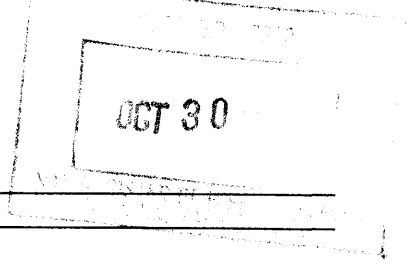


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

Historic name: "Bellevue"
Other names/site number: "The Longfellow House"

2. Location

Street & number: 3401 Beach Blvd. Not for publication N/A
City or town: Pascagoula vicinity N/A
State: Mississippi code: MS county: Jackson code: 59 zip code: 39568

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul

OCTOBER 27, 2002

Signature of certifying official

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 for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
X 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):

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Ball 12/12/02

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:

Private

Number of Resources within Property:

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property:

Building

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

sites

buildings

structures

objects

1

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

DOMESTIC: Single dwelling

Current Functions:

SOCIAL: civic

7. Description

Architectural Classification(s): Greek Revival

Materials:

Foundation: brick

Roof: slate

Walls: wood - weatherboard

Other:

Narrative Description:

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"Bellevue"
Jackson County, Mississippi

Narrative Description

"Bellevue" is a Greek Revival Style one-and-a-half-story wood-frame "raised cottage" above a full-story raised basement of brick construction. Across the front of the main story is a full-width front gallery supported by large square columns, surmounted by a full entablature. The central bay of the colonnade steps slightly forward to form a projecting frontispiece. Within this projecting central bay are two round fluted Corinthian columns set "in antis" between the flanking piers. A cast iron balustrade surrounds the gallery.

Above the raised basement, the exterior walls are clad in wood clapboard on the sides and rear. The front façade is clad in wood siding that has been shaped to emulate rusticated stone. The house is symmetrically massed with a side-facing gable roof, three front dormers, three rear dormers and two sets of chimneys. Currently the roof is synthetic slate with original slate on the sides of all six dormers. The front stairs originally were wood and had the same rectilinear configuration as exists today. During the 1940s symmetrical curved stairs with metal railings replaced the original stairs. These stairs were removed during the last restoration and replaced with wood stairs very similar in design to the original.

The front entrance is recessed from the gallery. It has sidelights and a transom and is flanked by two six-over-twelve double-hung windows on each side. The floor-length windows that face the gallery open to the full height of the lower sash, allowing a person to walk through to the gallery. Full-height wood shutters that are fully operational with original hardware flank all the windows.

The lower story is a raised basement consisting of masonry walls with a stucco finish. Originally used as a storage and service area, it currently contains staff offices and a commercial kitchen.

Above the raised basement is the main floor of the house. It consists of a center hall flanked by two double parlors, each with a fireplace and a pair of paneled pocket doors between each set of parlors.

The attic story consists of three bedrooms, each with a dormer window, accessed from a central foyer. A sitting room is positioned at the rear of the west bedroom. A spiral wood stair with wood railings connects the floors at the northwest corner. Modern restrooms, closets and a service elevator have been added.

The grounds are landscaped with plants and flowers characteristic of the Gulf Coast including large live oaks draped in Spanish moss. The house faces southward toward the beach and the Gulf of Mexico. There are no surviving outbuildings.

From the 1940s through the 1970s the house was part of a small resort hotel, and it had numerous additions and alterations during that period. A careful four-year restoration in the mid-1990s stripped away these non-historic accretions and returned the house to its nineteenth-century character.

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"Bellevue"
Jackson County, Mississippi

Statement of Significance

"Bellevue" is significant under Criterion C for architecture as a locally important example of Greek Revival residential architecture. Built by local carpenters and craftsmen about 1850, it is one of the most prominent surviving Greek Revival houses of the antebellum period on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the most significant Greek Revival building in Jackson County.

The house is significant as an example of a traditional form called a "raised cottage" that was widely adopted for substantial houses in coastal areas of the Deep South during the antebellum period. This form is characterized by a lower story of brick construction, above which is an upper story of wood frame construction containing the main living area of the house. These "raised cottages" characteristically had wide central hallways with one or two large square rooms on either side. At the rear was typically an open loggia flanked by small "cabinet" rooms. In many examples, such as this house, there is an additional half story of finished rooms within the attic area. Many of the larger and finer "raised cottages" built during the period from 1840 to 1860 exhibited stylistic features of the Greek Revival. "Bellevue" exhibits all of the characteristic features of the Greek Revival raised cottage, traits it shares with such other notable Gulf Coast houses as "Beauvoir" (NR 1971, NHL 1973) and the Hermann House (NR 1984) in Biloxi.

The house was built for Captain Daniel Smith Graham of New Orleans. It had a series of later owners before being acquired by Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Pollock in 1902. It was during their ownership that the house was given the name "Bellevue." The Pollocks' heirs sold the house in 1938 to Mayor Frank S. Canty. In 1940 or 1941 it was purchased by Robert I. Ingalls, owner of the Ingalls Shipbuilding Company, for use as a resort and guest house for important guests of the company.

Under the ownership of Ingalls, the house became known as "The Longfellow House," the name by which it is now commonly known locally. The name "The Longfellow House" came from a supposed association with Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, but that name arose from literary fancy rather than any real connection with the poet. One of Longfellow's poems, "The Building of the Ship" includes a mention of "Pascagoula's sunny bay". According to local folklore, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was said to have visited Pascagoula and stayed at the house. There is, however, no evidence that Longfellow ever came to Mississippi, much less to Pascagoula, but the folktale persists.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X 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.

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Period of Significance

1850

Significant Dates

1850

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Person(s)

Cultural Affiliation(s)

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance: See continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography 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

Name of repository:

Jackson County Community Development Office
P.O. Box 908
Delmas Ave. Pascagoula, MS 39568

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During the years when the house was used as a resort and guest house, a resort hotel complex was constructed around it, and numerous alterations were made to the house itself. After the Ingalls Shipbuilding Company was purchased by Litton Industries in 1961, the house continued to be operated by the company as a resort hotel until about 1969, when it was sold to the first of a series of private owners who operated the house and surrounding complex as a hotel, but the property gradually declined and its owners suffered financial difficulties. By 1987 it was vacant and deteriorating. In 1991, it was acquired by a developer who demolished the surrounding hotel structures and sold off parts of the land for a residential subdivision, reducing the property from 20.66 acres to 2.08 acres. The house itself was threatened with demolition.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Scruggs purchased the house in 1993 and undertook a four-year restoration of the house and grounds, under the direction of Koch & Wilson Architects of New Orleans. In December 1999 the Scruggs family donated the house to the University of Mississippi Foundation. Under the Foundation's ownership the house is used today for receptions, parties and charitable events.

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"History of the Longfellow House", Mississippi Riviera, June 18, 1964

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property is located in Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 5 West in Jackson County, Mississippi, and is described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 5 of the Longfellow Beach West subdivision, south 73 degrees east 224.01 feet, then north 50 degrees east 11.91 feet, then north 430.52 feet, then north 88 degrees west 57.8 feet, then north 1 degree east 35.41, then north 69 degrees west 85 feet, then south 18 degrees west 211 feet, then south 2 degrees west 33.08 to the northeast corner of Lot 5, then south 2 degrees west along the east line of Lot 5 209.77 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

This rectangular parcel, approximately 220 feet by 430 feet, surrounded by a brick and iron fence, contains the 2.08 acres that remain of the original tract, and includes the house and its immediate surrounding grounds.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: approximately 2.08 acres

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| UTM References: | <i>Zone</i> | <i>Easting</i> | <i>Northing</i> |
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Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet**Boundary Justification:** See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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| Name/title: | Sonia M. Cowart, Architect | (revised by Richard Cawthon Miss. Dept. of Archives and History) |
| Organization: | Cowart Architects, PC | date: July 1, 2002 |
| Street & number: | 710 Porter Ave. | Telephone: 228-872-1801 |
| City or town: | Ocean Springs | state: Mississippi zip code: 39564 |

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs and negatives of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

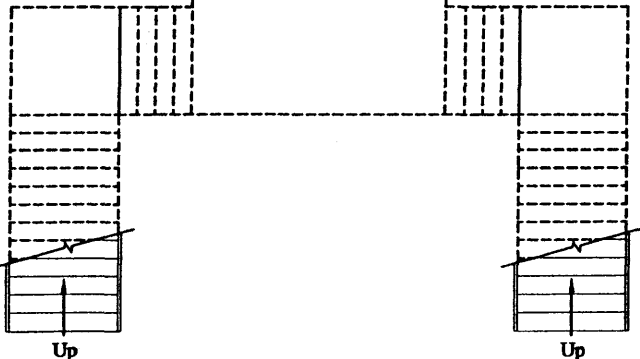
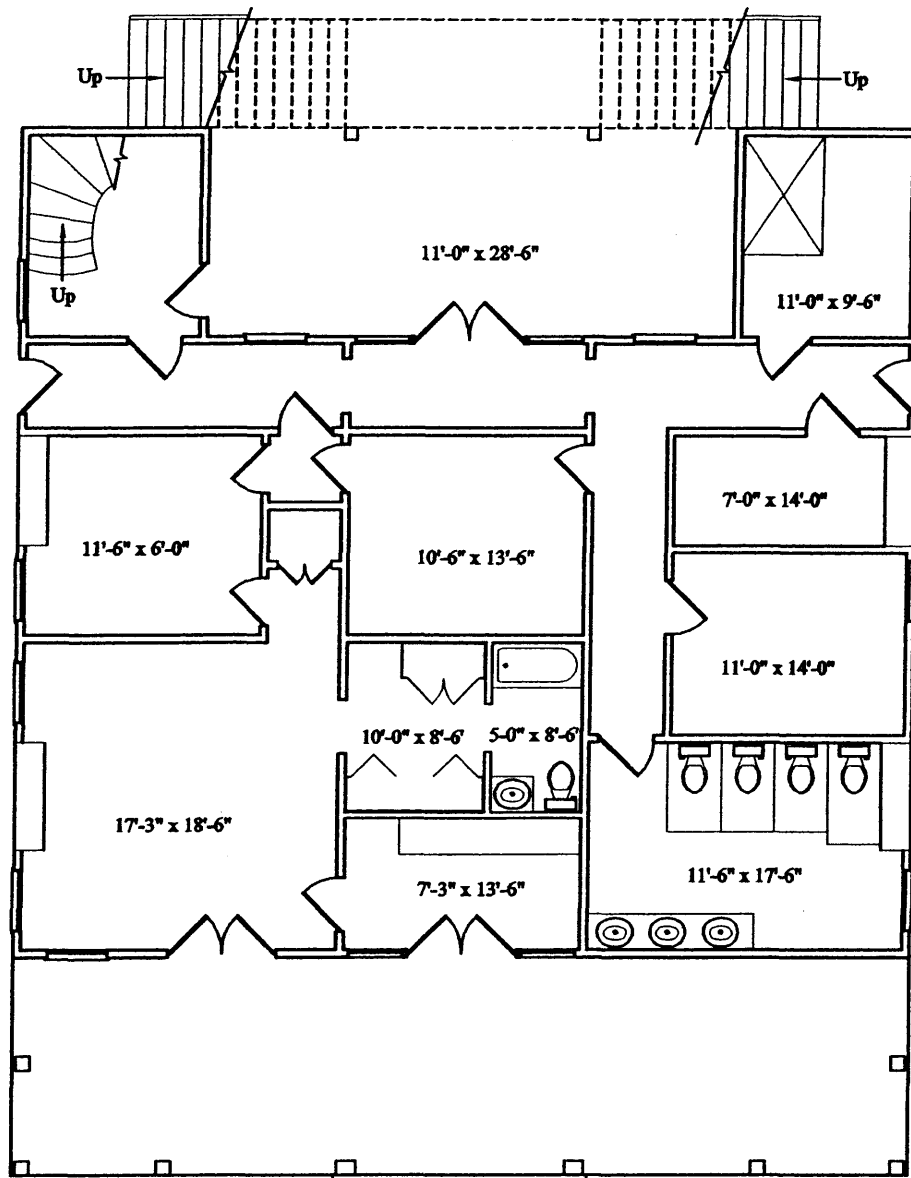
Property Owner(s)

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| Name: | The University of Mississippi Foundation c/o Gene Arnold | | |
| Street & number: | 3401 Beach Blvd. P.O. Box 1403 | telephone: 228-762-9611 or 228-497-5580 | |
| City or town: | Pascagoula | state: MS | zip code: 39568 |

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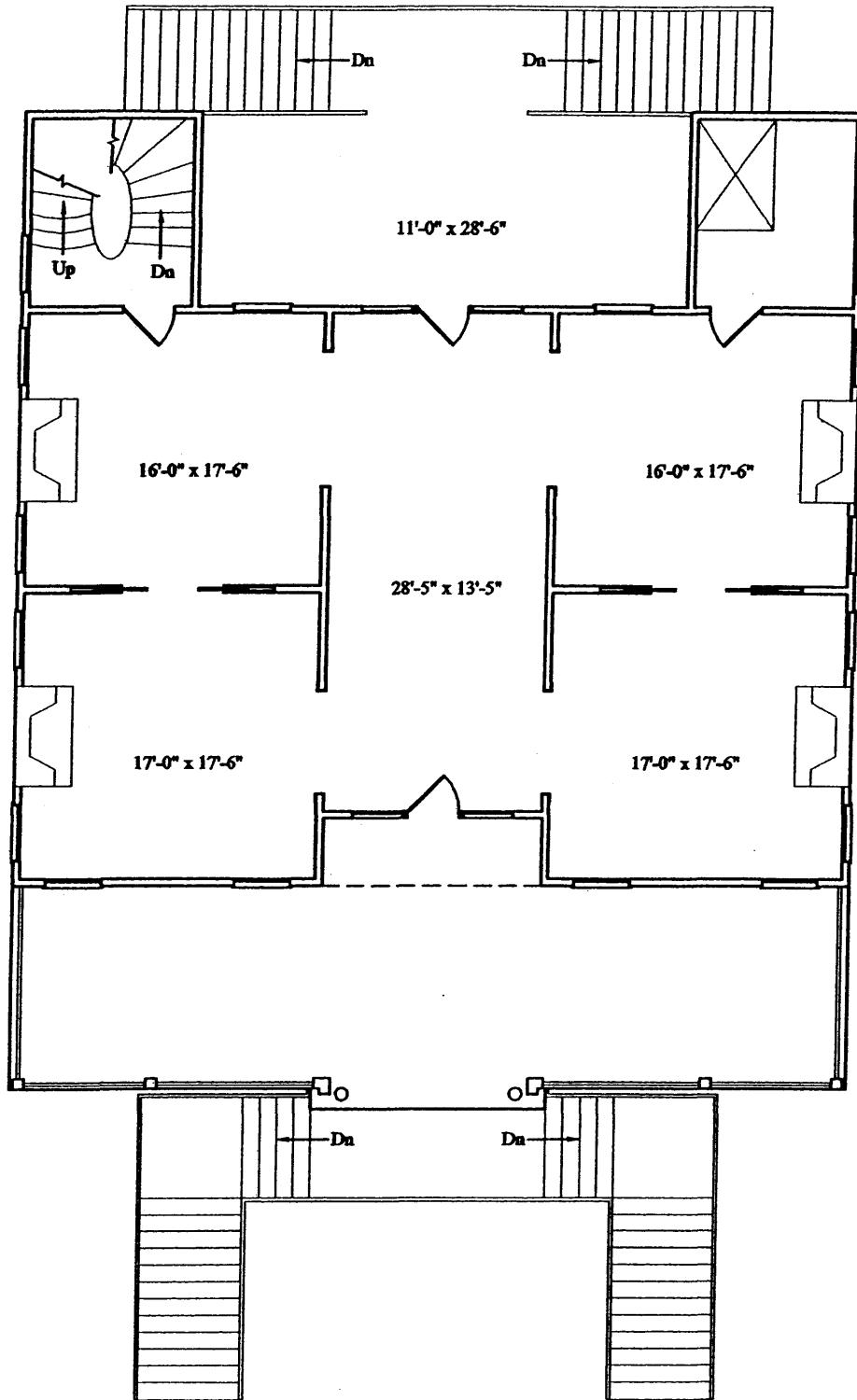
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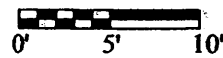


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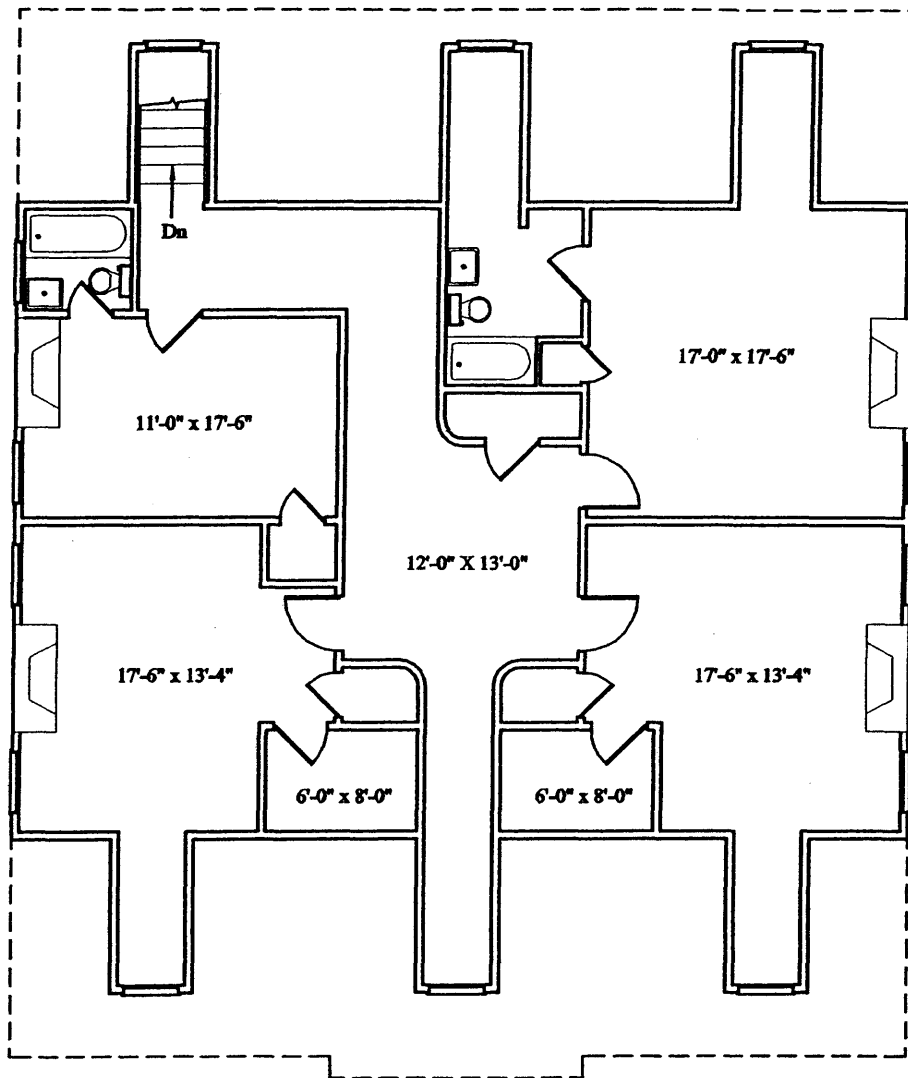
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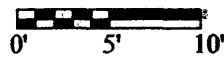
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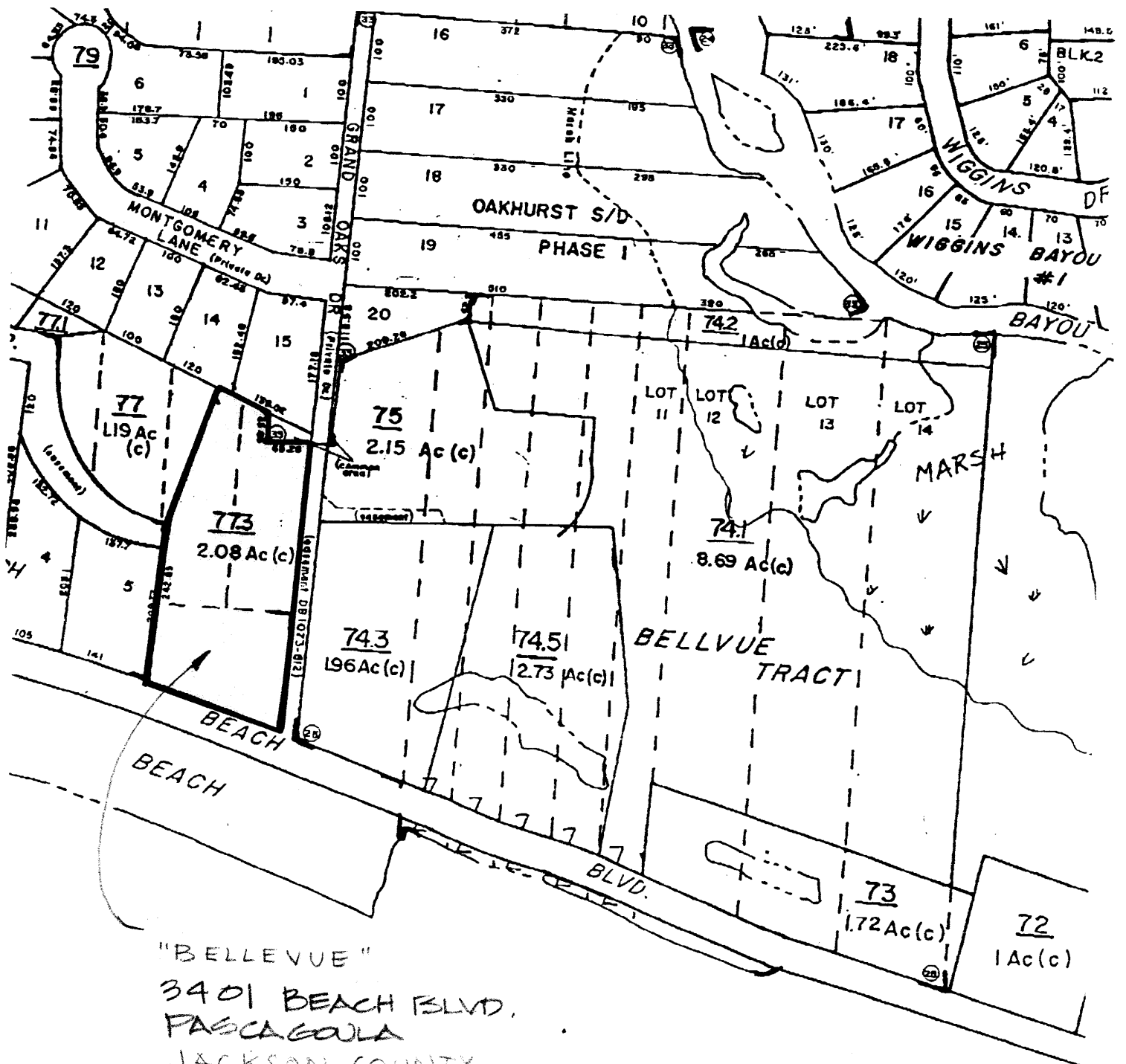


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PHOTOGRAPHS

The following information is the same for all photographs:

Property Name: "Bellevue"
Town, County, State: Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi
Photographer: Sonia M. Cowart, Architect
Date: April 15, 2002
Mississippi Department of Archives & History

- Photo 1: Front (South) Elevation from front property line
- Photo 2: Front (South) & Side (West) Elevation
- Photo 3: Close up of Front (South) Elevation
- Photo 4: East Elevation
- Photo 5: Rear (North) Elevation
- Photo 6: Detail of Cast Iron Railing on Front Porch
- Photo 7: Detail of shutter hardware located on front porch
- Photo 8: Detail of Corinthian column at front porch entrance
- Photo 9: Detail of heavy timber below rear porch floor
- Photo 10: View of rear stairwell from Second to Third floor
- Photo 11: View of rear stairwell from Second to First Floor
- Photo 12: View of Second Floor center hall facing rear (North)
- Photo 13: Second Floor Front Parlor (West Side)
- Photo 14: Third Floor Bedroom (West side)



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