

By: Representatives Middleton, Holloway

To: Public Buildings,
Grounds and Lands

HOUSE BILL NO. 1289

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 563, LAWS OF 1999, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE
3 HISTORIC SHAIFER HOUSE AND THE OLD MAGNOLIA CHURCH LOCATED ON THE
4 PORT GIBSON BATTLEFIELD FROM THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT
5 COMMISSION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY;
6 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, Chapter 563, Laws of 1999, is amended
9 as follows:

10 Section 1. (1) The Department of Finance and
11 Administration, on behalf of the State of Mississippi, may convey
12 all right, title and interest in certain state-owned real property
13 located in Claiborne County, Mississippi, to the State of
14 Mississippi, for the use and benefit of the Mississippi Department
15 of Archives and History, the property being known as the historic
16 Shaifer House and accompanying land located on the Port Gibson
17 Battlefield, and being more particularly described as follows:

18 Tract No. 1: That certain tract of land known as
19 the old Shaifer house tract; for survey, begin at
20 point on the southerly side of the public road,
21 where it is intersected by the line between Parcels
22 1 and 2 of the partition of the Shaifer Estate
23 property as described in partition deed executed by
24 us and now recorded Book 10-B, page 177 of the land
25 records of said county, and which partition deed
26 together with the plat recorded therewith is here
27 referred to for full description of the location of
28 said starting point, and run thence in a
29 northeasterly direction along said old Port Gibson



30 and Rodney public road, 1307 feet to point where
31 said road is intersected on its North side by a
32 fence, and which point is point of beginning for
33 survey of this tract (and which point is further
34 located as being North 88° 45' East 1434.67 feet
35 from the most eastern corner of Section 16,
36 Township 11 North, Range 2 East). From said point
37 of beginning run thence along fence, North 35° West
38 134 feet; thence continue along fence, South 35°
39 West 15 feet, South 86° West 16 feet to fence
40 corner; thence along another fence, North 40° West
41 191 feet to fence corner; thence along another
42 fence, North 40° East 160 feet; thence continue
43 along fence, North 64° East 217 feet to point on
44 private farm road; thence along said road, South
45 31° 45' East 372 feet to point where the same
46 forks; thence along the fork going southwesterly
47 100 feet to old Port Gibson and Rodney public/road;
48 thence along said old Port Gibson and Rodney public
49 road, in a southwesterly direction, 225 feet to
50 point of beginning. Said tract contains 3.0 acres,
51 more or less, and lies in Section Twelve (12),
52 Township Eleven (11) North, Range Two (2) East.
53 Said land is the same as is fully described in
54 Section V of said above mentioned partition deed
55 executed by the grantors, now recorded Book 10-B,
56 page 177 of the deed records of said Claiborne
57 County, which is here referred to in aid of
58 description and for all purposes. All of the above
59 is in accordance with survey made by R.D. Wade,
60 Jr., and copy of plat of his survey is attached
61 hereto and made a part hereof by reference.



62 Tract No. 2: That certain tract of land being the
63 site of the old Magnolia Church; to arrive at point
64 of beginning for survey of this tract, begin at the
65 most eastern corner of Section Sixteen (16),
66 Township Eleven (11) North, Range Two (2) East, and
67 run thence South 74° 34' East 2,917.7 feet to stake
68 on South side of public road, and run thence South
69 84° 45' East 49 feet to fence corner on South side
70 of said road, which is point of beginning for
71 survey of this tract; and which point is also the
72 point where the East line of Parcel 2 in the
73 partition of the Shaifer Estate property as
74 described in partition deed executed by us and now
75 recorded Book 10-B, page 177 of the land records of
76 said Claiborne County, intersects said public road,
77 and which partition deed, together with plat
78 recorded therewith, is here referred to in aid of
79 description of location of said starting point.
80 From said point of beginning, continue thence along
81 road, South 84° 45' East 282.04 feet to stake in
82 fence and property line; thence along fence and
83 property line, South 46° West 396 feet to stake in
84 fence corner; thence along fence (which is the East
85 line of Parcel 2 of the partition above referred
86 to), North 17 East 109 feet, North 16° East 69
87 feet, North 2°, West 52 feet and North 16° West 78
88 feet to point of beginning. Said tract contains
89 1.29 acres, more or less, and lies in Section
90 Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Two
91 (2) East.

92 The Secretary of State shall approve this conveyance and join
93 in this conveyance for all purposes.



94 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration, on behalf
95 of the State of Mississippi and the Grand Gulf Military Monument
96 Commission, may convey all right, title and interest in certain
97 state-owned real property located in Claiborne County,
98 Mississippi, to the State of Mississippi, for the use and benefit
99 of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the
100 property being two (2) tracts of land that were donated to the
101 State of Mississippi for the use and benefit of the Grand Gulf
102 Military Monument Commission in January of 1980, by Mr. A.K.
103 Shaifer, and being more particularly described as follows:

104 Tract No. 1: A tract of land which adjoins the
105 tract sometimes known as the old Shaifer house
106 tract and which old Shaifer house tract is Tract
107 No. 1 in the deed from A.K. Shaifer, S.B. Shaifer,
108 Laura P. Shaifer, and Estelle S. Montgomery to the
109 State of Mississippi for the use and benefit of the
110 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission, which was
111 executed on December 28, 1979, and recorded in Book
112 10-F, page 425-430 of the deed records of said
113 Claiborne County. For survey of this tract, begin
114 at the most southerly or southwesterly corner of
115 said old Shaifer house tract as described in said
116 above mentioned deed and which is on the northerly
117 side of the public road running through said old
118 Shaifer property and which deed is here referred to
119 for description of location of the starting point
120 hereof; from said point of beginning, run thence
121 along the northerly wayline of said public road
122 South 67 degrees 45' West 70 feet to stake; thence
123 leave road and run thence North 52 degrees 30' West
124 843.05 feet to stake; thence run North 43 degrees
125 31' East 631.74 feet to stake on Easterly side of
126 private ridge road; thence along the easterly side



127 of said ridge road South 44 degrees 30' East 195
128 feet, South 39 degrees 28' East 290 feet, South 37
129 degrees 45' East 111 feet to stake on Northerly or
130 Northeasterly corner of said Shaifer house tract;
131 thence around said old Shaifer house tract site
132 South 64 degrees West 217 feet; thence South 40
133 degrees West 191 feet; thence South 40 degrees East
134 190 feet; thence South 86 degrees East 16 feet;
135 thence North 35 degrees East 15 feet; thence South
136 35 degrees East 134 feet to point of beginning.
137 Said tract contains 8.32 acres, more or less, and
138 lies in Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 2
139 East, all in accordance with survey made by R.D.
140 Wade, Jr. dated September 4, 1979, which is
141 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part
142 hereof for all purposes. Said tract is the same as
143 is described in Tract No. 1 of the Deed of Gift
144 from A.K. Shaifer to the State of Mississippi for
145 the use and benefit of the Grand Gulf Military
146 Monument Commission executed on January 18, 1980,
147 and recorded in Book 10-H, page 9-13.
148 Tract No. 2: A tract of land which adjoins the
149 site of the old Magnolia Church and which Magnolia
150 Church site is Tract No. 2 in the above mentioned
151 deed from A.K. Shaifer, S.B. Shaifer, Laura P.
152 Shaifer, and Estelle S. Montgomery to the State of
153 Mississippi for the use and benefit of the Grand
154 Gulf Military Monument Commission. For survey of
155 the tract hereby conveyed, begin at the Northwest
156 corner of the said old Magnolia Church site as
157 described in said deed above referred to and which
158 deed is here referred to for description of
159 location of said starting point; from said starting



160 point, run thence South 16 degrees East 78 feet;
161 thence run South 2 degrees East 52 feet; thence run
162 South 16 degrees West 69 feet; thence run South 17
163 degrees West 109 feet to stake at southerly corner
164 of said old Magnolia Church site; run thence North
165 79 degrees 34' West 364.04 feet to stake; thence
166 North 53 degrees 45' East 396 feet to stake; thence
167 South 84 degrees 45' East 49 feet to point of
168 beginning. Said tract contains 1.87 acres, more or
169 less, and lies in Section 12, Township 11 North,
170 Range 2 East; all of the above in accordance with
171 survey made by R.D. Wade, Jr. dated September 4,
172 1979, and plat of survey showing this tract and the
173 old Magnolia Church site referred to above is
174 attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and made a part
175 hereof for all purposes. Said tract is the same as
176 is described in Tract No. 2 of the Deed of Gift
177 from A.K. Shaifer to the State of Mississippi for
178 the use and benefit of the Grand Gulf Military
179 Monument Commission executed on January 18, 1980,
180 and recorded in Book 10-H, page 9-13.
181 The Secretary of State shall approve this conveyance and join
182 in this conveyance for all purposes.

183 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
184 and after its passage.

