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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 NA

and/or common Shrock House

2. Location

street & number Shrock Road NA not for publication

city, town NA X vicinity of Goodman

state Mississippi code 28 county Attala code 47

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	NA in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Charles L. Shrock and Sylvia Shrock Scott

street & number 805 Briarfield Road

city, town Jackson NA vicinity of state Ms 39211

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk

street & number Chancery Court Building/W. Washington St.

city, town Kosciusko state Ms 39090

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes X no

date NA ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date NA
___ fair	___ unexposed	Alterations described below	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Shrock House is a slightly raised, dogtrot-plan cottage. The original plan (see attached plan drawing) consisted of double pile rooms to each side of a central hall with a full-width undercut porch at the front supported by wide, thin chamfered columns and a full-width, shed-roofed porch at the rear. The rear porch has been rebuilt and partially replaced by a bedroom and bath.

Significant features at the front (southwest) facade are the columns with paired brackets atop free standing stone (now cement covered) bases; double entry doors with sidelights and transom; three dormers with casement sash; and board and batten siding and porch soffit. Lap siding is used elsewhere. The porch handrail replaces an earlier handrail of similar design. The front porch flooring has also been replaced. The columns are unusual for their wide, thin cross sections. Also unusual are the original fieldstone foundation piers interspersed between later brick ones in the crawl space.

Sash are double hung six-over-six except at the dormers and are shuttered throughout. A chimney still stands at the parlor and also serves the room above. The chimney and fireplace at the north corner bedroom have been removed and the chimney between the south corner parlor and the dining room has been removed above the roof line. The roof is now standing-seam tin.

On the first floor the front entry hall has 4" pine flooring, a beaded board wainscot, and board and batten walls and ceiling. The corner parlor has 8" cypress flooring and beaded boarder wainscot, walls, and ceiling. A mantle with classical pilasters and entablature stands on the northwest wall. It has been painted to simulate marble. Mantles in the north corner bedroom and at the south corner parlor are similar but simpler and are simply painted. The walls of the west corner parlor are painted in a pattern which mimics the profile of Queen Anne style porch trim. This work was done in the late 19th century by a German carpenter according to family tradition. The north corner room has 8" cypress flooring, wallpaper, and a board and batten ceiling. The rear hall has 4" pine flooring and board and batten walls and ceiling and a rear door with sidelights and transom. The oak handrail and turned baluster and Newell post in this hall are not original. The east corner dining room now has wallpaper and a board and batten ceiling. The walls in all of these rooms were once plastered. The board and batten and beaded board were added around the turn of the century which suggests that the board and batten at the facade may also not be original. The doors from the hall into the front parlors have been wood-grained like mahogony.

The kitchen which projects to the southeast is an addition and replaces an earlier larger kitchen. The SE porch has apparently always existed in some form and is now enclosed with lattice work. The bath at the dining room is also a 20th century convenience. The ale cellar, apparently built as a cistern, underneath the porch is original and is a particularly unusual feature. Its walls are of stone covered with palster. It is reached by a wood stair.

The rear porches and bedroom/bath took on their present form in the late 1940's after a tornado damaged the house.

On the second floor there are rooms above the front hall and the parlors. These rooms have 10"-12" pine floors and board and batten walls and ceilings.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates built 1858–59 **Builder/Architect** N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Shrock House is a significant example of the raised, dog-trot house type with some neo-classical ornamentation in Attala County Mississippi. It is also significant in the area as a rare remaining example of an intact and well preserved rural residence dating from the mid-19th century. It is particularly distinctive for its wide, thin, free standing front porch columns; for its field stone piers; and for its distinctive interior ornamentation. The columns, which are apparently original, and the double brackets above them illustrate the arrival of the Italianate style and ultimately Queen Anne style of the mid and late 19th century.

The dog-trot house type appeared up and down the Eastern Seaboard in the 19th century. It was sometimes two rooms deep, probably as a result of contact with double-pile, Georgian plans. (Fred Kniffen, "Folk Housing: Key to Diffusion", Annals of the Association of American Geographers, Volume 55, No. 4 (December, 1965), 561). The fact that the Shrock Home stair is located in the rear hall compartment and faces to the rear suggests its dogtrot, rather than Georgian, origins.

The Shrock House was built by Joseph K. Shrock. Mr. Shrock was of German ancestry and came to Mississippi, from South Carolina. In addition to the Shrock Home he also built a steam saw and grist mill in 1859 and a general merchandise store in 1865 which became known as Shrock Bros. & Co.

Mr. Shrock also built Shrock Church, which still stands, in 1862-65 (Charles Shrock, "Grandfather Builds a Church", [unpublished, unpaginated, undated manuscript on file at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History].).

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Newport, Mississippi

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	231230	364240
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Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is located in the NE 1/4 of section 15, township 12, range 4 east on the east side of Camden Public Road and at a distance of .3 miles south of the intersection of Camden Public Road and Goodman Newport Public Road. (continued)

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Michael Fazio

organization NA date 7-28-85

street & number P.O. Box 2870 telephone (601) 323-3451

city or town Mississippi State, Ms state 39762

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Kenneth H. P'Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date September 26, 1985

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

Keeper of the National Register date 12-10-85

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

GPO 911-399

Major Bibliographical References - cont.

Kniffen, Fred. "Folk Housing: Key to Diffusion," Annals of the Association of American Geographers, Volume 55, No. 4 (December, 1965).

Location Paper, April 27, 1888. Post Office Department, Washington, D.C. (Copy on file at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Shrock, Charles. "Grandfather Builds a Church". (Unpublished, unpaginated, undated manuscript on file at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History).

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property consists of a square, the center of which is at the center of the ridgepole of the main roof of the house. The sides of the square are 209 feet long and are parallel or perpendicular to the ridge of the roof.

Shrock House
View of Southwest facade looking north
Attala County, Mississippi
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Michael Fazio
June, 1985
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Shrock House
View of Northwest facade looking east
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Shrock House
Stair to second floor
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Shrock House
West Corner Parlor Fireplace
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Shrock House
Attic room at west corner of plan
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