



**WASHINGTON  
COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE  
ARBORETUM**

900 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
GREENVILLE, Mississippi  
ESTABLISHED IN 1895

## HISTORY of THE ARBORETUM

The Greenville Washington County Courthouse Arboretum began with the vision of Dr. Orville Blanton. After the Civil War, Dr. Blanton returned to his hometown of Greenville and pursued his interest in trees. Following the construction of the courthouse in 1891, he designed the original arboretum. He began transplanting pairs of each species of trees native to the Mississippi Delta from the nearby forests to the courthouse lawn. Many of the original trees died from disease or were destroyed in the Great Mississippi River Flood of 1927.

Following the flood of 1927, the Greenville Garden Club recognized the need for restoration of the courthouse grounds. In 1978, the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. approved the arboretum as a state arboretum. A Mississippi Historical Marker is located on the grounds of the arboretum.

The Greenville Garden Club remains as curator of the arboretum in association with the Washington County Board of Supervisors. The Greenville Garden Club continues to maintain the trees, signs, and markers.



# NATIVE DELTA TREES



**POSSUMHAW** (*Ilex decidua*)

Locations - #19 and 53



**SWAMP CHESTNUT OAK** (*Quercus michauxii*)

Locations - #54 and 60



**EASTERN REDBUD** (*Cercis canadensis*)

Locations - #5, 9, 12 and 21

# NATIVE DELTA TREES



**AMERICAN Holly** (*Ilex opaca*)

Locations - #27 and 40



**PERSIMMON** (*Diospyros virginiana*)

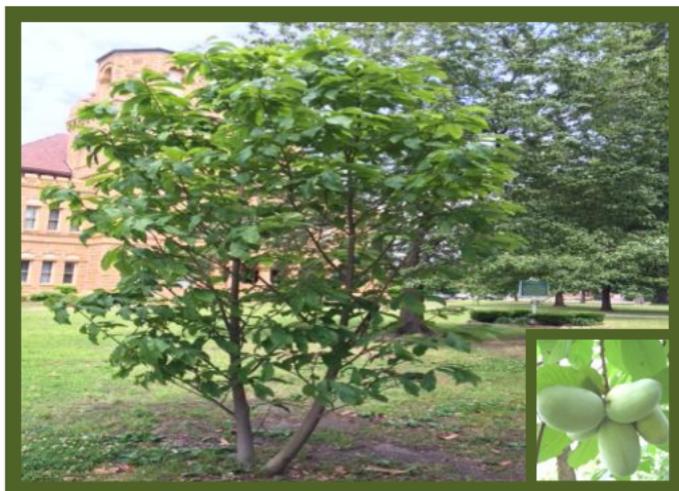
Location - #39



**SASSAFRAS** (*Sassafras albidum*)

Locations - #44, 47 and 49

# NATIVE DELTA TREES



**PAWPAW** (*Asimina tribola*)

Location - #10



**GREEN Ash** (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)

Locations - #8, 26 and 30

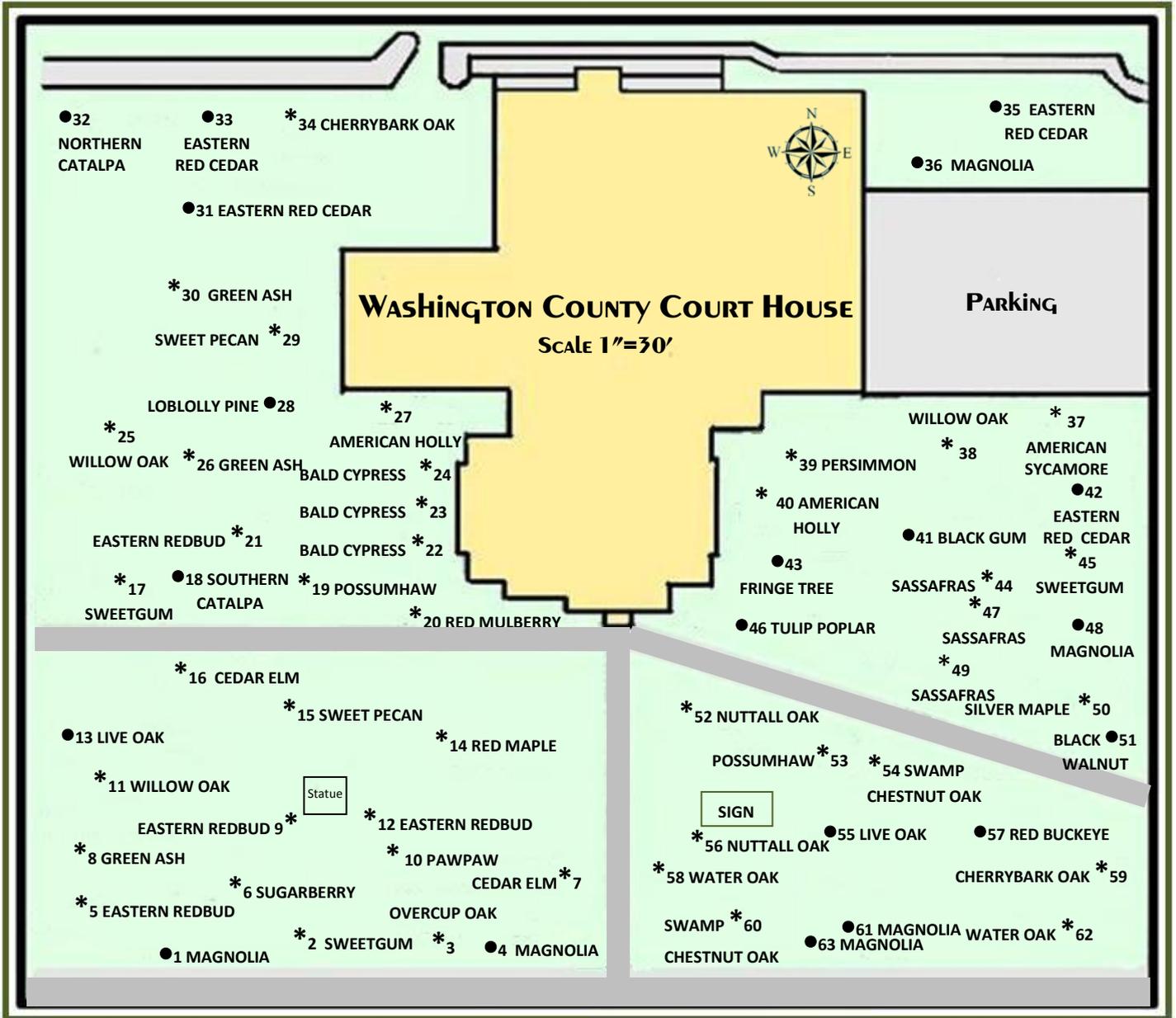


**AMERICAN SYCAMORE** (*Platanus occidentalis*)

Location - #37

# TREE IDENTIFICATION

All trees on this plat are Mississippi Native Trees. The trees with an asterisk (\*) are Delta Native Trees.



# KEY TO ARBORETUM PLAT

## PLAT NUMBER, COMMON NAME, SCIENTIFIC NAME

27,40	American Holly- <i>Ilex opaca</i>
37	American Sycamore- <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>
22,23,24	Bald Cypress- <i>Taxodium distichum</i>
41	Black Gum- <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>
51	Black Walnut- <i>Juglans nigra</i>
7,16	Cedar Elm- <i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>
34,59	Cherrybark Oak- <i>Quercus pagoda</i>
31,33,35,42	Eastern Red Cedar- <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
5,9,12,21	Eastern Redbud- <i>Cercis canadensis</i>
43	Fringe Tree- <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>
8,26,30	Green Ash- <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>
13,55	Live Oak- <i>Quercus virginiana</i>
28	Loblolly Pine - <i>Pinus taeda</i>
32	Northern Catalpa - <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>
52,56	Nuttall Oak- <i>Quercus nuttallii</i>
3	Overcup Oak- <i>Quercus lyrata</i>
10	Pawpaw- <i>Asimina tribola</i>
39	Persimmon- <i>Diospyros virginiana</i>
19,53	Possumhaw- <i>Ilex decidua</i>
57	Red Buckeye- <i>Aesculus pavia</i>
14	Red Maple- <i>Acer rubrum</i>
20	Red Mulberry- <i>Morus rubra</i>
44,47,49	Sassafras- <i>Sassafras albidum</i>
50	Silver Maple - <i>Acer saccharinum</i>
18	Southern Catalpa- <i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>
1,4,36,48,61,63	Southern Magnolia- <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>
6	Sugarberry- <i>Celtis laevigata</i>
54,60	Swamp Chestnut Oak- <i>Quercus michauxii</i>
15,29	Sweet Pecan- <i>Carya illinoensis</i>
2,17,45	Sweetgum- <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>
46	Tulip Poplar- <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>
58,62	Water Oak- <i>Quercus nigra</i>
11,25,38	Willow Oak- <i>Quercus phellos</i>

# NATIVE DELTA TREES



**SILVER MAPLE** (*Acer saccharinum*)

Location - #50



**SWEETGUM** (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)

Locations - #2, 17 and 45



**Bald Cypress** (*Taxodium distichum*)

Location # 22, 23 and 24

## NATIVE Mississippi TREES



**Black Gum** (*Nyssa sylvatica*)

Location - #41



**Tulip Poplar** (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

Location - #46



**FRINGE TREE** (*Chionanthus virginicus*)

Location - #43

## NATIVE Mississippi TREES



**SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA** (*Magnolia grandiflora*)

Locations - #1,4,36,48,61 and 63



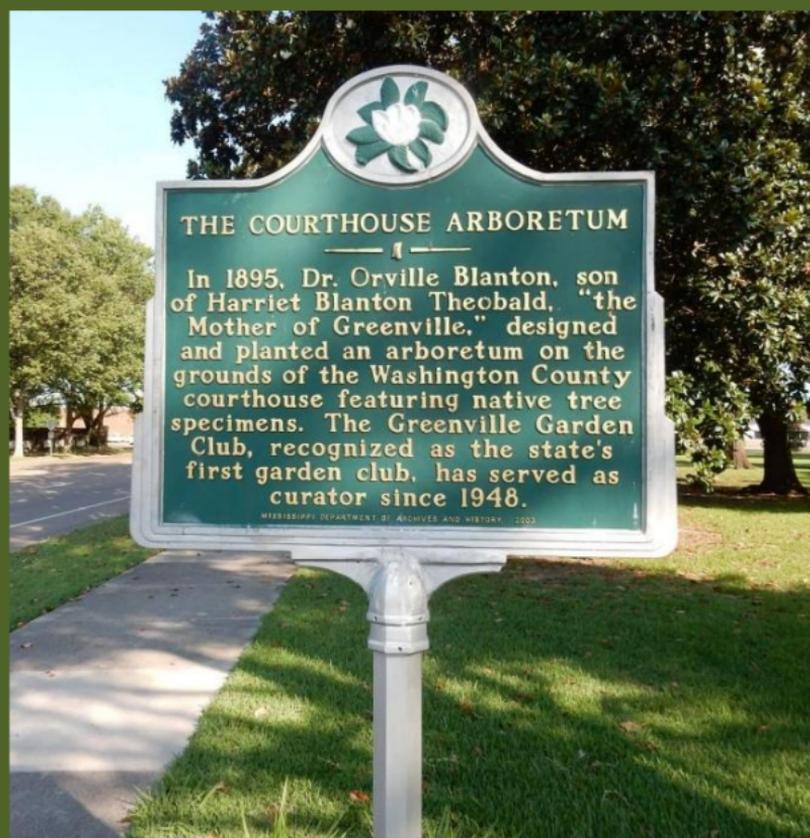
**Red BUCKEYE** (*Aesculus pavia*)

Location - #57



**SOUTHERN CATALPA** (*Catalpa bignonioides*)

Location - #18



“THE LAND TO WHICH THEY CAME WAS LAND OF THE LOINS OF THE RIVER. IT HAD SPRUNG FROM THE BODY OF THE MISSISSIPPI IN A GESTATION EONS LONG.... AND WHEN AFTER TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS, THE LAND HAD BEEN BUILT, THE FORESTS CAME. THERE WERE OAKS, CYPRESSES, SWEET GUM AND LEAFY COTTONWOOD, PERSIMMON, AND PECAN, WALNUT AND MAPLE.”

AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK,  
WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED

WRITTEN BY  
DAVID L. COHN,  
A NATIVE OF  
GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI