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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Tye House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
2440 North First Street
__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Pickens
__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Third

STATE
Mississippi
CODE
28

COUNTY
Holmes
CODE
51

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	X WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Montgomery

STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 307

CITY, TOWN
Pickens
__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Mississippi 39146

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Office of the Chancery Clerk
Holmes County Court House

STREET & NUMBER
Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN
Lexington, Mississippi 39095

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Statewide Survey of Historic Sites

DATE
June, 1979
__FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	_X_ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	_X_ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
_X_FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tye House is situated on the north side of First Street, where the street ends and rolling pasture begins, in Pickens, Mississippi. Traces of a cedar-lined walkway (no longer a part of the Tye House property) lead toward the house south of First Street. The two-story multi-gable frame residence consists of a three-bay facade (south), with a one-story hip-roof veranda carried by Tuscan columns forming a layer around the facade and the length of the east elevation. A make-shift shed porch on the north elevation connects the veranda with a flanking-gable-roof ell. The textural quality of the exterior is enhanced by projecting first-floor window bays on the facade and on the east elevation, with paneled bases, vertical flush-boarded sides and bracketed cornices. A frontispiece entrance is enriched with art glass in the sidelights and transom, and with a beveled-glass-paneled door trimmed with egg-and-dart molding.

In contrast with the picturesque and irregular exterior elevations, the interior of the Tye House is symmetrically arranged with a center hall plan two rooms deep, and a single-run stair to the second floor. Millwork detail is uniform on both floors, with flat-faced architraves and molded backbands. Each of the two front (south) rooms on the first floor has a bay-window niche with an upholstered seating bench and carved screen. The eight extant mantelpieces reveal major nineteenth-century alterations (ca. 1875) to the structure. Mantelpieces on the first floor feature free-standing columns, overmantels, beveled mirrors and decorative trim typical of the Queen Anne and High Victorian Gothic period. On the second floor, mantelpieces are simplified, with pilaster strips supporting a frieze and shelf typical of the Greek Revival period, reflecting the existence of an earlier house (ca. 1850) constructed on the site.

6 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
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tye House has important architectural and historical significance for the town of Pickens. Located on the site of an earlier Greek Revival cottage incorporated into the present structure, the house projects a contrasting and eclectic character as a result of its renovation ca. 1875 by Confederate Col. John F. Tye.

According to local historians, a log cabin constructed ca. 1838 on the Tye House site was replaced by a more substantial dwelling ca. 1850 (Tommie Foster, canvasser, Statewide Historical Research Project, Works Progress Administration, 1936; Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson). In 1873 the "commercial firm" of (Thomas) Clark and (Col. J.F.) Tye purchased the house and farm (Holmes Co., Miss., Deed Book 2:296). After the death of Thomas four years later, Col. Tye acquired the entire estate (Deed Book 4:66). Col. Tye was an active civic leader in Pickens and a benefactor who contributed to the town's early growth and development. According to early deeds, Col. Tye conveyed small tracts of property to various religious groups for the construction of places of worship.

The eclectic quality of architecture represented in the Tye House, which may be labeled High Victorian Gothic, is especially significant in the context of its rural setting in the town of Pickens. Characteristic High Victorian Gothic elements include the multi-gable roofline configuration and the application of intricate textural detail such as vertical boarded siding on the exterior window bays and first floor of the facade. Contrasting picturesque and academically inspired mantelpieces on the first and second floors contribute to the architectural significance of the house. Retaining most of the detail associated with Col. Tye's renovation, restoration of the property by the present owners will insure its future preservation.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Goodman QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	16	221365	3642530	B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See enclosed sketch map.

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 Jack A. Gold Research Consultant

ORGANIZATION DATE

STREET & NUMBER 811 Fairview Street TELEPHONE 601/355-0450

CITY OR TOWN Jackson STATE Mississippi 39202

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 Elbert R. Hilliard

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE October 17, 1979

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

Carl R. Sheel DATE 12-18-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: DATE 12/17/79

~~CHIEF OF REGISTRATION~~

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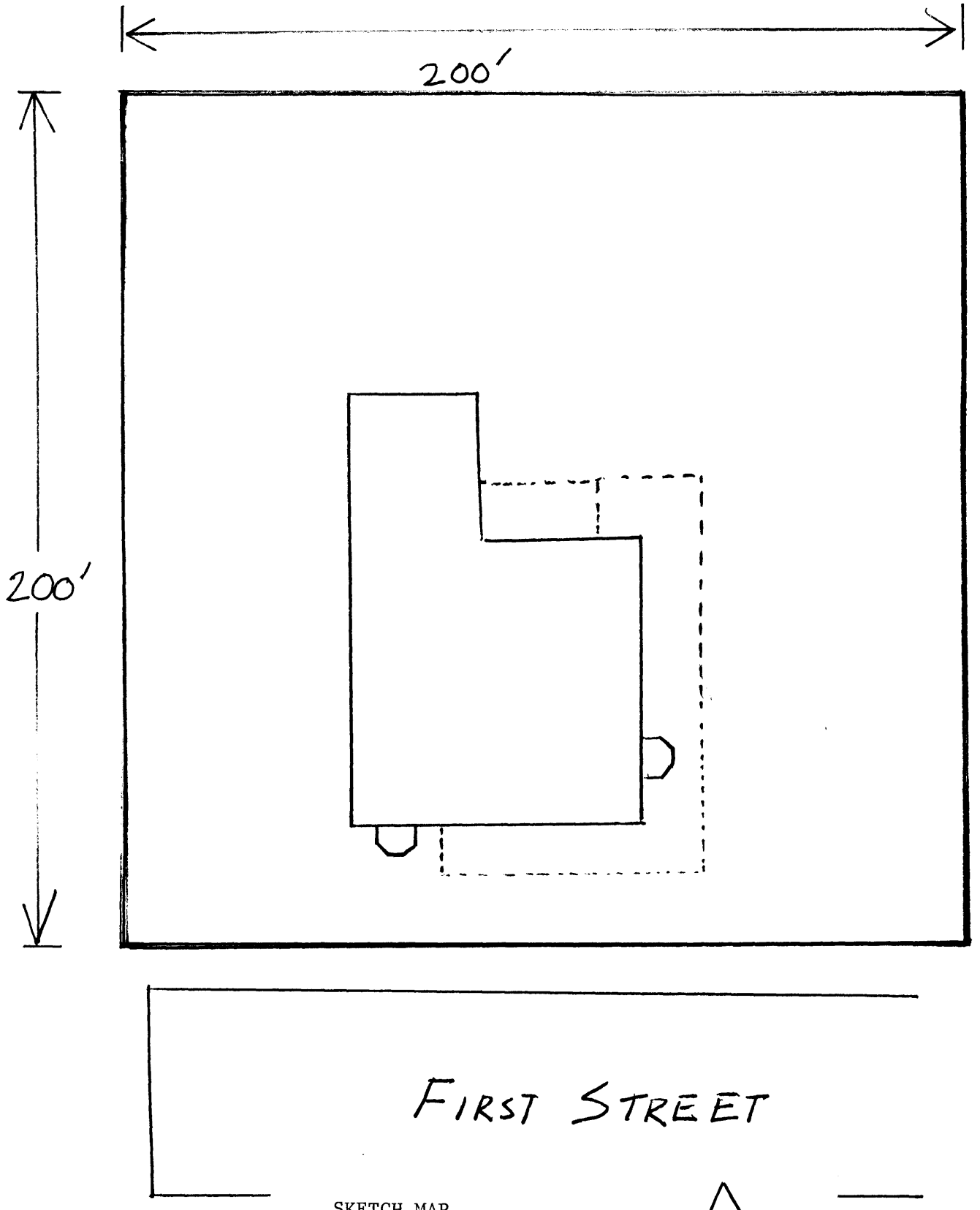

SKETCH MAP

Tye House

Pickens, Mississippi

Boundary of nominated property:

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The House
Pickens, Holmes County, Mississippi
Jack A. Gold
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of Archives and History
July, 1979
Facade; view to the northeast
Photo 1 of 4

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Tye House
Pickens, Holmes County, Mississippi
Jack A. Gold
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of Archives and History
July, 1979
East elevation; view to the southwest
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Tye House
Pickens, Holmes County, Mississippi
Jack A. Gold
Negative filed at Mississippi Department of Archives and History
July, 1979
West elevation and rear ell; view to the northeast
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Tye House
Pickens, Holmes County, Mississippi
Jack A. Gold
Negative filed at Mississippi Department of Archives and History
July, 1979
Second floor mantelpiece; view to the south
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