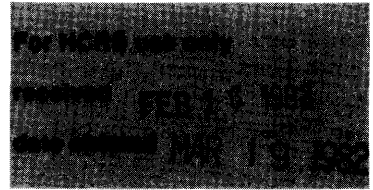


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Cedar Grove

and/or common same as above

2. Location

SE of Natchez

Located northeast of the Kingston Road about twelve miles

street & number southeast of Natchez

N/A not for publication

city, town Natchez *Miss.* vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Mississippi code 28 county Adams code 1

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Serio

street & number P. O. Box 1577

city, town Natchez vicinity of state Mississippi 39120

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Adams County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Natchez state Mississippi 39120

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date NA

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated northwest of Kingston Road about twelve miles southeast of Natchez, Cedar Grove is a one-and-a-half story, brick, Greek Revival plantation residence. At each end of the gable roof are two, outside-end chimneys linked by a parapet curtain wall. Three, pedimented and pilastered, gable dormers pierce the front and rear slopes of the roof. A recessed porch, or loggia, with plastered walls and molded base with two fascias occupies the center three bays of the seven-bay southerly facade. A pair of Greek Doric columns support the gallery entablature which extends across the facade, and the columns are linked to the house by a wooden railing of rectangular-sectioned balusters. All window openings, which are topped by flared, flat arches, are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash and are closed by original shutter blinds. A large, louvered, semi-circular opening is located at attic level in each gable end. The rear wall of the house is recessed between the side walls and beneath the main slope of the roof to form a gallery open only to the rear, with columns and railing matching those of the facade. At each end of the gallery, untrimmed doorways lead through the brick side walls and down brick steps to the side yards. The three central bays of the back wall are further recessed to form a loggia, sized and trimmed like that of the front. Originally, this loggia was open to the back gallery but was enclosed during the 1960's. The house is entered from the loggias through matching doorways, each consisting of a molded, six-panel door set beneath a transom.

The interior plan of the house is an H plan, or a regional single-pile plan, three rooms wide, with front and rear "cabinet" rooms. All original wooden mantel pieces survive. The two, formal rooms have unusual mantel pieces with engaged Doric columns supporting the mantel frieze. The remaining mantel pieces feature symmetrically molded pilasters supporting a full entablature. Doors and windows have architrave surrounds with a single fascia and doors have six molded panels. First-story bases are molded with two fascia with the second-story bases having a single fascia and beaded. Two stairways provide access to the second-story bedrooms. A new stairway, installed in the 1960's in the center room of the first story, is a dog-leg stair which passes through the northerly wall. A secondary stair, probably original, runs along the easterly wall of the southwest "cabinet" room. This stair, which features a quarter turn with winders, has a turned newel and rectangular-sectioned balusters. The second-story has four bedrooms with a wide, room-like central passage, which has been altered by the construction of partition walls in the 1960's.

West of the main house is a unique, L-shaped, one-story brick service wing, apparently built as a single unit, containing the original kitchen, covered carriage drive, stables, and one-room schoolhouse. The southerly elevation of this building is fronted by an undercut gallery supported by original turned columns. The kitchen portion retains its original cooking fireplace, and the two-bay schoolhouse retains its original batten door and window sash. Two plantation cemeteries, one for the Sharp family and one for the plantation slaves, are located to the rear of the main house in the northwest corner of the nominated property.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1835-40

Builder/Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Cedar Grove is one of the most architecturally significant plantation residences in southwest Mississippi. This significance is based on the regional uniqueness of many of Cedar Grove's architectural features. The H-shape plan with front and rear loggias between "cabinet" rooms is not known to exist elsewhere in the region. The unusual rear arrangement of loggia within a recessed rear gallery is also unique to Cedar Grove, as certainly is the enclosure of the rear gallery ends by the side walls of the house, which contain untrimmed openings onto brick steps leading to the side yards. The L-shaped brick service wing, apparently constructed as one single unit, has no known counterpart in the area. Even the brick construction of the house distinguishes it from other plantation houses of the region, where frame construction is the dominate construction form. Stylistically, the house dates from 1835 to 1840 and was constructed as the residence of Absalom Sharp (Adams County Deed Book L:135, Deed Book M:351, and Deed Book S:197), a native of New Jersey (tombstone, Cedar Grove plantation cemetery, Kingston, Mississippi) who was a planter in the Kingston community, also known as the Jersey Settlement. On the basis of stylistic similarities, Cedar Grove can be attributed to the same builder/architect responsible for the construction of neighboring Magnolia Hill, listed on the National Register in 1978 (Magnolia Hill, Adams County, National Register File, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson). Although Cedar Grove is a more sophisticated example of the unknown builder's work, the two houses share identical mantel pieces and millwork, similar unusual floor plans, and the same "cabinet" room secondary stairway. Contributing to the significance of Cedar Grove is the integrity of plantation setting which includes two plantation cemeteries.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 22.4 acres

Quadrangle name Kingston, Miss.--La.

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification See attached xerox of Adams County tax map with nominated property outlined in red. The 22.4 acres constitutes the total acreage acquired by the present owner in 1976. The 22.4 acres permits the inclusion of two plantation cemeteries and provides visual protection for the historic plantation setting of the house.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/Research Consultant

organization Historic Natchez Foundation

date January 6, 1982

street & number P. O. Box 1761

telephone (601) 442-2500

city or town Natchez

state Mississippi 39120

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Robert G. Bailey

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date February 4, 1982

For HCPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Robert G. Bailey
Keeper of the National Register

date 3/17/82

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

Cedar Grove, Adams County, Mississippi

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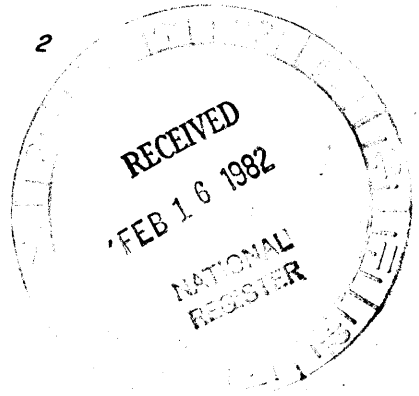
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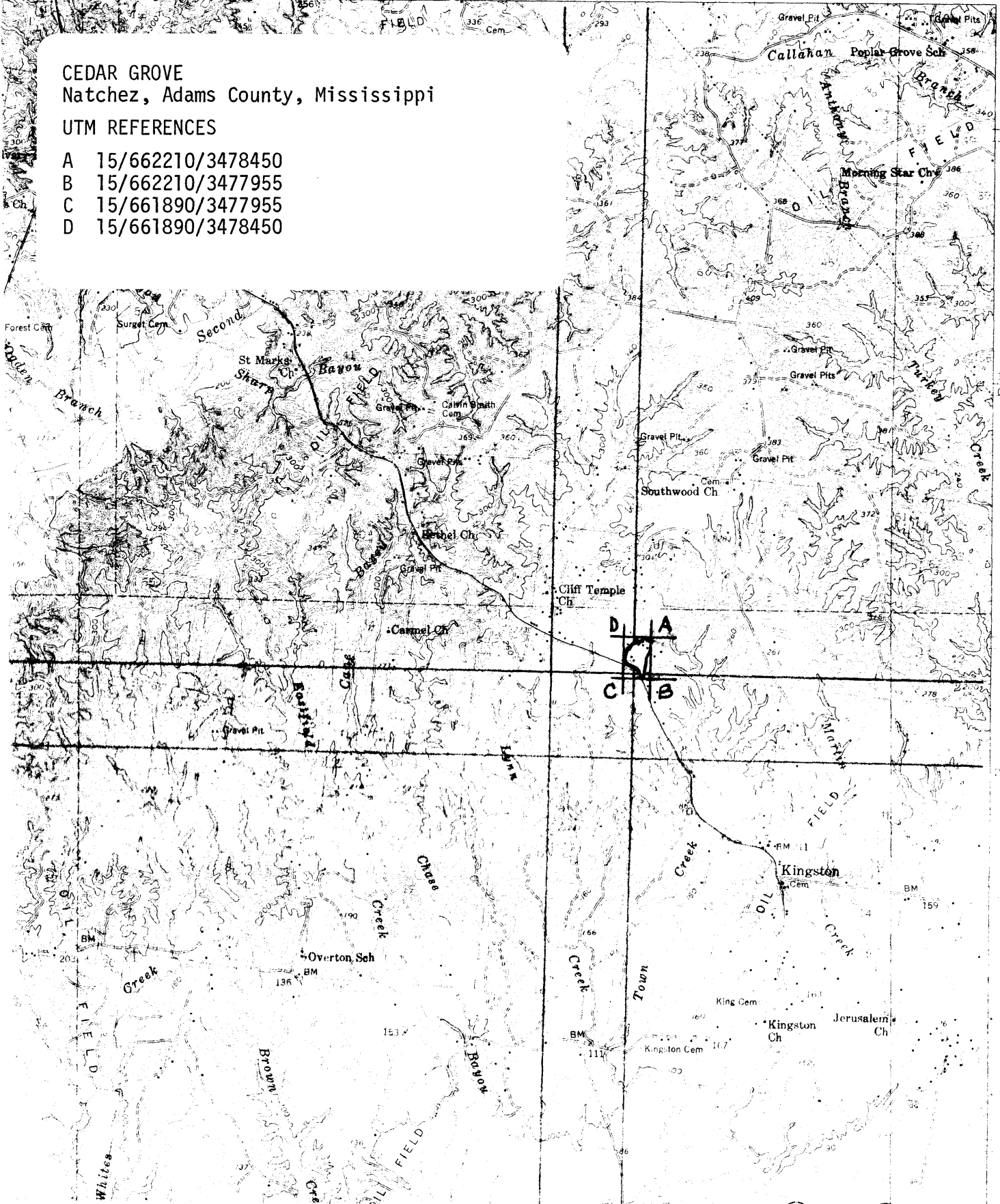
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CEDAR GROVE
Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

UTM REFERENCES

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CEDAR GROVE

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking northerly, the southerly facade of
Cedar Grove showing recessed entry porch.

Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation,
January 1982

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CEDAR GROVE

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking southwesterly, the easterly side elevation and the northerly rear elevation of Cedar Grove.

**Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation,
January 1982.**

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CEDAR GROVE

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking easterly, the westerly side elevation
of Cedar Grove.

Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation,
January 1982.

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CEDAR GROVE

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking easterly, the mantel piece of the
easterly parlor.

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CEDAR GROVE

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking southwesterly, the L-shaped service wing showing the kitchen, stable, and schoolhouse.

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CEDAR GROVE

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking northerly, the Sharpe cemetery
at the rear of Cedar Grove.

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January 1982.

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