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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Hull, Edgar W., House
Jackson County, Mississippi

Amendment for Purposes of Delisting Property From The National Register of Historic Places

The Hull, Edgar W., House nomination was filed under cover of the Historic Resources of Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi and listed on the National Register of Historic Places on 20 Dec 1991. Since that date, the house has lost the qualities which originally caused it to be listed. The house was destroyed on August 29, 2005 by Hurricane Katrina and should be delisted.

Resource
Hull, Edgar W., House

Address
2903 Beach Blvd.
Pascagoula, MS

Section 11:

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Section 2:

Certification



State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 5-19-2008

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name

other names/site number Hull, Edgar W. House

2. Location

street & number 2903 Beach Blvd. N/A not for publication
city, town Pascagoula N/A vicinity
state Mississippi code MS county Jackson code 59 zip code 36795

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	1 buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	1 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Resources of Pascagoula, MS

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ 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 ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. P. Pearl

Signature of certifying official

OCT. 24, 1991

Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
☐ removed from the National Register.
☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls wood

roof asphalt

other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

2903 Beach is a two-story frame gable-end house set back from the street in a lawn with trees and shrubs. The landscaping is of significance. In the front lawn area, half-dozen or so old trees--some only vestiges of whole trees--and a bank of shrubs near the house give a tangled and semi-tropical appearance to the site. Side areas are also shrubbed and dense.

The house is of a French, hall-less plan with three rooms set abreast. It has a two-story, seven-bay front gallery, and a loggia and two cabinets at the back. The bricks of the first floor of the gallery are marked "E. Blanc". Evariste Blanc was in the brick business in New Orleans from about 1833 to 1862. The back gallery was glassed in and enlarged in 1972 when a greenhouse was also added. Originally, the stairs projected beyond the front gallery. They were taken down prior to World War I and replaced with stairs in the foyer.

The two-pitch roof is penetrated by one chimney near the ridge on the east end. It goes down to a simple rectangular boxed gutter which projects out over the boxed soffit beam. Boxed columns, which taper slightly on the second floor and have very high applied bases, are located over thicker, boxed first-floor columns. Column caps above have blocks and moldings of a Greek Revival character. On the first floor, they are circa 1950 replacements; on the second floor, they support a wood rail of correct Greek Revival proportions and with rectangular pickets. The second-floor porch is thin, and faced with a simple wood fascia. The first-floor porch has no rail, and is close to grade.

On each floor, the central opening is a tall pair of french doors, each leaf with eight lights and a panel below; these doors are separated by mullions from sash with three-light side lights and panels below, the tops of the side-lights being lower than the door sash. On the first floor there are, on each side of this opening, two symmetrically located six-over-nine slip-head windows with blinds, the tops lower than the center opening. On the second floor and above the slip-heads are four french doors, each leaf of which has six lights over two panels. All openings, except center doors, have exterior louvered blinds, and the center opening has interior louvered blinds.

The ground floor plan has a central foyer, flanked by the dining room to the west and living room to the east. A serving pantry is in the west cabinet which abuts the dining room; in the east cabinet is a wine cellar. The plan is repeated on the second floor, with only the room functions changing.

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Interior details are fairly intact. The ceilings of the house have exposed beams and a wood deck. Walls are plaster and floors wide pine. The wood mantels at each end of the ground floor are historic, wraparound breast-type, relocated from St. Gabriel, Louisiana, and installed here about 1973. The upstairs wraparound mantels are original. Major doors have four panels, and less important doors are of beaded boards. Casings are of flat boards, and the wood base very small. In the middle first-floor room is written:

Arrived here the 3th of October 1863
In flag truce from Mobile to New Orleans
Doctor A. Chastand, Surgeon Flag of Truce
by J.H. Brown accompanying flag truce

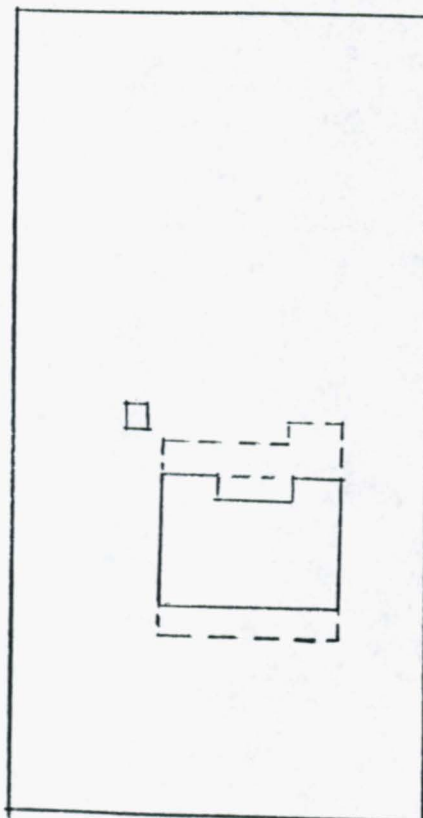
Gable end roofs do not project out past the end walls, a simple verge board seals the joint between weatherboards and roof tiles.

Off the northwest corner of the house is a very small, non-contributing, wooden storage structure with a shallow gable roof. It is nondescript and in very poor condition.

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2903 BEACH BLVD.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1851

Significant Dates

c. 1851

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

2903 Beach is architecturally significant within the context of Pascagoula's residential elements. Architecturally, this is one of the most significant buildings in Pascagoula, second only to the old Spanish Fort.

The house is one of the oldest in Pascagoula, and the best example of lower Mississippi Valley regional architecture. The full-width front gallery, two cabinets flanking a loggia, and double-leaf gallery doors are all indicative of French building tradition. The simple boxed columns, railing, and butt-joint wood siding, and the classic entrances display the Greek Revival style, prevalent during the 1840s. The house is one of the finer double-galleried houses in southern Mississippi.

According to courthouse records, Samuel and Eliza Walker of Louisiana sold the western half of the former Eugenie Krebs Baptiste tract in 1852 to Francis Martin, also of Louisiana, for \$3,000 with "the tenement building" (nineteenth-century parlance for rental property). Whether or not this is the subject house is not known for sure. Oral tradition asserts that when the Chastants acquired the tract, there was a house on it which they later enlarged.

Another oral tradition says that the house was constructed by Jean Marie Chastant about 1855. According to a family ledger, Chastant was in Pascagoula in 1855, with his carpenter, Garcia; however, Chastant was from the Louisiana parishes of Ascension and St. James, where hall-less Creole houses had lost favor by the 1830s. In fact, Chastant did not purchase the property until 1858, when he acquired it from business associate Joseph Gaudet, who acquired it two years earlier from Francis Martin. It is unlikely that anyone would put such an important house on property he did not own.

The house remains in the Chastant family today. Chastant's daughter Louise and her husband Gilbert Mallory acquired it in 1903. The following year their daughter Marie Mallory and husband Frank Warren came to own it. Their daughter Mallory Warren and spouse Edgar Hull eventually acquired the house, and today Chastant's great-great grandson Edgar Warren Hull owns it.

N/A See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

For Bibliography See Context Statement.

N/A ☐ See continuation sheet

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A

1	6	3	5	2	8	2	5	3	3	5	7	6	7	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

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N/A ☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

S 295' M/L of Lot 4 and 5 of J Chastant Tract E of City Park Street and N of Beach Blvd. Section 11-8-6 DB 407-470 DB 875-25

N/A ☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

N/A ☐ See continuation sheet

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