

Glen Aubin

Off U.S. Route 61

Natchez

Like China Grove, Bourbon, and Oakland Plantations, Glen Aubin was one of several plantations in southwest Adams County that were purchased by former slaves or their children in the years immediately following the Civil War (see also Oakland and China Grove Plantation). Glen Aubin was constructed as the residence of Adams County planter John Odlin Hutchins and his wife, Aubin, from whom it derives its name, on land acquired by Hutchins's grandfather, Anthony Hutchins, as an English land grant in the early 1780s. Coming to Natchez in 1772, Anthony Hutchins was the area's largest landholder and planter in the late 18th century. The house appears to date around 1835 to 1845, with the only major changes occurring around 1850, when the roof was raised to accommodate second-story bedrooms.

In 1874 Charlie and Charity Rounds, who were former slaves or free blacks, purchased Glen Aubin. The purchase was arranged by Wilmer Shields, the plantation manager at neighboring Laurel Hill owned by William Newton Mercer. The name Charity appears in a list of slaves owned by Mercer, and it is possible that Charity Rounds had been a Laurel Hill slave who, with her husband, was assisted by Shields in acquiring the plantation. From 1874 until 1894, Glen Aubin served as the residence of the Rounds family, who are responsible for maintaining the architectural integrity of the house, including all original hardware, oak graining, and interior and exterior paint colors. [CA 8/29/85, 85001930]