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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE

Nomination Form

1. Name

historic Hunter/Garris House
and/or common Garris Hill

2. Location

U.S. Highway 43, approx 2 mi SW of Leroy

street & number HC 63, Box 318
city, town Leroy ---vicinity of
state AL county Washington zip 36584

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
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<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Estate of John M. Garris Phone number 334-246-3407
street & number HC 63, Box 318
city, town Leroy ---vicinity of zip 36548

5. Floor plan & site plan.

Use space below to sketch floor plan and site plan or attach additional sheet.

Attached.



GARRETS HILL

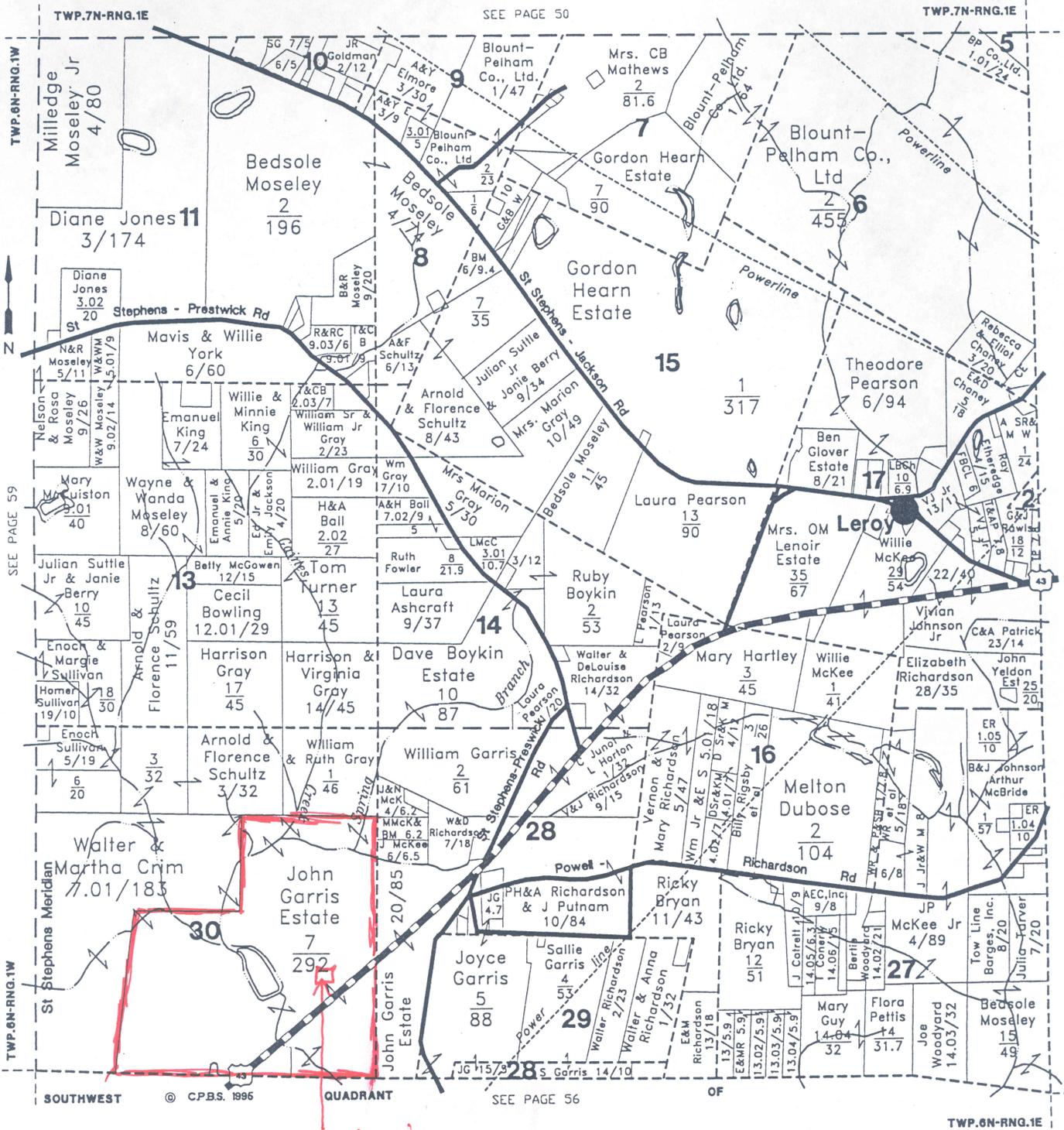
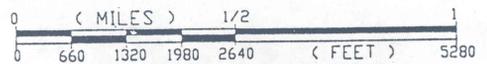
SEVERAL MAJOR HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN THE IMMEDIATE POST-WORLD WAR II ERA ARE NAMED ON THIS MAP. OTHER HIGHWAYS HAVE DESIGNATED NAMES BUT ARE NOT INDICATED DUE TO SPACE LIMITATION

Gulf of Mexico

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 88°30' 88°00' 87°30' 87°00'

LOCATOR 13 - NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA (TWP.6N-RNG.1E)



GARRIS HILL

6. Description (See attached instructions for specific guidelines.)

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date 1920 _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance.

Garris Hill is a one-story, wood frame vernacular Victorian period farmhouse with a cross-gable hipped roof. It possesses a double-pile center hall plan with a rear ell and a wrap-around hipped-roof porch. Exterior siding is original weatherboard and roof shingles are replacement asphalt. The continuous brick foundation is raised 4-5 feet above ground level. Approximately 9 concrete steps enclosed in concrete abutments lead to the porch. There are two interior brick double chimneys and another single brick interior chimney. Facing a generally southerly direction, the facade features a front-facing projecting gable with exposed eaves and a diamond-shaped wood vent above a half-hexagonal bay. Windows are 2/2 double hung wood sashes. Entrance is through a double leaf door that features ornamental panels below and a single lite above and is flanked by sidelights. Slender turned posts with scroll-type brackets support the porch roof, and slender turned spindles ornament the rail. The porch elements are original, except for a few replicated pieces (cedar) which replaced deteriorated elements. The wrap-around porch extends almost completely around the house, with only the projecting rear gable excluded. The porch has been enclosed on both sides of the house and part of the rear, covering approximately half of the west elevation and three quarters of the east elevation. A small L-shaped portion of the porch remains open and leads to the rear entry.

The interior features painted wood walls, simple door and window trim, and a large opening between the hall and dining room with elaborate Victorian period bric-a-brac/fretwork. There are five original mantles which are plain wood. The side porches have been enclosed at various times to provide for a closet, 2 bathrooms, a sun room and a kitchen.

The house is set far back from the highway amid gently rolling pasture and farm land. Approximately 170 acres are included in the nominated property, with the house, a recent carport, and two late-1940s barns (one quonset, one gabled) consisting of the only structures situated on the property. The acreage surrounding the house continues to be maintained in agricultural production, with the immediate surrounding area in pasture and approximately 70 acres beyond this planted in winter wheat and corn.

7. Significance (See attached instructions for specific guidelines.)

Period	Areas of Significance-Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	

Specific dates 1904, 1920 Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph).

Garris Hill is eligible for listing on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage under Criterion C, architecture. It depicts a significant example of vernacular Victorian period architecture and has been maintained in very close to its original condition. The style was popularly used by prominent residents in rural areas, this house having been constructed in the community of Prestwick for a successful lumber- and sawmill owner. Following a failure of the mill, the house was moved to its present location in 1920.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY:

Garris Hill was constructed in 1904 at Prestwick, Washington County, as the residence of Andrew Hunter, a partner in the Hunter-Benn Lumber Company. The company owned and operated a southern pine sawmill at Prestwick, located on the railroad near the Tombigbee. Prestwick was named for Hunter's birthplace in Scotland. Local historians believe that the house became vacant following closure of the mill due to financial losses. In 1918, it was dismantled and stored until 1920, when it was moved to its present site on Garris Hill by John Franklin and Bertha McKee Garris. Mrs. John Marshall Garris continues to maintain the house as a residence.

8. Major Bibliographical References

Mrs. Neal Stanley
The late John Marshall Garris
Mr. Robert Hunter

9. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property __approx. 170 acres____
Quadrangle name _____

Enclose map showing location of property. (city or county map, state highway department map, or USGS map)

Attached.

10. Form Prepared By

Sally Moore (AHC) and _____

name/title Louis M. Finlay, Jr.

organization Clarke County Historical Society

date 5/19/98

street & number P.O. Box 131

telephone 334-246-3278 (h), 334-246-2786 (w)

city or town Jackson

state AL

zip 36545

11. Please submit color slides of the property with this form.

Color slides are essential to the review process.

12. Please return ALABAMA REGISTER form and documentation to:

Alabama Register Coordinator
Alabama Historical Commission
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

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APR 29 1998

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Ald. Historical Commission

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance.

NUMBER OF STORIES: one

FOUNDATION: Masonry foundation. Approximately 4 to 5 feet high.

INTERIOR FRAMING OR STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: Wood framing

EXTERIOR WALL MATERIAL AND PATTERN: Old pattern wood drop siding.

PORCHES: Original porch circled all four sides of house. Wooden columns are Victorian with fancy fretwork decorations.

NUMBER OF BAYS: 6 Bays

ROOF TYPE AND COVERING: Multi-gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles.

CHIMNEYS: Two interior brick double chimneys. One additional single fireplace chimney.

DOORS: The main entrance is a double door with glass panes in top and glass sidelights with wood panels beneath. Rear door is also double.

WINDOWS: There are five windows on the front. They are wooden double-hung sashes, two over two panes. The trim around the windows is plain.

MANTELS: Plain wooden mantels are original.

WALLS: Painted wood. Door and window trim is simple, but large opening from hall to dining room has elaborate brick-a-brack or fretwork.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS: The side porches have been enclosed at various dates to provide closets and bathrooms and a breakfast room.

GENERAL SETTING: The house is set far back from the highway amid gently rolling pasture and farm land.

*1 story, hipped roof w/ cross gable, double pile, center hall,
rear ell, wrap around porch*

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Specific dates 1904 **Builder/Architect** Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph):

The house was originally built in 1904 at Prestwick, Washington County, Alabama, as a residence for Mr. Andrew Hunter, a partner in the HUNTER-BENN LUMBER COMPANY. The lumber company owned and operated a southern pine sawmill at Prestwick which is located on the railroad near the Tombigbee River. Prestwick was named for Mr. Andrew Hunter's birthplace in Scotland. In 1918, the house was dismantled and stored until 1920, when it was moved to its present site on Garris Hill by John Franklin and Bertha McKee Garris. At the original site, it contained space for carriages under the house. The house is an excellent example of rural Queen Anne architecture and is in pristine condition.

Reason for dismantling house ~ 1918
mill closed - house vacant

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The late Mr. John Marshall Garris
Mr. Robert Hunter

9. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx: 100 acres
Quadrangle name _____

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10. Form Prepared By

name/title	LOUIS M. FINLAY, JR.	334-246-2786
organization	CLARKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	date April 24, 1998
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city or town	Jackson	state AL zip 36545

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Floor Plan
GARRIS HILL
Leroy, Washington County, Alabama
1904

