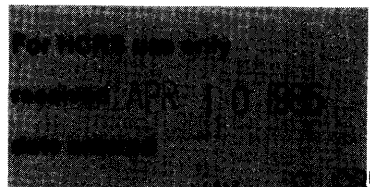


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Oakwood

and/or common same as above

2. Location

street & number East of Upper Kingston Road less than one mile north of its intersection with Kingston Rd. NA not for publication

city, town Natchez vicinity of

state Mississippi code 28 county Adams code 1

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Virginia Sojourner Harrigan

street & number Box 27

city, town Fulton NA vicinity of state Alabama

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 Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>NA</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located east of the Upper Kingston Road, less than one mile north of its intersection with Kingston Road, Oakwood is a one-and-a-half story Greek Revival frame residence that rests upon brick foundation piers and a partial brick basement located under the northeast quarter of the house. The gable roof is pierced by a central brick chimney, and a full-width gallery is recessed under the front slope of the roof. The gallery features a full molded entablature supported by wooden Doric columns that are linked by a railing of rectangular-sectioned balusters with molded handrail. The six-bay westerly facade is finished in scored stucco and is further adorned by a molded-panel wainscoting with chair rail. The windows of the facade have molded architrave surrounds, and all windows of the house, except those that light the closet rooms of the eaves, are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash and are closed by shutter blinds, some of which are original. The windows that light the closet rooms are filled with two-over-two, double-hung sash and are also closed by shutter blinds. Access to the interior is provided through transomed doorways located in the center bay of each three-bay half of the facade. Each doorway features a transom with rectilinear divisions and a single-leaf door with six molded panels.

The interior of the house features a regional double-pile plan that is two rooms wide at the front with no central passage and features a rear passage flanked by large "cabinet" rooms. This plan is a later variation of the early regional single-pile plan with recessed rear gallery and flanking "cabinet" rooms. The more formal front rooms feature molded architrave surrounds, a molded base with two fascias, and wooden mantel pieces that have a frieze composed of two ogee moldings separated by a cock bead supported by pilasters also composed of ogee moldings and a cock bead. The second-story bedrooms and the rear rooms exhibit the same molded architrave surrounds, but they exhibit a simple beaded baseboard. The mantel pieces of the second-story bedrooms are wooden and plainly pilastered. An unusual, and possibly unique, feature of the house are the closet rooms that are located under the eaves in the front and rear of each of the second-story bedrooms. These plastered rooms with beaded base and unmolded millwork probably served a dual function of closet storage and additional sleeping space. All interior doors throughout the house are six-paneled and molded.

The interior stairway was altered during the nineteenth century. Originally, the house probably had a partially enclosed stairway from the rear center room that was entered with a series of winders that made a quarter turn to continue in a straight westerly flight to terminate in a short second-story hallway. The detailing of the existing stairway dates to the 1880's and features a turned newel and turned balusters. The stair is now open and is entered in a short flight of steps that terminate at a landing where the stair makes a quarter turn and continues along the southerly wall of the rear passage to a second landing, making a second quarterly turn before terminating in the second-story hallway.

To the rear, or east, of the house is a two-story brick kitchen building with gable roof that is in very deteriorated condition.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1837 **Builder/Architect** William Hamblin

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Located in the historic Kingston community, or Jersey Settlement, south of Natchez, Oakwood is one of Mississippi's unique residential essays in the vernacular Greek Revival Style. Constructed ca. 1837 for Hardy Sojourner and his wife Missouri Thomas Sojourner, the construction and furnishing of the house is well documented in a collection of Sojourner family papers. A receipt dated 1839 refers to the work on "Hardy Sojourner's new house" and this same receipt indicates that William Hamblin was the builder. Oakwood is the only historic building in the Kingston community which can be attributed to a specific builder. Although its basic form can be considered the typical form of the Mississippi's planter's cottage, Oakwood derives architectural distinction from its finely detailed and well proportioned Greek Doric facade and from its unusual closet rooms under the front and rear eaves. Adding to the historical significance of Oakwood is that it is one of three houses constructed in the Kingston community for the Thomas sisters, the other two being the National Register properties Cedar Grove and Magnolia Hill, and that the house has remained the property of descendants of Hardy and Missouri Thomas Sojourner.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Natchez, Mississippi. Mrs. A. Boyd Sojourner. Sojourner Papers.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5 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 the nominated property outlined in red.

Parcel #41

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/Preservation Consultant

organization Historic Natchez Foundation date December 5, 1984

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.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer signature Kenneth H. P. Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation

date April 3, 1985

For NCRS use only

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

[Signature]
 Director of the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 5-9-85

Attor:

date

Chief of Registration

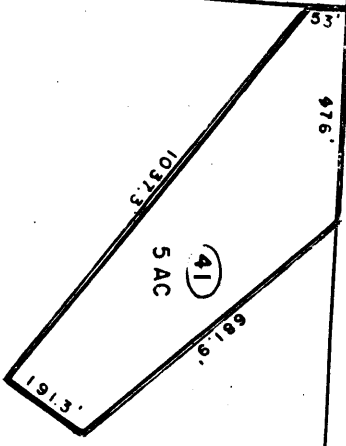
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SEC. 12

TR. 3

DIVISION OF OAKWOOD PLTN.

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TR. 2

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OAKWOOD
Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Tax Map, Adams County



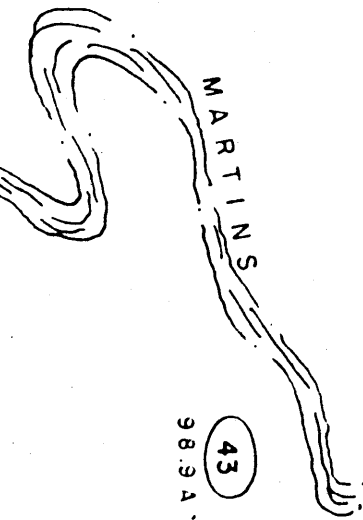
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MAP 122

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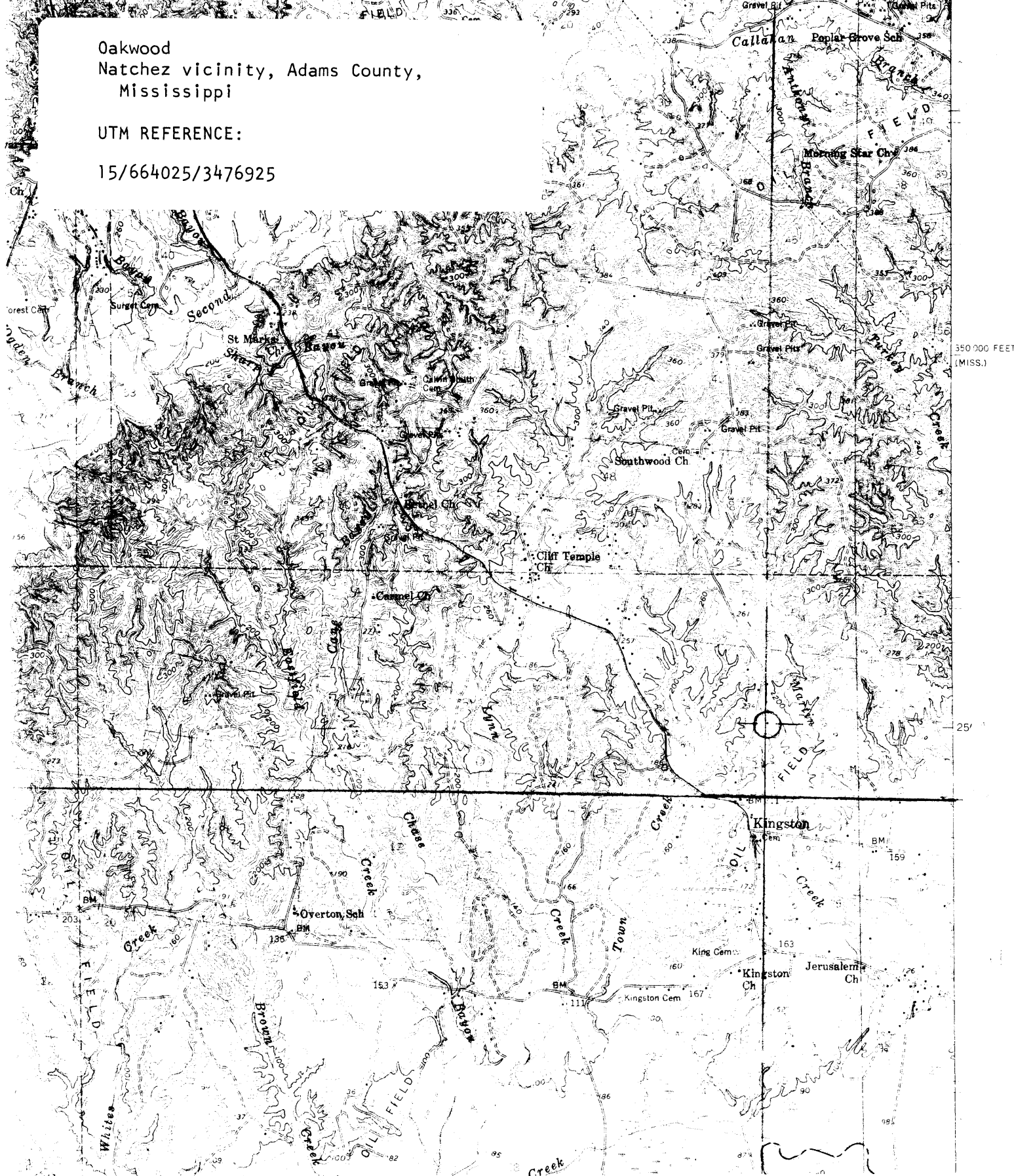
KINGSTON QUADRANGLE
MISSISSIPPI-LOUISIANA
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

CHEZ) 20' 210 000 FEET (MISS.) 91°15' 31°30'

Oakwood
Natchez vicinity, Adams County,
Mississippi

UTM REFERENCE:

15/664025/3476925





Oakwood, west (front) elevation, view to
east

Natchez vicinity, Adams County, Mississippi
Mississippi Department of Archives
and History

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January, 1985

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Oakwood, north front room, view to south
Natchez vicinity, Adams County, Mississippi
Mississippi Department of Archives
and History

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Oakwood, eaves closet (upstairs)

Natchez vicinity, Adams County, Mississippi

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