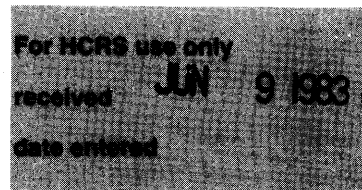


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Griffin House

and/or common same as above

2. Location

street & number 100 Griffin Street^e N/A not for publication

city, town Moss Point NA vicinity of ~~Washington District~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Jackson code 59

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Alfred Frederick Dantzler

street & number P. O. Box 969

city, town Pascagoula NA vicinity of state Mississippi

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Magnolia Street

city, town Pascagoula state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>NA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on an approximate fifty-acre site overlooking the confluence of the Pascagoula and the Escatawpa Rivers and reached by Griffin Street which terminates within the property to become the entrance driveway, the Griffin House is a one-story, frame, late Greek Revival residence with Italianate influence exhibited in the tripartite openings of the tympanum of the pediment, the recessed side wing with paired window openings, the arched upper panels of the original entrance door, and the decorative brackets of the entrance sidelights. The house, which rests upon brick foundation piers, is composed of a hipped-roof main block that faces northerly; a recessed, hipped-roof bedroom wing that extends from the westerly side elevation; and a gabled-roof kitchen wing that extends from the southerly, or rear, elevation. The hipped roof of the main block is pierced by two, interior brick chimneys, the hipped roof of the side addition is also pierced by an interior brick chimney, and the rear kitchen wing has an outside brick chimney on its eastern elevation.

The five-bay main block is fronted by a three-bay pedimented portico that is supported by molded box columns that are echoed on the front wall by pilasters. The columns and pilasters are linked by a jigsaw railing with molded handrail, and the tympanum of the pediment is decorated with a tripartite arrangement of arched openings filled with louvers. The windows of the house, which feature wide unmolded surrounds, are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash except on the facade of the side wing which features paired windows with four-over-four sash and on the eastern and western side elevations of the "cabinet" rooms which also feature narrow four-over-four sash. The frontispiece entrance with pilasters supporting a simple cornice is filled with a single-leaf door framed by sidelights over molded panels and a transom. The original door, which featured four molded panels with arched upper panels, was relocated early in the twentieth century and replaced by a door with glazed upper panels.

The central block of the house has a double-pile plan with central hallway and features a rear gallery that was originally flanked by "cabinet" rooms. All door and window surrounds, except in the kitchen and "cabinet" rooms, have molded architrave surrounds, and most of the interior doorways have fixed transoms and were originally filled with molded, four-panel doors. When the house became headquarters of Dantzler Lumber Company early in the twentieth century, the original mantel pieces were removed, a beaded-board wainscoting and picture molding were installed, and many of the original doors were replaced by office doors with glazed upper panels. Two windowless stuccoed vaults were also constructed--one on the eastern side elevation and the other on the southern elevation of the rear kitchen wing--and a bathroom addition was constructed to the rear of the western side wing.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates mid-nineteenth century **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Situated on a picturesque site overlooking the confluence of the Pascagoula and Escatawpa Rivers, the Griffin House is one of the more architecturally and historically significant buildings in Jackson County. Constructed about the time of the Civil War, the house is a good example of late Greek Revival architecture with Italianate influence and is one of the few surviving mid-nineteenth-century residences in the area. The house exhibits a regionally typical floor plan that features "cabinet" rooms at either end of a rear recessed gallery. The house gains historical significance from its long history of family ownership and from its association with the Griffin and Dantzler families, pioneers in the lumber industry of Mississippi. The house was constructed as the residence for Dr. Erasmus T. Griffin, son of William Griffin who constructed the first successful lumber mill in Moss Point, Mississippi. The house has remained in the Griffin family and is today the property of A. F. Dantzler, great-grandson of William Griffin. From the early 1900's until the 1940's, the house served as the business office for Dantzler Lumber Company but has been utilized as a residential rental property for the last thirty-five years. Although the house was somewhat altered by the earlier office conversion, the local architectural significance of the Griffin House coupled with its picturesque site overlooking the Pascagoula and Escatawpa Rivers render the house an attractive property for residential restoration.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1891.

Miller, Mary W. Historic Natchez Foundation. Inspection of Griffin House, February 1983.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property approx. 1.38 acres

Quadrangle name Pascagoula Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A

1	6	3	5	0	3	2	5	3	3	6	6	3	2	5
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B

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Verbal boundary description and justification See attached xerox of Moss Point city tax map with boundaries of the nominated property outlined in red. The property forms a four-sided figure bounded on the north by the bank of the confluence of the Escatawpa and Pascagoula Rivers, on the south by a boundary line approx. 200' long that is perpendicular to and forms

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries (see continuation sheet)

state N/A code county code

state N/A code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/preservation consultant

organization Historic Natchez Foundation

date April 5, 1983

street & number P. O. Box 1761

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city or town Natchez

state Mississippi 39120

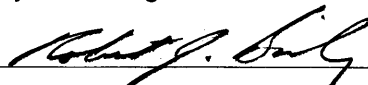
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

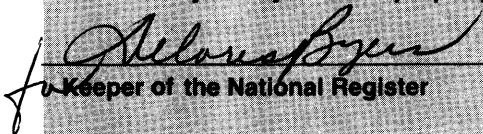
date May 31, 1983

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 7/7/83


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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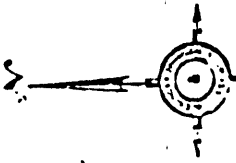
Griffin House, Adams County, Mississippi

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right angle corners with the eastern and western boundary lines. The eastern and western boundary lines are parallel, with the western boundary running approximately 280' from the bank of the confluence of the rivers to the southern boundary line and the eastern boundary line running from the bank of the rivers along the western side of Griffin Street approximately 320' to the southern boundary line.

Griffin House
Moss Point, Adams County,
Mississippi

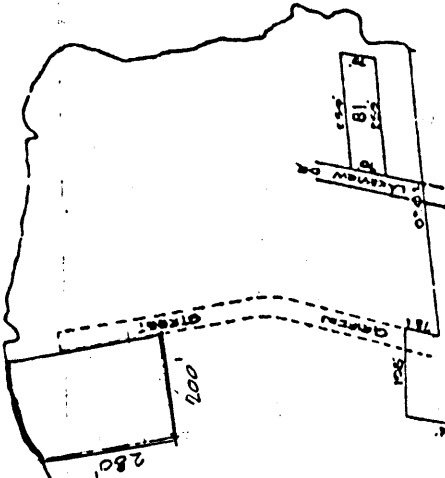


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RIVER

ESCATAWPA
RIVER



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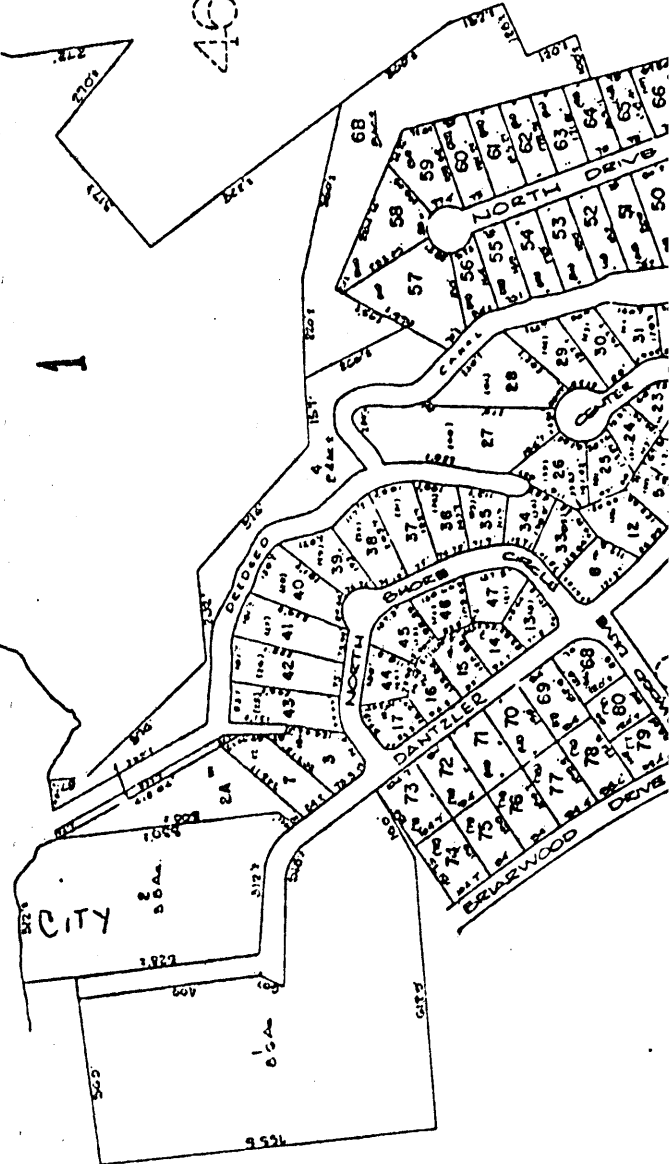
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RIVER

CASCAGOLA

EAST



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GRIFFIN HOUSE

Moss Point, Jackson County, Mississippi

Looking southerly, the northerly facade
of the Griffin House.

Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Founda-
tion, February 1983.

Photo 1 of 2



GRIFFIN HOUSE

Moss Point, Jackson County, Mississippi

Looking northwesterly, the rear or southerly elevation of the Griffin House.

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