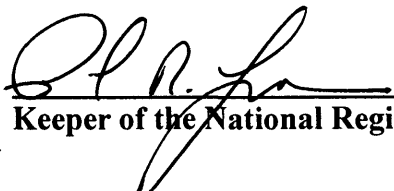




United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, Holliday, John, House, reference number 88000120 was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 02/22/1988, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of 03/04/1988. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

9/9/2008
Date

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

received

date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic John Holliday House

and/or common Holliday Haven

2. Location

street & number 609 S. Meridian Street

N/A
not for publication

city, town Aberdeen N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi code 28 county Monroe code 095

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
☐ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture	☐ museum
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☐ unoccupied	☐ commercial	☐ park
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational	☒ private residence
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment	☐ religious
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government	☐ scientific
	☒ N/A being considered	☐ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial	☐ transportation
		☐ no	☐ military	☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Carolyn Evans Sauter

street & number 609 S. Meridian Street

city, town Aberdeen N/A vicinity of state MS 39730

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chancery Clerk Building

street & number 201 W. Commerce St.

city, town Aberdeen state MS 39730

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic American Buildings Survey has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1936 ☒ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Library of Congress HABS No. Miss. 70

city, town Washington, D.C. state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☒ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☒ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☒ altered	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The John Holliday House is a two story, three-by-five-bay, clapboard Greek Revival mansion reflecting the symmetry and classical sophistication common to the style. The house rests on brick piers and is capped by a low pitched hip roof. Originally, the house was two stories in the front with a rear one story section. The first floor central hall was flanked on each side by two rooms. A staircase rose along the right wall of the hall to a landing which extended across the hall. The stairs then climbed from this landing up the left side of the hall to a second story landing with a bedroom at either end of it. Under the first landing, double doors accessed the back hall where the house was only one story.

Major, but sympathetic, alterations to the house occurred in 1922. The first floor was extended in the rear of the house and the second story was enlarged over the whole first floor. The interior staircase then needed to be altered in order to access the new second story rooms. The stairs on the right side of the front central hall were continued up this wall past the first landing to a new rear landing similar to the front second story landing. In the newly lengthened rear hall, a flight of stairs was constructed along the left wall to the first landing. The new stairway system and landing duplicated the original as closely as possible in terms of materials and design.

The classical elegance of the house's front (east) elevation is expressed through the use of paired, fluted Greek Doric columns and a frontispiece that incorporates a Greek key motif into its design. The full-width, undercut front gallery exhibits paired columns with saucer-shaped caps and square block abacuses. Paired, panelled pilasters with molded caps and bases mirror the positions of the columns and also delineate the three bays of the front facade. The central, front bay contains identical entrances on both stories. Each is comprised of paired, panelled doors surrounded by a multi-light transom (that on the the second story has been boarded up) with corner lights and multi-light sidelights with panelling. Flanking each entrance are molded pilasters with a Greek key design in their panelled areas. These pilasters are surmounted by a heavily molded frieze and cornice. The second story frontispiece opens onto a balcony with a sheaves of wheat balustrade. Six-over-six, double hung sash windows flank each entrance. The two on the first floor are jib windows, while those on the second floor display panelling beneath them. All four have louvred shutters and fluted surrounds with bull's-eye corner blocks. The porch ceiling is panelled.

On the north facade, an exterior brick chimney is flanked on both stories by six-over-six, double hung sash windows with louvred shutters. The northwest chimney on the 1922 addition was removed after it was damaged by a storm in the early 1980's. The windows on the rear addition are one-over-one, double hung sash with shutters.

8. 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	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates ca, 1850 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The John Holliday House is one of the finest examples of Greek Revival residential architecture in Aberdeen. It is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. Of the half dozen or so Greek Revival mansions in town, the Holliday House is one of the most "correct" in terms of the masterful execution of its

classically-inspired design. The Adams-French House has a similar front facade composition, but utilizes Ionic columns in its design.

There is no conclusive evidence as to the construction date of this mansion. Coatsworth P. Herndon of Mississippi purchased Block 128 (old block number) for \$112.50 on April 1, 1844. Two years later, he acquired an adjacent 2 1/4 acre parcel for \$50.00. Herndon sold Block 128 and a 33' x 115' rectangle of land from the other parcel to John Holliday for \$2,200.00 on November 9, 1850. In the deed for this final transferral of the land there is a mention of "tenements."

Obviously, substantial improvements were made while Herndon owned the property but it is not clear if he constructed the mansion. Holliday family tradition holds that John Holliday had the house constructed for his family in 1850. Also, in a WPA interview conducted circa 1937, Wayne Holliday, an 84-year-old former slave, reported that his father, Frank, helped John Holliday build a house in Aberdeen. The date of construction for the house has been estimated at circa 1850 because of its stylistic features and the written and oral evidence which, though conflicting, indicates that the mansion was built sometime around this date. The house has remained in the Holliday family down to the present day (Bertie Shaw Rollins, A Brief History of Aberdeen and Monroe County, Mississippi, 1821-1900 [No city cited: No publisher cited, 1957], pp. 94-95; Carolyn Evans Sauter, owner of Holliday Haven and descendant of John Holliday, interviewed by Susan M. Enzweiler, architectural historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, at Aberdeen, February, 1987 and Wayne Holliday, former slave of the Holliday Family, interviewed by Mrs. Richard Kolb, a WPA worker, at Aberdeen, c. 1937).

John Holliday came to Mississippi from North Carolina. Holliday was a planter with a 1600 acre farm on the prairie west of Aberdeen. His plantation was known as Holliday Place (John Rodabough, "Antebellum Homes, Part III: Two Sophisticates," The Aberdeen Examiner, January 27, 1972; and Sauter).

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.1 acres

Quadrangle name Aberdeen, MS

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel Number 108-J-34-027-001-00 as recorded in the Numerical Index located in the Chancery Clerk's Office.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan M. Enzweiler - Architectural Historian

organization Miss. Dept. of Archives and History

date September 1987

street & number P. O. Box 571

telephone (601) 354-7326

city or town Jackson

state MS 39205

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

 national state X 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Kenneth H. P. Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date January 6, 1988

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

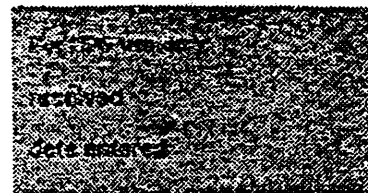
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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A small greenhouse abuts the exterior brick chimney on the east portion of the south facade. The structure was warmed by residual heat from the fireplace in cold months. Another exterior brick chimney is located on the south side of the addition.

A porch extends along the first story of the rear (west) elevation. Above it is a full-width sun porch.

The John Holliday House is situated on a 2.1 acre tract of land on the southwest corner of S. Meridian and High Streets. This dignified house rests on a small rise and overlooks Meridian Street. It dominates the block through its imposing stature and position. To the north of the house, a large, well-manicured lawn sweeps down to High Street. The front sidewalk leading to the gallery is flanked by two huge magnolia trees which shield the house from the noise and traffic of Meridian Street. Shrubbery near the north elevation partially protect it from the view of anyone on High Street. To the rear of the property, a gravel drive leads from Hickory Street to the back porch of the house. It is shaded by several mature, indigenous trees. Three outbuildings are scattered behind the John Holliday House. One is a frame, two-car garage and is a non-contributing element. The others, also frame, are the original smokehouse and the original tool house. While the smokehouse retains its integrity, the tool house has been drastically altered. Consequently, only the smokehouse and the main house constitute two contributing elements.

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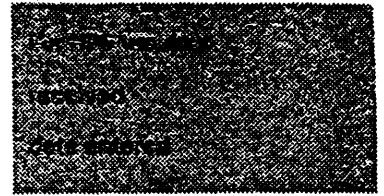
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Contributing Elements

2 buildings

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609 S. Meridian Street, Outbuildings

Aberdeen, Mississippi

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609 S. Meridian Street, Smokehouse
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