



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

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1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: Major Christolm Daniel House
and/or Common Name: Daniel House

2. LOCATION

Street & Number: 8545 Hwy 273
City: Cedar Bluff
State: Alabama County: Cherokee Zip: 35959

Is the property located within the city limits? Yes No
USGS Quad Map: _____ Township/Section/Range: T9/SE14 Sec 3/R9

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category: Building(s) District Structure Site Object
Ownership: Public Private Both
Status: Occupied Unoccupied Work in progress
Public Acquisition: In process Being considered
Accessible: No Yes: restricted Yes: unrestricted

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Vera J. Daniel Telephone: (256) 779-6601
Street & Number: 8545 Hwy 273
City or Town: Cedar Bluff State: AL Zip: 35959
Email: _____

5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Construction Date:	1835	Source:	Land Entry + other genealogical records
Alteration Date:	unknown	Source:	N/A
Architect:	None	Builder:	Major Chisholm Daniel
Physical Condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor)	Fair	Remaining Historic Fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	Medium
No. of stories:	One and a half	No. of front bays:	6
Historic use of property:	Residence - farm		
Current use of property:	Residence - farm		
Architectural Style:	Dogtrot covered w/ weather board	Building Form:	L-plan
Main roof configuration:	cross-gabled	Roof finish material:	composite shingles
Exterior wall materials:	log with weatherboard		
Porch type:	Full width, dropped roof	Foundation material:	Concrete block w/ stone
Window type and materials:	wood		
Describe alterations:	Exterior has been covered with weatherboard. Two framed additions to the rear. The dogtrot has been enclosed and covered with paneling on the interior. The porch may have been added.		
Number and type of all outbuildings:	2 metal storage sheds and one outhouse		
Exterior Architectural Description:	one and a half story dogtrot log cabin that has been covered with weatherboard; dogtrot has been enclosed; faces northeast; rectangular core with later framed additions to the rear that gives the house an L shaped plan; composition shingles; composite masonry chimneys on each gable wall; full length, dropped roof porch.		
Description of Setting:	The house is located on AL Hwy 273 at its intersection with Co. Rd. 275 which leads into the Little River Canyon National Preserve. It is a rural area surrounded by woods and agricultural fields. Wolf Creek is directly across Co. Rd 275 from the house. Little River is approximately half a mile away. The house is surrounded by trees and has a rock wall on the embankment in front of the house facing the intersection. The driveway is gravel and circles around behind the house. There are shrubs and flowers planted around the house.		

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria (check all that apply and explain below). See Instructions for more information.

Criterion A: Associated with historical events and activities relating to the property that are important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion B: Person or group with whom the property is associated is important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion C: Type, period, or method of construction represents architectural features that are significant in the development of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion D: Property has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in Alabama's history or prehistory.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

See attachment

8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

See attachment

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: 61

Attach a map showing the location of the property.

10. FORM PREPARED BY

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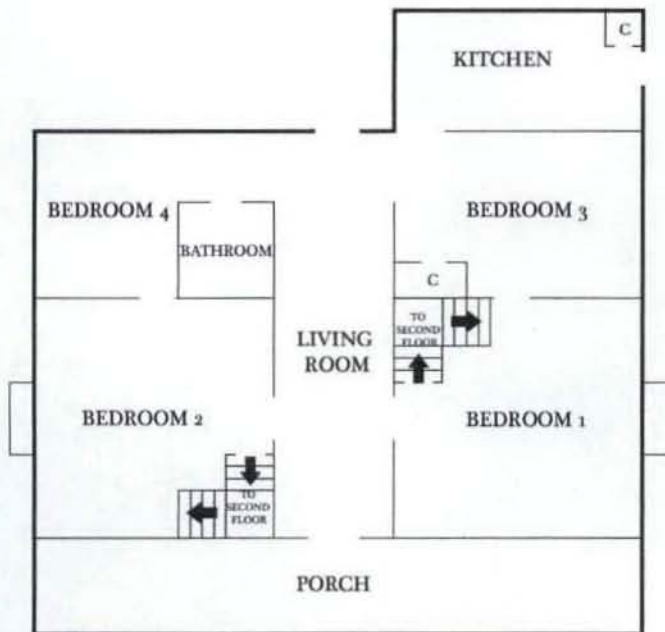
11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. They can be 4x6 color prints or digital images on a CD/DVD. All photographs will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

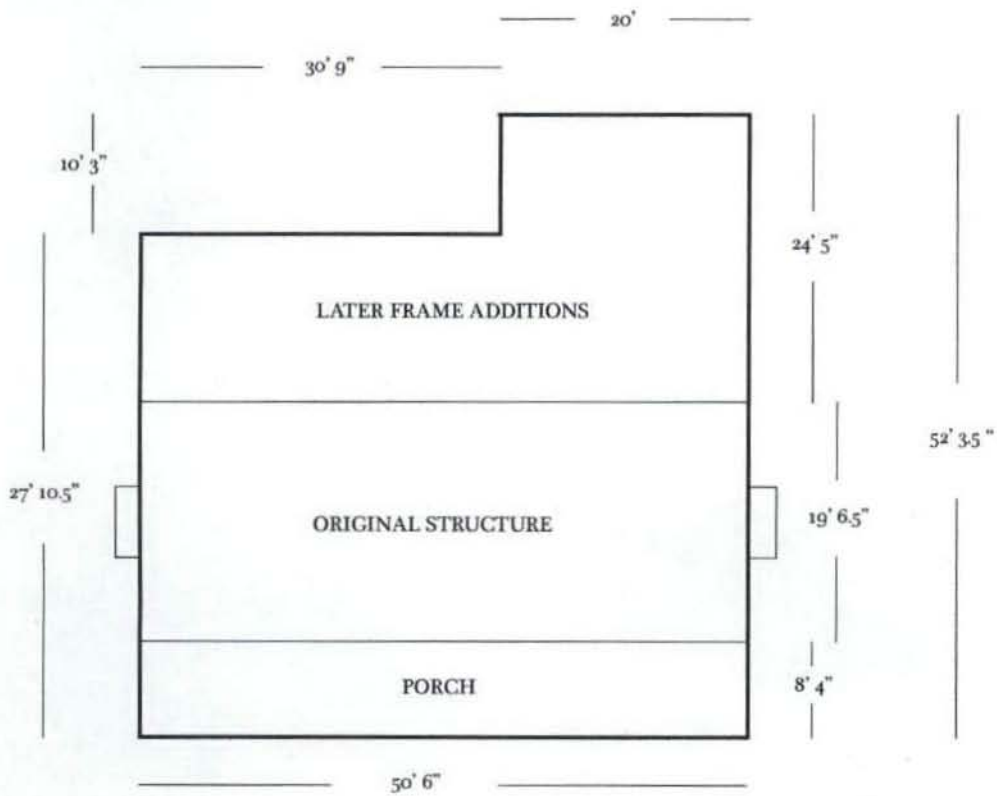
12. REMINDER:

Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 5, 9 and 11 and send them to:

Alabama Historical Commission
 Attn: Lee Anne Wofford
 P.O. Box 300900
 Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900



FLOOR PLAN OF THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE MAJOR CHISHOLM DANIEL HOUSE
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Significance

Criterion A

Settlement:

It was built by Chisholm Daniel. He was born October 5, 1790 in either Granville County, North Carolina or Virginia.¹

He served as Lieutenant of the 11th Company, detached from the Third Rutherford Regiment, during the War of 1812. It was his service in the military that earned him the title Major.²

In 1835, the Daniel family moved from Burke County, North Carolina along with other families to Cherokee County, Alabama. His brother, Leonard Daniel and his family, were among those who moved to Cherokee County together. They would have been among the earliest settlers in Cherokee County. They purchased three claims from Cherokee Indians including Walking Wolf.³

The property the house is on was the first entry in the Lebanon Land Office Record Book. The entry was made on April 18, 1842, but Major Daniel had already been living on the property for several years as there is a pre-emption noted on the land patent.⁴

The Daniel family was an important part of the community. Leonard Daniel was elected a Justice of the Peace for Cherokee County in 1837. There was a church, cemetery and school named after the Daniel Family. Major Daniel died January 31, 1865 and is buried near the house at Daniel Cemetery.

Military / Historical Events:

The house is said to have served as the Headquarters of Confederate General John Bell Hood on October 19, 1864. The house is mentioned in the Official Records of the American Civil War. Brig. Gen. Francis A. Shoup, C.S. Army, Chief of Staff, kept a memoranda of daily movements and events in the Army of Tennessee. He notes, "October 18. - Headquarters half a mile from Little River, near Major Daniels."⁵

Criterion C

Architecture:

It is believed to be the one of the oldest remaining houses in Cherokee County. The house is an excellent example of mid-eighteenth century structures constructed in this area by early settlers. It started as a dogtrot log cabin and the house evolved with weatherboard being added to the exterior. It is the only known surviving dogtrot cabin

in the county. The dogtrot has been enclosed and two framed additions have been made to the rear of the house. The exterior of the house still retains the same appearance as it would have had during the period of the Civil War. The only possible exceptions are the additions as it is unknown when they were added and a wheelchair ramp leading the the back door. The interior of the first floor rooms that were original to the cabin appear to have been altered very little since the Civil War period. They still have exposed rafters and boards covering the logs. There is a staircase in each side of the house. The dogtrot and later additions have newer wall paneling and foam ceiling panels. The floors have vinyl covering. I was not able to view or photograph the upstairs.

Sources:

1. Robert Neville Mann and Catherine Cleek Mann, *Middlesex, Virginia Daniel Descendants*, (Rome, Georgia:Whitener's Lettershop, Inc., 1959), Cherokee County Public Library, Centre,AL., 52.
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4. Mrs. Frank Ross Stewart, *Cherokee County History 1836 -1956, Volume II.*, (Birmingham, AL: The Birmingham Printing Company), Cherokee County Public Library, Centre,AL. 131-132
5. U.S.War Department, *War of the Rebellion:A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies.* ; Series I - Volume 39, Part I, 807.

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Timeline

1834 - Major Chisholm Daniel's son, David Chisholm Daniel, was born February 16, 1834 in Burke County, North Carolina.1

1835- A letter written many years later by Major Daniel's nephew John S. Daniel, states that they came to Alabama in 1835 and bought claims from Cherokee Indians one of which was Walking Wolf.2

1836 - Major Daniel's daughter, Martha Jane Daniel, married on January 10, 1836. The marriage was recorded in St. Clair County, Alabama. Cherokee County, Alabama was formed from part of St. Clair County on January 9, 1836.3

1837- Major Daniel's daughter, Nancy Louisa Daniel, was born in Cherokee County, Alabama September 22, 1837.4

1837 - Major Daniel's brother, Leonard Daniel, was elected as a Justice of the Peace for Cherokee County in November, 1837.5

1838 - Major Daniel purchased some personal belongings from 3 different Cherokee Indians Walking Wolf and Consceved.6

1842 - The property the house in on was the first entry in the Lebanon Land Office Record Book. The entry was made by Major Daniel on April 18, 1842. After the Cherokee Removal, it had taken time for the survey of the territory and for the land to be deemed ready for sale. There was a preemption listed on the Land Patent (5829) indicating that Major Daniel had been living on the property for some time.7

1850 - The house is mentioned as a way point in a February 9, 1850 Act establishing a Captain's Beat.8

1864 - The house is said to have served as the Headquarters of Confederate General John Bell Hood on October 19, 1864. The house is mentioned in the Official Records of the American Civil War. Brig. Gen. Francis A. Shoup, C.S.Army, Chief of Staff, kept a memoranda of daily movements and events in the Army of Tennessee. He notes, "October 18. - Headquarters half a mile from Little River, near Major Daniels".9










1865 - Major Daniel died January 31, 1865 and is buried near the house at Daniel Cemetery.10

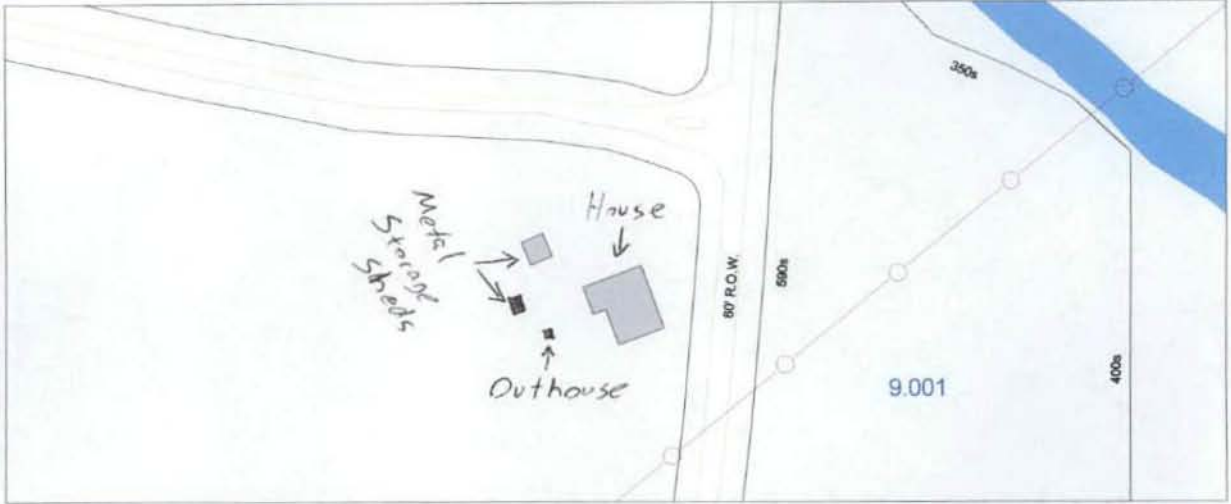
Conclusion:

Based on the above information, 1835 seems the most likely year the house would have been built. It would have given some time after the birth of their child in North Carolina before they began their long journey. Also the fact that their daughter married in Alabama on January 10, 1836 would seem to indicate they had been here in 1835.

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6. Sale of Personal Property of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee County,AL. 1838, National Archives, Record Group 75 (Bureau of Indian Affairs), Entry 227 (Return of Property), Vol. 37.
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Attachment I

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Is the property threatened in any way?

The house does not face an imminent threat, however there are concerns. The owner of the house, Vera Daniel, is 85 years old. She lives there with her two sisters who are 90 and 93 years old. They do not have the resources to properly maintain the house, so it is starting to deteriorate. There are leaks in the roof. It is also likely that the house will change ownership in the next few years.

Attachment II

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Has the property been altered in any way since originally constructed?

The house was originally constructed of logs with a dogtrot and an upper half-story. It has a dropped roof porch which may have been added later. It has composite masonry chimneys on each gable wall. It appears the weatherboard siding was added at a later date and the dogtrot has also been enclosed. Two framed additions have been added to the rear of the house including a L room and shed room. The house now has a L shaped plan. The interior has been covered in paneling. The interior walls of the original portion of the house are very thick due to their log construction. It is not known when any of these alterations occurred.

Attachment III

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In your opinion, why is this property important and why should it be considered for inclusion in the historic register?

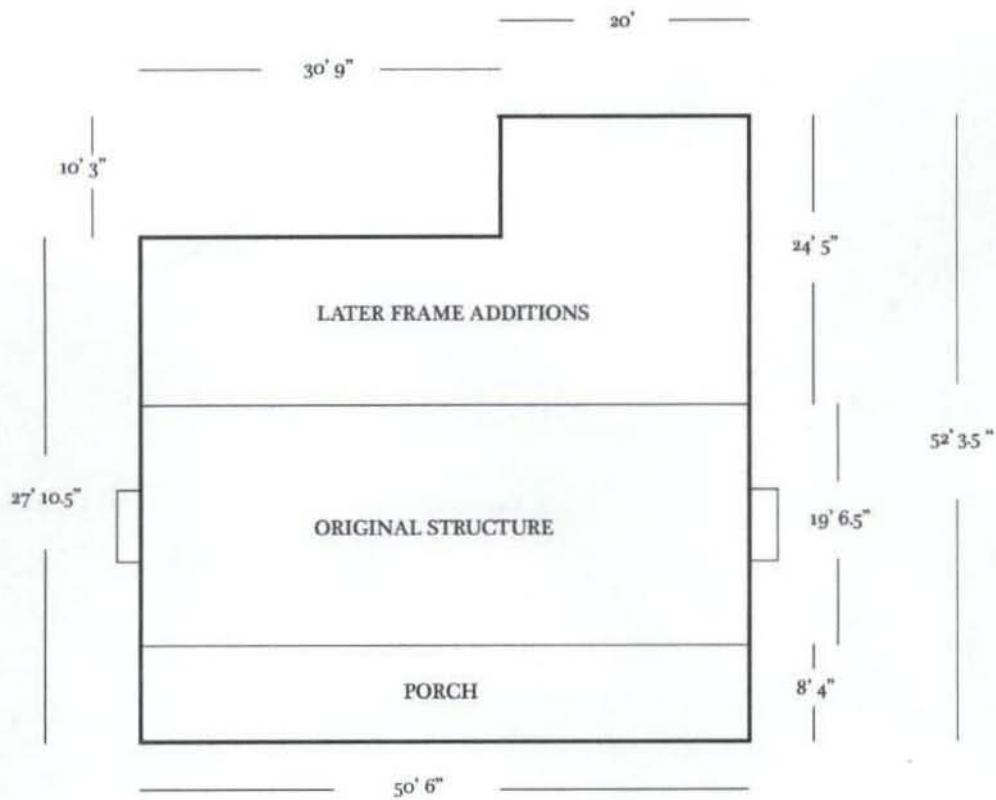
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The house is an excellent example of mid-eighteenth century structures constructed in this area. It started as a dogtrot log cabin and the house evolved as Major Daniel's wealth increased greatly between 1840 and 1860. The weather board was likely added to give the home a more up-to-date appearance and to reflect the owners improved financial means.

The house still belongs to the Daniel family.

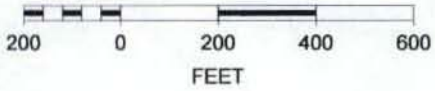










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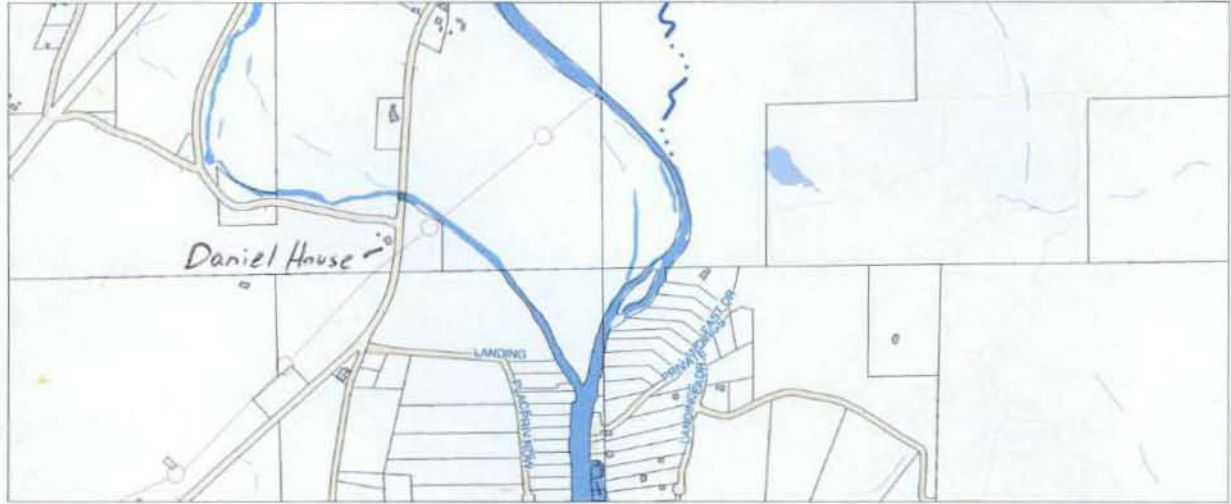
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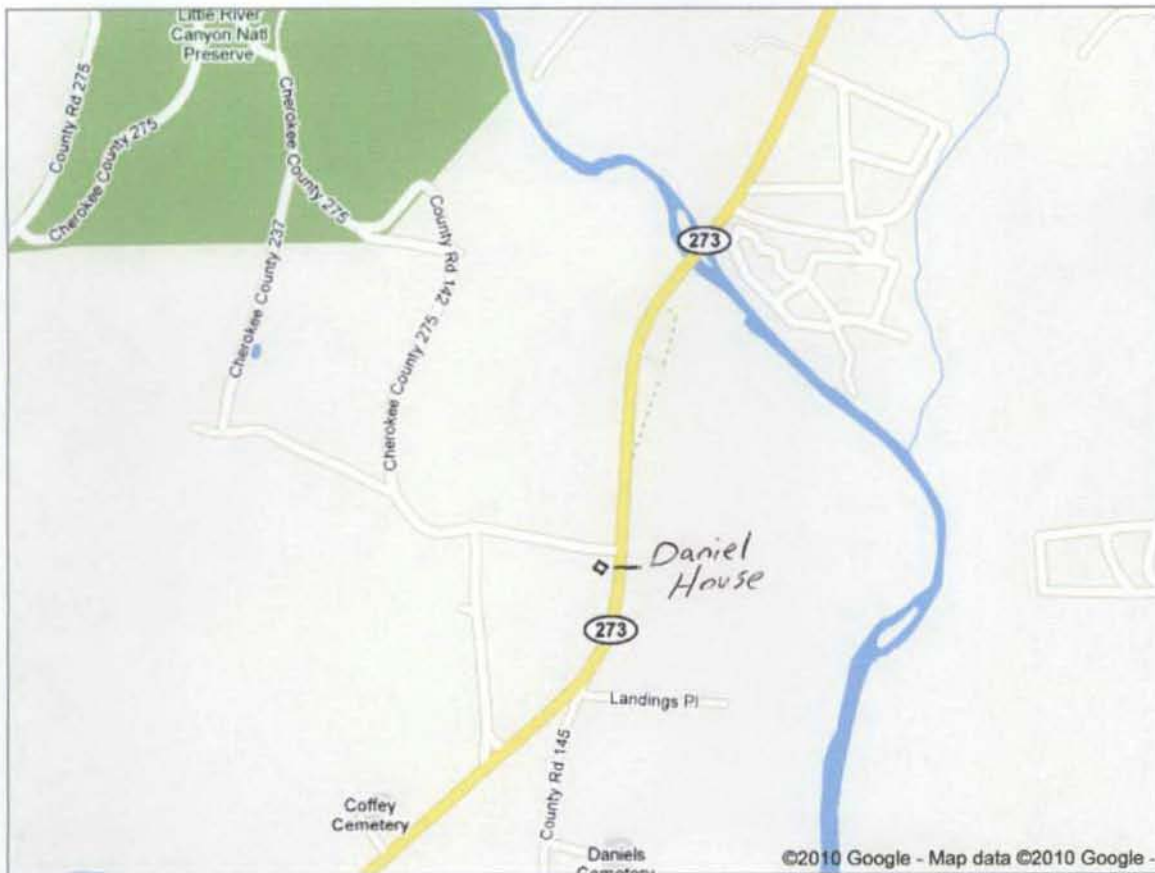




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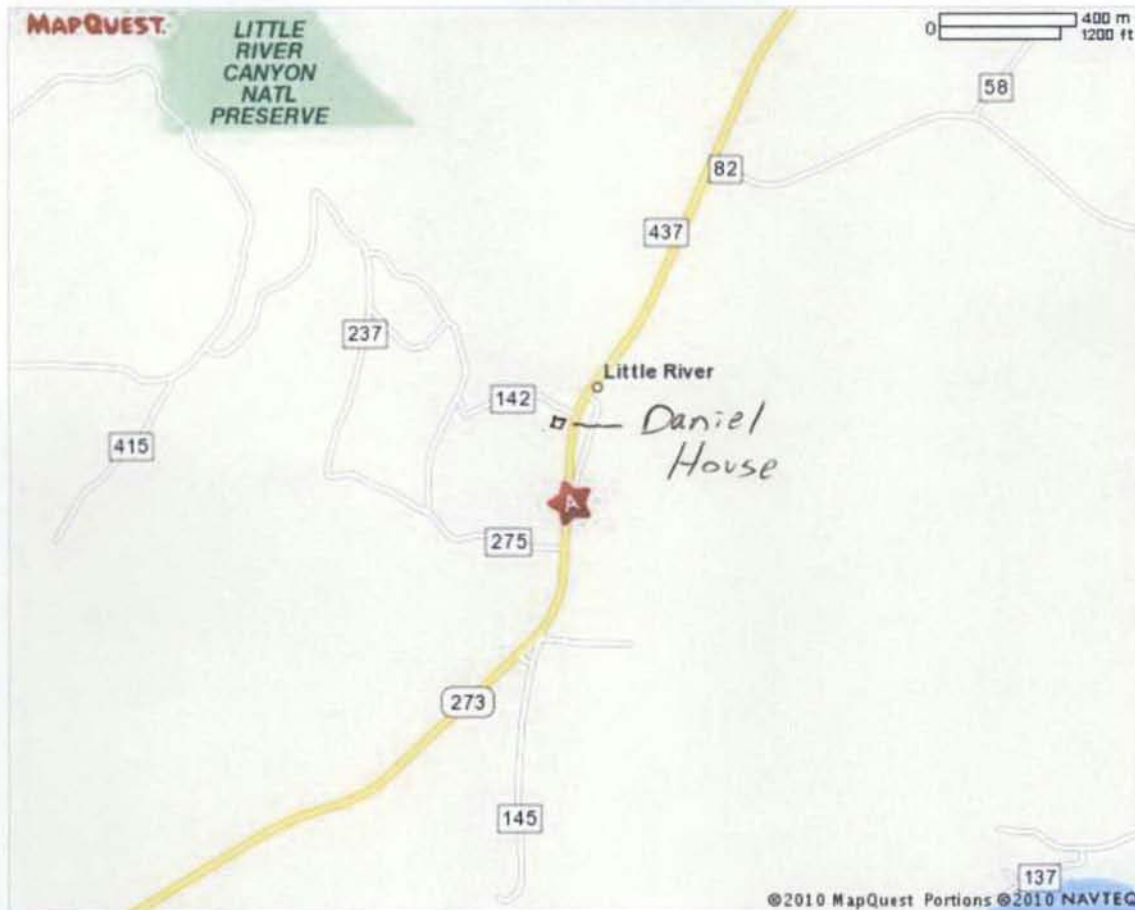
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