

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Chilton	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Confederate Memorial Cemetery

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Mountain Creek

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: Chilton	CODE 021
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 checked="" 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>cemetery</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Alabama

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Montgomery

STATE: Alabama	CODE 01
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chilton County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Clanton

STATE: Alabama	CODE 01
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
none

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input 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

The Confederate Memorial Cemetery at Mountain Creek is on wooded, rolling hills. Two large granite boulders mark the approaches to the area.

There are two actual cemeteries, several hundred yards apart, each is enclosed with a chain link fence. There also are a pavilion or auditorium, a granite obelisk in memory of Jefferson Manly Falkner, and a map of the site set in a frame. Cemetery #2 is the larger and the gate posts are columns of cut stone. There are three flagpoles in the center of the cemetery and these are used in Memorial Day ceremonies. Cemetery #1 is down the road, off to the right. It has no special gate or markers, and the headstones face away from the road.

All the graves in both cemeteries are in orderly rows and most are marked with plain, rectangular marble headstones. The grass is kept trimmed and neat. Trees which would have disturbed graves if they had continued to grow, have been cut down. Some of the markers are replacements, although most are original. The graves are in order by date of death and burial, moving from left to right and the front to back. However, both cemeteries were used simultaneously as the burial dates overlap.

The dates range from the early 1900's, shortly after the Soldiers' Home was started, to 1933. The earliest grave in the larger cemetery is that of Jefferson Manly Falkner, who died on May 18, 1906. His tomb is also the one exception to the general simplicity and uniformity. His tombstone is much larger and more ornate and is at the front of the graveyard on the left.

Most of the stones have a number or some indication of grave registration, the name of the veteran, his company, date of death, and age. There are some women buried there, the wives and widows of veterans, and their graves have similar information.

The cemeteries are all that remain of what was once a small community. The Old Soldiers' Home had small cottages, a hospital, an auditorium or meeting house, and a dairy among other structures; the cemetery has always been there. It was needed almost from the inception of the Home.

When the last of the veterans and their wives were buried, the place became run down (it had been gradually closing down as fewer and fewer people remained). The buildings eventually came down. Then in 1966, the UDC and the State of Alabama renovated the area, cleaning and straightening. The fences were put up, the pavilion and

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and obelisk erected. The map, which is engraved in stone,
is based on information from G.C. Kicker, the Adjutant
at the Home.

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1902-1933**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Confederate Memorial Cemetery is important to the people of the State of Alabama, as a part of their history, as well as an example of cooperation between independent organizations and the government. The Cemetery was and is a joint project of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the State of Alabama.

Early in 1902 Jefferson Manly Falkner offered the State forty acres of land at Mountain Creek, in Chilton County, to establish a home for Confederate veterans. The offer was accepted. The UDC voted to adopt the Home as Division work and money was pledged, which was to be used to help purchase food and clothing. Heretofore efforts to establish such a place were hindered by the lack of finances and the disapproval of many veterans. They felt that pride would keep men from taking charity.

In 1905 a separate committee of the UDC, the Mountain Creek Home Committee, was formed and funds from the UDC were disbursed through this committee. Before its formation, funds had been paid directly to Mr. Falkner. The State took care of all general expenses for the Home, but the care of the sick and the providing of extras became the province of the UDC.

In 1906 the Legislature was requested to provide funds for a trained nurse, and this they did. In 1911 an additional ward for the hospital was built and many repairs made to the old ward. The UDC furnished beds, mattresses, supplies and linens.

In 1912 at the annual Memorial Day ceremonies it was noted that many of the graves were marked only with wooden headstones, and that these were rotting. Therefore, at the next convention meeting money was appropriated for 86 marble headstones, and thereafter all graves were marked with similar monuments.

In 1916 Dr. J.D. Eiland and his wife came to the home. Dr. Eiland became the 'commandant' of the home, as well as its physician, and his wife took on nursing duties.

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Through the years, until the mid 1930's, the UDC and the State worked hand in hand to provide and care for the veterans', their wives and widows. Again, in 1966 when renovation and restoration was undertaken, the UDC and the State worked together on the project.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Huey, Mattie McAdory. History of the Alabama Division United Daughters of the Confederacy. Opelika, Alabama: Post Publishing Company, 1937.

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	32° 43' 25"	86° 28' 35"		0	0	
NE	32° 43' 25"	86° 28' 07"				
SE	32° 43' 06"	86° 28' 07"				
SW	32° 43' 06"	86° 28' 35"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 40

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Donald A. Moseley (Hope Islamoff)

ORGANIZATION: Birmingham Regional Planning Commission DATE: May 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 2121 8th Avenue North Suite 1524

CITY OR TOWN: Birmingham 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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

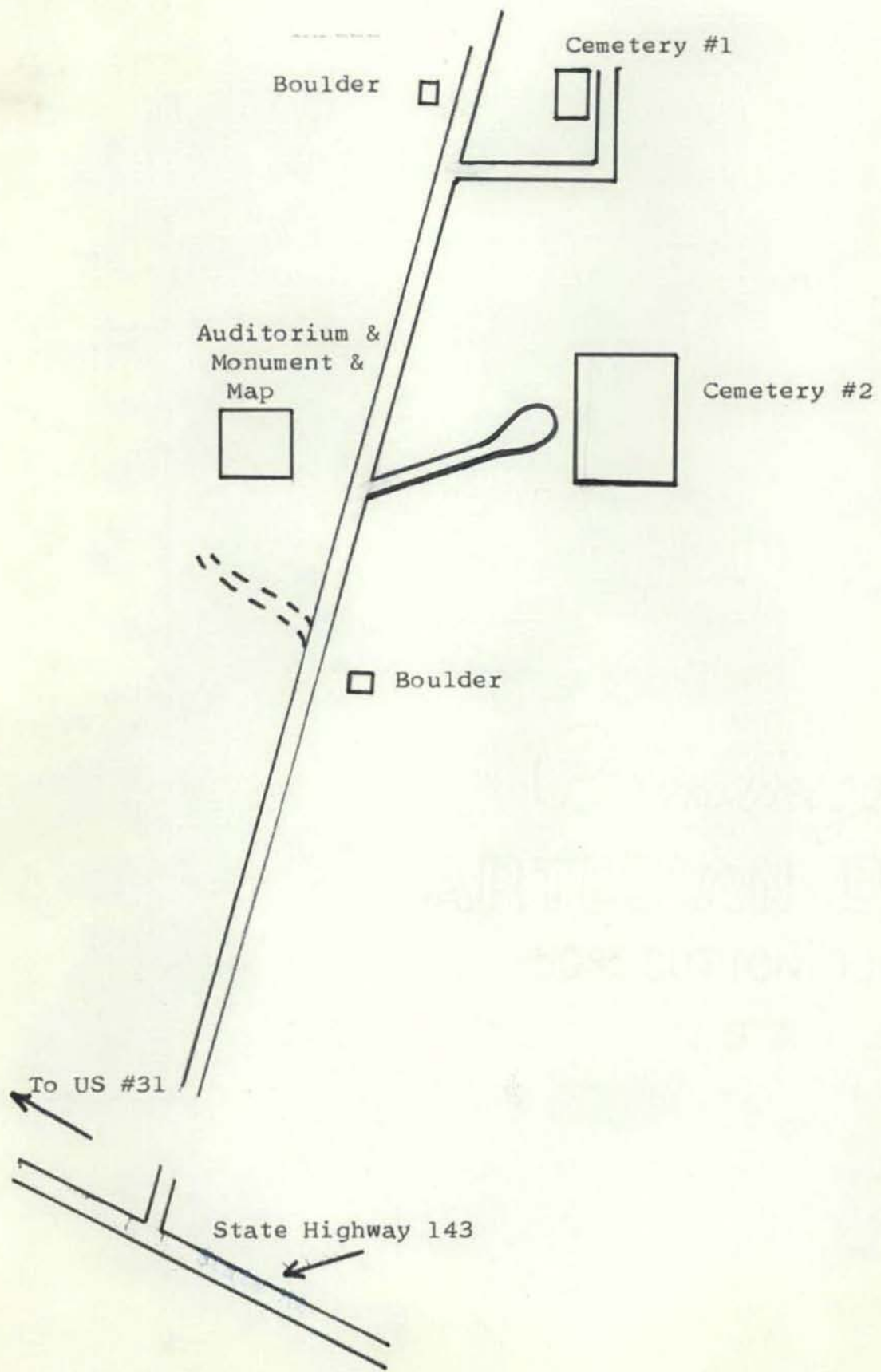
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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U.S.G.S. MAP

Series 15'

Date 1959

Quad. Elmore

