

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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Historic Resources of Biloxi  
Harrison County, Mississippi

**Amendment for Purposes of Delisting Properties From The National Register of Historic Places**

In 1984, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History filed a nomination of numerous properties located in the Biloxi Multiple Resource Area, Harrison County, Mississippi. Since the date of listing, the following properties have lost the qualities which originally caused it to be listed. Each property was destroyed on or about August 29, 2005 by Hurricane Katrina and should be delisted from the National Register of Historic Places. Biloxi's Tivoli Hotel was severely damaged by the hurricane and demolished in May 2006.

<u>Resource</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date Listed</u>
1. Bailey House (Holy Angels Nursery)	1333 East Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS	18 May 1984
2. Biloxi's Tivoli Hotel (Trade Winds)	863 East Beach Drive Biloxi, MS	18 May 1984
3. Church of the Redeemer	Bellman Street Biloxi, MS	18 May 1984
4. Hermann House	523 East Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS	18 May 1984

Section 11:

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Certification



State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 8-12-08



# Historic Sites Survey

Inventory No. 17

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Hermann House is a one-and-a-half-story, raised-basement, frame residence with a hipped roof pierced by two gable-front dormers featuring sophisticated pilasters and segmentally arched sash tops. A five-bay gallery, which extends across the facade (south elevation), is raised on brick piers and approached by divided stairs. It is supported by delicate Ionic columns, embellished with a sawn frieze and surmounted by a paneled parapet. Pairs of fluted Ionic columns flank the sidelights, and there is a full entablature below the porch with finely molded egg-and-dart, waterleaf, and beaded motifs. The rear gallery, with cabinets at each end, has a spiral staircase leading to the attic. In plan the house is two rooms deep with a central hall distinguished by a heavy, molded cornice and diamond-patterned coffered ceiling. The dining room mantel features Tuscan columns supporting a heavy entablature. French doors connect each room with the galleries.

ALTERATIONS: Symmetrically placed unobtrusive additions - each quite small made to the east and west elevations.

OUTBUILDINGS: Servants' quarters, which have been relocated, on the northwest corner of the property.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Large, tree-shaded lot facing the Gulf of Mexico.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Hermann House is one of the most outstanding residences in Biloxi built before the Civil War. It exemplifies the French Colonial influence on the early architecture of the area as well as the opulence of nineteenth-century resort homes built on the Gulf Coast. Like the exterior, the interior is richly detailed and a high degree of integrity has been maintained. Probably built for Peter DeBuys, a planter from France, the house was owned between 1871 and 1908 by John Henry Keller, a wealthy New Orleans soap manufacturer and philanthropist, who organized the Seashore Campgrounds in Biloxi, a gathering place for leading evangelists.

NAME: Hermann House  
STREET NO: 523 East Beach Boulevard  
TOWN/VIC: Biloxi  
COUNTY: Harrison  
BLOCK/LOT:  
PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Jane Wood  
ADDRESS 523 East Beach Boulevard, Biloxi 39530  
PRESENT USE: Residence  
FORMER USE: Residence  
DATE: pre-1851  
STYLE: Greek Revival  
ARCH/BUILDER:  
SOURCE OF DATE: The Buildings of Biloxi  
ENVIRONMENT: Residential  
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
LOCAL  
STATE X  
NATIONAL

PHOTOS

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SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

N/A

THREATS:

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated contains approximately one acres. Identified on the enclosed map entitled "Individually Listed Properties," it includes the area within the red line as delineated on the Official Property Map of Biloxi, Mississippi, adopted by the city in 1976.

ACREAGE: less than 1 acre

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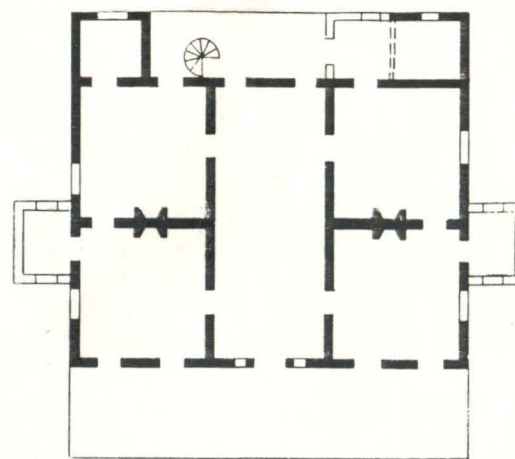
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23b. Hermann House, plan, north at top.

FORM PREPARED BY:

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April 20, 1983





Hermann House

523 East Beach Boulevard, view to north

Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi

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