

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SHORT FORM

FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

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Site File No. 8 HA 00322
Date of Form 5-14-06
Field Dates 200605

☐ Original
☒ Update

Site Name(s) DOWNING & TIPPINS TURPENTINE CAMP
Survey Name BIG SHOALS FBAR Site File # if known HA

USGS Map name WHITE SPRINGS EAST / 1993
(A USGS topographic map in the 7.5 minute series, or a photocopy, must be attached to this form)

Ownership ☐ private-profit (corporation) ☐ private-nonprofit (church) ☒ private-individual ☐ private-unspecif (not public)
☐ city ☐ county ☒ state ☐ federal ☐ foreign ☐ native american ☐ unknown

Nearest Town WHITE SPRINGS in current city limits? ☐ y ☐ n
County HAMILTON Township 25 Range 16E Section 5
Address / Vicinity Off/Route To ALONG CR 135, SW OF LITTLE SHOALS ENTRANCE

Environment (nearest fresh water) WELL @ RANGER RESIDENCE Distance (m/ft) 15 ft
Local Vegetation OAK, PLANTED PINE, CLEARED AREA
Current Land Use STATE PARK, UNPLANTED CLEARED AREA (PRIVATE)

Artifact Categories (If possible, attach photos, sketches, or photocopies of datable and representative artifacts)

☐ Stone tools, flakes, chips ☒ Glass ☐ Bone-animal
☐ Ceramics-prehistoric ☐ Precious metal/coin ☐ Bone-unidentified
☒ Ceramics-historic or Euro. ☒ Metal ☒ Shell
☒ Brick/building material ☐ Bone-human ☐ Other (describe below)

Other _____

Location (field notes, artifacts, photographs) _____

Contact Person (name) WESLEY PAULOS
Address/Phone 18738 SE 94th St. WHITE SPRINGS, FL 32096

Is Contact Person the landowner? ☐ yes ☒ no Agreeable to further contact? ☒ yes ☐ no

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION: Attach extra sheets with information on site discovery, artifacts observed or collected, history of land use, current condition, apparent threats to the site, current environment, and other pertinent observations.

RECORDER Name WESLEY PAULOS 904 860 1744
Affiliation (FAS Chapter if member)/Address/Phone DEP (PARK + REC)

To learn about a nonprofit organization of amateur and professional archaeologists concerned with preserving and learning about Florida's heritage, write: Membership Secretary, Florida Anthropological Society, P. O. Box 82255, Tampa, Florida 33682.

FURTHER READING

The Florida Master Site File has produced a one page *Bibliography for Archaeology in Florida*.

Write to the address on the bottom of this page.

***** REQUIRED: USGS MAP OR PHOTOCOPY WITH SITE MARKED *****

DON'T TRESPASS * DON'T DIG OR COLLECT WITHOUT TRAINING & RECORDS

Narrative Description:

Site HA 00322

05-14-2006

Downing and Tippins Turpentine Camp

Last updated: 11-1998 by Wheeler, Ryan

Site has been recently disturbed by building of firelines. The harrowing unearthed several artifacts on the state park side of the site. Some of the artifacts are as follows: heardy cup shards, horse shoe, rusted metal shards, old oyster shells, shards of glass bottles, historic ceramic, and brick pieces.

On the other side of CR 135 there are two original structures that are still standing. There has been a clearcut of pine trees within the last year.

The pictures indicate what remains on the site. Other than the two structures, all of the identified artifacts are on state property.

No other disturbances are noted.

GPS coordinates:

N 30° 20.563

W 082° 44.274

The Trails of Big Shoals Public Lands

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LITTLE SHOALS
SOUTH
ENTRANCE

CR 135

11 Miles
to SR 6

BIG SHOALS
NORTH
ENTRANCE

OLD GOODWIN
BRIDGE RD.

Long Branch
Trail

BIG
SHOALS

1.2 Miles to
White Springs

* Surface
litter discovered
here.

Check
St.

WOODPECKER
TRAIL 3.4 MILES

EQUESTRIAN
TRAIL HEAD

FOUR

MILE

Sumner River

LITTLE SHOALS

- NO HUNTING OR FIRE
- PAVED ROAD
- OPEN ROAD
- MULTI USE
- HIKING TRAIL ONLY
- Big Shoals Trail
- NO HORSES
- Hiking & Single Track Cycling
- CREEK
- CABLED GATES
- CHECK STATION
- OBSERVATION PLATFORM
- PICNIC AREA
- DWELLING
- PARKING
- CANOE LAUNCH



Big Shoals Public Lands represents a cooperative effort between four state agencies. The property is owned and managed by the Florida Division of Forestry, The Florida Park Service, and the Suwannee River Water Management District. Wildlife and hunting are managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Site #8: HA00322

First site form recorded for this Site? Original documentation, site not recorded at FSF

Identifying code (field date, if none then form date): 199811

Cultural resource type: Archaeological Site

Form 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 #: NOV30-1

Field date: 11/30/1998

Form date: 12/09/1998

Staffer:

Date of FMSF computer entry: 10/27/1998

Site name(s): DOWNING & TIPPINS TURPENTINE CAMP

Alternate names:

Project name: BIG SHOALS FBAR SURVEY

Mult. list #8:

Survey #: 5550

National Register category: Site, such as battlefield, park, archaeological

Ownership: Public-state

USGS map name & year of publication/revision: WHITE SPRINGS EAST/1993

County: HAMILTON

Township/Range/Section/Qtr: 2 South/16 East/5/Southwestern quarter of square section or 1/4 sect

Irregular section: N/A

Landgrant: N/A

Tax parcel number:

City: WHITE SPRINGS

In current city limits? Definitely outside city limits

UTM: Zone/Easting/Northing: 17/333000/3357950

Address/Vicinity of/Route to: SITE IS LOCATED ALONG SR 135, SW OF GFC CHECK STATION ENTRANCE.

Name of public tract: BIG SHOALS, DRP

TYPE OF SITE

Type of site: Artifact scatter-dense (more than 2 per square m); Naval stores-related; Historic town

Other site type:

HISTORIC CONTEXTS

Historic contexts: Twentieth century American, 1900-present

Other cultures: AMERICAN, 1910S-1930S

SURVEYOR'S EVALUATION OF SITE

Potentially eligible for local designation? Insufficient information to render an opinion

Name of Local Register eligible for: N/A

Individually eligible for National Register? Insufficient information for independ NR eligibilty

Potential contributor to NR District? Data insuff. to judge contribution to NR district

Explanation of evaluation: SITE CONSISTS OF DEBRIS, DIM ROADS, FENCELINES, WELL ASSOCIATED W/ A TURPENTINE CAMP. SITE IS IMPORTANT IN UNDERSTANDING LAND USE HISTORY.

Recommendations for site: AVOID DISTURBANCE IF POSSIBLE, MONITOR ANY DISTURBANCE.

FIELD METHODS

Methods for site detection: Remote sensing: including aerial and magnetometric; Exposed ground inspection

Methods for site boundaries: Remote sensing: e.g., aerial or magnetometry; Exposed ground inspection

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

SITE DESCRIPTION

Extent size (sq m): 16000

Depth/stratigraphy of cultural deposit: UNKNOWN

Temporal interpretation -- Components: Probable single component

Describe each occupation: DEBRIS RELATED TO EARLY 20TH CENTURY OCCUPATION.

Site integrity -- Overall disturbance: Minor

Disturbances/threats/protections: LAND CLEARING HAS DAMAGED THE SITE; MONITOR FOR LOOTING.

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; Nonaboriginal ceramics/This category observed 1st hand but NOT collected; Glass/This category observed 1st hand but NOT collected; Metal/This category observed 1st hand but NOT collected

Other (Strategy, Categories)

DIAGNOSTICS: Type/Number ** blank **

ENVIRONMENT

Nearest fresh water type: Well

Nearest fresh water name:

Nearest fresh water distance (m):

Natural community: Terrestrial: mesic flatlands: mesic flatwoods

Local vegetation: LIVE OAK, HICKORY, PINE, AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED IN THE PAST.

Topography: Defined as N/A by recorder

Other, uncoded topographic setting:

Minimum elevation (m): 41

Maximum elevation (m): 44

Present land use: RECREATION AREA

SCS soil series: ALBANY 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, AERIAL/PHOTOS

RECORDER Name: WHEELER, RYAN J.

Recorder address/phone: FBAR, R.A. GRAY BLDG., 500 S. BRONOUGH ST., TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399 (850) 487-2299

Affiliation: Florida Division of Historical Resources, ex-DAHRM

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

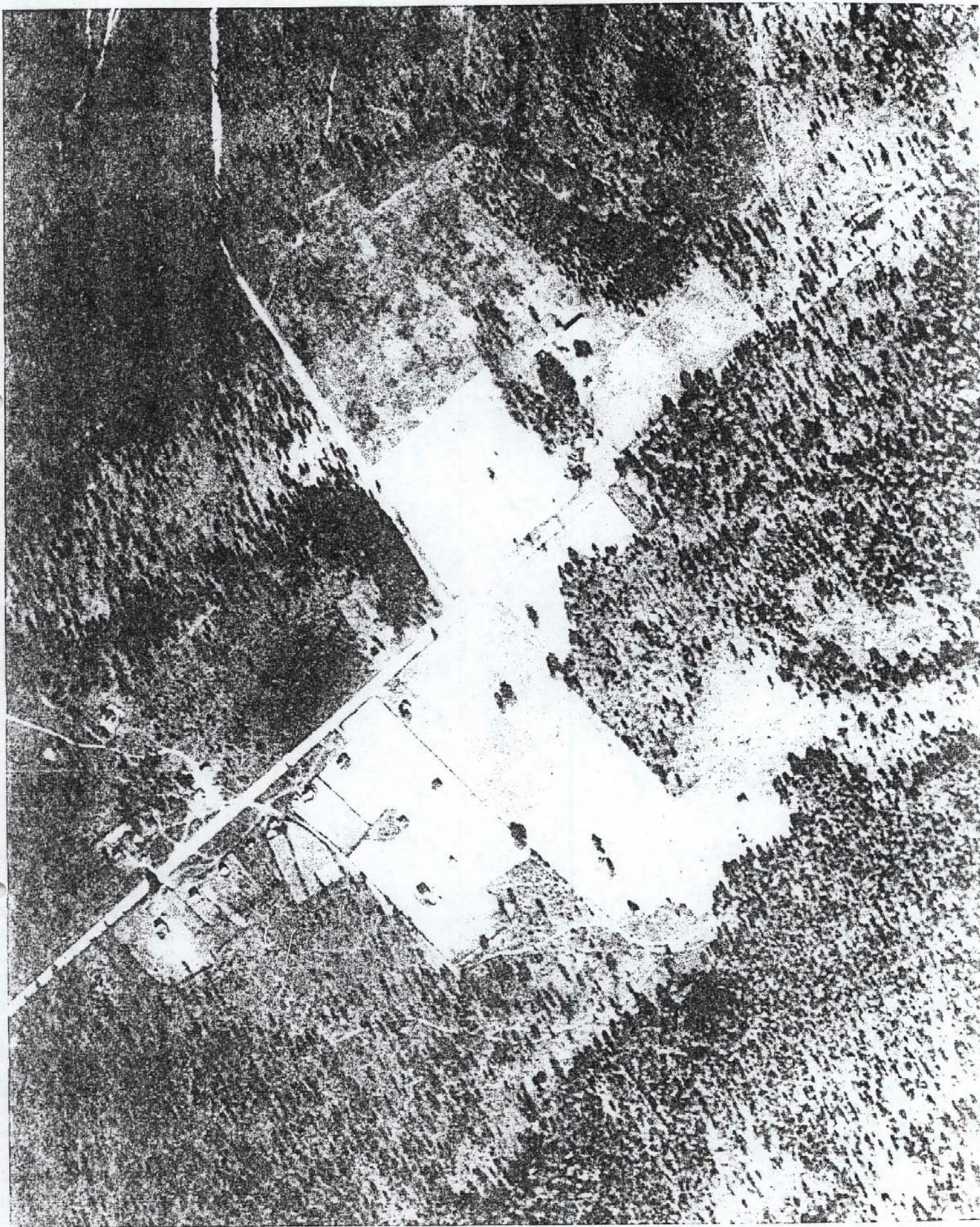
This site was identified on U.S.D.A. (1938) aerial photographs dating to 1937. The layout of the buildings, in two rows on either side of S.R. 135 (the Woodpecker Route), is characteristic of timber and naval stores-related camps/towns. Examination of this area revealed a light scatter of building materials and household debris, as well as dim roads and old fencelines. The southwestern side of the site has several push piles of building debris, an artesian well (not flowing), and several discrete scatters of household debris (e.g., fragments of glass and ceramics, tin cans).

Documentary research indicates that while the property was owned by Columbia Downing and John W. Tippins (1911-1925), of Georgia, there were leases to use the turpentine quarters, and tap the pine trees, and operate a farm on the property. The camp probably continued to operate until the late 1930s. Turpentine and timber camps were usually staffed by black families and are an important element of African-American heritage and history.

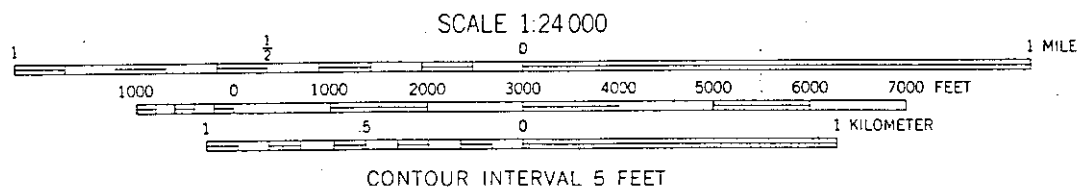
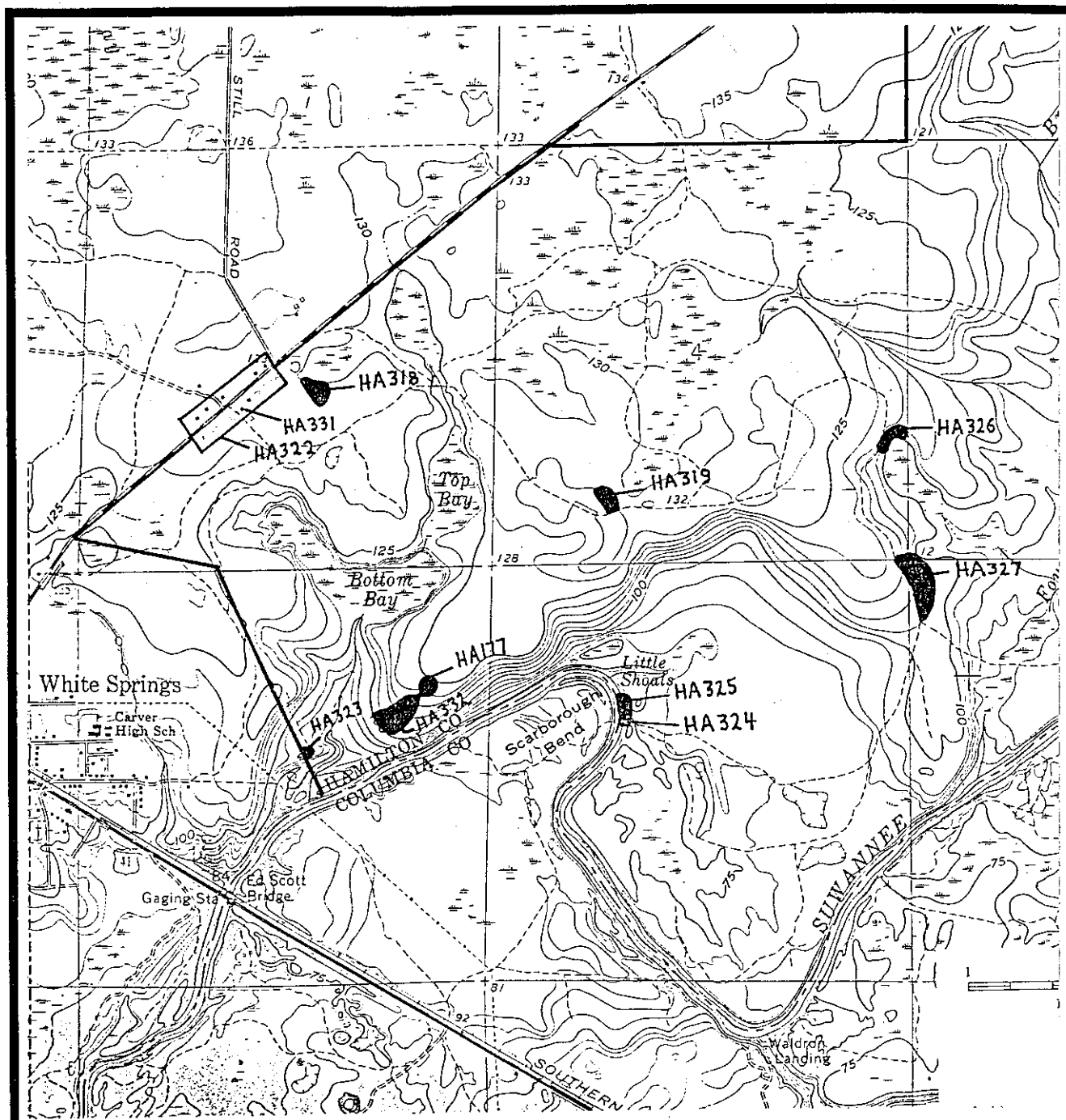
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BIG SHOALS FBAR SURVEY

Base map:
WHITE SPRINGS EAST
1961 Edition







