United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National 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 *Guldelines* 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, materiais, 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.

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions
Domestic: Single Dwelling	
7. Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
	foundation brick
Late Victorian	walls weatherboard
Other: galleried cottage	
	roof <u>asphalt</u>
	other n/a

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Belle Fleur is a one-story, five-bay galleried cottage, facing south, located on a corner lot on South Street in downtown Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The clapboard residence is topped with a low asphalt-covered hip roof flattened at the peak. The full length front gallery is recessed under the main roof and is supported with six "Vicksburg pierced columns" evenly spaced across the facade with the end columns paired to form corners. A wide cornice features paired scroll brackets positioned over each column. A pierced balustrade completes the gallery.

The main facade features a central single-leaf glazed door with three-light rectangular transom and three-light sidelights above a single raised panel. There are two six-over-six double hung windows with plain moldings on either side of the entrance.

Originally the house had a central hall plan with two rooms on either side of the hall with an extension to the rear on the west with the original kitchen at the end of this extension. An L-shaped gallery capped the rear of the house. The original area of the house is intact, however the kitchen was relocated when the porch on the southeast corner of the house was enclosed prior to 1902. The rest of the porch remains open.

The east elevation (side) of the residence has three bays: two original six-over-six double-hung windows and a smaller six-over-six double-hung window added when the porch was enclosed.

The north elevation (rear) of the residence has three bays in the main house: a six-over-six double-hung, a modern aluminum window into the bathroom, and the original exit-- a single-leaf, four-panel door. There is a six-over-six double-hung window in the end of the extension.

The west elevation (side) of the residence has five six-over-six double-hung windows.

The interior of the residence maintains its simple pedimented door and window moldings, molded baseboards, four-panel doors, mantel pieces, and heart-pine floors.

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

The house now known as "Belle Fleur" at 1123 South Street is architecturally significant within the context of Vicksburg and Warren County because it is a wellpreserved and very representative example of an important mid-nineteenth-century house form in Mississippi, the hip-roofed, centerhall-plan galleried cottage, and also because it is a locally notable example of the Italianate style as it was interpreted in the smaller, more traditional frame houses in Vicksburg in the 1870s and 80s (as contrasted with grander Italianate villas such as the Beck House [National Register 1979]).

The centerhall-plan galleried cottage was a very widespread houseform in Mississippi throughout the nineteenth century. During the antebellum period most of these cottages had gabled roofs, but by the 1850s a hip-roofed variant had been introduced, and by the 1870s it was being widely built, especially in Vicksburg and Jackson. As the largest city in Mississippi during the 1870s and 80s, Vicksburg had an especially large concentration of these cottages, and retains the largest concentration of them today. Cottages of this type built in the 1850s generally had Greek Revival detailing, but by the 1870s the Italianate style was being widely adopted. Notable surviving examples of these houses in Mississippi include:

"Idlewild" at Port Gibson, Claiborne County (late 1840s) [NR 1979] Brown-Wilson House, Enterprise, Clarke County (c 1850) [NR 1980] "Pilgrim's Rest," Enterprise, Clarke County (c 1850) [NR 1980] Clemens House, Biloxi, Harrison County (c 1850) [NR 1984] Labuzan-Stirling House, Biloxi, Harrison County (c 1855) [NR district] Flannegan-Lowry House, Jackson, Hinds County (1850s)

At least nine relatively intact cottages of this type survive in Vicksburg, the earliest being the Guider House [NR 1980] at 1115 Grove Street, apparently built in the 1850s. Six of the others were built in the 1870s and display Italianate features. Five of these, including "Belle Fleur," have picturesque jigsawn openwork porch supports of a type known locally as "Vicksburg pierced columns." (These distinctive "pierced columns" were widely used on Vicksburg buildings in the 1870s and 80s. A survey conducted in 1987 identified fifty buildings in the city that retained the feature, though many were in poor condition and several have since been demolished.)

Built between 1872 and 1875, "Belle Fleur" is one of the more intact and well preserved Italianate-influenced hip-roofed galleried cottages in the state. The house was originally owned by the M. Tierney family, who occupied it for many years.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):	Primary location of additional data:
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