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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Shadyside

AND/OR COMMON

Shadyside

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

107 Shadyside Street

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Natchez

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Mississippi

CODE

28

COUNTY

Adams

CODE

1

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

PRIVATE

\_\_\_ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Thomas Morgan McNeely

STREET & NUMBER

107 Shadyside Street

CITY, TOWN

Natchez

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Mississippi 39120

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Chancery Clerk  
Adams County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Natchez

STATE

Mississippi 39120

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Statewide Survey of Historic Sites

DATE

1978

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  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
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Shadyside is a one-story square brick Greek Revival dwelling with hipped roof. Originally the roof was pierced by two interior chimneys and two inside end chimneys and surmounted at the center by a large clerestoried room topped with a pyramidal roof and adorned with a balustraded eave (Thomas M. McNeely, owner of old photographs of Shadyside). The southerly facade of the house rests upon a high stuccoed brick foundation with a beveled water table, while the rear of the house is near ground level. The southerly and westerly elevations are laid in Flemish bond with finely struck joints, while the rest of the house is laid in common bond. The center bay of the five-bay facade is fronted by a portico supported by two fluted Greek Doric columns echoed on the front wall by unfluted pilasters. Columns and pilasters are linked by massive turned balusters and a molded handrail. The frontispiece is composed of a single-leaf four-panel door surrounded by attached box columns, side lights set over molded panels, and transom, the whole of which is recessed behind attached box columns supporting an entablature. The molded wood cornice of the portico is continued on all elevations of the house. The windows, which contain six-over-six double-hung sash and are closed with original shutter blinds, are adorned with cast-iron window caps on the southerly and westerly elevations.

The interior plan is a double-pile central-hall plan with a parlor on each side of the hall. Sliding doors set within a molded shouldered architrave divide the hall into an entry and a wider rear room, originally used as the dining room. Ceilings of both hall spaces are adorned with lavish plaster centerpieces. Mantels of the parlors and rear hall are designed with molded shouldered architraves, as are door and window surrounds. Bases of these rooms have double fasciae, and windows are set over molded panels. To the rear of the parlors are two chambers with architrave door and window trim, plain wooden pilastered mantelpieces, and molded bases with single fascia.

A gallery at the rear of the house extends the full five bays of the structure. The gallery is supported by wooden box columns linked by rectangular-sectioned balusters and molded handrail. An interesting feature of the rear gallery is the enclosed cork-screw stairway that winds to the clerestory room, now roofed over. The gallery makes a right-angle turn at the northeast corner of the house to become the first-story gallery for a two-story brick service wing. The service wing has a hipped roof of standing-seam metal and is fronted by a double-tiered gallery, partially enclosed on the second-floor level. Square wooden columns were originally joined by rectangular-sectioned balusters, and upper and lower galleries were connected by a straight flight of stairs.

The service wing, which is five bays wide, features a single-pile plan of three connected rooms. The first floor contains the original kitchen, pantry, and family (or winter) dining room. The upstairs consists of two larger bedrooms and a smaller connecting room. There are two inside end chimneys. Mantels are wooden and pilastered, and the woodwork is simply executed. An interesting feature of the service wing is the original two-story brick privy, attached corner to corner and entered from the ends of the service-wing galleries.

The nominated property includes a ca. 1900 rental house.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

Ca. 1850

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Possibly James Hardie

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Shadyside is a finely executed suburban Greek Revival dwelling, representative of houses built by successful members of the rising middle class in antebellum Natchez. The house was built for Ralph North, attorney, circuit court clerk, legislator, circuit court judge, and author. His most famous publication was A Treatise on the Law and Practice of the Probate Courts of Mississippi (Philadelphia: Thomas, Cowperthwait & Co., 1845), which was for many years a standard reference text in Mississippi law libraries (Daily Democrat, May 21, 1891, p. 2).

In Antebellum Natchez, D. Clayton James uses Ralph North as one of several examples of successful men of the middle class in Natchez in 1850 (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1968, p. 166). Ralph North, who was born in Connecticut in 1813 and moved to Mississippi during his boyhood, received his formal education at nearby Jefferson College, in Washington, Mississippi. North studied law, was admitted to the Mississippi Bar, and was active as an attorney or judge until one year prior to his death, in 1891 (The Daily Democrat, May 22, 1891, p. 2). During the 1840s North served in the state legislature and was a leader of the forces opposing the location of the state university at Oxford (James, pp. 124-125). He was also one of two attorneys for the Natchez Building Association (chartered 1852), founded to accumulate savings and to award loans for purchase and construction of houses. The organization was an early form of present-day savings and loan firms (James, p. 212). A journal kept by North indicates that the most prominent and influential citizens of Adams County were among his clients (Thomas M. McNeely, photocopies of pages from Ralph North's journal as copied from the original by Mary Elizabeth Postlethwaite). One of North's clients was William Johnson, a freed slave, who was self employed as a barber. In 1951 William Johnson's Natchez, the Ante-Bellum Diary of a Free Negro was published, in which Johnson refers frequently to his business dealings with Ralph North. In 1850, Johnson records that North was chosen to deliver the oration at a mock funeral held to mourn the passing of President Taylor (William Ransom Hogan and Edwin Adams Davis, eds., William Johnson's Natchez, The Ante-Bellum Diary of a Free Negro [Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1951], p. 740).

In 1849 North acquired the fourteen acres of Concord Plantation on which he built Shadyside (Adams Co., Miss., Deed Book GG:564). Although no definite proof has been found, the architect of Shadyside was probably James Hardie, designer of many antebellum Natchez mansions. Stylistically, Shadyside resembles other buildings designed and/or constructed by Hardie, who was listed as a client in North's journal (Thomas M. McNeely, photocopies of pages of Ralph North's journal). During the Civil War, North entered the Adams Light Guard as a volunteer and was a gallant member of the Sixteenth Mississippi regiment (The Daily Democrat, May 22, 1891, p. 2). In 1867 he lost Shadyside by mortgage foreclosure, and the house became the property of Osborne K. Field (Deed Book 00:634). In 1890 it became the

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Adams Co., Miss. Chancery Clerk. Deed Books GG, 00, 3-E.

Hogan, William Ransom and Edwin Adams Davis, eds. William Johnson's Natchez, The Antebellum Diary of a Free Negro. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1951.

James, D. Clayton. Antebellum Natchez. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1968.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Natchez, Miss.-La.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 5 6, 5, 2, 7, 3, 5 3, 4, 9, 3, 0, 0, 0

B         

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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D         

E         

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached photocopy of city tax map with nominated property outlined in red. Shadyside is located on map 27, block 2, parcels 4, 5, and 6.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Warren Miller, Research Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Private Consultant

DATE

October 15, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

506 High Street

TELEPHONE

601-442-9786

CITY OR TOWN

Natchez

STATE

Mississippi 39120

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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

*Elmer B. Hilliard*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

February 5, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-29-79

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

3/20/79

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property of Thomas Junkin (Deed Book 3-E:526), who had, as part of a corporation, previously divided the original fourteen-acre Shadyside tract into building lots (Deed Book 3-E:280). Descendants of Thomas Junkin owned the property until 1971, when Shadyside was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNeely. The house had been vacant for almost ten years and was surrounded by a rapidly deteriorating neighborhood, which has continued to deteriorate during the seven years that the McNeelys have owned the house. Himself an attorney, Mr. McNeely deserves much credit for assuring the preservation of Shadyside, home of one of Mississippi's most esteemed jurists.

9 - MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McNeely, Thomas M. Photocopies of pages of Ralph North's journal as copied by Mary Elizabeth Postlethwaite, Natchez.

McNeely, Thomas M. Photographs of Shadyside.

North, Ralph. A Treatise on the Law and Practice of the Probate Courts of Mississippi. Philadelphia: Thomas, Cowperthwait & Co., 1845.

The Daily Democrat (Natchez), May 21, 1891.





SHADYSIDE

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi  
Looking northeast, the facade of  
Shadyside

Photo 1 of 3

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# SHADYSIDE

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking northwest, the facade, the  
eastern elevation, and the service  
wing of Shadyside

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SHADYSIDE

Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

Looking southeast, the rear gallery  
of Shadyside and the facade of the  
service wing.

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