of the above mentioned building.

8. Major Bibliographical References

Julia Lindblom, Jacksonville native

Jack Boozer, The History of Jacksonville, Alabama

Butler Green, Jacksonville native

9. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Attached

10. Form Prepared By

name/title Jean Ayers Reid, Consultant

organization Reid's Consulting Agency

date October 1994

street & number 104 Pelham Road, South

telephone 205/435-4731

city or town Jacksonville

state Alabama

36265

11. Please submit color slides of the property with this form.

Color slides are attached

12. Please return ALABAMA REGISTER form to:

ALABAMA REGISTER COORDINATOR
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
468 SOUTH PERRY STREET
MONTGOMERY ALABAMA 36130-0900

Legal Description:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot No. 7, Block D of the Jacksonville Medical Center Subdivision Addition No. 2 and rearrangement of Addition No.1, as recorded in Plat Book Z, Page 92, in the Calhoun County Probate Office, and run Easterly along the South lines of Lots No. 7 and 1 a distance of 295.00 feet; thence deflect left and run Northeasterly along a curve to the left, having a Tangent length of 15.0 feet and Delta = 91 deg. 21 min. 00 sec., a distance of 20.96 feet measured along the chord of said curve, having a Deflection Angle of 45 deg. 40 min. 30 sec. left from the previous course; thence reflect 45 deg. 40 min. 30 sec. left from the chord of said curve and run Northerly along the East lines of Lots No. 1,2,3,4 and 5 of said Block D a distance of 503.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot No.5; thence deflect 88 deg. 39 min. 00 sec. left and run Westerly along the Northerly line of said Lot No. 5 a distance of 125.00 feet; thence deflect 00 deg. 25 min. 00 sec. left and continue Westerly a distance of 710.92 feet along the Southerly right-of-way line of Branscomb Drive; thence deflect 89 deg. 55 min. 00 sec. left and run Southerly a distance of 519.90 feet to a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of Henry Road SW; thence deflect 90 deg. 27 min. 10 sec. left and run Easterly along the Northerly right-of-way line of said Henry Road SW a distance of 535.25 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot No. 7, also being the point of beginning.

Said parcel of land being a portion of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 26, Township 14 South, Range 8 East, lying and being in Jacksonville, Calhoun County, Alabama and containing 10.0 acres, more or less.

Bibliography

Boozer, Jack - The History of Jacksonville, Alabama

Green, Butler- (dob 8/8/30). area resident and native whose family operated a cotton gin and general store in the Jacksonville area for generations. The Green family had a limited involvement in the dairy business, and Butler Green has in his lifetime worked in the dairy industry. He now owns a dairy farm in ____, Alabama. Green has a B.S. degree in Agriculture from Auburn University and has spent the majority of his career in public health. He now works as an environmental consultant.

Lindblom, Julia - A long time Jacksonville resident and a direct descendent of the Stevenson family, the original owners of the farm. As a small child, Mrs. Lindblom recalls visiting the dairy barn and the farm while both were in active operation.

See attached newspaper articles.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

C.B. HENRY BARN LISTED IN ALABAMA REGISTER

The C.B. Henry Barn, Jacksonville, Calhoun County, has recently been added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

Similar to the type of barn commonly found in New England, this imposing, U-shaped, multilevel barn was a state of the art dairy facility. The facility included two large silos, a milk house, automatic cattle feeders, hay-lifting devices, and water and drainage systems. Currently, plans are being made to rehab the barn into a restaurant.

The Alabama Register is a prestigious statewide listing of buildings, structures, objects, and districts that possess architectural and historical significance. It is administered by the Alabama Historical Commission, the official state agency responsible for helping Alabamians preserve their historic resources.

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