



STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104
PHONE: 832-6621



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

COUNTY CHEROKEE

PRESENT NAME ROCK RUN MINE AND FURNACE SITE HISTORIC NAME

LOCATION (Street and number)

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Rock Run

PRESENT USE Not in Use HISTORIC USE Blast Furnace

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

OWNER'S NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

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

INTEGRITY: Original site (X) Moved () When?

From where? Give details in significance

THREATS: No () Yes (X) By what? Neglect

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

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

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District?

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:

SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Date of Construction 1874 Date of additions _____

Architect or Builder _____

Give a complete but concise history of the structure.

State sources of information for the above:

DESCRIPTION

(For bridges, trestles, viaducts, tunnels, canals, railroad lines, or objects see supplement Form I)

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Number of stories _____ Foundation _____ Basement _____

WALL MATERIAL: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batton, stucco over wood
or brick, metal, logs) PLEASE NOTE TYPE OF BRICK BONDING AND LOG NOTCHING.

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM (If known) Wood frame() Load-bearing masonry () Iron or steel ()

ROOF TYPE: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)

ROOF COVERING: Wood shingle () Asphalt () Tile () Metal () Slate ()

ROOF TRIM: (If any)

CHIMNEYS: (Number, location, and material)

PORCHES Front _____ Type _____
Rear _____ Type _____
Side _____ Type _____

DOORS: Describe entrance door.

Describe other doors.

WINDOWS: Types and number of each floor

INTERIOR: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

OTHER: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

A MAP WITH THE STRUCTURE MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

Photographs: Must be black and white, glossy finish and either 5 x 7 or 8 x 10.

PREPARED BY _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

TOWN _____ ORGANIZATION _____

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Map Reference: Map _____ Site number _____

Thematic Category _____

Added to ALABAMA REGISTER _____

NATIONAL REGISTER Potential

U T M

Latitude

Longitude

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Cherokee	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Rock Run Mine and Furnace Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Rock Run

STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Cherokee CODE:

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>Not in Use</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Runette Hawkins

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Rock Run STATE: Alabama CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Cherokee County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Centre STATE: Alabama CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Sites: Survey-Evaluation-Re-inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: June, 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
700 Quintard Avenue, P. O. Box 2186

CITY OR TOWN: Anniston STATE: Alabama CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Rock Run is a small town. It doesn't have a post office or a police department, nor does it have a fire department. It is a nine mile trip to Forney, the nearest town. The town of Rock Run has one church and a population of perhaps 150 - 200.

The blast furnace was begun in 1874. There was a large commissary which stocked everything needed in those times. The warehouse was a two story structure. The community, at that time, had a post office.

All in all, Rock Run was a thriving industrial and mining community. After the mine closed and the furnace was shut down, the population began to decline.

Today, the only remnant of the original town is the commissary building.

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6. 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) Furnace started 1874

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The blast furnace was started by Theodore and Alfred Boyer, of Johnston, Pennsylvania, in 1874. Under their management it failed in less than a year, because of financial difficulties.

The property passed through two more hands and then was purchased by John H. Bass of the Bass Foundry and Machine Company of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. About 1890, John M. Garvin became general manager and the business prospered. They constructed charcoal ovens and had their biggest production year in 1919. In that year, half a dozen cars of iron were shipped each day.

The company employed men "to take up wood." When the furnace was booming, the payroll reached more than \$40,000.

The furnace was blown in 1928 and was torn away in 1929.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Cherokee County Furnaces," Cherokee County Herald, December 10, 1969.

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				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	34	01	40	85	29	37
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Approximately 1 Acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES None

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ellen Austin, Development Associate

ORGANIZATION: East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission DATE: 1-29-74

STREET AND NUMBER: 700 Quintard Avenue, P. O. Box 2186

CITY OR TOWN: Anniston STATE: Alabama CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

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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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Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

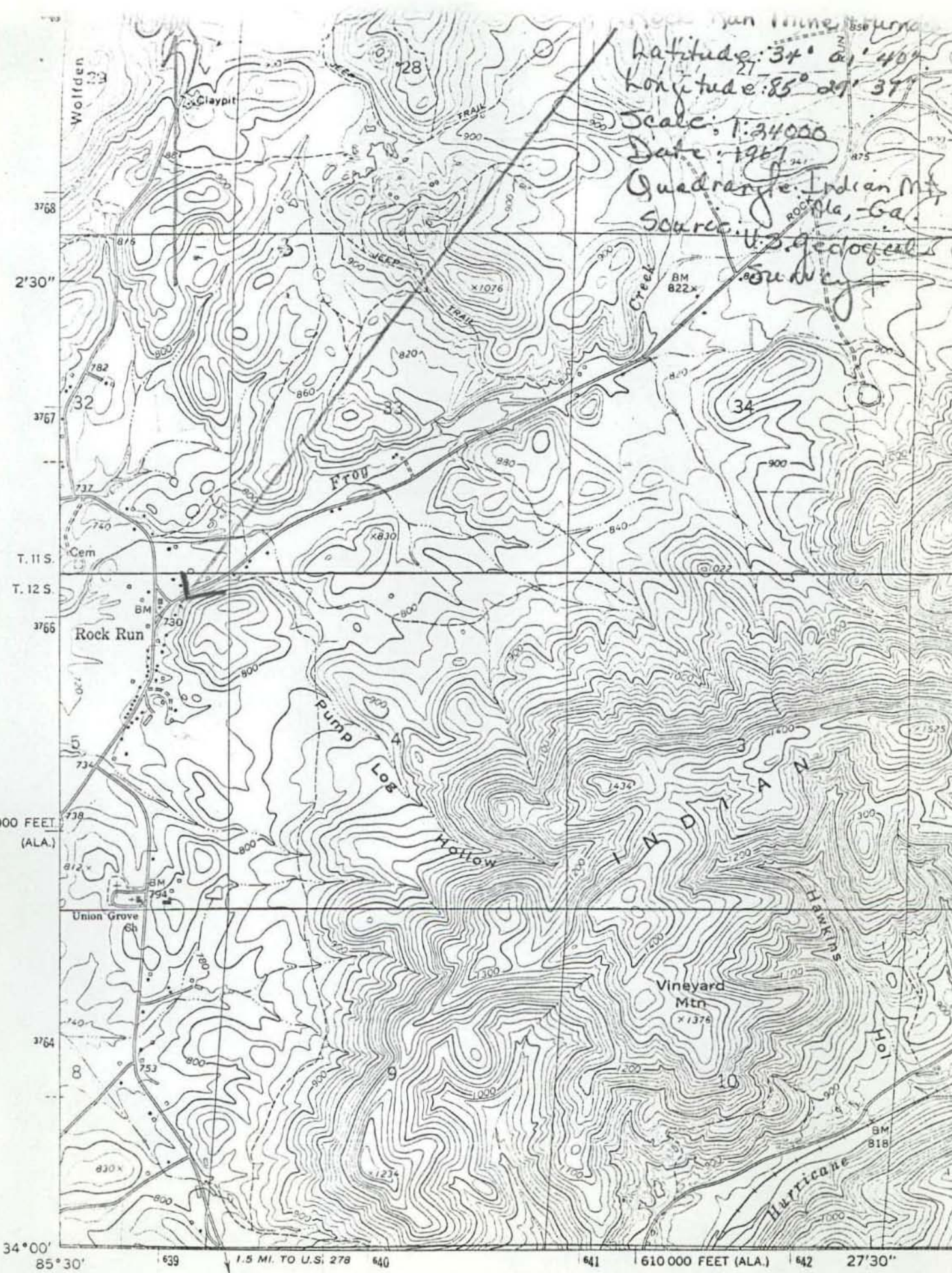
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U. S. Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1967			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



Latitude: $34^{\circ} 01' 40''$
 Longitude: $85^{\circ} 07' 37''$
 Scale: 1:34000
 Date: 1967
 Quadrangle: Indian Mt., Ga.
 Source: U.S. Geological Survey

1 280 000 FEET (ALA.)

610 000 FEET (ALA.)

34°00' 85°30' 639 1.5 MI. TO U.S. 278 640 641 642 27'30"

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, U.S. Soil Conservation Service,
 and Georgia Geodetic Survey

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Cherokee

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Ellen Austin

DATE OF PHOTO: November, 1973

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

East Alabama Commission, Anniston, Alabama 36201

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View North - partial view of the commissary building.