

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Mississippi

COUNTY:
Carroll

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER: **JAN 13 1972** DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
James Z. George Law Office

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Street between Lexington and Green Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Carrollton

STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **38917** COUNTY: **Carroll** CODE: **015**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Cherokee Rose Garden Club

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Carrollton** STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **38917** COUNTY: **Carroll** CODE: **28**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the Chancery Clerk, Carroll County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Lexington Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Carrollton** STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **38917** COUNTY: **Carroll** CODE: **28**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

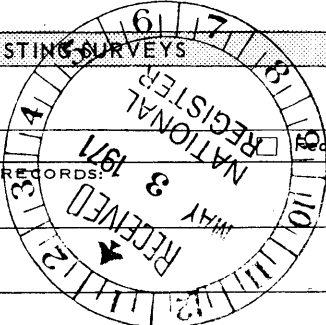
DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James Z. George Law Office, measuring approximately 22 feet in width and 34 feet in depth, is a two-room structure of clapboards and matched boarding painted white. Although the building is only one story in height, the steep rear slope of the roof gives it the shape of a New England saltbox house. The portico consists of a heavily molded triangular pediment supported by two square wooden columns on three-foot plinths. A pair of 9 over 9 windows flank the front door, constructed with wooden pegs in a simple pattern of rails and stiles topped by a three-pane transom. On the west elevation there is a slight return of the cornice which extends beneath the roofline of the façade. The rear door is identical to that on the front, although a reconstruction in part and protected by a small projecting roof rather than a portico. It and the two rear windows are framed by broad planking, whereas no decorative statement is attempted in the narrow, utilitarian casings of the façade openings.

The first of the two rooms on the interior of the office features vertically paneled wainscoting, grooved eight-inch baseboards, and narrow cornice. The brick surround of the fireplace is newly laid, although the wooden pilasters, unadorned frieze, and mantleboard are presumably original. The Cherokee Rose Garden Club, currently furnishing the room as a setting for its meetings and for public events, has acquired on loan a number of nineteenth-century pieces, including a hand-crafted walnut secretary which belonged to Judge William Cothran, builder and first occupant of the office.

The rear room has a minimum of detail, namely a chair rail, several segments of which have been replaced, and a massive brick fireplace. On the wall to the left of the latter is a small panel showing the original laths, left exposed under glass after a recent replastering of the room. Wooden flooring throughout the building is new, and lighting is provided in the front room by a three-branched brass and crystal chandelier and in the rear by a converted coal-oil ceiling lamp, neither of which is original. In keeping with the terms of the 1940 deed whereby George's son, J. W. George, conveyed the property to the garden club, the rear room will eventually be a re-creation of the library of a nineteenth-century lawyer and maintained as a memorial to George.

The building which adjoins the law office (a slender Doric pilaster marks the juncture) is contemporary with it and very similar in style and size, although its triangular pediment lacks columns and the front door is more ornate and more recent, probably early twentieth century. Originally the location of the first bank of Carrollton, the interior has been modernized into office spaces and is rented from the Cherokee Rose Garden Club by the Carroll County Cooperative Extension Service.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1838

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
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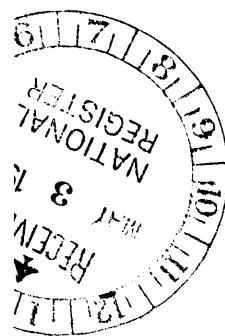
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

James Zachariah George was born in Monroe County, Georgia, in 1826 and moved with his family to Carroll County, Mississippi, in 1836. George received no formal education beyond several years' attendance at the common, or public, schools of the period but was self-taught in the profession of law. A special act of the state legislature having declared him legally of age, he was admitted to the Mississippi bar before he was twenty. In the Mexican War, George served as a private in the regiment of Colonel Jefferson Davis, and upon his return to Carrollton, he was married to Elizabeth Young Brooks, sister-in-law of William Cothran. Cothran, attorney, state senator, and circuit court judge, reputedly built what is now known as the James Z. George Law Office in 1838, a year after his arrival in Carroll County. The office was used by George throughout his professional life except for the years 1872-1887, when Jackson was his residence.

In 1854 and again in 1860, George was elected reporter of the Supreme Court of Mississippi, during which terms he prepared ten volumes of reports covering the decisions of the court, 1855-1863. He was a Carroll County delegate to the January, 1861, secession convention in Jackson and achieved the rank of brigadier general in the war which followed. As chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in 1875, George directed the political campaign which ousted the Republican party and ended Reconstruction in Mississippi. He was appointed a judge of the Mississippi Supreme Court in 1879, and his associates took the unusual step of immediately voting him chief justice.

The final and most significant phase of George's career was in representing Mississippi in the U. S. Senate, 1881-1897. He participated in formulating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890 (the only Democratic senator on a committee of five) and introduced the bill to create the U. S. Department of Agriculture. George was a member-at-large to the state convention which framed the Mississippi constitution of 1890 and is accorded chief responsibility for that document. He successfully defended it when its clauses dealing with suffrage

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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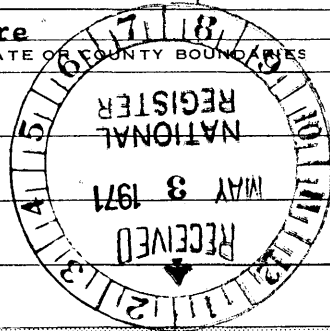
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CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/10 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Dawn Maddox, Historian

ORGANIZATION Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History DATE April 28, 1971

Division of Historic Sites and Archaeology

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 North State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson STATE Mississippi CODE 39205

STATE CODE 28

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☒ Local ☒

Name R. A. McLemore

Title Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History

Date April 28, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Cannally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date JAN 13 1972

ATTEST: William H. Burdette
Keeper of The National Register

Date JAN 3 1972

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and apportionment were challenged in the U. S. Senate. At the time of his death in 1897, George had partially completed The Political History of Slavery in the United States, published in 1915. Mississippi is represented in the Hall of Fame in the United States Capitol at Washington by statues of two of her famous sons - Jefferson Davis and James Z. George. They are the only Mississippians thus honored.

The James Z. George Law Office presently serves as a meeting-place for the Carroll Society for the Preservation of Antiquities and is headquarters for the annual Carrollton pilgrimage.

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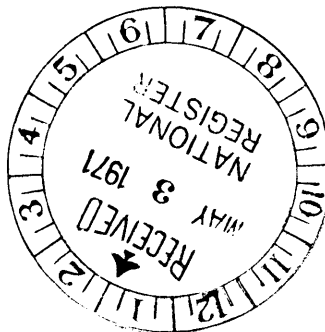
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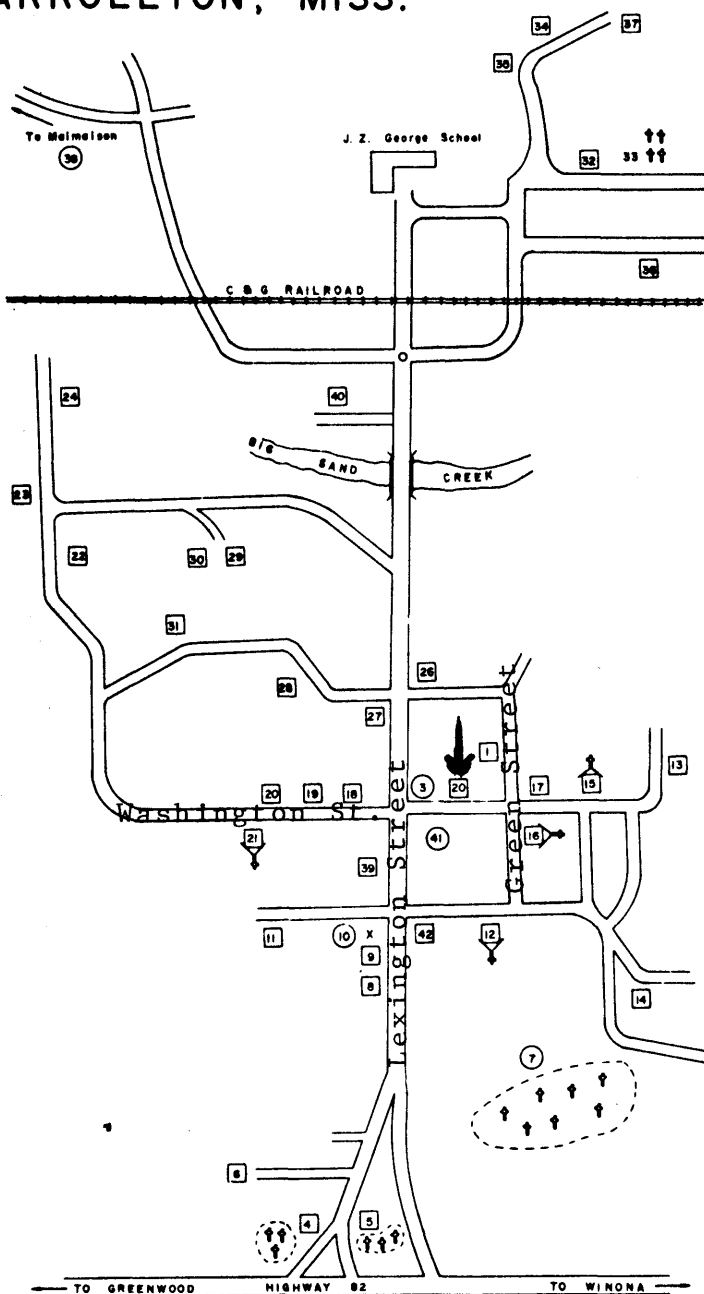
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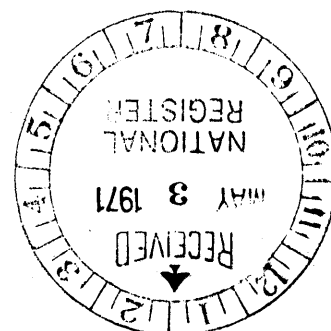


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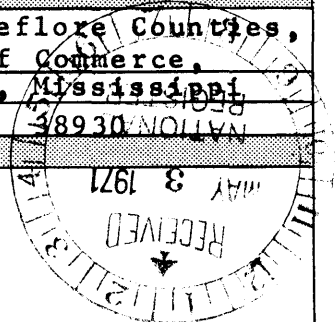
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE Mississippi	
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AND/OR HISTORIC:			
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CITY OR TOWN: Carrollton			
STATE: Mississippi	CODE 38917	COUNTY: Carroll	CODE 015
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: "A Tourist Guide to History in Carroll & Leflore Counties, Mississippi." Greenwood-Leflore County Chamber of Commerce, Greenwood, Mississippi.			
SCALE: Not given			
DATE: 1969			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





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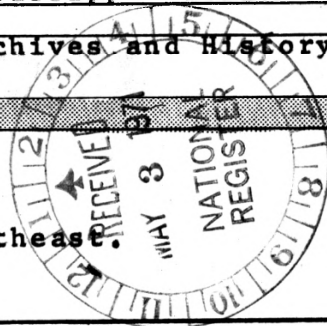
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Jackson, Mississippi 39205

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Façade and west elevation, looking northeast.



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