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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

OMB No. 1024-0018

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Dockery House
other names/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 3831 Robertson Gin Road
city or town: Hernando vicinity _X_
state: Mississippi code: MS county: DeSoto code: 033 zip code: 38632

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this _X_ 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 _X_ meets ____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide _X_ locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. Pope July 9, 2004
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 for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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): _____

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Edson H. Beall 8/25/04

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:
Private

Category of Property:
Building

Number of Resources within Property:
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:
Domestic: Single Dwelling

Current Functions:
Domestic: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification(s):
Italianate

Materials:
foundation: brick
roof: wood shingles
walls: weatherboard

Narrative Description:

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- ____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ____ B removed from its original location.
- ____ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ____ D a cemetery.
- ____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ____ F a commemorative property.
- ____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Period of Significance

1876

Significant Dates

1876

Significant Person(s)

Cultural Affiliation(s)

Architect/Builder

Andrew Johnson
(attributed; not confirmed)

Narrative Statement of Significance: See continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet.

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
  # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- _X_ State Historic Preservation Office
- ___ Other State agency
- ___ Federal agency
- ___ Local government
- ___ University
- ___ Other

Name of repository:

_____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 3 Acres

UTM References:

Zone	Easting	Northing
15	773500	3855080

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:
Continuation Sheets
Maps
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs
Representative black and white photographs of the property.
Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner(s)

name: Martha and John Garner
street & number: 3831 Robertson Gin Road telephone: 662-449-5427
city or town: Hernando state: MS zip code: 38632

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).
Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

Narrative Description

The Dockery House is located on the west side of a gentle curve in Robison Gin Road, in a rural area about 3 miles to the southwest of Hernando, Mississippi. Robinson Gin Road runs along the old Memphis to Hernando Plank Road alignment established in the 1850s. The Dockery house also lies about three miles north of the Robertson-Yates House which was listed on the on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. The house is sited prominently at the crest if a slight rise about 150 feet west of the road. The approach to the house is by means of a single-entry circular drive in front of the home. The immediate surroundings of the 3 acre site of the of home are characterized by a number of older oak and pecan trees which form a major canopy to the front and east side of the home. The site also includes a garage structure to the west of the home. The garage is of Victorian design and was constructed in 1991. A barn lies to the north of the home in close proximity.

The Dockery House is a striking and exceptionally well preserved example of High Victorian Italianate residential architecture. The one-story, L-front, single-family house is organized around a central hallway. The structure of traditional wood frame construction is cross-gabled, and a covered porch wraps the structure on its front and east sides. The exterior walls are clad in wood weartherboard siding terminated by corner boards placed at the exterior corners. The structure is supported by brick piers and contains 2807 square feet of floor space including the wrap around porch.

The wrapping porch is terminated on the west side of the home by a projecting gable-fronted ell containing an Eastlake style bay window. This distinctive feature consists of four paired, double hung windows, framed by bracketed pilasters. The roof of the bay window crowned with running decorative trim. The front gable contains a heavily moulded gable vent containing a star pattern. The pattern of the gable vent is repeated at every gable on the dwelling, but without the star pattern.

Porch windows on the front of the home are floor length with double-hung sash within decorative window casings. The porch ceiling is constructed of beaded board. The porch roof is supported by porch posts connected at the top by ornamental spandrels. The roof of is clad in cedar shakes.

The front entrance, within the porch, is a four-paneled wood-and-glass front door with transom, surrounded by a decorative casing. The entry is reached after ascending 8 brick steps from the drive to the porch. The front entry opens into a central hallway which extends nearly the length of the of the structure and provides access to two bedrooms on the right (east) side, and three day rooms on the left (west) side. All interior ceilings are twelve feet in height with the exception of bathroom and kitchen.

To the immediate left upon entering the home is the parlor, which features the bay window on the south wall and one double-hung sash window on the west wall which is placed to the right of a fireplace centered along the same wall.

Two large pocket doors connect the parlor to the drawing room. The drawing room can also be entered through a doorway from the central hall. The room features a second fireplace, centered on the west wall of the room and flanked on either side by two-over-two double-hung sash windows.

A door with transom on the north wall leads to the dining room, which features a fireplace on the north wall which is flanked by two transomed doors, the on the left serving a pantry and the one the right providing access to the kitchen. There are two double-hung windows on the west wall. A doorway on the east wall connects to a utility alcove, which allows access to an attic, by means of a stairway, and a half basement. The half-basement opens to a ground level, brick-surfaced patio at the rear of the home.

The kitchen is entered from the dining room by descending three steps. The kitchen is an apparent addition to the structure. On its east wall is a sliding glass door which opens to an elevated wood deck.

On the east side of the hallway upon entering the house are two unconnected bedrooms, each with its own bathroom. The first bedroom is to the immediate right upon entering the housee and is entered through a transomed doorway. The bedroom contains one two-over-two, double-hung sash window on the west wall annd the two full-length windows, previously mentioned, which open onto the porch. The second bedroom is also entered from the center hallway.

The house was restored, based on historic photographs, over a period of 15 years. It is currently in excellent condition and maintains a very high degree of historic integrity.

Also located on the three-acre tract associated with the house are two non-historic outbuildings, both of very recent construction.

Statement of Significance

The Dockery house is locally significant in the area of architecture as exceptionally fine and well preserved example of late Victorian Italianate residential architecture. There are few surviving buildings of this time period in DeSoto County.

The Dockery House was constructed in 1876. It is believed to have been designed and built by architect and builder Andrew Johnson, although his association with the house has not been confirmed. The design and quality of craftsmanship are comparable to houses known to have been designed and built by Johnson, many of which have been listed on the National Register as components of the "Architecture of Andrew Johnson in North Mississippi" multiple property listing, though this house is not proposed for inclusion within that group at this time because its association with Andrew Johnson has not been confirmed.

DeSoto County records indicate that nearly a section of land southwest of Hernando was purchased in 1849 by Henry Dockery. The records further indicate that eighty acres of land which included the site of this house was conveyed to Donald McKay Dockery in 1876 who built the home that same year. The structure became home to Donald and his wife Eppie Bowdre Dockery.

The Dockery, McKay and Bowdre families are listed among the original settlers of DeSoto County. The home has seen only three other owners since it was built and has been well cared for, providing a sound basis for restoration work carried out over the last 15 years.

Bibliography

Deed Book K, Page 10; DeSoto County Chancery Clerk's Office, DeSoto County Courthouse, Hernando, Mississippi

Deed Book 1, Page 414; DeSoto County Chancery Clerk's Office, DeSoto County Courthouse, Hernando, Mississippi

DeSoto County Mississippi Residential Property Record Card, Parcel 386-2300-1.12; DeSoto County Tax Assessor, Hernando, Mississippi

Photograph, circa 1936. Family Collection of Martha Garner.

Works Progress Administration. Interview and Survey Record, Hernando, Mississippi, 1940. Mississippi Department of Archives and History File.

Verbal Boundary Description

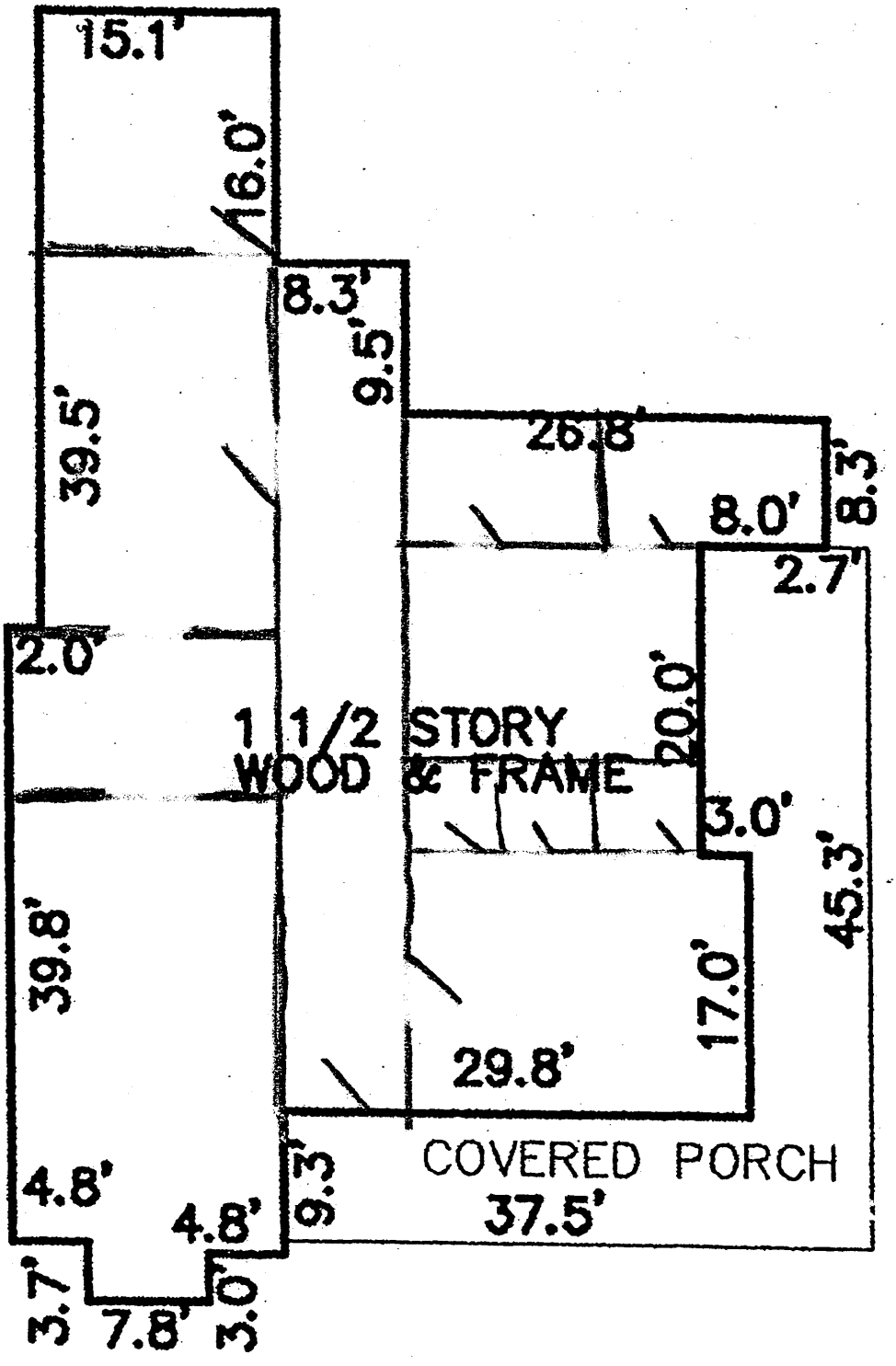
A tract of land of 3.00 arces, more or less, being situated in part of the southeast quarter of section 23, Township 3 South, Range 8 West DeSoto County Mississippi more particularly described as follows, to wit:

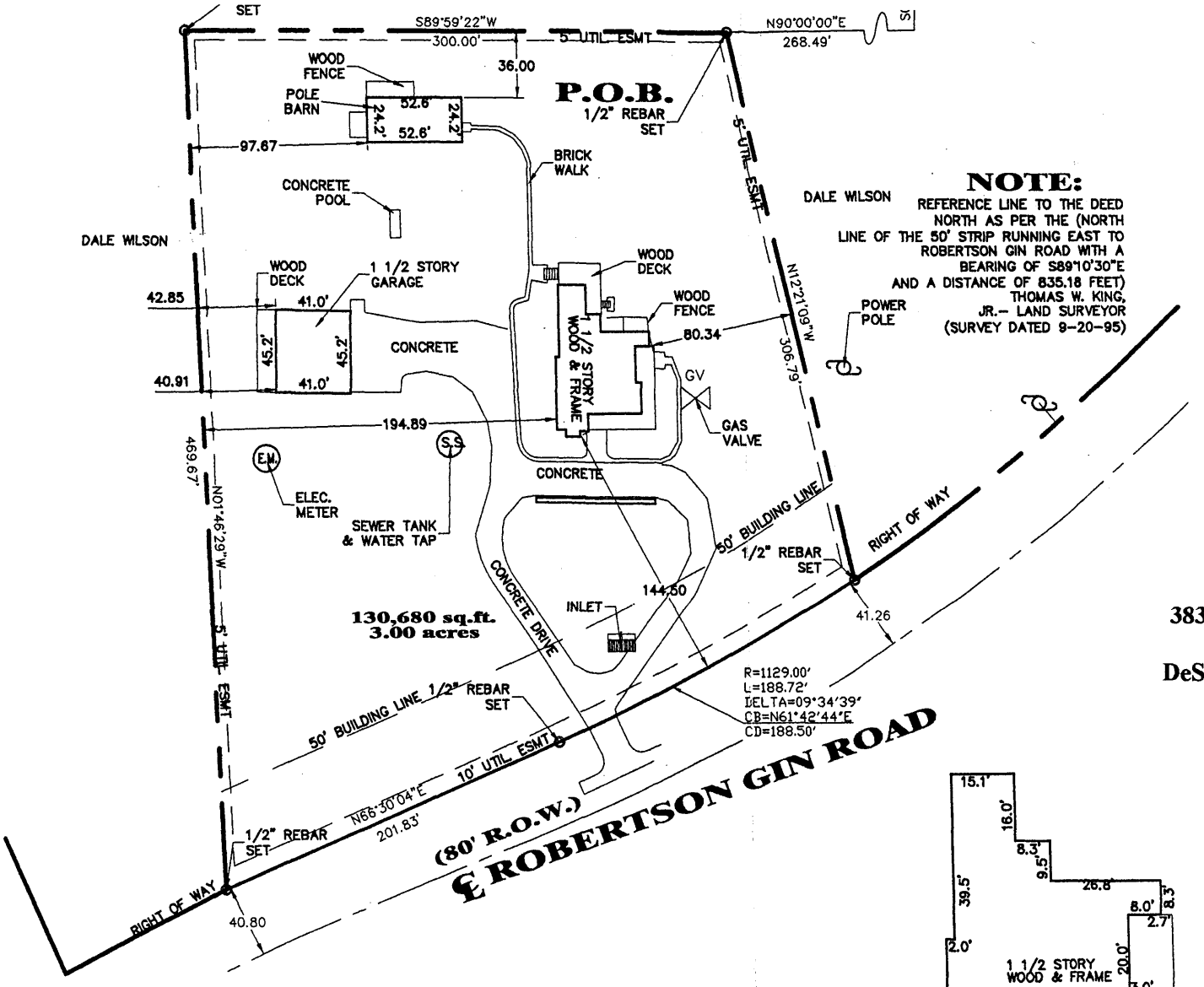
Commencing as an old iron found being the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 3 South, Range 8 West; thence 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 1304.73 feet to a point; thence south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 268.49 feet to a 1/2 " rebar set, also being known as the point of beginning for the herein described tract; thence south 01 degrees 46 minutes 29 seconds east 469.67 feet to a 1/2" rebar set; thence north 66 degrees 30 minutes 04 seconds east 201.83 feet to a 1/2 " rebar set; thence around a curve to the left with a radius of 1129.00 feet, delta angle 09 degrees 34 minutes 39 seconds, chord bearing north 61 degrees 42 minutes 44 seconds east, chord distance 188.50 feet, and a length of 188.72 feet to a 1/2" rebar set; thence north 12 degrees 21 minutes 09 seconds west 306.79 feet to the true point of beginning containing 3.00 more or less acres (130,680 more or less square feet)of land, being subject to all codes, regulations, revision, easements, subdivision covenants, and rights of way of record.

Boundary Justification

This is property is occupied by the owner and consists of the nominated home and the immediate surroundings historically associated with the residential function of the site.

Floor Plan
Dockery House
3831 Robertson Gin Road
Hernando
DeSoto County, Mississippi





NOTE:
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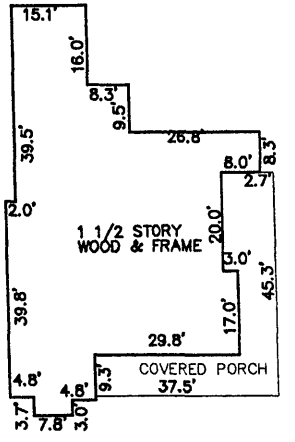
Dockery House
3831 Robertson Gin Road
Hernando vicinity
DeSoto County, Mississippi



HOUSE DETAIL

Dockery House
DeSoto County, Mississippi
Photo by Robert L. Barber
March 2004
Miss. Dept. of Archives & History
Frontal oblique view of the
house, from the southwest
Photo 1 of 4

Dockery House
DeSoto County, Mississippi
Photo by Robert L. Barber
March 2004
Miss. Dept. of Archives and History
frontal view of house, from south
Photo 2 of 4

Dockery House
De Soto County, Mississippi
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Interior of central hallway,
looking southward
toward front door

Photo 3 of 4

Dockery House
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Interior -- dining room, looking northward

Photo 4 of 4