

GENERAL INFORMATION

Site #8: HA00324First site form recorded for this Site? Original documentation, site not recorded at FSFIdentifying code (field date, if none then form date): 199811Cultural 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 qualityRecorder #: NOV30-3Field date: 11/30/1998Form date: 12/09/1998

Staffer:

Date of FMSF computer entry: 10/27/1998Site name(s): LITTLE SHOALS BRIDGE FOUNDATION

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/9/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: 17/334410/3356640Address/Vicinity of/Route to: SITE IS LOCATED AT THE S. END OF LITTLE SHOALS, WHERE RD. 4 MEETS THE RIVER.Name of public tract: BIG SHOALS, DRP

TYPE OF SITE

Type of site: Bridge; Historic road segment

Other site type:

HISTORIC CONTEXTS

Historic contexts: Nineteenth century American, 1821-1899

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: SITE IS BRIDGE FOUNDATION CUT INTO SOFT LIMESTONE. SITE IS IMPORTANT IN UNDERSTANDING 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENT. SETTLEMENT.Recommendations for site: SITE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PRESERVE, MONITOR CONDITION.

FIELD METHODS

Methods for site detection: Exposed ground inspection; Informant report

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: Substantial

Disturbances/threats/protectations: DAMAGE FROM EROSION--SITE WILL EVENTUALLY BE DESTROYED.

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: Other natural community

Local vegetation: LIVE OAK, HICKORY, PINE

Topography: River bed

Other, uncoded topographic setting: BLACKWATER RIVER, GEOLOGIC OUTCROP

Minimum elevation (m): 23

Maximum elevation (m):

Present land use: RECREATION AREA

SCS soil series: N/A

Soil association: N/A

FURTHER INFORMATION

Informant(s) name: VALINDA SUBIC

Informant address/phone: STEPHEN FOSTER STATE PARK

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

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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 consists of cuts made into the solidified clay/dolomite of the Hawthorn Formation to receive the vertical and horizontal timbers of a bridge foundation. No indications of this structure can be found on early aerial photographs or maps, though it is presumed to date to the nineteenth century. Chance (in Hinton 1983:71) indicates that "in the early days of the Town [of White Springs], the old stage road from Alligator (Lake City) to Pulaski (Jasper) came into Upper Mineral Springs (White Springs) above where the present G.S. & F. railway bridge is now. It crossed the Suwannee River at what is known as Little Shoals..." A topographic map showing north Florida during the 1860s shows some of these roads and the bridge crossing (Cowles 1891:Plate CXLV). The historic road that crossed the river at this bridge is evident on maps and aerial photographs, and in the field. The cut marks extend approximately 15 m into the middle of the river, and the spacing of the vertical elements suggests the bridge was approximately 8 m wide. Parallel horizontal elements appear to have been spaced 2 m (6 ft.) apart.

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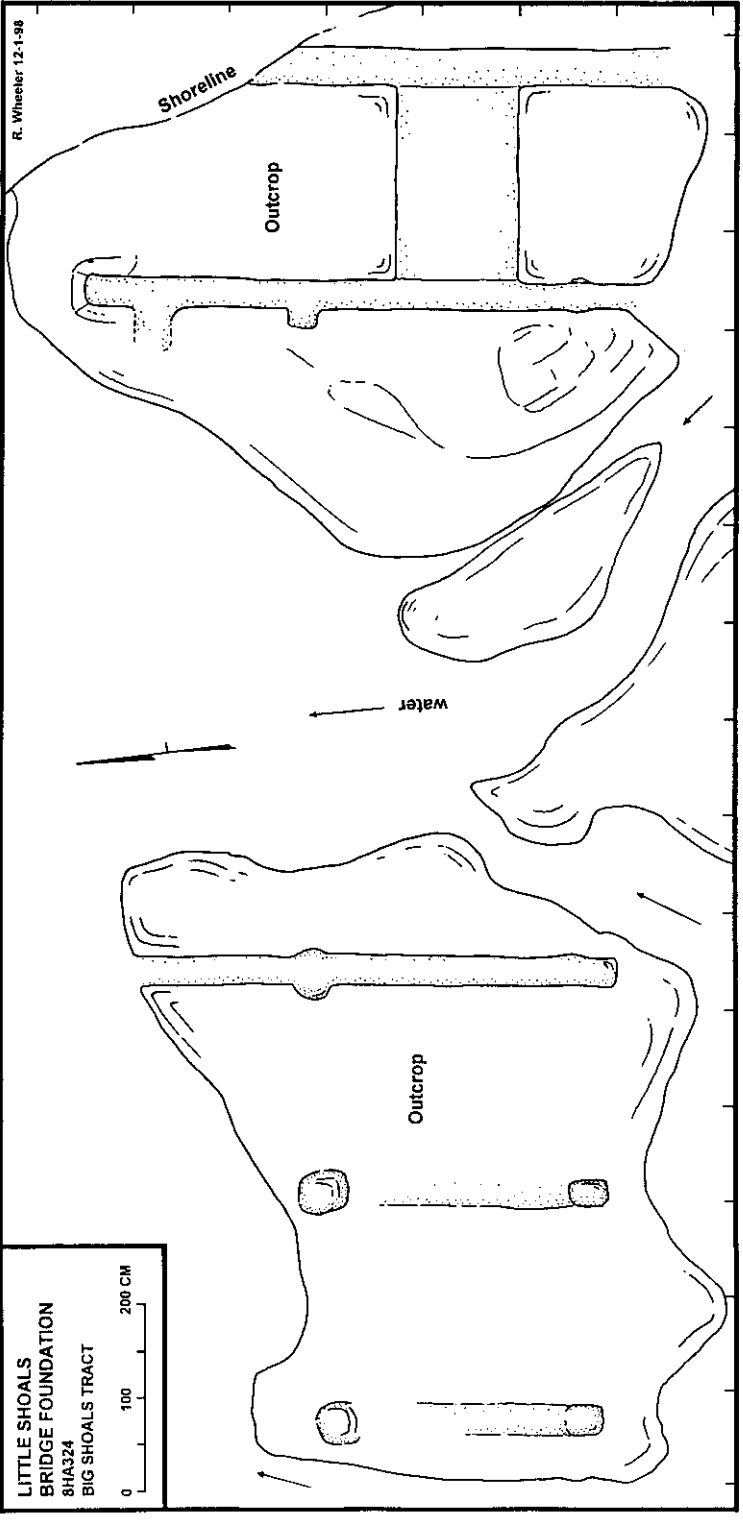
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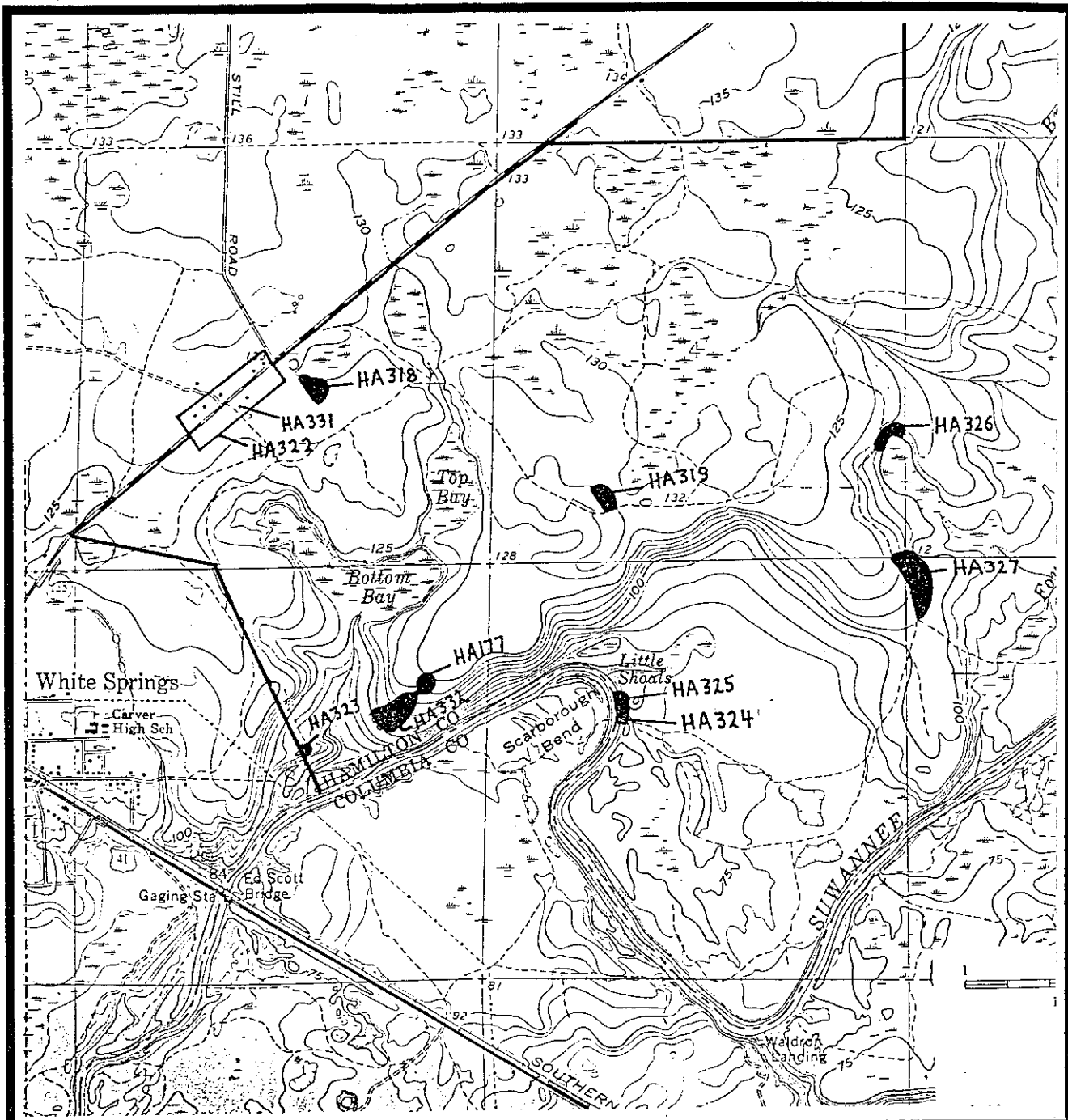
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BIG SHOALS TRACT

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Base map:
WHITE SPRINGS EAST
1961 Edition