

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

**1. Name**

historic Salisbury Plantation

and/or common Salisbury-Shepherd House

**2. Location**

street & number Approximately 2.3 miles south of Pond off the Woodville Road on Tilsey's Creek N/A not for publication

city, town Woodville  vicinity of

state Mississippi code 28 county Wilkinson code 157

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name George A. and Keith B. Gammon

street & number 7711 Tipperary Drive

city, town Baton Rouge N/A vicinity of state Louisiana

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk

street & number Wilkinson County Courthouse

city, town Woodville state Mississippi

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1973  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

# 7. Description

**Condition**  
 excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**  
 unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**  
 original site  
 moved

date N/A

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

Located between the cities of Woodville and Pond (approximately 2.3 miles south of Pond) off the Woodville Road, on Tilsey's Creek, the Salisbury-Shepherd House is a one-story, five-bay, frame residence constructed ca. 1811. The house faces south on a ten-acre plot and is surrounded by oak and magnolia trees and wild vegetation.

The original plan was double-pile with central hall and a rear stairway to the attic. However, the residence was altered at the turn-of-the-century by the addition of a side ell connected to the main building block with a breezeway and by a slight remodeling of the southeast corner of the main block and gallery.

The main building has a steeply pitched, double-pent gable roof with an undercut five-bay gallery. The gallery is distinguished by six round stuccoed brick columns on square brick pedestals, which stand free of the recessed balustrated gallery. The gallery, which rests on a raised brick foundation, is set about thirteen inches behind the columns and is guarded by a balustrade, consisting of square posts and rectangular-sectioned balusters. The roof is pierced by two chimneys and a centered turn-of-the-century dormer featuring decorative wooden molding in the gable, flat pilasters with molded capitals, wood shingles, and elongated diamond panes.

The main entrance to the original building is a single-leaf, six-paneled door surmounted by a round arched transom with intersecting tracery. The entrance is flanked by pair of shuttered six-over-six double-hung sash windows, serving as sidelights. Fenestration on rest of gallery is comprised of three six-over-six double-hung sash (two on the west side of the entrance and one on the east side).

The turn-of-the-century, one-story, two-room gable roofed addition has entrances on the east and west elevations. Entrances on the east elevation are two separate single leaf paneled doors with rectangular transoms. Shallow entrance porches have low gables supported by square posts.

The addition is connected to the main building via a breezeway. During the addition of the ell, the original balustrade was extended and curved inward to meet the southwest corner of the addition. Two round posts were added to the gallery to support the "wraparound corner." Another alteration occurring at that time affected the southeast corner room of the main building. The original square corner was changed into a rounded corner to reflect the rounding of the gallery at that corner. Fenestration was also changed in the room, which now includes three one-over-one double-hung sash, molded on the corner.

The original parlor featured light, delicate, Federal period woodwork in the Neoclassical Style. The woodwork, believed to have been designed by a joiner from Natchez, was made from yellow poplar and southern pine. The room is now located in toto at the Anglo-American Art Museum, Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Other original woodwork in the building is simpler.

The Salisbury-Shepherd House has recently suffered deterioration due to neglect, but is structurally sound and now undergoing stabilization measures by its owners.

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10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA (Verbal boundary description and justification)

drawn to place the Salisbury-Shepherd House in the middle of a one-acre square plot,  
with each side of the square measuring approximately 208.8 feet.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** Ca. 1811 **Builder/Architect** N/A

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Salisbury-Shepherd House is an architecturally unique building in Mississippi and is the earliest documented residence in the state to possess detached columns with a recessed gallery. In addition to being one of only three known Mississippi residences to exhibit this unusual gallery feature (therefore, having primary significance in the architectural history of the state), the house is an excellent example of the coastal cottage type of structure built by many early settlers in Mississippi.

The Salisbury-Shepherd House is believed to have been built in 1811 by Captain Moses Hook, a former army officer, and planter who owned lands in both Mississippi and Louisiana. The plantation was named Salisbury, in honor of Hook's birthplace, Salisbury Township, Massachusetts. In 1829 Hook's daughter Margaret married Charles Moses Shepherd of Shepherdstown, Virginia (now West Virginia), and the residence has been known since as the Salisbury-Shepherd House.

The Salisbury-Shepherd House is one of three residences in Mississippi to employ free-standing, detached columns with recessed gallery. The other known residences are Wisteria Place (ca. 1854) in Columbus (Lowndes County), a two-story Greek Revival residence with a monumental portico, and the old Jennings Place (ca. 1855) in Shuqualak (Noxubee County), a one-story, five-bay Greek Revival cottage with an undercut gallery. In addition, the Salisbury-Shepherd House appears to be the only residence among Louisiana's bordering counties to have this particular configuration. Although South Carolina has buildings in this style (primarily in Sumter and Williamsburg counties), that state's documented residences date from the 1820s.

Functionally, the recessed gallery protected the porch flooring from possible rotting due to exposure to the elements.

Another outstanding design feature of the Salisbury-Shepherd House is the woodwork of the parlor. The parlor, which is now exhibited in the Anglo-American Art Museum at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, is a major example of Mississippi's Federal Style woodwork. Because the parlor woodwork resembles the original woodwork at Linden in Natchez, it is thought that the Salisbury-Shepherd House parlor was designed by a Natchez joiner. Among the original elements removed from the house are the mantle, overmantle, a pair of six panel doors and jambs, molded chair rail, board ceiling, and floor boards. While removal of the original parlor woodwork has altered one room in the house, it has not destroyed the total significance of the building.

The Salisbury-Shepherd House, with its detached columns and recessed porch, is a significant architectural study amid Mississippi's historic resources.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Gammon, Keith, property owner. Correspondence to P. Ana Gordon, historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, June 14, 1982.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Woodville, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UTM References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property, encompassing the Salisbury-Shepherd House and one acre of land, is located on a ten-acre site, itself located in Township 1, Range 3, Section 14 in Wilkinson County. This ten-acre plot and consequently the one acre nominated area within it, is accessible via an unnamed hunting trail. The boundaries are

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title P. Ana Gordon, Historian  
Mississippi Department of  
organization Archives and History date December 14, 1982

street & number P. O. Box 571 telephone (601) 354-7326

city or town Jackson state Mississippi

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  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 *Robert J. Smith*

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date April 5, 1983

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date 6/16/83

*William Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



Salisbury-Shepherd House, view to northwest;  
detached column detail

Woodville vicinity, Wilkinson County

Mississippi

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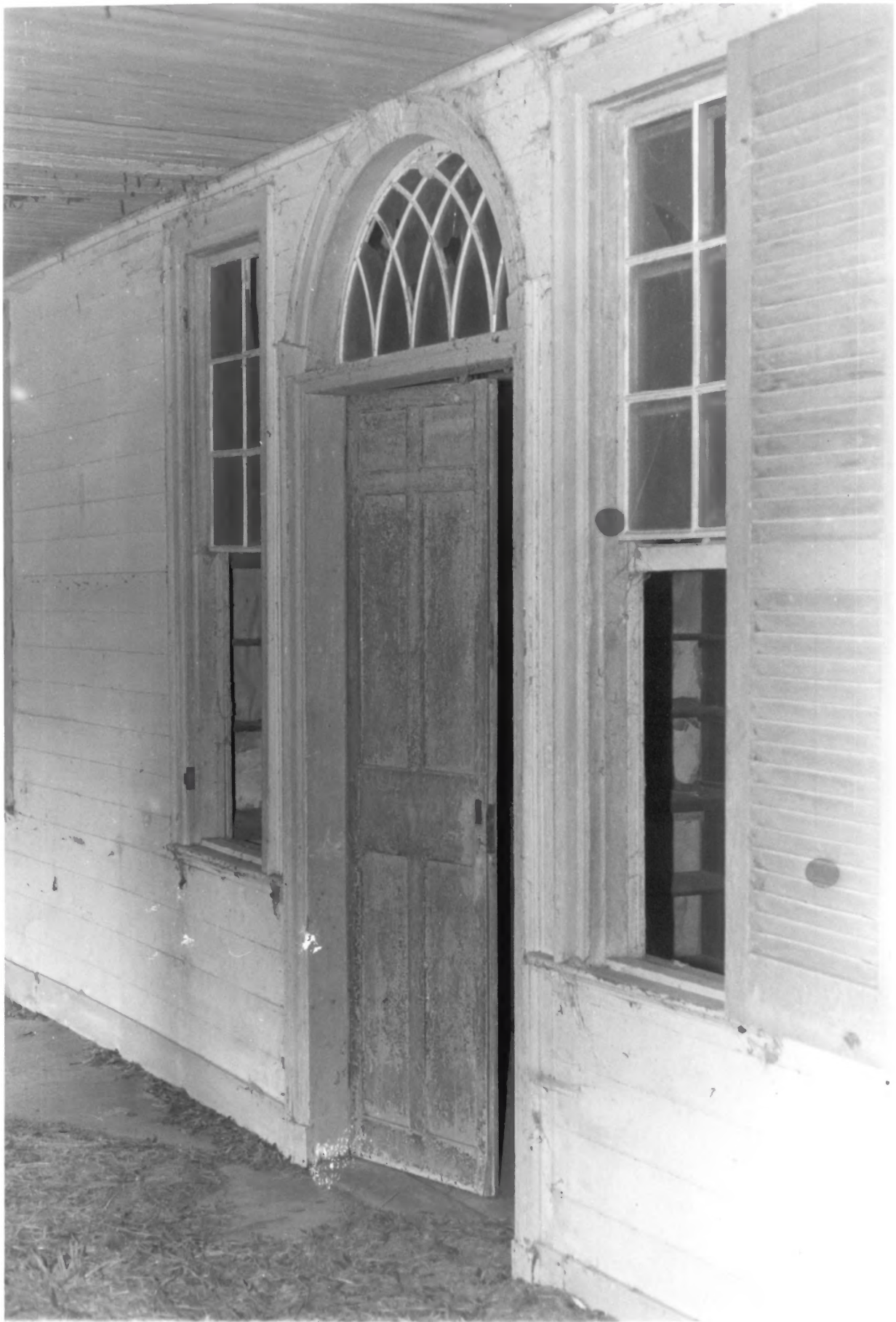
Salisbury-Shepherd House, view to northeast;  
dormer detail

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Salisbury-Shepherd House, view to northeast;  
entrance detail

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Salisbury-Shepherd House, view to east;  
detail of recessed gallery

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Salisbury-Shepherd House, view to north  
Woodville vicinity, Wilkinson County

Mississippi

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Salisbury-Shepherd House, reconstructed  
drawing room, located at the Anglo American  
Art Museum at Louisiana State University  
Woodville vicinity, Wilkinson County,  
Mississippi

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