NPS Form 10-900 United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: House at 5098 Highway 604 Other names/site number: Name of related multiple property listing:

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing

2. Location

Street & number: 5098 Highway. 604 City or town: Pearlington MS Hancock State: County: Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this <u>X</u> 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 at the following level(s) of significance:

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national statewide X local Applicable National Register Criteria: B X C

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Signature of certifying official/Title:

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property _____ meets ____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bure

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

Date

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Date of Action

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ____ entered in the National Register
- ____ determined eligible for the National Register
- ____ determined not eligible for the National Register
- ____ removed from the National Register
- ___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.) Private:

Public - Local

Public - State

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Category of Property

(Check only one box.)

Building(s)	х
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Object	

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register NA

6. Function or Use Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

MID-19TH CENTURY/Greek Revival

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.) Principal exterior materials of the property: __wood, concrete_____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The House at 5098 Highway 604 is located in the unincorporated community of Pearlington in Hancock County, along the Pearl River near the Louisiana border. The vernacular Greek Revival planter's cottage built around 1880 sits on 3.15 acres. The house was damaged during Hurricane Katrina in 2005, but has been sensitively restored under the supervision of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History's Hurricane Katrina Grant program. Many of the historic elements of the house have been retained (Photo 1).

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Narrative Description

Facing southwest on Highway 604, the House at 5098 Highway 604 is a good local example of a one-story Greek Revival planter's cottage (Photo 2). The house was most likely built in the 1880s. The house sits several hundred yards from the main road, surrounded by trees (Photo 3). An original dirt driveway leads to the home (Photo 4). Before Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005, the house sat in its current location on 4' cinder block piers inserted following Hurricane Georges in 1998. Although Hurricane Katrina caused flooding and damage to the structure, the home was repaired and most of the historic elements of the home were retained.

Water and wind lifted the house from its piers, causing severe wracking of the structure. The house was knocked off its foundation, causing the house to sit on the ground, ripping the side walls away at the sills. The water level was at 9 1/2 feet. The interior chimney collapsed. The front porch and non-historic rear deck were torn off the house. The windows on the first floor were severely damaged. Floor boards in room 4 (see Floorplan) and some wall boards between rooms 3 and 4 were damaged.

Working under the supervision of the Mississippi Department of Archives & History's Hurricane Katrina Grant program, the owner restored the property to its current condition, retaining as much original material as possible. Where original material was too damaged to be repaired or restored, every effort was made to use replacement materials that were as close to the original form and materials possible.

EXTERIOR

Built of pine, the one and one-half story wood clapboard house contains 1,012 square feet of living space, with another 525 feet of unfinished attic. The home features a full-width, undercut gallery on the west (primary) façade and a single-leaf entry with sidelights and transom.

The wood beam sills rest upon new cinder block, stuccoed, foundation piers (Photo 5). The house has been elevated 5 feet off the ground to meet FEMA flood elevation standards but since it originally sat on brick piers, this is not a substantial alteration. The side-gabled roof has new architectural shingles. Originally, the single chimney would have projected from the roof but it had been removed above the roof line prior to 2005.

The undercut gallery (42' x 6') extending the width of the front façade is accessed by a set of new wood steps and a new wood handrail (Photo 6). The original porch floor was pine tongueand-groove boards. Because it was damaged beyond repair, a new floor was built. The gallery is supported by six new attenuated square wooden columns, based on surviving pilasters on the primary elevation. A new balustrade runs the length of the gallery (Photo 7). Prior to Katrina, the front porch had been screened but it was opened as part of the restoration. Although there was no evidence of what the original handrail looked like, a historically and stylistically appropriate wood rail with balusters was installed. The gallery ceiling is pine tongue-and-groove

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boards. A new hanging porch light is centrally attached to the underside of the gallery, in front of the entry (Photo 8).

The central entry is a four-panelled wood door framed by a six-light, rectangular transom and a three-light sidelight (Photo 9). Prior to Hurricane Katrina, the entry was a double-leaf multi-paned door, not original to the structure. Since that door was destroyed by storm surge it was replaced by the more historically appropriate four-panelled wood door purchased from an architectural salvage center in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The entry is flanked by two 6/6 wood, double hung windows that were built to match the profiles of the originals, which were damages beyond repair. The only windows to survive the storm were 6/6 attic windows. Working board and batten wood shutters have been added to all of the first floor windows on each elevation (Photo 10)

On the east side of the house, at the rear, a set of concrete steps lead to a wood deck. The steps and deck existed pre-Katrina and are non-historic. The deck was rebuilt post-Katrina to connect to the concrete steps, thus providing entry to the back door. The back door, although not original, is an older style door having 2x3 glass panes in the top one-third and two vertical panels in the reminder (Photo 11).

INTERIOR

The interior features a center hall with double-pile rooms to each side, four rooms in all. All of the walls are yellow pine tongue-and-groove and are original except for a few wall boards between rooms 3 and 4 (as shown on the floorplan). Damaged floor boards in room 4 (Photo 12) were replaced in-kind with pine tongue-and-groove boards. All of the ceilings in each room are also pine tongue-and-groove with simple modern light fixtures (Photo 13).

Each room has new, simple, pine baseboard mouldings with the profile matching the surviving interior door and window surrounds (Photo 14). All of the interior wood five-panel doors with porcelain knobs are original (Photo 15). There are no closets and no evidence that closets were ever originally built in the house. The ceilings are 10 1/2' tall.

Between rooms 3 and 4 was a double-sided fireplace with a simple wood board used for a mantle. The movement of the house from Katrina shook the fireplace, causing the bricks to fall. During clean up the bricks were moved to a safe area on-site so that the fireplace can be rebuilt with the same bricks. The fireplace has not yet been reconstructed, but the location is clearly seen in the floor and ceiling (Photo 16).

The front rooms (1 and 4 are 14 feet x 15 feet and the two back rooms (2 and 3) are 13 feet x 15 feet. The hallway extends the length and is 6 feet wide. Unfinished wood stairs lead to the attic space which is large enough to be used for living space although not presently heated and cooled (Photo 17). The stairs were added prior to 2005 to allow better access to mechanicals in the attic.

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Before Katrina there was a bathroom located in room 2. It was added sometime between 1900 and 1920, judging from the clawfoot tub. It was very small, only big enough to hold the fixtures. Damaged in Katrina, the bathroom walls were removed and the fixtures retained for future use. When the bathroom was added, a five-panelled wood door, matching the other interior doors, was added for access. The door and surround have been retained (Photo 18).

The rehabilitation was supervised by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History's Gulf Coast office. Replacement materials were used only when the original materials could not be saved. When elements had to be replaced, in-kind materials were used. Most of the historic materials were retained, including the floors, walls, ceilings doors, and door and window surrounds. The items replaced in-kind are the porch, some of the boards on the walls between rooms 3and 4, a few of the floor boards in room f4, the windows on the first floor, and the rear (non-historic) deck.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

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- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- 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

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1880

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The House at 5098 Highway 604 is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for association with Architecture. The building is a planter's cottage with vernacular Greek Revival details built in 1880. Having retained most of its original features, the property is an excellent example of this style of architecture. Largely thanks to the damage inflicted on the community by Hurricane Katrina, it is a rare surviving historic building in Pearlington.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Background

The House at 5098 Highway 604 is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as a local example of a rural vernacular Greek Revival planter's cottage. Built around 1880, the house is the only surviving historic residence in Pearlington from this time period. All other historic residences in the small community of Pearlington have disappeared due to demolition or disaster.

Located in Hancock County, close to the Pearl River along the Louisiana border, the community is only 8 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. It is 40 miles east of New Orleans and 25 miles west of Biloxi.

Pearlington, named for the Pearl River, was incorporated in in 1820. The first known plat is 1819. It once had several churches, a bank, a school, and large saw mills. Lumbering was the chief industry. The population in 1900 was 850.¹

In its early history, Pearlington was known for its cotton market. The cotton was transported by flatboats down the river from the large plantations on and near the Pearl River, more than 100 miles north. At Pearlington it was transferred to schooners and shipped across Lake Ponchartrain to New Orleans. The construction of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad (now the Illinois Central) put an end to the cotton market.²

¹ Encyclopedia of Mississippi History by Dunbar Rowland, LL. D., Vol II, 1907

² Extracts from the N O T D. (SCE 8/20/1892) Hancock Co. Historical Society

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Pearlington was one of the pioneering lumber towns of this once-important lumbering area and later was the terminal for a Louisiana-Mississippi automobile ferry, now extinct.³ The decline in the cotton market led to a new market. In 1865, Capt. John Poitevent came into possession of a sawmill and began a career in the lumber business. He was joined in this enterprise in 1866 by Capt. J. A. Farve who bought an interest in the mill. They enjoyed success for many years. The lumber industry was highly successful in Pearlington through the 1920s.⁴

On August 29, 2005, the town was all but destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. 145 mph winds hit the coast and created a 30 foot storm surge. ⁵ Every home and business was affected and many homes were left uninhabitable. ⁶ The population of Pearlington in 2000 before Katrina was 1684. After Katrina, according to the 2010 U.S. Census, it was 1332, down 352 residents. ⁷

The House at 5098 Highway 604 was damaged by the storm surge. Most of the structural damage occurred when the building was lifted off its masonry piers and dropped to the ground, resulting in the house resting unevenly on the piers causing severe wracking.

Although the house had to have a new foundation and new windows, the rehabilitation has been sensitive to the historic character of the building. Damaged windows were replaced with the same profile and in-kind materials. In some cases, such as the front and back doors and the front porch, non-historic elements damaged by the storm were replaced with more historically appropriate materials.

Although the fireplace was destroyed, the bricks have been retained for re-use. Some of them have names stamped with the name "Salmen." Fritz Salmen was a Swiss immigrant who, with brothers, Jacob and Albert, operated lumbering, shipbuilding, and brick making businesses, in Handsboro, which is now incorporated into The City of Gulfport, Mississippi. ⁸ Around 1884 they moved to Slidell, La., around 1886 they opened a brick yard, sawmill, and shipyard. The Salmen Brick and Lumber Company extended its operations to include offices and warehouses in New Orleans, Tickfaw, and Onville, La. The large retail yards in New Orleans dealt with a large variety of building materials, including Portland cement, lime, plaster, as well as lumber, brick, and ornamental materials.

Architecture

The House at 5098 Highway 604 takes the form of a planter's cottage with an undercut gallery, a common vernacular type in Mississippi. The house form represents a fusion of Creole and American building traditions. The center hall-double pile plan is the American contribution while the undercut galleries are derived from Creole and Caribbean traditions.

³ Hometown Mississippi by James F. Brieger

⁴ Extracts from the N O T D. (SCE 8/20/1892) Hancock Co. Historical Society

⁵ http://www.dmr.state.ms.us/joomla16/images/cmp/final-MGCNHAMP.pdf

^{*} http://www.pearlingtonms.com/

http://censusviewer.com/city/MS/Pearlington

^{*} http://www.insidenorthside.com/june_july/june_july_feature08.htm

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Planter's cottages are generally raised off the ground to allow ventilation under the structure. In Mississippi, in inland areas, these houses were generally raised only two to four feet, resting on cedar blocks or brick piers. The houses typically have a center hall running the depth of the house and are often double-pile. They are generally one and one-half story, and may have either hipped or side-gabled roofs. Full-width galleries generally incorporated into the main roof structure shielded the walls from the daytime sun and create outdoor living space. Galleries could be found on one, two, three or four sides,⁹ but are almost always on the front and rear.

Other adaptations to the climate include high ceilings, generally nine to ten feet in smaller houses but sometimes up to fourteen or sixteen feet. Windows are often large to accommodate breezes and it is not unusual to find jib, or floor-length, windows allowing full access to the front gallery.

The House at 5098 Highway 604 typifies the planter's cottage. The house is raised four feet on block piers. It is one story with a large, unfinished, attic. It has a full-width gallery on the front facade. Its plan is the typical double-pile, center hall form. The rooms have high ceilings and large double-hung windows, common features of raised planter's cottages.

In style, the house is a vernacular version of the Greek Revival style popular throughout the southern United States, including Mississippi. This "vernacular Greek Revival" persisted in rural areas of Mississippi and other southern states well into the late nineteenth century, long after the style had gone out of fashion nationally. Characteristics of this vernacular style include simpler versions of the porch columns found on the larger plantation mansions, symmetrical facades uniformly rectilinear openings, simple but defined entablatures, and molded capitals.¹⁰ The house exemplifies this stylistic language in its colonnaded gallery with simple entablature and simple transom over the main entrance.

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History identified two other planters' cottages in Pearlington. The Boardman-Russ House, located at 6113 Highway 604, was a frame planters' cottage with a side-gable roof constructed c. 1870. The full-width undercut gallery wrapped around the side of the house. When surveyed after Hurricane Katrina in April 2006, the house was described as "deteriorated", with significant damage caused by flooding.¹¹ The house was not found during post-Katrina surveys conducted by FEMA in 2010 and is presumed demolished.

FEMA did identify a previously unknown planters' cottage at 6012 Highway 604. The one-story frame hip-roof house features an undercut full-width porch supported by Doric columns and an

¹ Crocker, Mary Wallace. <u>Historic Architecture in Mississippi</u>. University Press of Mississippi, 1973.

^a Kennedy, Roger C. Greek Revival America New York: Stewart, Tabori & Chang, Inc., 1989.

¹¹ Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Historic Resource Inventory, 045-PER-0004-X.

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unornamented balustrade. The house, constructed c. 1890-1900, appears to be intact.¹² Although similar in form, it has a hip roof and the architectural details are more Colonial Revival.

Every home in Pearlington was affected in some way by Hurricane Katrina. Most were destroyed and those not destroyed were inhabitable. The House at 5098 Highway 604 is a rare survivor in Pearlington. There are only a couple of older homes left in the area and this house is one of them. By working with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and through the use of grants, this house has been saved.

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¹² Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Historic Resources Inventory, 045-PER-0011.

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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 #_____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- ____ Other State agency
- ____ Federal agency
- ____ Local government
- University
- ____ Other
 - Name of repository:

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): 045-PER-0008

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Name of Property Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)

Datum if other than WGS84: (enter coordinates to 6 decimal places) 1. Latitude: 30.242694 Longitude: -89.608544*

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3. Latitude:

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Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Lots 1, 2 and 10 of Block 23 and Lots 5 and 6 of Block 11 in Favre's Second Addition to Pearlington, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

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The boundary includes the portions of the property immediately surrounding the house and the driveway and historically associated with the house at 5098 Highway 604.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- Maps: A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

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Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: House at 5098 Highway 604

City or Vicinity: Pearlington

County: Hancock

State: Mississippi

Photographer: Tricia Nelson

Date Photographed: September 16, 2015

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

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4 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0004 View from House
5 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0005 Foundation
6 or 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0006 Front Porch Steps
7 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_007 Front Porch

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11 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0011 Back Door
12 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0012 Interior Walls
13 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0013 Ceiling
14 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0014 Window and Moldings
15 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0015 Interior Door and Knob
16 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0016 Fireplace
17 of 18:	MS_Hancock Co_House at 5098 Hwy 604_0017 Hallway and Attic Stairs
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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including 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 Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.





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