

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2574

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER NO. 563, LAWS OF 1999,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND ADJACENT TO
3 THE HISTORIC SHAIKER HOUSE AND THE OLD MAGNOLIA CHURCH LOCATED ON
4 THE PORT GIBSON BATTLEFIELD FROM THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT
5 COMMISSION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
6 TO BE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter No. 563, Laws of 1999, is
9 hereby amended 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
19 as the old Shaifer house tract; for survey,
20 begin at point on the southerly side of the
21 public road, where it is intersected by the
22 line between Parcels 1 and 2 of the partition
23 of the Shaifer Estate property as described in
24 partition deed executed by us and now recorded
25 Book 10-B, page 177 of the land records of
26 said county, and which partition deed together
27 with the plat recorded therewith is here
28 referred to for full description of the
29 location of said starting point, and run



thence in a northeasterly direction along said
old Port Gibson and Rodney public road, 1307
feet to point where said road is intersected
on its North side by a fence, and which point
is point of beginning for survey of this tract
(and which point is further located as being
North 88° 45' East 1434.67 feet from the most
eastern corner of Section 16, Township 11
North, Range 2 East). From said point of
beginning run thence along fence, North 35°
West 134 feet; thence continue along fence,
South 35° West 15 feet, South 86° West 16 feet
to fence corner; thence along another fence,
North 40° West 191 feet to fence corner;
thence along another fence, North 40° East 160
feet; thence continue along fence, North 64°
East 217 feet to point on private farm road;
thence along said road, South 31° 45' East 372
feet to point where the same forks; thence
along the fork going southwesterly 100 feet to
old Port Gibson and Rodney public/road; thence
along said old Port Gibson and Rodney public
road, in a southwesterly direction, 225 feet
to point of beginning. Said tract contains
3.0 acres, more or less, and lies in Section
Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) North, Range
Two (2) East. Said land is the same as is
fully described in Section V of said above
mentioned partition deed executed by the
grantors, now recorded Book 10-B, page 177 of
the deed records of said Claiborne County,
which is here referred to in aid of
description and for all purposes. All of the



above is in accordance with survey made by
R.D. Wade, Jr., and copy of plat of his survey
is attached hereto and made a part hereof by
reference.

Tract No. 2: That certain tract of land being
the site of the old Magnolia Church; to arrive
at point of beginning for survey of this
tract, begin at the most eastern corner of
Section Sixteen (16), Township Eleven (11)
North, Range Two (2) East, and run thence
South 74° 34' East 2,917.7 feet to stake on
South side of public road, and run thence
South 84° 45' East 49 feet to fence corner on
South side of said road, which is point of
beginning for survey of this tract; and which
point is also the point where the East line of
Parcel 2 in the partition of the Shaifer
Estate property as described in partition deed
executed by us and now recorded Book 10-B,
page 177 of the land records of said Claiborne
County, intersects said public road, and which
partition deed, together with plat recorded
therewith, is here referred to in aid of
description of location of said starting
point. From said point of beginning, continue
thence along road, South 84° 45' East 282.04
feet to stake in fence and property line;
thence along fence and property line, South
46° West 396 feet to stake in fence corner;
thence along fence (which is the East line of
Parcel 2 of the partition above referred to),
North 17 East 109 feet, North 16° East 69
feet, North 2°, West 52 feet and North 16°



96 West 78 feet to point of beginning. Said
97 tract contains 1.29 acres, more or less, and
98 lies in Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven
99 (11) North, Range Two (2) East.

100 The Secretary of State shall approve this conveyance and join
101 in this conveyance for all purposes.

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

111 Tract No. 1: A tract of land which adjoins
112 the tract sometimes known as the old Shaifer
113 house tract and which old Shaifer house tract
114 is Tract No. 1 in the deed from A.K. Shaifer,
115 S.B. Shaifer, Laura P. Shaifer, and Estelle S.
116 Montgomery to the State of Mississippi for the
117 use and benefit of the Grand Gulf Military
118 Monument Commission, which was executed on
119 December 28, 1979, and recorded in Book 10-F,
120 page 425-430 of the deed records of said
121 Claiborne County. For survey of this tract,
122 begin at the most southerly or southwesterly
123 corner of said old Shaifer house tract as
124 described in said above mentioned deed and
125 which is on the northerly side of the public
126 road running through said old Shaifer property
127 and which deed is here referred to for
128 description of location of the starting point



129 hereof; from said point of beginning, run
130 thence along the northerly wayline of said
131 public road South 67 degrees 45' West 70 feet
132 to stake; thence leave road and run thence
133 North 52 degrees 30' West 843.05 feet to
134 stake; thence run North 43 degrees 31' East
135 631.74 feet to stake on Easterly side of
136 private ridge road; thence along the easterly
137 side of said ridge road South 44 degrees 30'
138 East 195 feet, South 39 degrees 28' East 290
139 feet, South 37 degrees 45' East 111 feet to
140 stake on Northerly or Northeasterly corner of
141 said Shaifer house tract; thence around said
142 old Shaifer house tract site South 64 degrees
143 West 217 feet; thence South 40 degrees West
144 191 feet; thence South 40 degrees East 190
145 feet; thence South 86 degrees East 16 feet;
146 thence North 35 degrees East 15 feet; thence
147 South 35 degrees East 134 feet to point of
148 beginning. Said tract contains 8.32 acres,
149 more or less, and lies in Section 12, Township
150 11 North, Range 2 East, all in accordance with
151 survey made by R.D. Wade, Jr. dated September
152 4, 1979, which is attached hereto as Exhibit
153 "A" and made a part hereof for all purposes.
154 Said tract is the same as is described in
155 Tract No. 1 of the Deed of Gift from A.K.
156 Shaifer to the State of Mississippi for the
157 use and benefit of the Grand Gulf Military
158 Monument Commission executed on January 18,
159 1980, and recorded in Book 10-H, page 9-13.
160 Tract No. 2: A tract of land which adjoins
161 the site of the old Magnolia Church and which



162 Magnolia Church site is Tract No. 2 in the
163 above mentioned deed from A.K. Shaifer, S.B.
164 Shaifer, Laura P. Shaifer, and Estelle S.
165 Montgomery to the State of Mississippi for the
166 use and benefit of the Grand Gulf Military
167 Monument Commission. For survey of the tract
168 hereby conveyed, begin at the Northwest corner
169 of the said old Magnolia Church site as
170 described in said deed above referred to and
171 which deed is here referred to for description
172 of location of said starting point; from said
173 starting point, run thence South 16 degrees
174 East 78 feet; thence run South 2 degrees East
175 52 feet; thence run South 16 degrees West 69
176 feet; thence run South 17 degrees West 109
177 feet to stake at southerly corner of said old
178 Magnolia Church site; run thence North 79
179 degrees 34' West 364.04 feet to stake; thence
180 North 53 degrees 45' East 396 feet to stake;
181 thence South 84 degrees 45' East 49 feet to
182 point of beginning. Said tract contains 1.87
183 acres, more or less, and lies in Section 12,
184 Township 11 North, Range 2 East; all of the
185 above in accordance with survey made by R.D.
186 Wade, Jr. dated September 4, 1979, and plat of
187 survey showing this tract and the old Magnolia
188 Church site referred to above is attached
189 hereto as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof
190 for all purposes. Said tract is the same as
191 is described in Tract No. 2 of the Deed of
192 Gift from A.K. Shaifer to the State of
193 Mississippi for the use and benefit of the
194 Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission



195 executed on January 18, 1980, and recorded in
196 Book 10-H, page 9-13.
197 The Secretary of State shall approve this conveyance and join
198 in this conveyance for all purposes.
199 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
200 and after its passage.