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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES CONTINUATION SHEET

Amendment
407 East Howard Avenue
(name change)
Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a new name for the house individually listed as 407 East Howard Avenue, Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi. Biloxi had an extensive renumbering of street addresses due to the implementation of a new 911 system. Because the property was named according to its street address, the address and name need to be updated.

Item 2: Location
407 East Howard Avenue, now 638 East Howard Avenue
Biloxi, Harrison County (code 47), Mississippi (code MS), 39530

Item 11: Form Prepared By
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Certification

Kenneth H. P'Pool — March 31, 1999
Kenneth H. P'Pool — Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic N/A

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 407 East Howard Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Biloxi N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi code 28 county Harrison 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	N/A in process	_X_ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Russell S. and Deborah E. Gill

street & number 3629 Townsend Road

city, town Gautier N/A vicinity of state Mississippi 39553

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Harrison County Courthouse

street & number Washington Avenue

city, town Biloxi state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Biloxi Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes _X_ no

date 1978 ___ federal _X_ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi 39205

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	_X_ unaltered	_X_ original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date N/A
X fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This one-and-one-half story, four-by-four bay, asymmetrical Queen Anne, clapboard house rests on brick piers. Its complex roofline is created by a steep hip roof pierced by gables. Originally, the roof was sheathed in wooden shakes which are now covered by diamond-shaped asbestos shingles.

The wraparound, front porch features a wooden balustrade and delicately turned posts. Brackets of scrollwork and other scrollwork features hang below the fascia board of the porch. Above the entrance located in the porch area, a gable with a sunburst motif pierces the porch roof. This front entrance is capped by a transom and flanked by sidelights. Another entrance located in the side area of the wraparound porch has a door with no sidelights topped by a simple transom.

There are a variety of window forms. These include a one over one double hung sash window with the upper pane bordered in art glass on the west facade's three-sided bay. The front gable has diagonal tongue-and-groove beaded board and an elaborate, three-dimensional sunburst motif. The side gables are much simpler in design with scrollwork in their peaks and panelling along the bottoms. The small four-over-four double hung sash windows in the gables are ca. 1920 alterations.

Original interior elements include hardwood flooring, tongue-and-groove beaded board panelling and decorative door frames with bull's eye corners. The oak mantles remain, although some have been enclosed behind new walls.

Other alterations, in addition to those previously mentioned, are enlarging and enclosing the rear porch and adding a rear dormer to the main roof (ca. 1940 or earlier); replacing the front porch steps with concrete steps (ca. 1950) and applying metal roofing to one section of the porch roof. These minor alterations do not compromise the architectural integrity of the building.

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	___ theater	
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
_X_ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)	
		___ invention			

Specific dates Between 1898 & 1904 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This house is one of the best examples of the Queen Anne style of architecture in Biloxi. It features a wraparound front porch, irregular floor plan, steeply pitched hip roof pierced by gables and a profusion of ornamentation - all typical architectural elements of the Queen Anne style. The ornamentation includes turned posts and spindles on the porch, scrollwork, the sunburst motif and tongue-and-groove beaded board panelling (Julia Cook Guice, et al., The Buildings of Biloxi: An Architectural Survey [Biloxi: 1976], p. 71).

Along with this exceptional detailing, the house enjoys an unusually high quality level of construction for structures built during this time period in the Biloxi area. It is believed to have been constructed by Vincent Bass, a local builder who may have also built the adjacent house at 413 E. Howard Street. It is known that Bass acquired the property in 1894 and owned it until at least 1904 and that the house at 407 E. Howard was built prior to the latter date (Deborah Gill, current owner, telephone interwiew by Susan M. Enzweiler, architectural historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, May 5, 1986).

The Gulf Coast was plagued by a number of hurricanes from the early 1890s up to 1906. A fire in Biloxi on November 9, 1900 also destroyed over eighty buildings in that town. Demolitions and unsympathetic alterations of Biloxi's turn-of-the-century structures have also helped to deplete the number of significant buildings from that period. Consequently, although these years saw a steady advance in population and industrial growth, there are fewer resources from this period than one might expect. This fact gives additional significance to the remaining properties (Guice, pp. 16-17).

The property at 407 E. Howard Street is not a part of any present or potential historic district. The only other historically and/or architecturally significant houses on the block are 413 and 440 E. Howard Street. The former was constructed about the same time as #407 and the latter dates from circa 1905. However, this block is dominated by a small shopping center, mid-twentieth century houses and earlier residences which have lost their integrity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Biloxi, Miss. **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	319100	3363980	B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Attached Description

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			
N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Deborah E. Gill (Revised and Edited by Susan Enzweiler, Architectural Historian, Mississippi Department of Archives and History)

organization N/A **date** May 1986

street & number 3629 Townsend Road **telephone** (601) 497-4876

city or town Gautier **state** Mississippi

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** June 16, 1986

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

Entered in the National Register

for Delores Byers **date** 7-17-86

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: **date**

Chief of Registration

9 - BIBLIOGRAPHY

Gill, Deborah, current owner. Telephone interview by Susan M. Enzweiler, architectural historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, May 5, 1986.

Guice, Julia Cook, et al. The Building of Biloxi; An Architectural Survey. Biloxi:]976.

Sanborn Maps 1898,1904,1909,1914,1925. Biloxi Tax Records. Biloxi Historic Site Survey Book.

10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

That certain lot or parcel of land, described and being bounded on the south by East Howard Avenue, on the east by properties of Arguellas and Juanico, on the north by Copp Street, and on the West by property now or formerly belonging to Frank Bass, and having a frontage on East Howard Avenue of 51 feet and running back north between parallel lines 200 feet, more or less, to Copp Street, said property being located in Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 9 West, and being the same property purchased by Pendarvis of Chicago, Illinois, from C. F. and Minnie L. Burkhardt by Warranty Deed dated April 3, 1926, and recorded in Book 160 at Page 108-109 of the Deed Records of Harrison County, Mississippi.

407 East Howard Avenue

Foyer interior, Facing ceiling
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
Deborah Gill 2-20-86 Photo #1 of 11
MS Dept. of Archives and History

407 East Howard Avenue

Side view facing East
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
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407 East Howard Avenue

Exterior, View to South
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
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407 East Howard Avenue

Interior, Door + Frame
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
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407 East Howard Avenue

Interior, Tung and groove panelling
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
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407 East Howard Avenue

Interior, Fireplace, Mantel
and Panelling
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
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407 East Howard Avenue

Exterior, View to West
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
Deborah Gill 2-20-86 Photo #7 of 11

407 East Howard Avenue

View to South under Porch
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
Deborah Gill 2-20-86 Photo #8 of 11

407 East Howard Avenue

View to West of 2 over 4 windows
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
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407 East Howard Avenue

View to North
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
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407 East Howard Avenue

Interior Stairwell
Biloxi, Harrison County, MS
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