UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
   COMMON: Buzzard Roost (No. 301-2C)
   AND/OR HISTORIC: Buzzard Sleep

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER: On US Route 72 about 3 miles west of Cherokee, Alabama
   CITY OR TOWN: Cherokee
   STATE: Alabama
   COUNTY: Colbert

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One)
   District □ Building □ Site □ Structure
   Object □ Public □ Private □ Both
   OWNERSHIP
   Public Acquisition: □ In Process □ Being Considered
   □ Occupied □ Unoccupied □ Preservation work in progress
   □ Yes: Restricted □ Unrestricted □ No
   STATUS
   ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
   PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
   □ Agricultural □ Government □ Park
   □ Commercial □ Industrial □ Private Residence □ Religious
   □ Educational □ Military □ Museum □ Scientific
   □ Transportation □ Other (Specify)
   □ No Comments

4. AGENCY
   U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Natchez Trace Parkway
   REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
   Southeast
   STREET AND NUMBER: 3401 Whipple Avenue
   CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta
   STATE: Georgia
   CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
   County Clerk's Office
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   CITY OR TOWN: Tuscumbia
   STATE: Alabama
   CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE OF SURVEY:
   DATE OF SURVEY: □ Federal □ State □ County □ Local
   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   CITY OR TOWN:
   STATE:
   CODE:

[Stamp: Received MAR 25 1976]
Buzzard Roost is an interpretive stop on the access road to the Natchez Trace Parkway. There is a circular road with parking lot and an interpretive exhibit shelter. A trail leads from the parking lot to the spring. The supposed house site of Levi Colbert is on a slight rise overlooking the parking area and road on the one side and U. S. Highway 72 on the other. The site is grown up with high grass. The Old Natchez Trace went by the west side of the house that was built here and that served as a stand or inn on the Trace. Hopefully in the near future proposed archeological investigation will show where the house site was located.

Recommended treatment: Preservation
Preliminary cost estimate for above: $100.00
Photograph enclosed.
The second Natchez Trace stand in Alabama located 8 1/2 miles south of Colbert Ferry on Buzzard Roost Creek, was operated by Levi Colbert. Little is known of the establishment except that a circuit rider noted "Road (sic) to Levi Colberts he is a half breed, though considered a clever man by travelers had a good house." Some time between the years 1815 and 1818 Levi retired to a farm near Cotton Gin Port, Mississippi, and left the stand to be operated by his son-in-law, Kilpatrick Carter, who, after the Trace had ceased to be a trunk highway, remained as a farmer.

The stand and farm Levi established here was an extensive one. Travelers who stopped at Buzzard Roost stand remarked that it was a "good place," or they "were well received, well fed and kindly treated." Levi Colbert interested himself in other frontier enterprises, such as salt springs and grist mills and in time became a wealthy man. Levi was often a spokesman for the Chickasaw tribe and he died at Buzzard Roost Stand in 1834, while enroute to Washington on tribal business.

This stand, one of about 50, on the Old Natchez Trace provided an important service for Trace travelers. Levi and his brothers were very instrumental in getting various treaties (1805, 1816, 1818, 1825, 1830, 1832, 1834) signed as Chiefs of the Chickasaws.

Significance: 3rd order.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5.59 Class VI

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William E. Cox, Assistant Chief Park Interpreter

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Natchez Trace Parkway

STREET AND NUMBER: Rural Route 1, BT-143

CITY OR TOWN: Tupelo

STATE: Mississippi CODE 38801

PHONE: (601) 842-1572

DATE: 10/7/74

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is ☐ National ☐ State ☑ Local

Federal Representative Signature

For the Deputy Assistant Secretary

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DATE: 11/5/76

ATTEST:

Keeper of the National Register

DATE: 11/4/76
STATE: Alabama
COUNTY: Colbert
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: 301-2C
DATE: September 9, 1974
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, MS 38801

PHOTO CREDIT: William E. Cox

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.: Facing northwest from access leg showing loop road, parking lot and interpretive shelter. From the southwest corner of the parking lot is trail to spring that flows west to Buzzard Roost Creek. At right center of the photo is a tall cedar tree and to the left of it to the next cedar tree is an opening and this is the probable location of Levi Colbert's house. Behind this hill is U.S. Hwy 72. To the northeast is the parkway.