

**CITY OF GAUTIER  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Samantha Abell, City Manager  
**From:** Rachel Honea, Cultural Services Department Bookkeeper  
**Through:** Jeremy Thames, Cultural Services Department Director  
**Date:** August 17, 2015  
**Subject:** Acceptance of Donation of a Log Building to be relocated to Shepard State Park

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**REQUEST:**

The Cultural Services Department requests City Council authorization to accept a donation from Mr. Brian Britt of a historic log building (approximately 3,000 square feet in area) to be relocated by the City to Shepard State Park.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the owner Mr. Brian Britt, the structure to be conveyed (commonly referred to as The Wilson House) is a historic two story log building originally constructed in the early 1920's alongside US Highway 49 at Landon, Mississippi. The structure was built by Walter Alfred Cox and became the homestead of Clark Wilson and his wife, Marjorie Welch Wilson. The 3,000 square foot cabin is made of southern yellow pine logs, and is presently located at the northeast corner of Dobson Road and Allen Road.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Gautier proposes to disassemble the log structure as needed and relocate the building at Shepard State Park where it will serve as a Welcome Center with historic exhibits and as a General Store for day visitors and campers. FY2015 and FY2016 Tidelands funding has been approved for improvements to Shepard State Park and will be used to relocate the structure and perform the necessary rehabilitation. It is in the best interest of the City of Gautier to accept the donation of this log building which will be used to enhance the amenities at Shepard State Park.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Cultural Services Department recommends that City Council accept the donation of a log cabin known as The Wilson House from Mr. Brian Britt as proposed.

The City Council may:

1. Accept the donation of the log building as proposed; or
2. Decline the donation of the log building as proposed.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Site Plan of Proposed Location

# Wilson House

Future location of log cabin for new Shepard Office & General Store

## Legend

 Shepard State Park

