



STATE OF ALABAMA

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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

COUNTY Chilton & Coosa

PRESENT NAME Mims Ferry HISTORIC NAME

LOCATION (Street and number)

TOWN (Give directions if rural)

PRESENT USE HISTORIC USE

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

OWNER'S NAME Coosa County Commission Chilton County Commission

MAILING ADDRESS Coosa County Courthouse Chilton County Courthouse
Rockford, AL 35136 Clanton, AL 35045

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

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

From where? Give details in significance

THREATS: No () Yes (X) By what? Bridge Construction

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

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

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 ()
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure landmark
() other

Explain:

SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Date of Construction _____ Date of additions _____

Architect or Builder _____

Give a complete but concise history of the structure.

Ferry site as early as 1895, the ferry was poled across the then narrow stream that was the Coosa River before Lay Dam was built. In 1907 it was known as Adams Ferry. The next mention of it is in 1947 when the land and ferry was deeded to Glennie T. Mims from Oscar L. Mims.

The present ferry was moved here in 1957, from Lake Jordan where the Folsom Bridge was built on Alabama 22. It was then that the counties took over maintainence, before then it had been privately operated.

The boat is made of iron with wooden side rails, a 1947 Ford V-8 propels the ferry across the 1,100 feet of water. It is 72 feet long and weights one ton per foot. It can carry 4 cars at one time.

The Mims ferry sank before 1957, the hull can still be seen.

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

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Latitude

Longitude