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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001082 Date Listed: 7/24/90

Cudabac-Gantt House **Jackson** **MS**
Property Name County State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 7/24/90

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The specific dates should include only dates contained within the period of significance, in this case only the year the house was remodeled, 1907.

Discussed and concurred in by Mississippi SHPO on July 24, 1990.

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National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Cudabac-Gantt House
other names/site number Cudabac, Hiram M., House; Gantt, E. K., House

2. Location

street & number 4836 Main Street [n/a] not for publication
city, town Moss Point [n/a] vicinity
state Mississippi code MS county Jackson code 59 zip code 39563

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
[X] private	[X] building(s)	1	____ buildings
[ ] public-local	[ ] district	____	____ sites
[ ] public-State	[ ] site	____	____ structures
[ ] public-Federal	[ ] structure	____	____ objects
	[ ] object	1	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [ ] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. P'Pool — 5/21/90
Signature of certifying official — Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official — Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

[X] entered in the National Register. [ ] See continuation sheet.
[ ] determined eligible for the National Register. [ ] See continuation sheet.
[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[ ] removed from the National Register.
[ ] other, (explain:) _____

Amy Federman — 7/24/90
Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling	VACANT: Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Classical Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Weatherboard
roof Asbestos
other n/a

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Cudabac-Gantt House, located adjacent to the Main Street business district of Moss Point, Mississippi, is situated in the center of a half acre lot and is surrounded with formal plantings of camellias. The grounds also contain oak, cedar, magnolia, pines and various shrubs which line the property boundaries.

Built circa 1875, the house was remodeled in 1907 in the popular Neo-Classical Revival style. Documentation is not available at this time to establish the appearance of the house before the 1907 alterations. However, the house appears to have originally been constructed in the vernacular Italianate style, having such Italianate features as a rectangular box shape, hipped roof with wide eaves supported by jigsawn brackets, a bay window, picturesque corbelled chimneys, and the rear porch's chamfered square posts.

The Cudabac-Gantt House retains a high degree of integrity from its 1907 remodeling. The two-story, Neo-Classical Revival house is faced with lapped wood siding and rests on a brick pier foundation. Three brick chimneys with corbelled caps project through the hipped roof, which is trimmed with a full entablature and bracketed cornice. Although the building forms an "L" in plan, its front (west) elevation presents a symmetrical, formal view. A full-height, central portico dominates the main facade and features four colossal Ionic columns resting on two rusticated block bases, which enclose the steps to the front porch. Behind the Ionic columns runs a one-story, full-width, wrap-around porch with tiled deck and Doric columns resting on concrete pedestals and supporting a dentilled cornice and second-floor balcony. This balcony is edged by a perimeter balustrade having plain rails and chamfered balusters and newel posts. To the south, the wrap-around porch forms a porte-cochere. On each level of the five-bay wide main facade is a central, single-leaf entrance containing a six-panel door framed by single-light sidelights and transom and trimmed with plain surrounds. Windows on this facade are one-over-one, double-hung sash.

The east facade also has a wrap-around porch featuring a wooden deck, chamfered box columns on concrete pedestals, and a balcony

[X] See continuation sheet

enclosed by a balustrade having chamfered newel posts and balusters. There are two minor entrances to the building on this elevation, one being the rear entry to the entrance foyer and the other being to the kitchen.

The north elevation possesses the least amount of detailing, with only a large projecting bay on the ground floor which houses one end of the dining room. The wrap-around porch of the west facade terminates at this bay.

Entry to the house is gained through a central foyer/stair hall with a bedroom and bath to the south and living room, dining room and kitchen to the north. At the top of the stairway is another foyer which opens to balconies on the west and bedrooms to the north and south. At the northeast corner of the foyer is a hallway with access to two other bedrooms and another bath.

The interior of the house possesses elaborately trimmed transomed doors and window openings. The open-string, two-run stairway has a molded handrail, turned balusters, and panelled newel posts with molded caps. The hall and stairway are highlighted by panelled wainscoting. Of note are two eight foot by six foot panelled pocket doors separating the foyer and living room and living room and dining room. Openings are framed by symmetrically moulded trim with bull's-eye corner blocks. Plinth blocks support the vertical door trim and also serve to end the one inch by ten inch base detail. The house has no crown mould but does have museum mould approximately eighteen inches below the ten foot ceiling height. Mantles throughout the house are of the Colonial Revival style, some having Ionic columns and mirrored overmantles.

Historic photographs show that in 1907 the house also had balustrades on the lower level of the porch and around the perimeter of the roof, but by 1920 these had been removed. It also appears that in 1907 the Doric columns and the newel posts on the northwest and southwest corners of the porch were paired, but in the 1920 photograph they were not. (Photograhs of the 1907 and 1920 views were not available, but photocopies are being submitted to document the house's historic appearance.)

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	1907	1907
		c. 1875 (original construction date

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Significant Person: n/a

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Cudabac-Gantt House derives its significance from its architectural character (Criterion C), being one of only three known surviving examples of Neo-Classical Revival residential architecture in Jackson County. The other two examples are the O'Keefe House in Ocean Springs, which is a high-style example that is in a National Register district, and the Captain Clinton House in Pascagoula, which is a simpler example than the O'Keefe and Cudabac-Gantt houses. In addition, the Cudabac-Gantt House is significant because it was converted in 1907 from the Italianate style to the Neo-Classical Revival mode, illustrating the dramatic change of taste from the picturesque back to the classical and representing the prosperity resulting from the timber industry in the early twentieth century.

Built circa 1875 by Hiram M. Cudabac, the house appears to have originally been constructed in the vernacular Italianate style. Although no photographs or written documentation that would establish the original appearance of the house have been located--and early Sanborn Insurance Maps do not include this portion of Main Street--it is apparent that the original design of the house was in the vernacular Italianate style, having such features as a rectangular box shape; hipped roof with wide eaves supported by brackets; long, narrow window openings; a bay window; picturesque corbelled chimneys; and chamfered square posts, which are located on the rear porch. The Cudabac-Gantt House, however, does not derive its architectural significance from its original design but from its 1907 remodeling, which transformed the house into a fine local example of Neo-Classical Revival architecture. This alteration is significant for two reasons: (1) it is evidence of the changing tastes of the period from the picturesque back to the classical, and (2) it represents the prosperity in Moss Point and Jackson County in the early twentieth century that resulted from the timber industry. The house retains a high degree of integrity from its 1907 remodeling.

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The entry portico with giant order Ionic columns and the secondary wrap-around porch with Doric columns, a dentilled cornice and balustraded balcony combine to create a good local example of Neo-Classical Revival architecture. The interior has such significant features as the open-string, two-run stairway with turned balusters, panelled wainscoting, panelled pocket doors, highly detailed trim moldings, transomed doorways, original hardware, and Colonial Revival mantles and mirrored overmantles.

In 1880, Hiram M. Cudabac sold the house to Mr. E. K. Gantt, who was responsible for the 1907 remodeling. Mr. Hosea A. Fails bought the house in 1930, and in 1940 sold it to Mr. W. H. Nelson. The house is vacant at the present time.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Pascagoula, MS. Pascagoula Public Library. The Collection of F. W. "Bob" Cirlot. History of Jackson Co., Vol. I, 1986.

Pascagoula, MS. Pascagoula Public Library. The Dora Cirlot Collection. History of Jackson Co., Vol. II, 1986.

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):
- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:
- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.48 acre

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	352190	3365230
B			
C			
D			

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Verbal Boundary Description

Section 15, Township 7, Range 6--commencing east margin of Main Street and point across north margin of Bellview Street south 17 feet from point of beginning southeast 235 feet northeast 95' northwest 235' southwest on east margin of Main Street 69' to point of beginning. Deed Book 924-174 (9M769.25) Section 15/16-7-6.

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Boundary Justification

Boundary includes 0.48 acres historically associated with the property and presently owned by the most recent owners, William T. and Marsha Avara.

☐ See continuation sheet

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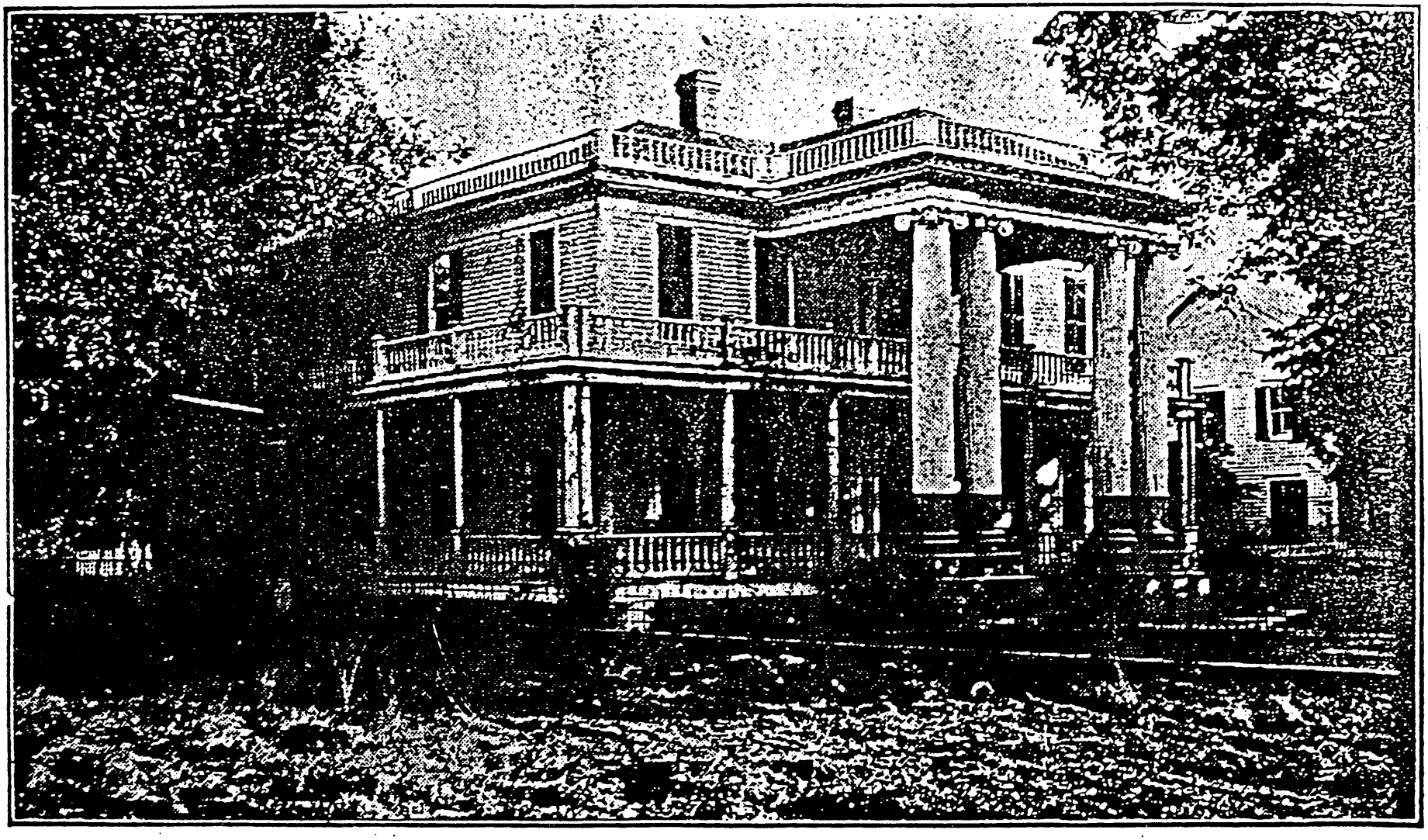
The following information is the same for all photographs:
(1) Cudabac-Gantt House
(2) Moss Point, Jackson Co., Mississippi
(3) Bruce B. Tolar
(4) June 1989
(5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1 -- (6) west elevation, view to east
Photo 2 -- (6) west facade, view to northeast
Photo 3 -- (6) entry portico column detail, view to east
Photo 4 -- (6) front (west) porch column detail, view to northeast
Photo 5 -- (6) east facade, view to northwest
Photo 6 -- (6) back (east) porch column detail, view to northwest
Photo 7 -- (6) entrance foyer showing stairs, view to southeast
Photo 8 -- (6) mantelpiece in ground floor bedroom, view to north
Photo 9 -- (6) mantelpiece and pocket door in living room, view to south
Photo 10 -- (6) dining room, view to east
Photo 11 -- (6) stair railing detail, view to east
Photo 12 -- (6) mantelpiece in second floor south bedroom, view to north
Photo 13 -- (6) mantelpiece in second floor north bedroom, view to south
Photo 14 -- (6) door to bedroom showing trim and transom (typical of all doors), view to north
Photo 15 -- (6) column capital detail, view to west

(Note: Photographs were not available of the 1907 and 1920 views. Therefore, photocopies are being submitted. These are only being submitted to document the historic appearance of the house.)



1907 View

Cudabac-Gantt House, Moss Point, Jackson County, Mississippi

(from the Cirlot Papers, Pascagoula Public Library)

1920 View

Cudabac-Gantt House, Moss Point, Jackson County, Mississippi

(from the Cirlot Papers, Pascagoula Public Library)

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