

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Edwards, R.D. House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 603 Indian Creek Road

n/a not for publication

city, town Iuka

n/a vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Tishomingo

code 141 zip code 38852

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic Resources of Iuka

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 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. P. Pool

June 17, 1991

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:

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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC; single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN; Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick piers

walls wood/weatherboard

roof asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Edwards House is a one and a half story , irregularly massed, multiple hip and gable roofed Queen Anne Cottage. Its steep pitched central pyramidal roof has gabled extensions at front (east), side (north), and rear. A witches cap dormer pierces the front roof plane and a gabled dormer pierces the rear. Two corbelled top brick chimneys serve back-to-back interior fireplaces, and one low brick flue is located at the northeast rear corner.

The facade is three bay (W2,D,W) under an extensive spindlework wrap porch. Windows are 1/1 double hung in plain frames. Paired windows are located to the left of the entry, a wide window with a shallow rectangular top sash of colored Queen Anne lights edging a clear pane is located to the right. The entry door is one light in a single leafed wood door with applied carving. The entry surround also has a three light overlight and two light sidelights over paneled aprons. A decorative metal security door has been installed over the entry. The porch wraps from the gabled extension on the north across the front, projecting out over the front gabled extension. Posts, cutwork brackets, and turned spindles under porch eaves and in balustrades are mostly original. In places, the original porch rail has been replaced by standard lumber. The wooden porch floor has been replaced by concrete. Gable ends on the facade and northern extension have cut and spindlework bargeboards. Shed and hipped roof porches on the rear and southern elevations have been enclosed to add space.

Many original interior details survive, including mantles, millwork, doors, floors, and spindlework. Despite its irregular massing, the plan of the house is a central hall flanked by two rooms to the north and three to the south. To the left of the hall are two bedrooms and the narrow, enclosed stair to the second level apartment. To the right are a wide, columned opening into the parlor at the front, a typical door with transom into what was the dining room, and a bedroom in the rear gabled extension. The present kitchen is located on what was the shed-roofed side porch.

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R. D. Edwards House
Iuka, Tishomingo Co.
Mississippi

The parlor mantle and columned opening appear to be examples of catalog woodwork available to home builders in the late 19th century. The mantle incorporates a bevelled over-mantle mirror, some shelves, applied carving, and slender decorative columns at the edges. Simpler mantles are located in other main rooms. All have decorative tile around what remains of their coal-burning, cast iron inserts. A pattern book spindlework panel is located in the opening between the front and rear hallway. The door at the rear of the central hall has a single light frosted with a "wild stag" design.

To the rear (east) of the house is a small noncontributing building, of more recent construction, that formerly housed an apartment.

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)
Architecture

Period of Significance
c. 1898

Significant Dates
c. 1898

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 R.D. Edwards House is the best example remaining in Iuka of the Queen Anne cottage style, an exuberant type of architecture which suited Iuka's late 19th century self-promoted image of a railroad accessible health spa. Iuka's image as a health resort was fostered in the post-bellum redevelopment years. (See pp. F 5-7.)

The Memphis and Charleston Railway was bought out by the Southern Railway in 1898, and R.D. Edwards was an engineer on the Southern. He may have seen the potential for some extra income from the tourists when he chose the site near the springs. The Edwards House was built about 1898, on a corner lot which had been a plum thicket, according to a former neighbor of the present owners. The much larger Gaines-Waters Queen Anne house had been built a few years earlier, and the neighbor, a child occupant at the time, had watched the Edwards House constructed. Both houses faced the Mineral Springs Park, and both were used at least part of the time as boarding houses. Some time in the early 20th century, a dormered apartment was added under the steep pitched Edwards house roof. This small apartment was rented to people wanting to live near the springs.

The primary focus of the Edwards house is the extensive wrap porch that shelters a north wing, and the entire width of the facade, including the projecting gabled section at the southwest corner. The porch retains most of its original spindlework, its brackets, and turned posts. Though the wood floor has been replaced with concrete, the porch level is true to the original. The significance of the porch lies in its obvious appeal to homeowners and visitors as a viewing platform for activities across the creek in the Mineral Springs Park. There is a room with a separate entrance in the north wing. It is likely that this room, with its own steps and porch section, was one of the rooms rented to visitors to the springs.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See main Bibliography.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

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 One acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Part Block #41, Terry Survey
Tax Assessor's Map 1704, Section 12, Subdivision 19, Parcel 080

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Boundary Justification

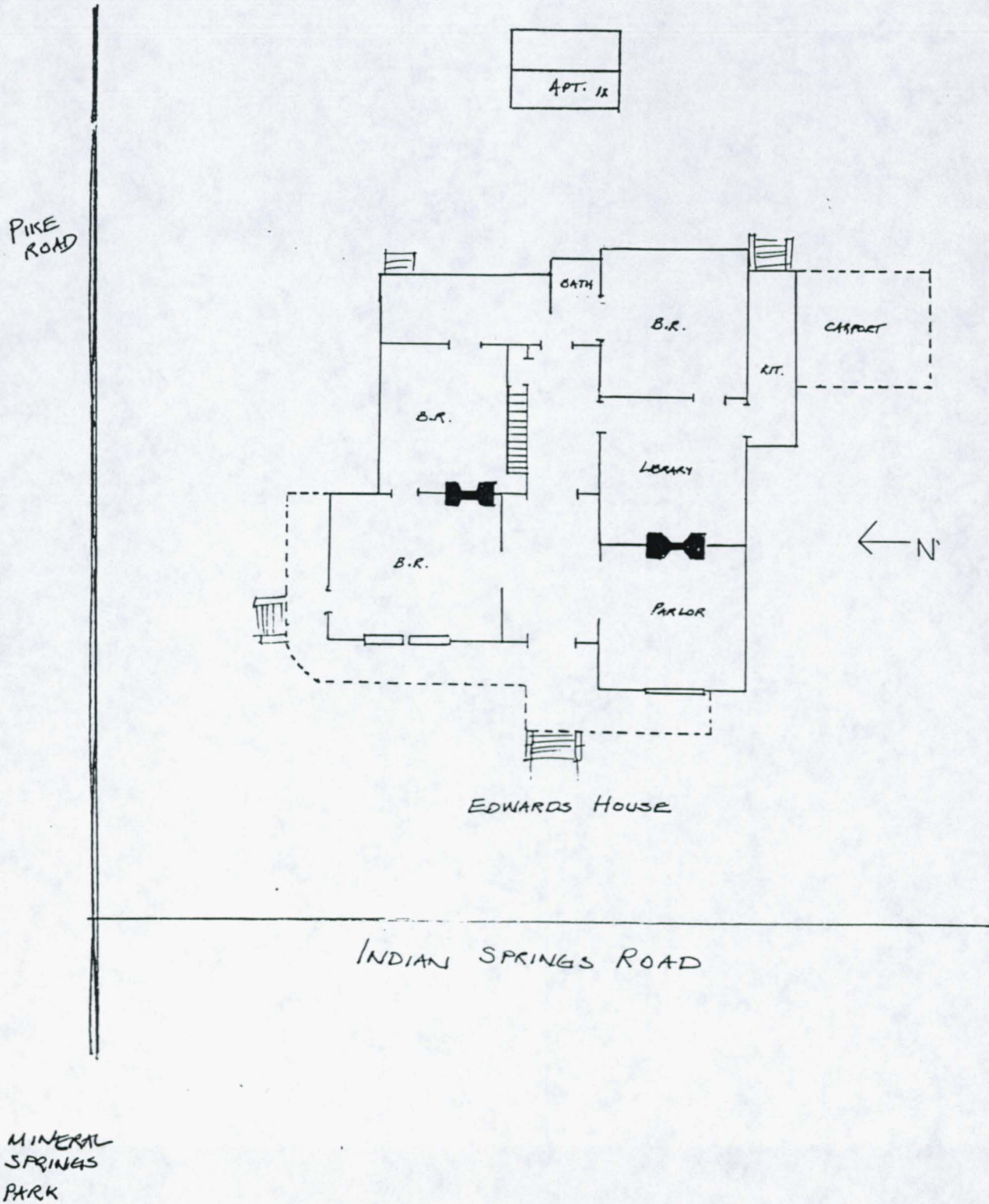
The boundaries include land within the lot lines associated with the house.

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11. Form Prepared By

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 organization Preservation Consultant date 2/20/1990
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 city or town Starkville state MS zip code 39759
 Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Dick Lomenick, 603 Indian Creek Road, Iuka, MS 38852

R.D. Edwards House, Iuka, Mississippi





R. D. EDWARDS HOUSE

LUKA, TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MS

EMBREE

OCT. 1989

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FRONT ELEVATION, VIEW TO EAST

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R.D. EDWARDS HOUSE

LUKA, TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MS

EMBREE

OCT., 1987

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REAR ELEVATION - VIEW TO SOUTHWEST

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R.D. EDWARDS HOUSE.

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INTERIOR - VIEW OF PARLOR MANTLE

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INTERIOR ELEVATION - HALL & MILLWORK

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