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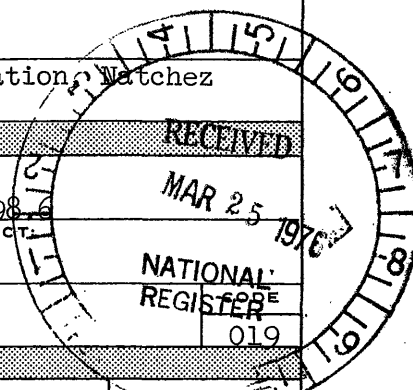
DATA SHEET

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Mississippi
COUNTY:
Choctaw
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ENTRY DATE
NOV 7 1976

1. NAME	
COMMON:	
** Old Natchez Trace (No. 230-3H)	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Path to Choctaw Nation, Path to Chickasaw Nation, Natchez Trace, Road from Natchez to Nashville	
2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Route 1, Box 233- Natchez Trace Parkway, milepost # 198.6	
CITY OR TOWN:	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Mantee	2
STATE:	CODE
Mississippi 39751	28
COUNTY:	
Choctaw	



3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Building ☒ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☒ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. AGENCY	
U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Natchez Trace Parkway	
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)	STREET AND NUMBER:
Southeast	3401 Whipple Avenue
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
Atlanta	Georgia 30344
	CODE
	13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	
Chancery Clerk's Office	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
Ackerman	Mississippi 39735
	CODE
	28

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
Natchez Trace Parkway Survey, United States Government Printing Office	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1941	☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
Washington	District of Columbia
	CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☐ Good☒ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Trace is obliterated to the southwest and on the west side of the parkway the section of Old Trace has been designated as one of our interpretive stops. There is a parking lot and sign that tells about the Old Natchez Trace.

The Old Trace at this particular point goes down a small hill and is mowed regularly for about 600 feet. From the end of the mow line the Trace is overgrown with small pine trees and it runs into a county road which then becomes the Old Trace. The parking lot is located about 400 feet north of the Burdine Road.

Longitude:

Latitude:

Acreage:

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$175.00

Photograph enclosed

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☒ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

☐ losophy

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☐ Science

☐ Architecture

☐ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☐ Art

☐ Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

☐ itarian

☒ Communications

☒ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☒ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When Europeans began to explore the Old Southwest, they found a network of trails which showed a marked tendency to follow watershed divides, avoiding wherever possible stream crossings and swamps. Several of these trails, though individually unimportant, led southwesterly from Nashville, Tennessee, to Natchez, Mississippi.

One such trail was the Chickasaw Trace which ran from Nashville to about Tupelo, Mississippi, to the Chickasaw Nation. There it intersected another trail which connected to the Choctaw and Natchez Tribes and which appears on French maps of the 1730's. The southern part of the trail appears on British maps of the 1770's as the "Path to the Choctaw Nation." These trails often shifted with the weather and population as towns sprang up nearby.

Explorers and traders traveled over these trails and they let it be known that they connected Natchez and Nashville. In 1785 a small scow from Pittsburgh loaded with flour landed at Spanish Natchez. This was the beginning of the Natchez Trace as the Boatmen's Trail. From this humble beginning, western products began to flow down the Mississippi to Natchez and New Orleans. The effect on the western economy was enormous. This was the major outlet of trade for them.

In 1798 the Mississippi Territory was formed and traffic increased so much there was a demand to improve the road. By 1810 about 8-10,000 people were using the road. It was also important to have a good line of communication between the Federal Government and the capital of the Mississippi Territory.

In 1801 President Thomas Jefferson authorized improvement on the Natchez Trace and work began in that year and ended in 1807. Postal service also began on the Old Natchez Trace in 1800 and continued until the 1830's. Stands or inns, such as Mount Locust, sprang up along the Trace until 50 were located between Natchez and Nashville.

In 1812 the United States declared war on England. Gen. Andrew Jackson's Tennessee Militia was ordered down the Natchez Trace to protect New Orleans from a threatened ~~Spanish~~ ^{British} invasion. This invasion never materialized, and he and his men returned over the Trace to their homes. It was on this march that Jackson won the sobriquet "Old Hickory." The Natchez Trace Parkway was created in 1938 to memorialize the Old Natchez Trace.

Significance: 1st order

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Phelps, Dawson A. "The Trace in Alabama." Alabama Review, vol. VII.
(January 1949). 22-41

_____. "The Natchez Trace in Tennessee History." Tennessee
Historical Quarterly, vol. XIII. (September 1954). 195-203

_____. "The Natchez Trace: Indian Trail to Parkway." Tennessee
Historical Quarterly, Vol. XXI. (September 1962)
203-18.

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		33° 28' 32"	89° 12' 04"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.03, Class VI

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William E. Cox, Assistant Chief Park Interpreter		DATE: 10-01-74
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Natchez Trace Parkway		
STREET AND NUMBER: R. R. 1, NT-143		PHONE: (601) 842-1572
CITY OR TOWN: Tupelo	STATE Mississippi 38801	CODE 28

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☒ None

Elmer R. Williams
State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby
nominate this property to the National Register, certify-
ing that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90
days in which to present the nomination to the State Re-
view Board and to evaluate its significance. The recom-
mended level of significance is ☐ National ☐ State
☒ Local

Gennig & Orabelle 3/23/76
Federal Representative Signature Date

for the Deputy Assistant Secretary

Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Henry F. Rogers
Acting Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/9/76

ATTEST:

Wm. H. Smith
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11/4/76

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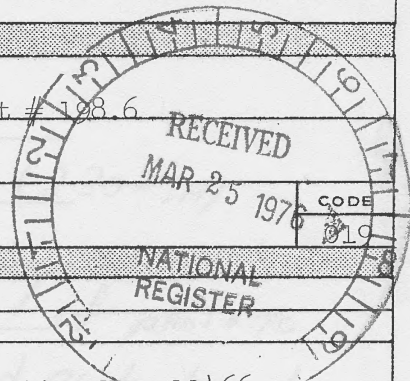
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PHOTO CREDIT: William E. Cox			
DATE OF PHOTO: August 30, 1974			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, MS 38801		Negative No. 11466	
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

Overview west-from left of photo to where man is in road park boundary cuts diagonally across to lower right of photo. Old Natchez Trace is at right center of photo.





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