

GENERAL INFORMATION

Site #8: CO00773First site form recorded for this Site? Original documentation, site not recorded at FSFIdentifying code (field date, if none then form date): 199810Cultural resource type: Archaeological SiteForm type code NORMal form (new System 3 forms)Form status code Newly Scattered Form (Needs Processing)Form quality ranking Newly scattered form of standard quality

Recorder #:

Field date: 10/08/1998Form date: 11/02/1998

Staffer:

Date of FMSF computer entry: 10/27/1998Site name(s): OLD GODWIN BRIDGE (COLUMBIA; ALSO HA321)

Alternate names:

Project name: BIG SHOALS FBAR SURVEY

Mult. list #8:

Survey #: 5550National Register category: Site, such as battlefield, park, archaeologicalOwnership: Public-stateUSGS map name & year of publication/revision: WHITE SPRINGS EAST/1993County: COLUMBIATownship/Range/Section/Qtr: 2 South/16 East/2/Northeastern quarter of square section or 1/4 sectIrregular section: N/ALandgrant: N/A

Tax parcel number:

City: WHITE SPRINGSIn current city limits? Definitely outside city limitsUTM: Zone/Easting/Northing: 17/338040/3358620Address/Vicinity of/Route to: ACCESS IS FROM DIRT ROAD OFF OLD RIVER ROAD.Name of public tract: BIG SHOALS, DEP

TYPE OF SITE

Type of site: Bridge; Historic road segmentOther site type: BRIDGE RUINS

HISTORIC CONTEXTS

Historic contexts: Twentieth century American, 1900-present

Other cultures:

SURVEYOR'S EVALUATION OF SITE

Potentially eligible for local designation? Insufficient information to render an opinionName of Local Register eligible for: N/AIndividually eligible for National Register? Insufficient information for independ NR eligibiltyPotential contributor to NR District? Data insuff. to judge contribution to NR districtExplanation of evaluation: BRIDGE PILINGS FROM OLD GODWIN BRIDGE, IMPORTANT TO THE LOCAL HISTORY OF THE AREA.Recommendations for site: AVOID DISTURBANCE IF POSSIBLE, MONITOR ANY DISTURBANCE.

FIELD METHODS

Methods for site detection: Exposed ground inspection

Methods for site boundaries: Exposed ground inspection

No, size, depth, pattern of tests; screen: N/A

SITE DESCRIPTION

Extent size (sq m): 100

Depth/stratigraphy of cultural deposit: N/A

Temporal interpretation -- Components: Probable single component

Describe each occupation: N/A

Site integrity -- Overall disturbance: Minor

Disturbances/threats/protectations: STEEL PILINGS ARE RUSTING, BUT GENERALLY STABLE. EROSION MAY DAMAGE ROAD/BRIDGE APPROACH.

Area collected (sq m): -1

Surface collection -- # units:

Excavation -- # noncontiguous areas:

ARTIFACTS

Total # artifacts:

Count or estimate?

Surface artifacts #:

Subsurface artifacts #:

COLLECTION STRATEGY Uncollected: NO COLLECTION was made

ARTIFACTS: Category/Disposition ** blank **

Other (Strategy, Categories)

DIAGNOSTICS: Type/Number ** blank **

ENVIRONMENT

Nearest fresh water type: River

Nearest fresh water name: SUWANNEE RIVER

Nearest fresh water distance (m):

Natural community: Palustrine: floodplain wetlands: floodplain forest

Local vegetation: LIVE OAK, HICKORY, PINE, AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED

Topography: River shore

Other, uncoded topographic setting:

Minimum elevation (m): 21

Maximum elevation (m): 25

Present land use: RECREATION AREA

SCS soil series: PLUMMER FINE SAND

Soil association: N/A

FURTHER INFORMATION

Informant(s) name: N/A

Informant address/phone: N/A

REPOSITORIES: Collection/Housed/ACC#/Describe All documents and collections at same repository/Florida Division of Historical Resources, ex-DAHRM/NOTES, PHOTOS/**

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Memo information status:

Is text-only supplement file attached? Text-only supplement file is on disk

Text-only supplement file status (FMSF): Status of possible supplement is unchecked

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

This site is composed of the steel bridge pilings and associated debris of Old Godwin Bridge. Each piling is approximately 3 feet in diameter and around 15 feet high. The pilings are composed of five foot sections, riveted together, and are filled with concrete. The two pilings are spaced 9 feet apart. These are Lally Column Pier type pilings, typically associated with pin-construction truss bridges of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. There also is a segment of historic roadway as well as part of the concrete and rubble bridge approach. 8HA321 is the corresponding set of pilings on the opposite side of the river. A map produced in 1912 shows the bridge (Slattery 1913), as do a series of aerial photographs beginning in 1937 (United States Department of Agriculture 1938; 1947; 1954). Aerial photographs from 1960 and the 1961 edition of the White Springs East quad. shows the road meeting the river in the vicinity of the pilings, but apparently the bridge had been dismantled at this point. Numerous steel bridges were built in the Hamilton and Columbia county areas just before and after the beginning of the twentieth century. The Godwin Bridge and road may have served the community of Suwannee Shoals, which was located in this vicinity as early as 1845.

The historic road segment and concrete bridge approach are currently in good condition, but will deteriorate through time due to erosion and visitation. The concrete road surface at this site is significant, since it is dated to the period of 1900-1912. If this component of the site begins to deteriorate, samples of the concrete should be taken for use in a reference collection.

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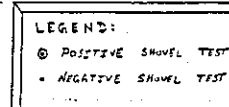
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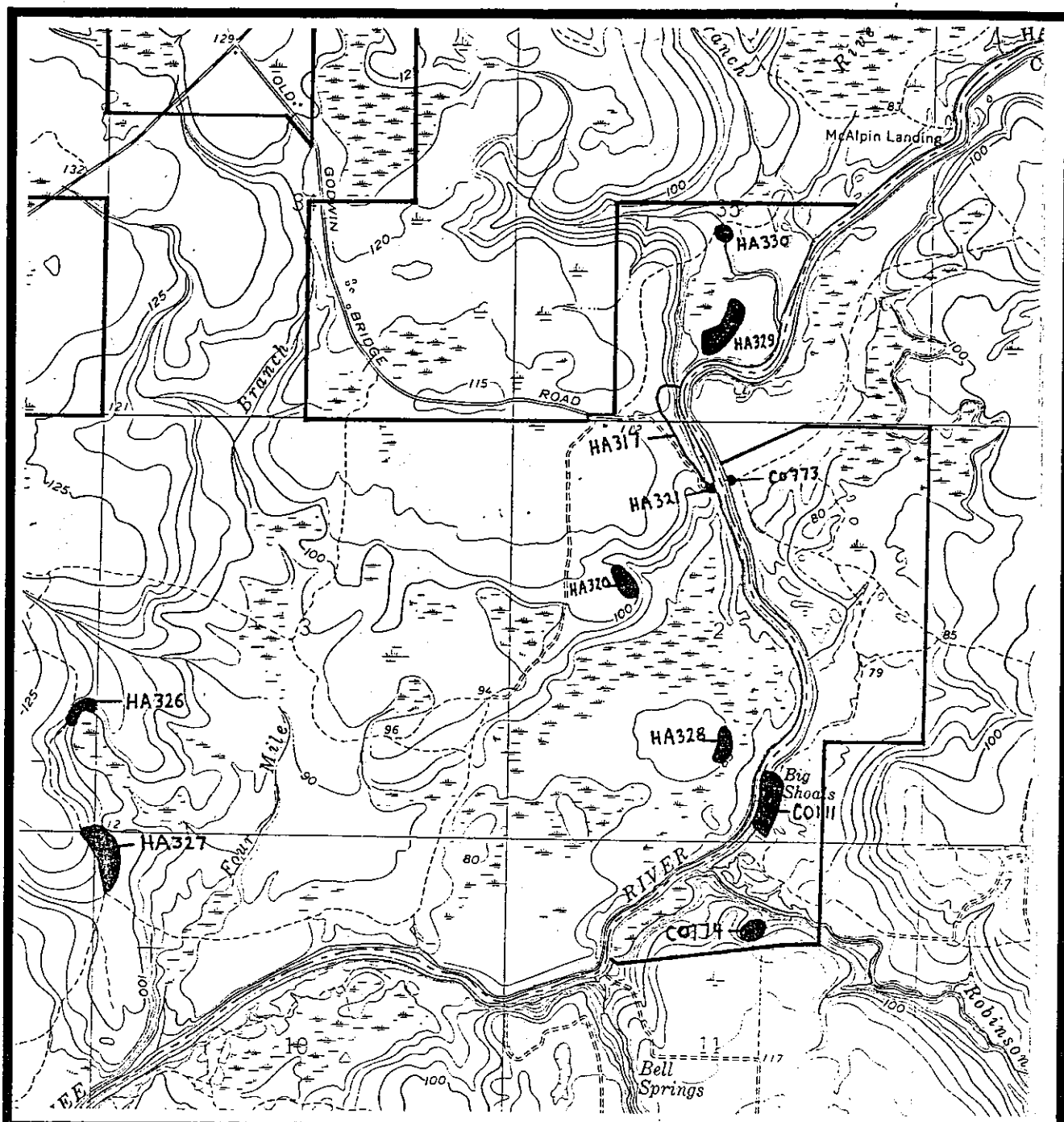
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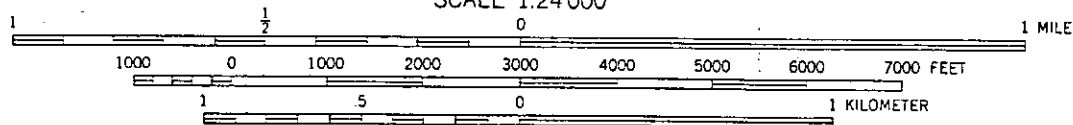
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BIG SHOALS FBAR SURVEY

Base map:
WHITE SPRINGS EAST
1961 Edition