

## STATE OF ALABAMA

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## ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY Chambers CountyPRESENT NAME Structure HISTORIC NAME Pioneer HomesteadLOCATION (Street and number) Rt. 2, Box 260, LaFayette, AlabamaTOWN (Give directions if rural) 6 mi north of LaFayette, on HW 431, 1/2 mi W, White Plains.PRESENT USE Club House, Chapel HISTORIC USE Farm PlantationOWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private () Public acquisition being considered ( )OWNER'S NAME John Calvin SharpeMAILING ADDRESS Rt, 2, Box 260, LaFayette, AlabamaCONDITION: Excellent ( ) Good () Fair ( ) Ruins ( )INTEGRITY: Original Site () Moved ( ) When? \_\_\_\_\_

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

THREATS: No () Yes ( ) By What? \_\_\_\_\_RESTORATION WORK: Being considered () Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land () Woodland () 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? **yes, 200 acre Play-Grounds surround the area.**

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (  ) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local () State () National ( )  
(  ) 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.) **I am the 4th generation of Sharpes to own the HomeStead, have written two books on its family history, members of both sides of the family, are entitled to membership in the D.A.R. and S. A. R..**

Date of Construction: 1870.  
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known) James Monroe Sharpe,  
my father 1854-1937-my grand father-William Henry Sharpe, b-1833, d-1863,  
in Civil War, age 30, my great grand father-Daniel Hiram Sharpe, b-1811,  
d-1894, was in Indian War. These three, were original owners of land,  
where dogtrot type of log cabin was built in 1870.

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)  
My father, James Monroe Sharpe, and Laurella Milford Sharpe were parents  
of 10 sons, and no daughters, of which I, John Calvin Sharpe was no 9,  
and the only one living today, at the age of 83, was born Dec.23,1893.

About sending photographs?? Would on spot, inspection be sufficient,  
since their return would be requested, also, many of our photographs  
are off the larger size, which would be more expensive to mail.

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies) Answer given in above lines.

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data: Bible, Church,  
Family and County Records, with much Research.

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. All elements of the log structure are original, ac-  
cept the metal roof, which was added in 1930, for protection of the  
building. As to photos of all outside and insides, portions we have a  
complete collection. Will refer to that elsewhere.

Number of stories 1 and 1/2 Foundation stone pillars, heart pine sills  
Basement No basement Interior framing or structural system Logs  
and poles throughout.

Exterior wall material and design: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)

Roof type and covering:

Roof Trim: (Cornices, vergeboard, brackets, etc.)

Chimneys: (Give number, location, and material)

Porches: Front (type and description) \_\_\_\_\_

Rear (type and description) \_\_\_\_\_

Side (type and description) \_\_\_\_\_

Doors: Main entrance (location, description)

Other entrances: (location, description)

Windows: (Give types, number for each floor of facade, describe trim)

(Give types, number per floor for rear and sides)

#### INTERIOR FEATURES

Mantels: (Number, location, and description):

Describe interior window and door trim:

Stairways (types, locations and features)

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

Sketch of Pioneer Homestead----- Gal's Chapel  
Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_ Notable hardware: \_\_\_\_\_

General setting and orientation:

Outbuildings:

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

26ft

26  
ft

Full Pit

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.

Poach Apox. 48ft

Dining room 16ft

Hall 10ft

Bed Room 17ft

Chimney  
8 ft

Fire place

Poach 30ft  
Form prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

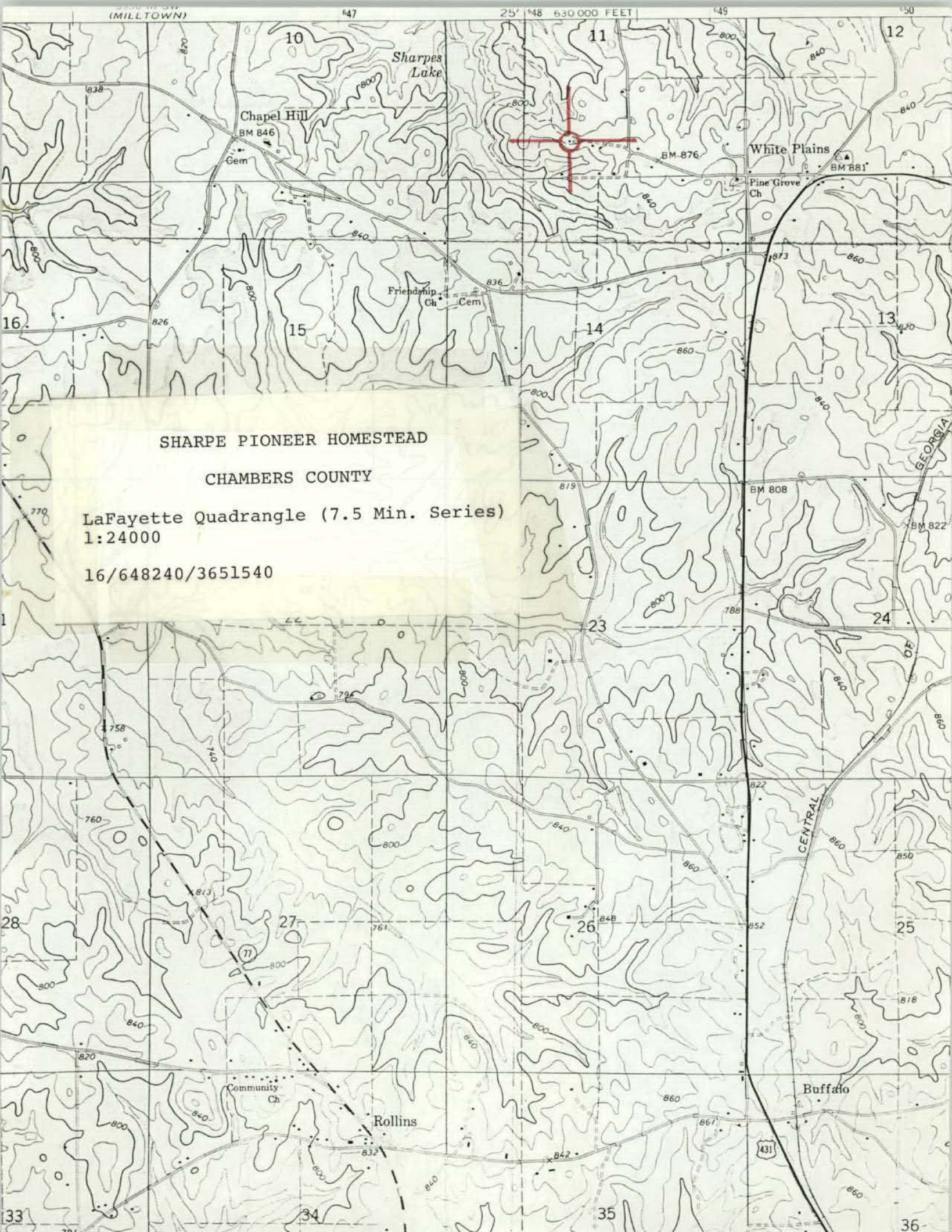
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address John C. Sharpe, Rt. 2, Box 260 LaFayette, Ala.

Phone 864-7566

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_



SHARPE PIONEER HOMESTEAD

CHAMBERS COUNTY

LaFayette Quadrangle (7.5 Min. Series)  
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