

Woodward Iron Company Furnace  
(Woodward Iron Company)  
Near Oppossum Creek  
Woodward  
Jefferson County  
Alabama

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WOODWARD IRON COMPANY FURNACE  
(Woodward Iron Co.)  
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DATE: 1882+

LOCATION: Near Opossum Creek  
Woodward, Alabama

DESIGNED BY: unknown

OWNER: Woodward Coal and Iron Company

SIGNIFICANCE: The Woodward Iron Company established the first iron furnace in the Bessemer area, and began operation of its first furnace in 1883. The Company later expanded to include coal and ore mines, quarries, furnaces, and a private railway. In 1966, it was reportedly the largest independent and completely integrated manufacturer of pig iron in the U.S. The facility was demolished in 1974-75.

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ADDENDUM TO:  
WOODWARD COAL & IRON COMPANY FURNACE  
(Woodward Iron Company Works Site)  
Birmingham Industrial District  
Opossum Creek vicinity  
Woodward  
Jefferson County  
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