

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF GAINESVILLE
SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA

COLGIN HILL

0.3 mi. E of Alabama 39

Barnes A. Rogers
Gainesville, AL 35464

UTM: A. 16/392120/3630920 E. 16/391430/3630520
B. 16/392230/3630210 F. 16/391510/3630670
C. 16/391660/3630200 G. 16/391600/3630810
D. 16/391400/3630280 H. 16/392020/3630950

Block #2, Parcel 1

Tax Map: #60-08-01-11-4

Approximately 107 acres. See red line on attached map.

Date of construction: 1832

Builder/Architect: Unknown

Description:

The nucleus of Colgin Hill is a dogtrot log structure to which shed rooms were added and covered entirely with wood clapboarding. The gable roof is broken at front to extend over a full-length porch across the front and has a "cat slide" slope at the rear which covers shed rooms and a back porch. There are two pairs of stuccoed brick exterior end chimneys. The original open passage was enclosed in the early 19th century to create its "center hall" plan. The facade retains its matched board siding and Greek Revival piers and the little altered main interior preserves the original flush board siding, chair rail and mantels. A wing was added to the south-east rear of the house in the 1960s and necessitated the partial enclosure of the back porch and a room and bath were added to the north side around 1970. Alterations and modifications to the house have been accomplished unobtrusively while modifications made during the 1960s and 1970s are in harmony with the original structure. Aluminum siding now covers each side of the house as well as the additions.

Criterion C - Architecture:

Colgin Hill is significant as a well preserved example of the transition from frontier conditions to a more stable society as reflected in Alabama's early domestic architecture. It is a good example of an improved log house and is the oldest house in the Gainesville area. The house is also a good example of a "cat slide" roof profile that is relatively rare in Alabama.

Historical Summary:

Architectural evidence appears to buttress the tradition that Colgin Hill, built for William Colgin, is the oldest building in Gainesville. The log nucleus is said to have been dismantled and moved to the present hilltop site in 1832 from a less healthy location near the river. It was perhaps at that time or soon thereafter that the building was enlarged by the addition of two shed rooms, and covered with clapboarding. The interior was also plastered and otherwise finished to make the house more liveable. From the first owner, the bachelor William Colgin, the house and surrounding acreage passed to a niece. In 1917 it was purchased from the Colgin heirs by the father of the present owner.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Gainesville MRA
State Sumter County, ALABAMA

Con 10/3/85

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Coffin Shop

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 10/29/85

Attest

2. Colgin Hill

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 10/3/85

Attest

3. Gainesville Historic
District

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National Register

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4. Gibbs House

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5. Lee-Snow House

Keeper

Attest

6. Main-Yankee Street
Historic District

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7. Park and Bandstand

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8. Watson, Laura, House

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9.

Keeper

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10.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Colgin Hill (Gainesville MRA)
Sumter County
ALABAMA

Working No. SEP 15 1985

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/20/85

Action: ACCEPT 10-3-85

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance *(in one paragraph)*

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

(A. W. Sullivan, Jr.)
 Director
 Alabama

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Colgin Hill

looking NE

"Colgin Hill," Historic Resources of Gainesville, Gainesville, Alabama, Sumter County

Michael Bailey, August 1984

Alabama Historical Commission

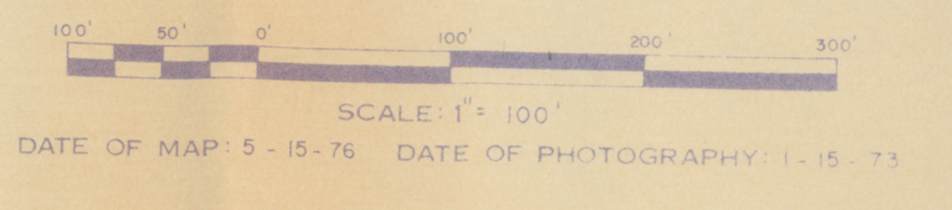
View looking NE towards SW side of "Colgin Hill"

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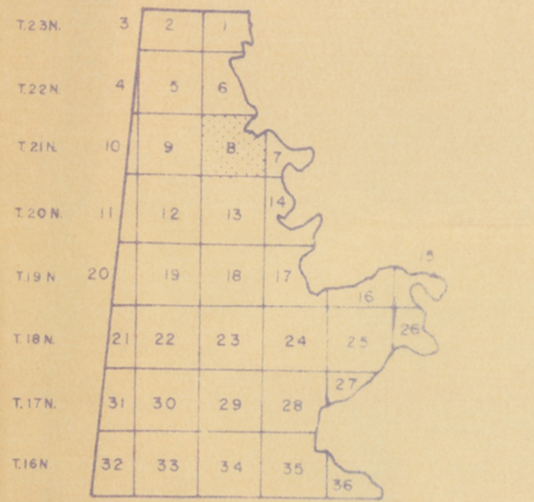
OWNERSHIP MAP
COUNTY OF SUMTER

PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECTION
 OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 AD VALOREM TAX DIVISION

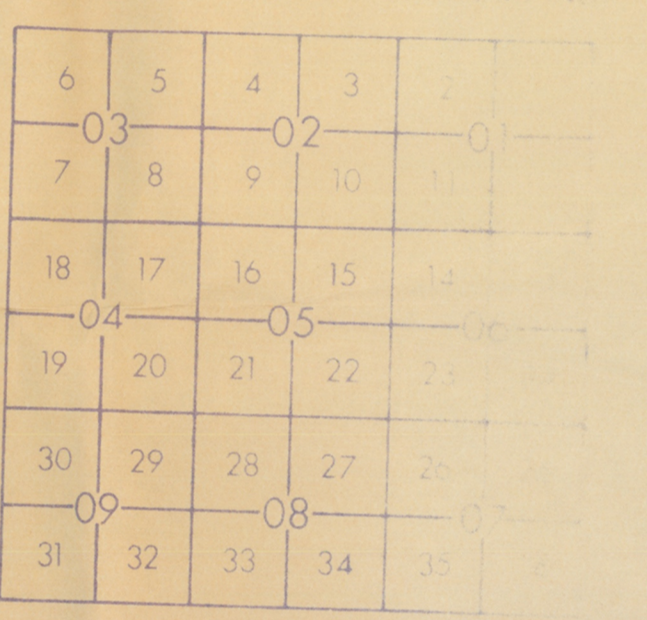
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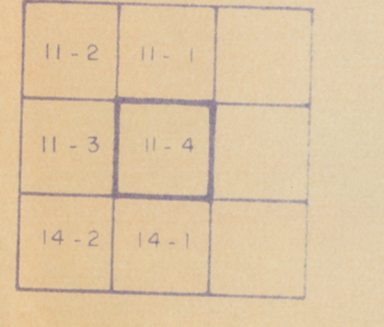
COUNTY LOCATOR



TOWNSHIP LOCATOR
 (INDEX TO 1" = 400' & 1" = 200' MAPS)



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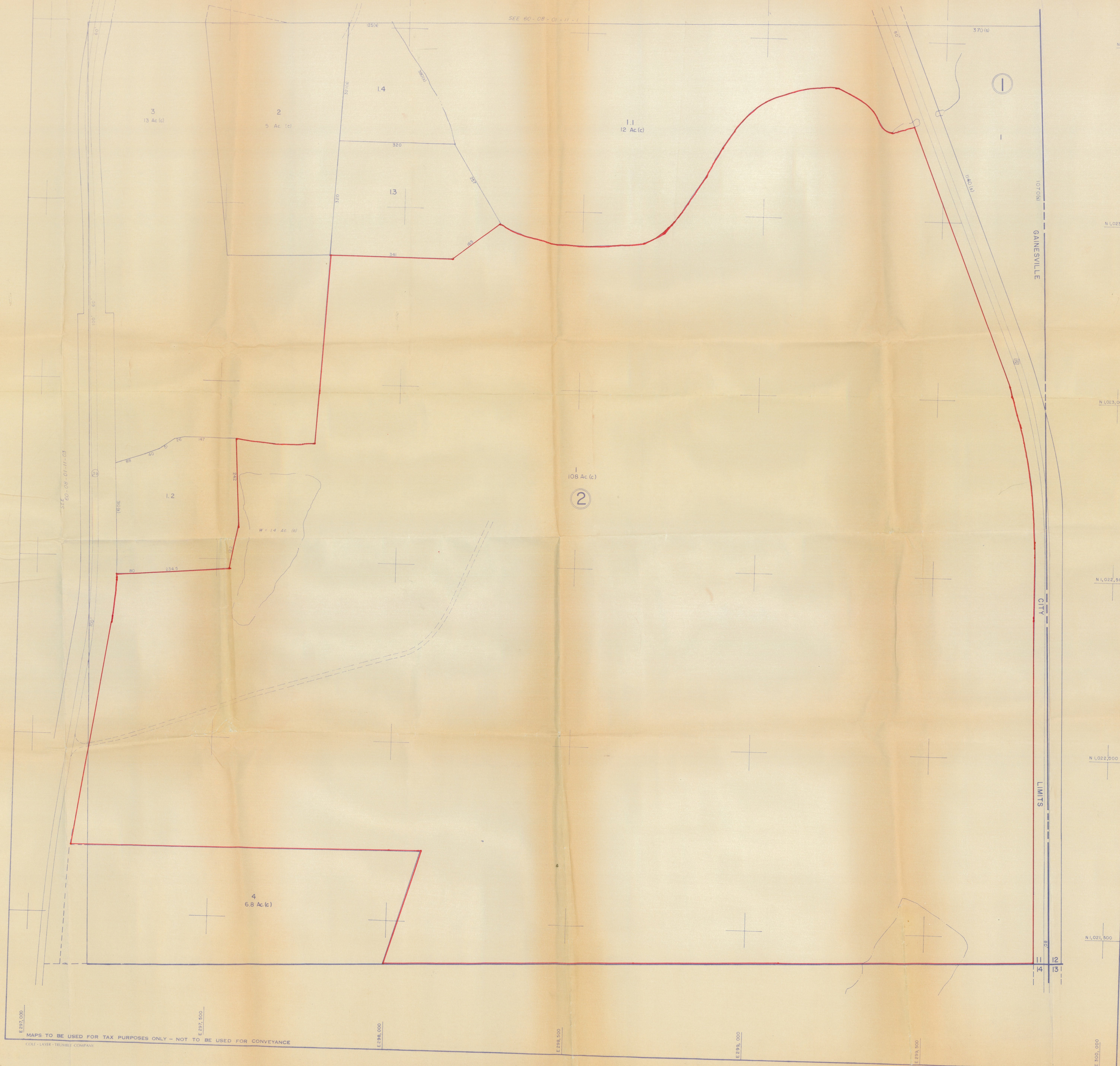


LEGEND

- STATE LINE ----- AREA (FROM SURVEY)
- COUNTY LINE ----- AREA (CALCULATED)
- CORPORATION LINE ----- DIMENSION (AS SHOWN)
- DISTRICT LINE ----- DIMENSION (SCALE)
- ROAD R/W ----- WATER
- TRAVELED ROAD WAY ----- INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
- RAILROAD R/W ----- U.S. HIGHWAY
- PROPERTY LINE ----- STATE HIGHWAY
- LAND HOOK ----- COUNTY HIGHWAY
- INTERIOR TRACT LINE OR ORIGINAL TRACT LINE ----- ROADS OR STREETS BY NAME
- SUBDIVISION LOT NUMBER 29 ----- MAJOR TRANSMISSION LINES POWER GAS OR OIL
- PARCEL NUMBER 15 ----- SECTION CORNERS
- BLOCK LIMIT (WHERE APPLICABLE) ----- STATE PLANE COORDINATES
- OWNERSHIP MAP BLOCK (WHERE APPLICABLE) 2
- CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, CEMETERIES, AIRPORTS, GOVERNMENT LANDS, ETC. BY NAME

DATE	BY	REVISIONS CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

SECTIONS SE 1/4 11
 TSP. 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST
 GAINESVILLE
60-08-01-11-4
 MAP NUMBER



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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