

GENERAL INFORMATION

Site #8: HA00321First 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: 10/23/1998Form date: 10/28/1998

Staffer:

Date of FMSF computer entry: 10/27/1998Site name(s): OLD GODWIN BRIDGE (HAMILTON; ALSO CO773)

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: HAMILTONTownship/Range/Section/Qtr: 2 South/16 East/2/Northwestern 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: 17/337970/3358630Address/Vicinity of/Route to: SITE IS LOCATED AT THE END OF OLD GODWIN BRIDGE RD.Name of public tract: BIG SHOALS, SRWMD

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, PROBABLY SIGNIFICANT TO LOCAL HISTORY.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/protections: STEEL PILINGS ARE RUSTING, BUT GENERALLY STABLE.

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 Building materials/brick/This category observed 1st hand but NOT collected

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: Terrestrial: xeric uplands: xeric hammock

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

Topography: River shore

Other, uncoded topographic setting:

Minimum elevation (m): 25

Maximum elevation (m): 35

Present land use: RECREATION AREA

SCS soil series: ALPIN 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 presumably filled with concrete or rock rubble. The two pilings are spaced 9 feet apart. Several broken steel I-bars are embedded in the ground nearby. 8CO773 is the corresponding set of pilings on the opposite side of the river. A map made in 1912 shows the bridge, and labels the area as "Hewitts Ferry" (Slattery 1913). A sequence of aerial photographs beginning in 1937 shows the bridge (United States Department of Agriculture 1938; 1947; 1954). Aerial photographs from 1960, and the USGS quad. from 1961 do not show the bridge, indicating that it had been dismantled sometime in the late 1950s.

Research indicates that the remaining bridge pilings are of the Lally Column Pier type, typically associated with turn-of-the-century pin-connected truss bridges in Florida (Atkins and Keeler 1981). Hamilton County built a large number of steel bridges in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Pratt truss and camelback truss type bridges (the Old Godwin Bridge may have been an example of one of these types) were constructed over the Alapaha, Suwannee, and Withlacoochee rivers in Hamilton County, with examples (some as ruins) dating to 1902, 1904, 1911, and 1927. Later bridge types usually employed concrete piers. Further research in county records or in local historical photographs may help establish the date of bridge construction, type of bridge, and dates of use.

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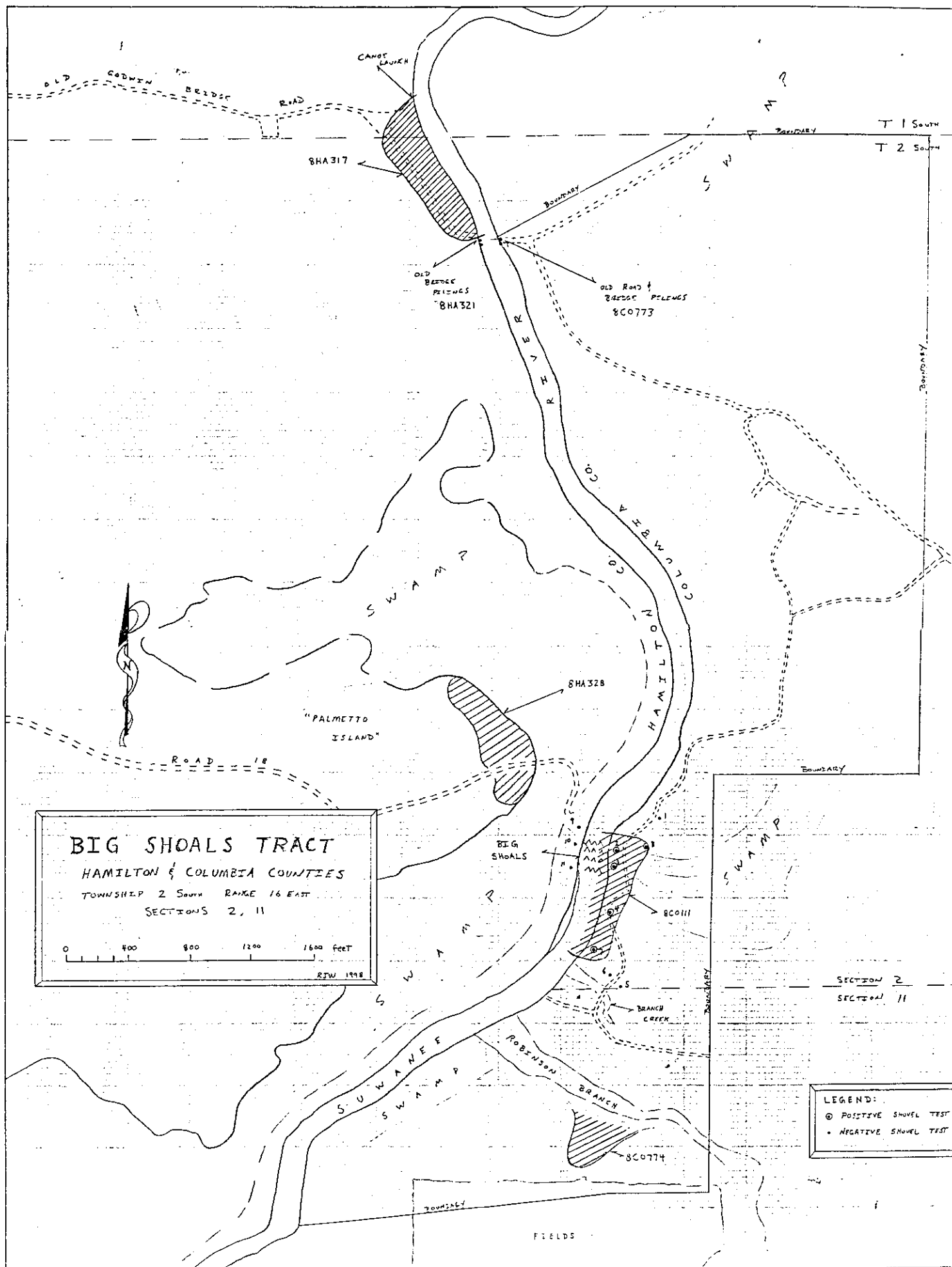
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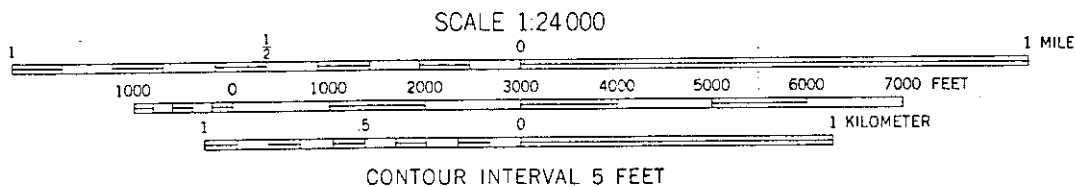
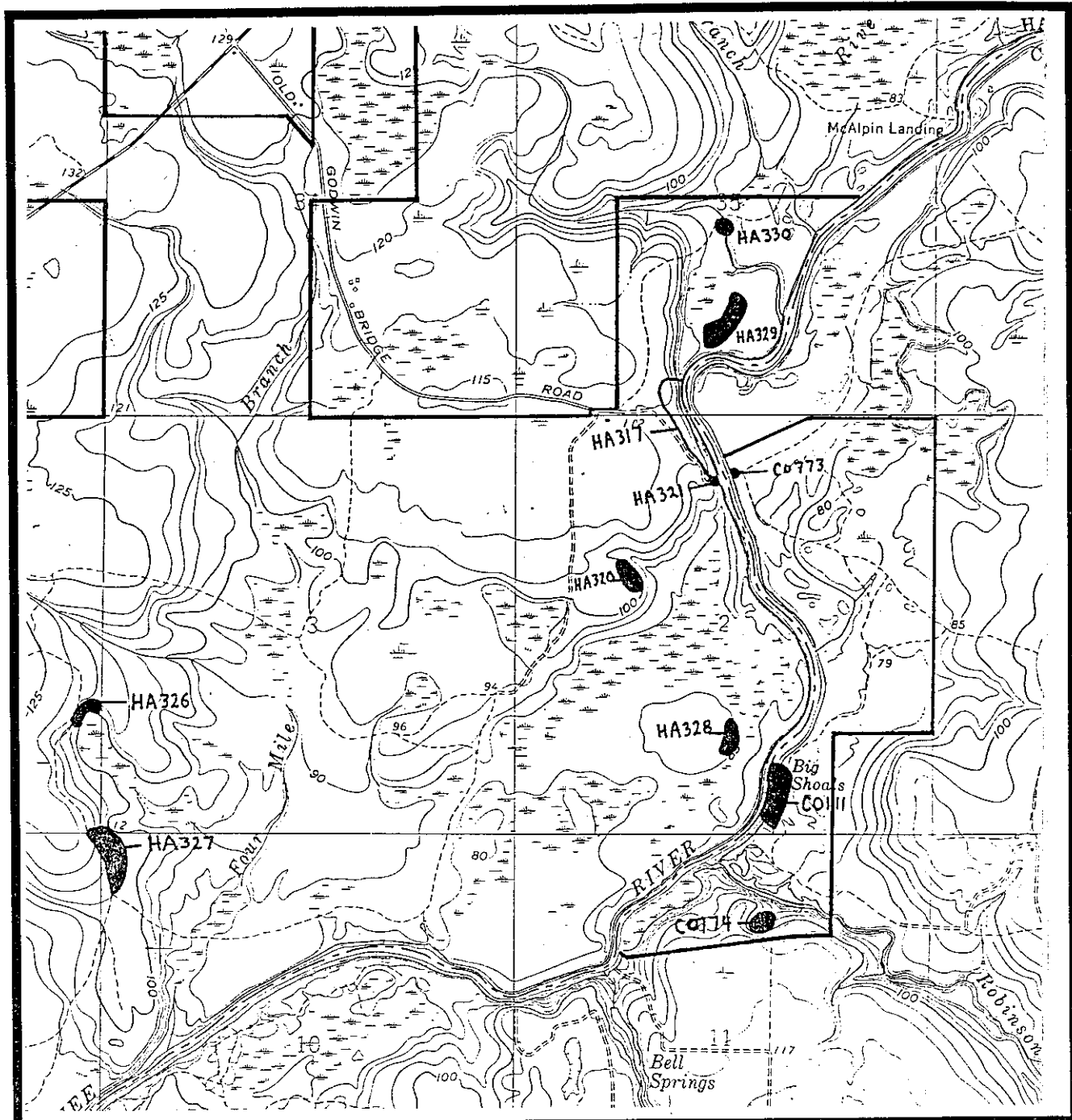
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Base map:
WHITE SPRINGS EAST
1961 Edition