

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: St. Clair	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 26 1976

1. NAME

COMMON:
St. Clair Springs

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Blue Grass Sulphur Springs, Cornelia and St. Clair Springs

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Highway 23

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Clair Springs

STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01** COUNTY: **St. Clair** CODE: **115**

Congressional District IV

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input 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 checked="" 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:
Residents of St. Clair Springs

STREET AND NUMBER:
Highway 23

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Clair Springs** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
St. Clair County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Ashville Court Square

CITY OR TOWN: **Ashville** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

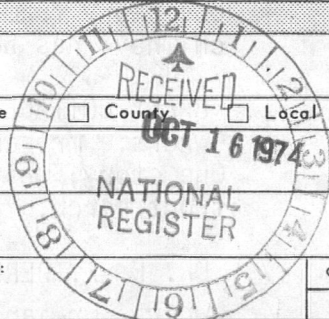
TITLE OF SURVEY:
none

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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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

St. Clair Springs is located approximately two miles east of Springville and approximately thirteen miles southwest of Ashville, the county seat. Most of the 21 structures in the district are on Highway 23 which runs along the northern base of Jones Mountain, making the homes on the south side of the highway on a slope. There are two other streets in the district; they both enter the highway from the south. The western road is a dead end and the eastern road is two miles long connecting the highway with county road 174.

The five small springs are located within the spring yard on the northern side of the highway and the Big Spring is located directly across the highway.

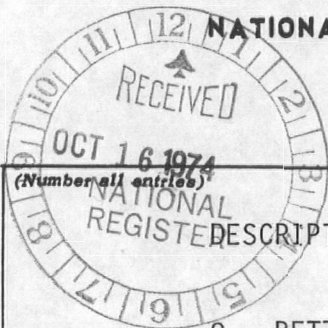
The structures which remain are primarily Victorian and all are constructed of wood.

A list and description of the structures follows:

1. THE LOGS - 1932
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Riley
 One and one-half story log structure overlooking the big spring, was constructed of logs from the Wilrock Plantation.
2. ROSSER HOUSE - 1945
 Owner: Ruth Rosser
 One story frame structure with gabled roof, and a gabled roof porch on the eastern (front) elevation. The present owner once operated the St. Clair Springs Hotel.
3. THORNBURG STORE - C. 1900
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Odell Thornburg
 One story frame structure with gabled roof and simple trim; it formerly housed the post office and at present is the only store in the town.
4. RATLIFF HOUSE - c. 1900
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brown
 One story frame structure with a porch on the north and east elevations, and stick-style influences.
5. LOVETT HOME - 1889
 Owner: S. M. Roper
 One story frame structure with one end-exterior and end interior chimney; has been altered.
6. BRADY COTTAGE - prior to 1890
 Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brooks
 One story, white frame cottage with gingerbread trim on the front porch.
7. DR. F. E. PERKINS HOUSE - 1896
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Hooper D. Ray
 Raised frame cottage with restrained Victorian elements. Perkins was a dentist.

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DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

8. BETTY MONTGOMERY HOUSE - 1886
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Karl Scott
One story frame Victorian cottage raised on brick piers; L-shaped with the gable-end ell extending on the facade. A porch extends across the facade.
9. GILLISON HOUSE - 1921
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Karl Scott
One story frame structure.
10. CAPTAIN SIMMONS HOUSE - prior to 1900
Owners: A. E. and Judy Littlefield
One story frame structure with gabled roof and two entrances on the gable end facade. A front porch was blown away in the tornado of 1973.
11. TALLEY HOUSE - 1875
Owner: E. W. Riley
One story board and batten structure, uninhabited and surrounded by under brush.
12. ALLEN-SMITH HOUSE - 1888
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. James W. Smith
One story frame structure with an ell extending the width of the front porch.
13. COOKEY-RODGERS HOUSE - mid 19th Century
Owner: Mrs. Mary Rodgers
One story log structure with weatherboarding on the sides and rear; the oldest structure in the district.
14. FORT-RATHBURN HOUSE - 1894
Owner: Robert Earl Rathburn
Two story, white frame, Victorian structure; a two-story porch extends 3/4 around the house.
Constructed by a retired railroad engineer, it was one of the most popular guest homes.
15. FOX HOUSE - 1891
Owner: O. T. Jones
One story board and batten structure painted green; like many of the houses in the district it has a gable-end ell projecting from the front facade.

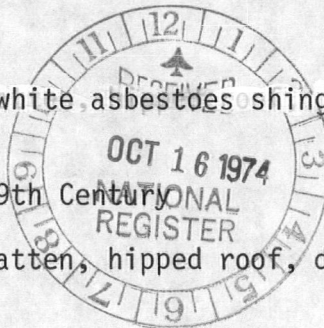
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- 16. CORNELIA COTTAGE - 1850
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jackson, Jr.
One story rectangular frame structure with a pair of single doors flanked by side lights serving as the entrance; the gabled roof has an overhang supported by six columnettes which serves as the roof of the porch.
- 17. BLOUNT COTTAGE - 1876
Owners: Violet Wolford Jackson and Mr. F. M. Jackson, Jr.
One story frame structure with front ell.
- 18. MERRILL COTTAGE - 1875
Owner: James B. Merril
One story frame, with two front entrances and a gabled dormer.
- 19. GOODWIN-McCARTY HOUSE - 1887
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. James D. McCarty
One story frame house with gabled roof and an end-exterior rock chimney.
- 20. KEITH HOUSE - 1849
Owners: Roderick and Rhonda Jean Brown
One story frame with two front entrances, a gabled roof and end-exterior stone chimney.
- 21. RODGERS HOUSE - 1898
Owner: Miss Ozella Rodgers
Two story log house with gabled roof and two end-exterior stone chimneys.
- 22. CHAMBERS HOUSE - 1953
Owner: Mrs. Chambers
One-story frame, with white asbestos shingles, gabled portico.
- 23. OWENS-COPELAND - late 19th Century
Owner: E. W. Riley
One-story, board and batten, hipped roof, deteriorated condition.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>Resort</u> |
| <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 checked="" 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

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St. Clair Springs is a late 19th century resort town which has changed very little in appearance since the turn of the century. The town consists of 18 structures which date from the mid 19th century to the turn of the century with the majority of the structures dating from the 1880's.

In 1832 Marion Thomason purchased land in the area and by 1845 people from Huntsville, Jacksonville, Talladega, and Blountsville, as well as those from the neighboring city of Ashville, were coming to camp in tents near the mineral waters of the sulphur springs.

Some time prior to the Civil War, Mr. Thomason built a four-room tavern for the accommodation of guests at the springs. Following the war, his brother, a mineralogist, took over the springs and the acreage surrounding them.

In the 1870's guests were beginning to come to the springs in large numbers seeking rest, water treatment and haven from the malaria and yellow fever epidemics. About 1875 a small hotel and seven cottages were constructed near the springs by Ryland Randolph on the Thomason property. The hotel, known as the St. Clair Springs Hotel, was managed by Thomason and attracted a devoted following.

By the early 80's the resort was well established and in 1888 St. Clair Springs was listed on state maps as Cornelia. At this time Mr. Francis M. Godwin, a son-in-law of Thomason, took over the operation of the hotel and a number of private homes were built. Many of the owners rented rooms and took in boarders during the summer months. Each of the houses had water rights for a certain number of guests.

Toward the turn of the century violence marred the annual picnic when a quarrel resulted in the shooting and death of a young man and the popularity of the hotel diminished until it finally closed in 1902.

In that same year Emanuel Lesser, proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel in Birmingham built the St. Clair Inn. An experienced hotel man, Lesser began attracting crowds with weekly dances and entertainment from as far away as Mobile and Pensacola.

The popularity of the resort continued well into the 1920's and when the St. Clair Inn burned in 1925 attempts were made to establish another hotel.

With the exception of one store, constructed in 1900, the town is entirely residential, and most of the homes are maintained by permanent residents, who plan to restore the springs and their surroundings.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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2. Personal interview: Mrs. Hooper Ray
St. Clair Springs
3. Personal interview: Mrs. Carolynne Scott
St. Clair Springs
4. Sulzby, James F., Jr. Historic Alabama Hotels and Resorts.
University, Alabama: University of Alabama Press, 1960.

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	33° 46' 02"	86° 24' 34"	UTM on map	°	'	
NE	33° 46' 02"	86° 24' 01"		°	'	
SE	33° 45' 39"	86° 24' 01"		°	'	
SW	33° 45' 39"	86° 24' 34"		°	'	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 76 acres						

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: W. Warner Floyd

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: 10-7-74

STREET AND NUMBER: 725 Monroe Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

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 Milo B. Edwards, Jr.

Title SHPO Ala.

Date Oct. 9, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

John F. [Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/26/78

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4.23.76

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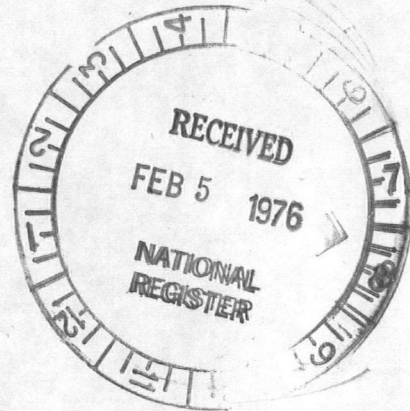
Addendum Sheet, Number 8, Significance.

The collection of late 19th Century buildings located within the boundaries of the St. Clair Springs District are strongly associated with the town's history as one of the state's most fashionable resorts and several of the structures are fine examples of small and unpretentious "Victorian" cottages. While the three hotels which sequentially served the town did much to publicize the springs and draw visitors, the major attraction was the springs whose curatvie powers were widely assumed.

The majority of the houses were built as summer cottages and the owners took in boarders as a large majority of the guests of the resort chose to take accomodations in private homes, which assured them of a quiet and homelike atmosphere. The springs were used exclusively for drinking and each spring was posted with a description of the medical qualities and prescription for specific complaints. The springs were covered with pavillions and most of the daily social life revolved around them. All property owners in St. Clair Springs have access to the springs in their deeds and each owner was allowed water rights for a number of guests.

At one point an attempt was made to bottle waters and sell them and a small bottling plant was located next to the post office, but the venture proved unprofitable.

There are 23 structures located within the district boundaries and all are marked on the enclosed sketch map.



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Addendum Sheet, Number 2, Verbal description of property boundaries.

The point of beginning of St. Clair Springs Historical District boundary line being where said line crosses the south boundary line of Section 35, Township 14 South, Range 2 East, said point being approximately 950 feet east of southwest corner of said Section 35; thence continue in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 750 feet, more or less; thence in a southeasterly direction for a distance of 425 feet, more or less; thence in a northeasterly direction for 275 feet, more or less; thence in a southeasterly direction for a distance of 275 feet more or less; thence south for a distance of 525 feet, more or less; thence east for a distance of 360 feet more or less; thence in a northeasterly direction for 500 feet more or less; thence east for a distance of 550 feet, more or less; thence south for a distance of 500 feet, more or less; thence east for a distance of 475 feet, more or less; thence north for a distance of 400 feet, more or less; thence east for a distance of 600 feet, more or less; thence north for a distance of 350 feet, more or less; thence west for a distance of 150 feet, more or less; thence north for a distance of 200 feet, more or less; thence west for a distance of 800 feet, more or less; thence north for a distance of 150 feet, more or less; thence west for a distance of 425 feet, more or less; thence north for a distance of 1150 feet, more or less; thence in a northwesterly direction for 1300 feet, more or less; thence in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 1000 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

All of the above lying in and being a portion of Section 35, Township 14 South, Range 2 East and Section 2, Township 15 South, Range 2 East in St. Clair County, Alabama.



PROPERTY St. Clair Springs STATE Alabama 76002140

WORKING NUMBER 10.16.74.1711

TECH REVIEW
PHOTOS 5
MAPS 2

CONTROL REVIEW long incorrect

CM
10.16.
74

HISTORIAN Problems in most areas -
Esp. as a resort Since major building
burned: - what were springs used for? -
(drinking, bathing?)

Return
W.R. Luce
11/11/74

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN inadequate justification of significance.
inadequate insufficient photos
inadequate description

Return
LEBOVICH
10-17-74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Return
Cove
12-3-74

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back state 12.3.74

Federal Register entry _____

Re-submit 2.5.76

Entered _____

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NAME OF PROPERTY St. Clair Springs Alabama

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. _____

2. Location. For districts, a verbal description of the property boundaries is ~~important~~ very helpful.

3. Classification. _____

4. Owner of Property. _____

5. Location of Legal Description. _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____

7. Description. Need more information (or photos) on some of houses. For example, #5 + #12 do not have enough description for us to conceive what these houses look like.

8. Statement of Significance. Need more detailed discussion of district's architectural significance. What were springs used for? drinking, bathing? Since the major building associated with the resort burned the remaining buildings need (Cover)

9. Bibliography. _____

X 10. Geographical Data. NE + SE
a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about 35 sec.. Please check.
b. Acreage. _____

11. Form Prepared By. _____

12. Certification. _____

Photographic Coverage. Need photos conveying general view of - of district. More photos of individual buildings would be helpful.

Map Coverage. _____

Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked. Thanks,

SIGNED: Walterius H. Cole





#8 to be closely identified with the resort, if this is their major area of significance. (Please enlarge this section in the nomination).

Approximately how many structures are in the district? Only the ones on the sketch map?

Property

St. Clair Springs

St Clair

2nd Control Sheet

4/26/76

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TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 14

Maps 1, sketched

OK pl
2.13.76

Boundary description can not be checked.

HISTORIAN

Accept
W. R. June
3/29/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
LEBONIK
3-11-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4.22.76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept
Hernandez
4.27.76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Re-submit _____

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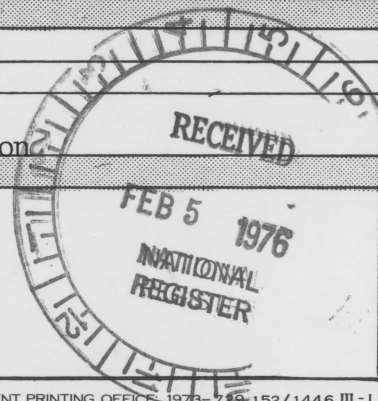
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100 Lovett Home
Lovett Home (5)





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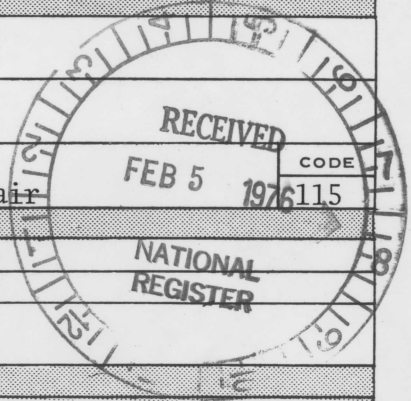
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Looking east on Highway 23, showing Cornelia and Blount Cottages .





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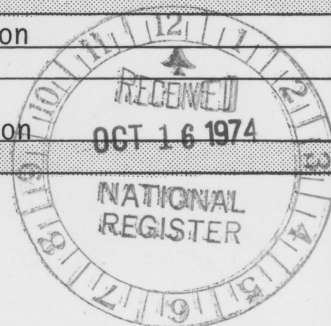
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Betty Montgomery House

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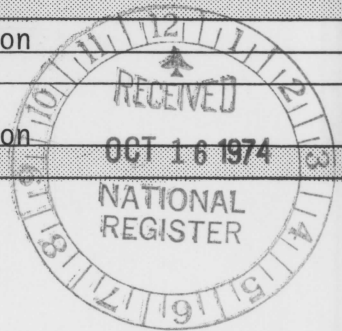
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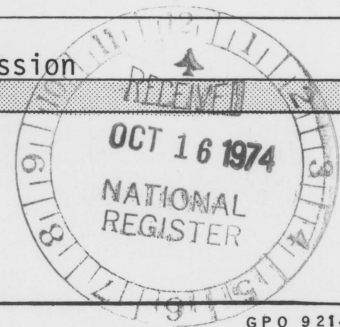
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Fort-Rathburn House

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MELLO
MILK & ICE CREAM

Coca-Cola

2
Trofe
MILK, ICE CREAM

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Alabama

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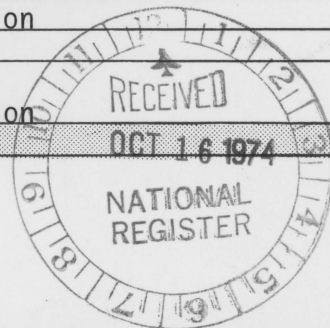
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Thornburg Store

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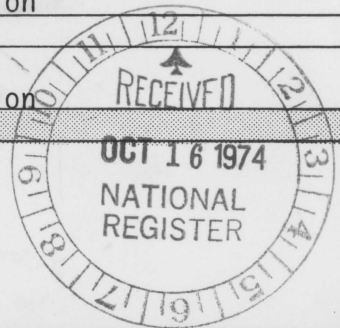
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 Big Spring and The Logs

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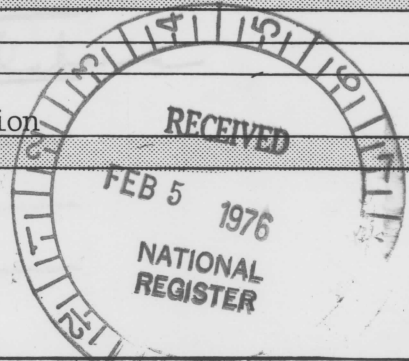
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Allen-Smith House





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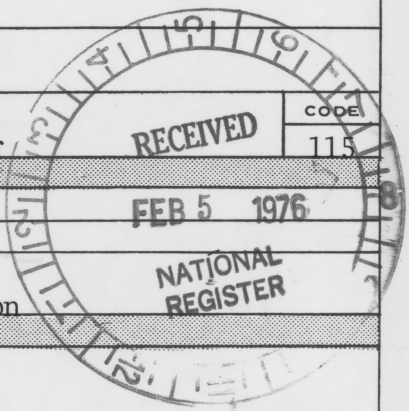
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Looking east along Highway 23 showing Fort House (14) and Fox House (15)





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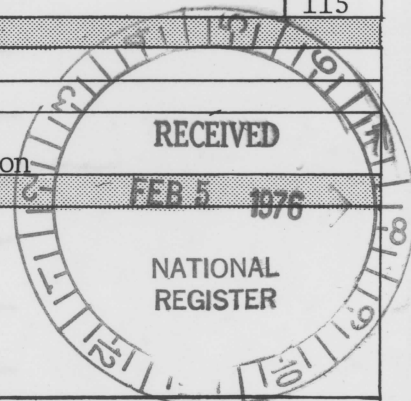
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Cornelia Cottage after the tornado (16)





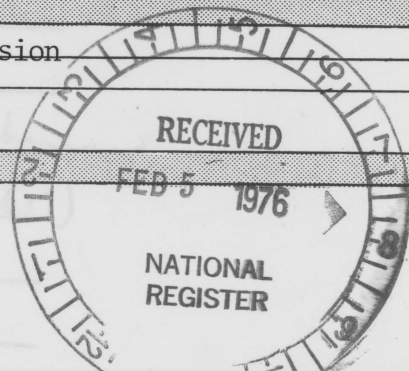
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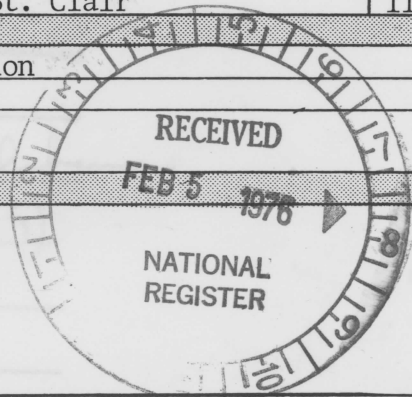
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Blount Cottage (17)





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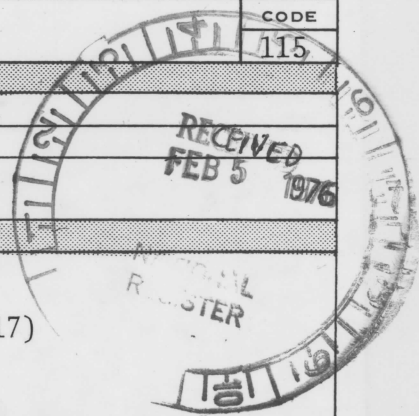
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Looking west showing Merrill (18) and Blount Cottage (17)





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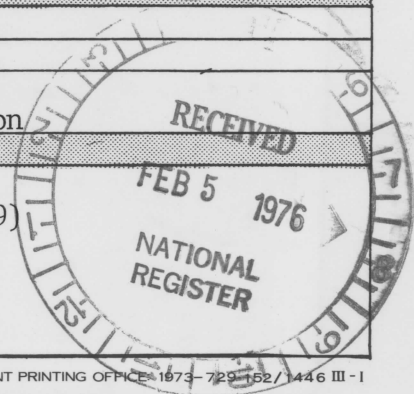
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R-Keith House (20) and L-Goo-win-McCarty Cottage (19)





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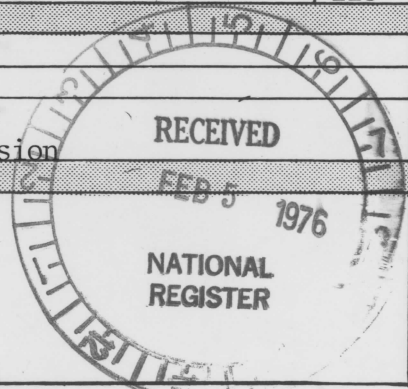
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Rodger House (21)





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NPS Number 4/26/76

Title: St Clair Springs

St Clair County, Alabama

Loc. Fort (14)

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Credit:
Carolynn Scott

ST. CLAIR SPRINGS

Lat. NW 33° 46' 02" 86 24' 34"
NE 33° 46' 02" 86 24' 01"

Long. NW 33° 45' 39" 86 24' 01"
NE 33° 45' 39" 86 24' 34"

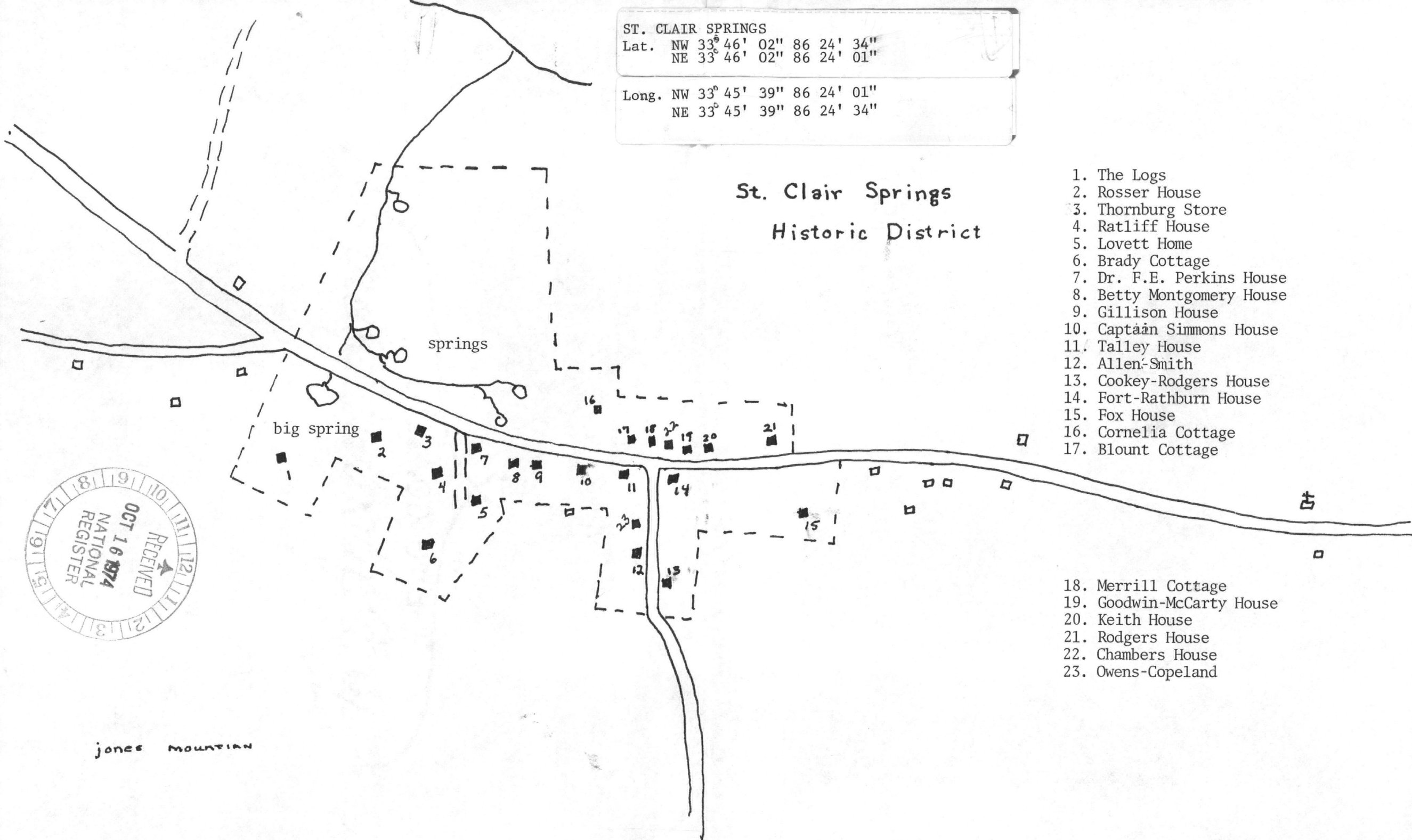
St. Clair Springs
Historic District

1. The Logs
2. Rosser House
3. Thornburg Store
4. Ratliff House
5. Lovett Home
6. Brady Cottage
7. Dr. F.E. Perkins House
8. Betty Montgomery House
9. Gillison House
10. Captain Simmons House
11. Talley House
12. Allen-Smith
13. Cooley-Rodgers House
14. Fort-Rathburn House
15. Fox House
16. Cornelia Cottage
17. Blount Cottage

18. Merrill Cottage
19. Goodwin-McCarty House
20. Keith House
21. Rodgers House
22. Chambers House
23. Owens-Copeland



jones mountain



Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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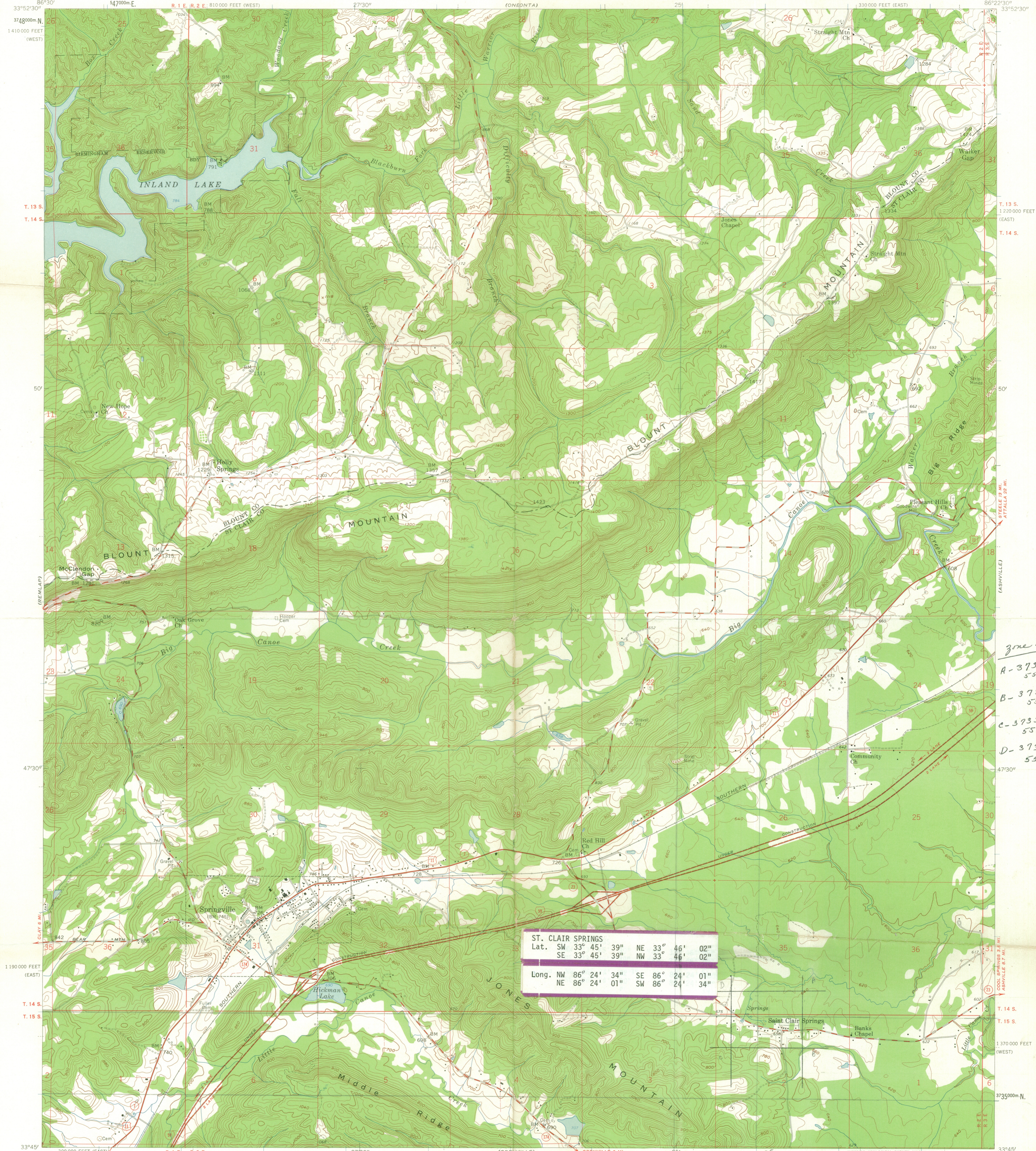
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- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
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 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.

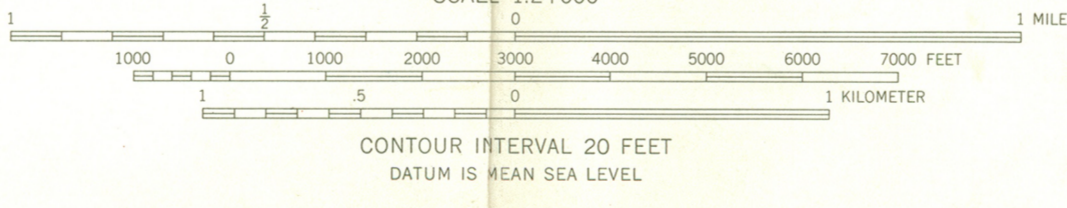
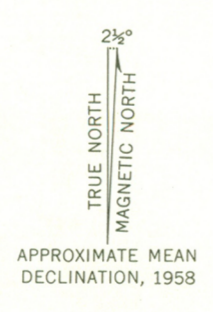




ST. CLAIR SPRINGS			
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SE	33° 45' 39"	NW	33° 46' 02"
Long. NW			
86° 24' 34"	SE	86° 24' 01"	SW
86° 24' 01"	SW	86° 24' 34"	SE

zone 16
A-3736-320
555-540
B-3735-620
555-540
C-3735-620
554-690
D-3736-300
554-680

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10,000-foot grids based on Alabama coordinate system,
east and west zones
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines
visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



SCALE 1:24000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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- Medium-duty (dotted red line)
- Unimproved dirt (dashed black line)
- Interstate Route (thick red line with shield)
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Hon. Tom Bevill
Regional Director, Southeast Region

PR:M Mott:coc 4/28/76

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Milo B. Howard, Jr.
Director, Alabama Department of
Archives and History
Chairman, Alabama Historical Commission
Archives and History Building
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

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 2 OTHER NAMES: Blue Grass Sulphur Springs; ^{See} Cornelia; St. Clair Springs
 3 date of entry: 4-26-76
 4 county code: 115

5 LOCATION street & number: AL 23
 city / town: St. Clair Springs
 vicinity of: AL
 state: AL
 county: St. Clair
 6 NPS REGION: southeast

7 OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name) private.
 8 ADMINISTRATOR:
 9 EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL
 10 FUNDED? YES NO 4
 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT
 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form?

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? NO
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME
 15 ACREAGE 76
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION deteriorated altered original site
 excellent ruins unaltered moved
 good unexposed reconstructed unknown
 fair unexcavated excavated
 17 features: INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3
 NOT INTACT-0 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-4 UNKNOWN-5
 NOT APPLICABLE-7 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONMENT NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-6
 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 19 ADAPTIVE USE YES NO
 20 SAVED? YES
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ENGINEERING-11 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
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 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: RESIDENTIAL
 CURRENTLY:
 24 dates of initial construction: ^{late 19th-early 20th C.}
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): greek revival / Eastlake
 27 architect:
 28 master builder:
 29 engineer:

30 landscape architect / garden designer:
 31 interior decorator:
 32 artist:
 33 artisan:
 34 builder / contractor:

35 NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Resort-residential district of 21 frame, clapboarded 1--1 1/2-story cottages; notable are the 1849 Keith house, the 1886 raised cottage Betty Montgomery house, and the 2 1/2-story Eastlake style Fort-Rathburn house (1894). Examples of greek revival and late Victorian. Developed as health resort because of springs, 1870s; declined after 1900, retains 19th C. character.