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**United States Department of the Interior**
**National Park 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 Yates-Flora House

and/or common Flora Residence

## 2. Location

street & number 100 N~~orth~~ Wayne St~~reet~~ N/A not for publication

city, town Macon N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Noxubee code 103

## 3. Classification

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

## 4. Owner of Property

name Ernest Gray Flora Jr. and Norma Bradshaw Flora

street & number P.O. Box 392

city, town Macon N/A vicinity of state Mississippi

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Court Square

city, town Macon state Mississippi

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title 1. HABS
2. Noxubee County Survey--Mississippi Department of Archives and History
has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes X no

date 1. 1936 (photographs only) ~~1.X~~ federal ~~2.X~~ state ___ county ___ local
2. 1975

depository for survey records 1. Library of Congress
2. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town 1. Washington, D.C.
~~2. Jackson~~, Ms. state

# 7. Description

| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
|---|---|---|---|
| X excellent | ___ deteriorated | ___ unaltered | X original site |
| ___ good | ___ ruins | X altered | ___ moved date N/A |
| ___ fair | ___ unexposed | | |

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

This structure's salient feature is its four-columned, two-story, full-width, Doric portico (west elevation) with wide intercolumnations. In its original form the building was almost square, consisting of frame construction covered with clapboards and resting on brick piers. A small half-octagon entry pavilion with baseless Doric columns and with shuttered bays projects from the north facade and is an unusual and particularly significant feature. Originally (See 19th Century photograph) an octagonal cupola stood atop the building's low-pitched pyramidal roof, surrounded by four stuccoed-brick chimneys which still remain. Alterations and additions to the rear (east) of the structure now incorporate a modern kitchen, living room, bathrooms, etc. and a sun room to the south.

The four Doric columns of the portico rest on stuccoed brick bases and support a surprisingly simple entablature above. The west facade behind the portico columns shows central doorways with sidelights at each floor, flanked by shuttered windows of similar proportions and also having sidelights to each side. A balcony resting on cast-iron brackets in a leaves-and-tendrils pattern and enclosed by a cast-iron handrail in a grapes-and-grapeleaves pattern extends across almost the entire facade.

The original plan consisted of a central hallway with double parlors to either side. This hallway includes a stairway with turned balusters and heavy turned newel, a plaster ceiling medalion, and a deep plaster crown moulding. The front parlors to either side are reached by wide bi-fold doors. The right-side parlor features a marble mantle, ceiling rosette in plaster, and deep plaster crown moulding; the opposite parlor is much simpler with wooden mantle and without crown mouldings. The rear parlors are also restrained in their ornamentation.

The additions behind the original block are appropriately isolated from the original construction.

# 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 | X architecture | ___ education | ___ military | ___ social/ humanitarian |
| ___ 1700–1799 | ___ art | ___ engineering | ___ music | ___ theater |
| X 1800–1899 | ___ commerce | ___ exploration/settlement | ___ philosophy | ___ transportation |
| ___ 1900– | ___ communications | ___ industry | ___ politics/government | ___ other (specify) |
| | | ___ invention | | |

**Specific dates** *built c.1868 **Builder/Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Greek Revival Style flourished nationally and in the South from about 1820 to 1860. With the Civil War and the end of the slave-powered plantation system, the economy of the southern states could no longer support the cost of enormous neo-classical buildings.

This structure is an apparent exception; it is significant for the high quality of its Greek Revival Style design and for its extraordinarily late date of construction for the use of this style in Mississippi. According to Danelle Yates, whose family owned the house from 1906 until 1961 (Deed Bk. 83, p. 266), the structure was built by John Lee Williams in 1868. However, no documentary evidence has been found to verify this claim. E. V. Yates, father of Danelle and owner of the house during most ot the 20th century, was a major landowner in Macon, one of the town's leading citizens, and a President of the Merchants and Farmers Bank.

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Noxubee County Survey, p. 12; This date is apparently based upon local attribution--See Statement of Significance above.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References


Helen Kerr Kempe. The Pelican Guide to Old Homes of Mississippi. Gretna: Pelican Publishing Co., 1977, p.7.

Mary Wallace Crocker. Historic Architecture in Mississippi. Jackson, Mississippi: University Press of Mississippi, c.1973.

Interview of Danelle Yates by Ernest G. Flora, Jr. (1961)


## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of nominated property** 4.3 acres

**Quadrangle name** Macon

**Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

**UMT References**

| | Zone | Easting | Northing | | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 16 | 354640 | 3664395 | B | | | |
| C | | | | D | | | |
| E | | | | F | | | |
| G | | | | H | | | |

**Verbal boundary description and justification**

A portion of fractional block forty beginning at the northeast corner of Wayne and 8th Streets and extending east 300 feet then north 200 feet then west 300 feet, then south 200 feet to the point of origin.

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

| state | code | county | code |
|---|---|---|---|
| N/A | | | |
| state | code | county | code |

## 11. Form Prepared By

**name/title** Michael W. Fazio

**organization** Architect **date** 7/31/82

**street & number** 40 Eutaw Street **telephone** (601) 323-3451

**city or town** Starkville **state** Mississippi

## 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** [signature]

**title** Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer **date** October 25, 1982

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

Entered in the National Register **date** 12/2/82

[signature]
**Keeper of the National Register**

**Attest:** **date**

**Chief of Registration**

Yates-Flora House
Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi
View from northwest
Michael W. Fazio, 40 Eutaw Street,
Starkville, Mississippi 39759
Ca. 1880
Photo 1 of 4

Yates-Flora House
Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi
View from northwest
Michael W. Fazio, 40 Eutaw Street,
Starkville, Mississippi 39759
May, 1982
Photo 2 of 4

Yates-Flora House
Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi
Half-octagon entry, detail at north side
Michael W. Fazio, 40 Eutaw Street,
Starkville, Mississippi 39759
May, 1982
Photo 3 of 4

Yates-Flora House
Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi
Detail of columns (west portico)
Michael W. Fazio, 40 Eutaw Street,
Starkville, Mississippi 39759
May, 1982
Photo 4 of 4