

STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY Winston

PRESENT NAME Looney Tavern Site HISTORIC NAME _____

LOCATION (Street and number) Winston County 41

TOWN (Give directions if rural) 3.5 miles north of Addison

PRESENT USE Vacant HISTORIC USE Tavern

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

OWNER'S NAME Mr. Kermit Glover

MAILING ADDRESS Addison, Alabama 35540

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

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved () When? _____

From where? _____ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No (X) Yes () By What? _____

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

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land (X) Woodland (X) Scattered buildings ()
High 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 (X) associated with events, persons, or movements
Local (X) State (X) 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.)

LOONEY TAVERN SITE

SIGNIFICANCE

The site of Looney's Tavern is located 3.5 miles north of Addition on Winston County 41, at a place called Inmanfield. On July 4, 1861, this site gained importance because of the mass meeting held there by citizens who were opposed to secession. It was at this meeting that a resolution, which, in effect, called for a "Free State of Winston" was accepted.

The meeting was the result of a series of serious and unfortunate circumstances ending with the passage of the Secession Ordinances on January 11, 1861, by the Convention meeting in Montgomery. The northern counties of Alabama opposed Secession and, in fact, there had been discussion of several North Alabama counties leaving the state and forming a new state by the name of Nickajack. This they never did, but the discussions lead to a meeting held about the first of June at Houston, then the county seat of Winston County, by a number of prominent citizens of Winston and surrounding counties. At this meeting definite plans for a future convention were made and it was decided that Looney's Tavern in the north central part of the county would be the place for the meeting.

So on July 4, 1861, a crowd of between 2,500 and 3,000 persons, from a dozen North Alabama counties and some from as far away as the states of Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi gathered to discuss what action, they as Unionists, would take in the growing conflict. The resolutions accepted by this meeting stated:

"We agree...that no state can legally get out of the Union, but if we are mistaken in this, and a state can lawfully and legally secede or withdraw, being a part of the State, by the same process of reasoning, a county could cease to be a part of the State."

It was this resolution that caused "Uncle" Dick Payne, one of the few Confederate sympathizers present, to shout "Oh, Oh, Winston seceded! The Free State of Winston."

The resolutions went on to request that both the Confederacy and the Union allow the people of Winston County to work out their "own political and financial destiny in the hills and mountains of North Alabama." They stated that they felt the South had made a mistake "when they bolted the convention and the Democratic Party, resulting in the election of Mr. Lincoln," and an even "greater mistake when they attempted to secede and set up a new government." However, they did not want to take up arms against their neighbors, but neither did they want to fight against the country of their forefathers.

Looney Tavern Site
Significance
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While it is true that the people of Winston County opposed Secession and elected officials who would not cooperate with State and Confederate officials and that many of those of military age refused to serve in the Confederate army, there is no evidence to substantiate the idea that the county actually seceded from the State or that the resolutions adopted on this site had any legal bearing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

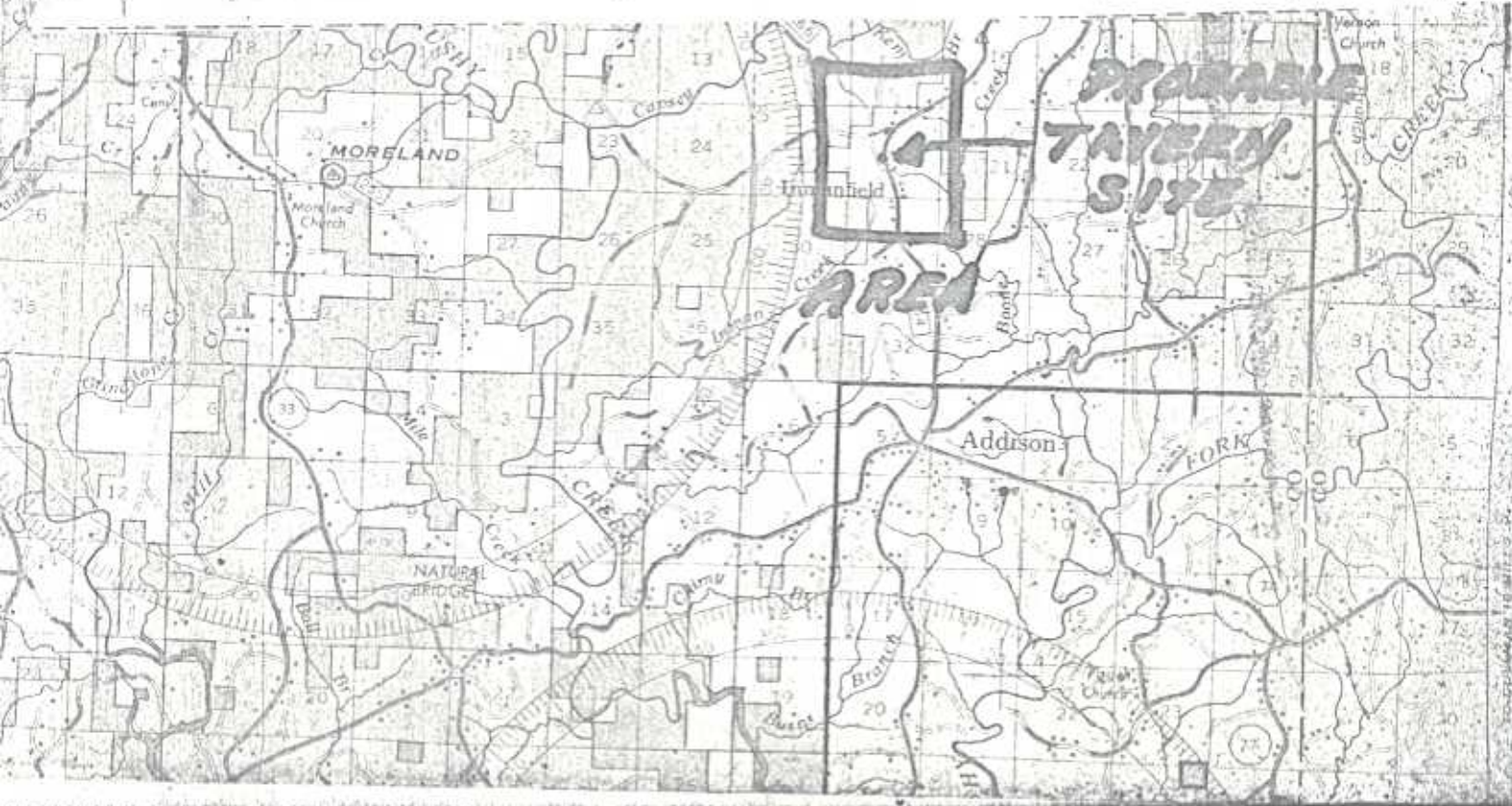
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

STATE	
Alabama	
COUNTY	
County	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: <u>Looney's Tavern</u>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Site of Looney's Tavern</u>			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
<u>3.5 miles North of Addison on Winston County Rd 41</u>			
CITY OR TOWN:			
<u>Inmanfield</u>			
STATE:	CODE:	COUNTY:	CODE
<u>Alabama</u>		<u>Winston</u>	
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
<u>William B. Bankhead National Forest- U.S. Forest Service</u>			
SCALE: <u>1" = 2 miles</u>			
DATE: <u>1965</u>			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: WINSTON	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
"Site of Looney's Tavern"

AND/OR HISTORIC:
"Site of Looney's Tavern"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
3.5 miles north of Addison on Winston County Rd. 41

CITY OR TOWN:
Inmanfield

STATE: **Alabama** CODE: COUNTY: **Winston** 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Thetis Glover, Talmage Bond, Redwine

STREET AND NUMBER:
See attached ownership map.

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Winston County Courthouse - Probate Judge

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 195

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
Double Springs, Alabama 35553

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None known.

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There are no visable remains of the tavern nor is the exact site known. Old photographs are being sought by the Winston County Historical Society- Contact Mr. Frank Walker- President.

Mr. Dewey Partridge, one of the oldest living residents of Addison was contacted and was not sure exactly where the original tavern was constructed, however, he remembered two or more possible sites and suggested that perhaps the tavern had been rebuilt more than once following fire. The general location of the tavern is known. See attached location plat. This whole area probably was used in Tavern related activities. The spring is about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the probable tavern site.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1861

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" 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 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

"On July 4, 1861, Looney's Tavern was the site of a mass meeting attended by between 2500 and 3000 persons from a dozen North Alabama Counties and the State of Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi. At this meeting, the following resolution was offered: We agree that no state can legally get out of the Union, but, if we are mistaken in this and a state can lawfully and legally secede or with draw, being part of the state by the same process of reasoning, a county could cease to be part of the state. "The Free State of Winston" By Wesley S. Thompson pg. 3-4.

The following extracts are taken from the book "Winston; An Antebellum and Civil War History of A Hill County of North Alabama, by Donald B. Dodd and William S. Dodd."

"There is about a half of the counties a going to secede from the state for they have the same right as the state had to secede from the United States; however they did not intend to go back into the Union but join Tenn.

Footnote - Apparently James Bell was referring to the proposed state of Nickajack, uniting North Alabama and East Tennessee; pg 79-Annals of NW Ala.

Pg 88- With the threat of a draft imminent and on the eve of the federal invasion of North Alabama by land, a neutrality meeting was held in Winston County. According to Judge Weaver, the meeting was planned previously by citizens meeting at Houston, the county seat, there advertised by six men riding in different directions. The meeting was held at Looney's Tavern, three miles north of the present town of Addison in the eastern portion of Winston County.

The meeting was attended by more than 2500 from South Lawrence, Northwest Blount, West Marshall, North Walker, etc.

Meeting was ^{chaired} ~~changed~~ by C. C. Sheats - Winston County'S delegate to the Secession Convention.

Resolution of Neutrality on pg 88. Uncle Dick Payne, a confederate sympathizer reportedly remarked, "Oh, Oh, Winston secedes! The Free State of Winston"

Pg. 90- The Governor "Shorter" interpreted the resolutions of the Convention as treasonable and stated that, "Everyone who participated in the convention is a traitor to the state and to the South and should if possible be arrested"

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dodd, Donald B., and Dodd, Wynelle S. "Winston; AN Antebellum and Civil War History of A Hill County of North Alabama. Pg. 79, 88, 90, 91, and 110.
 Colton, Victor W. A Historic Site Survey of Marion and Winston Counties, Alabama. 1972 pg. 25

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	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		34 ° 14 ' 45 "	87 ° 10 ' 45 "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Robert B. Fish - District Ranger**

ORGANIZATION: **U. S. Forest Service**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P. O. Box 278**

CITY OR TOWN: **Double Springs**

STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **35553**

DATE: **4/25/73**

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 _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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Pg. 91-- Thus the the official state position towards neutrality set the stage for subsequent alienation of the neutrals and was to some degree responsible for their conversion into Unionists.

Pg. 110-- Although several men escorted men who wanted to join the Union Army to their lines, the most famous was Bill Looney, who was a school teacher before the war and the owner of Looney's Tavern where the neutrality meeting was held.

Pg 110-- Looney was dubbed the Black Fox by the Rebels for the skill and cunning he used to elude their grasp.