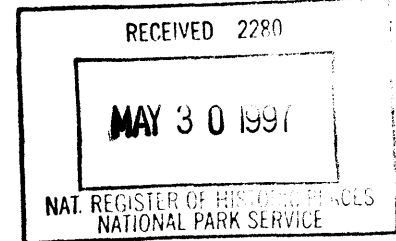


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Paxton House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 2261 Bouie Mill Road Northwest N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Brookhaven ☒ vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Lincoln code 085 zip code 39601

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ 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 ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul MAY 20, 1997
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

State of 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 official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- ☒ 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): _____

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Barbara Little

6/27/97

Paxton House
Name of Property

Lincoln County, Mississippi
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2	0	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

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: dogtrot

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone; wood

walls weatherboard

roof metal

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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7. DESCRIPTION

Located approximately eleven miles west of Brookhaven near the New Hope community in rural Lincoln County, the Paxton House was built in two phases and is believed to have achieved its present form about 1858. As originally constructed circa 1831, the house was a log dogtrot with front and rear galleries. About 1858 the rear gallery was partially enclosed to create two cabinet rooms, the two log pens were covered with weatherboard, and the rear ell was added. The house retains a remarkable degree of architectural integrity from this mid-nineteenth century enlargement.

Situated on a gentle rise south of Bouie Mill Road Northwest, the Paxton House faces east onto a dirt road and is a one-and-one-half story, side-gabled, dogtrot form house with rear ell. The house rests on stone and wood foundation piers, and the roof is clad in corrugated metal. The walls of the main facade and dogtrot passage are covered in flushboard and finished with wide beaded baseboards, while the remainder of the house is clad in lapped weatherboard. At each end of the main house is an exterior end, shouldered, brick chimney while an interior brick chimney pierces the roof of the ell.

The main facade is three bays wide, featuring four-panel doors flanked by nine-over-six, double-hung windows in the outer bays and the open dogtrot passage in the central bay. The doors and windows are trimmed by beaded surrounds, and the windows are protected by louvered blinds. An undercut gallery spans the facade and features a wooden deck and plain box columns. Windows throughout the main house are nine-over-six, double-hung sash while those of the rear ell are six-over-six sash. An undercut gallery with plain posts and balustrade spans the north elevation of the ell and connects to the dogtrot passage. Two four-panel doors and two six-over-six windows open onto the ell gallery, and the western end of the gallery has been enclosed for bathroom space.

The interiors of the two main rooms feature flushboard walls, wide beaded baseboards, plain eared surrounds, and very wide fireplace openings with plain mantels with mantel shelf. The upper half story is accessed by a built-in ladder in the northern main room. The mantelpieces in the rear ell are simple Greek Revival, post-and-lintel mantels.

Behind the house is a gable-front, board-and-batten smokehouse with batten door and small window openings. This building is believed to date to the mid-nineteenth century and is counted as a contributing element.

Paxton House
Name of Property

Lincoln County, Mississippi
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **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.
- ☒ **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.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or 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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1831

c. 1858

Significant Dates

c. 1831

c. 1858

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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:

Paxton House
Name of Property

Lincoln County, Mississippi
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 730150 3500720
Zone Easting Northing
2

3
Zone Easting Northing
4
See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Brenda R. Crook, Architectural Historian
organization Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History date September 27, 1996
street & number P.O. Box 571 telephone 601/359-6940
city or town Jackson state MS zip code 39205

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

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

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Lucy Strait
street & number 2261 Bouie Mill Road NW telephone
city or town Brookhaven state MS zip code 39601

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Paxton House is architecturally significant on the local level as an intact, antebellum dogtrot-form house. Originally built circa 1831 as a log dogtrot with front and rear galleries, the house was enlarged circa 1858 by the enclosure of part of the rear gallery and the addition of a rear ell. At this time, the log walls were covered with weatherboard. The house retains a high degree of integrity on both its exterior and interior from its enlargement and remodelling circa 1858. Once a common house form in Mississippi, dogtrot houses that retain their central open passage are becoming increasingly rare. Although a comprehensive survey of Lincoln County has not been undertaken, the Paxton House is believed to be one of very few intact dogtrot-form houses remaining in the county.

Benjamin Paxton was born April 9, 1802, in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. In early 1830 Benjamin was living in East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, with his parents but moved to Copiah County, now Lincoln County, Mississippi, by December 1830 when he was deeded 152 acres of land about 11 miles west of Brookhaven. (Lincoln County was created in 1870 from Copiah, Franklin, Lawrence, and Pike Counties.) He is believed to have built the log dogtrot-form Paxton House about 1831. About 1832 or 1833 Benjamin married Frances Lofton, who was born November 11, 1811, in Amite or Franklin County, Mississippi. By the time of his death on November 5, 1872, he had acquired 1013.10 acres of land. The house is presently owned by Benjamin and Frances Paxton's descendants.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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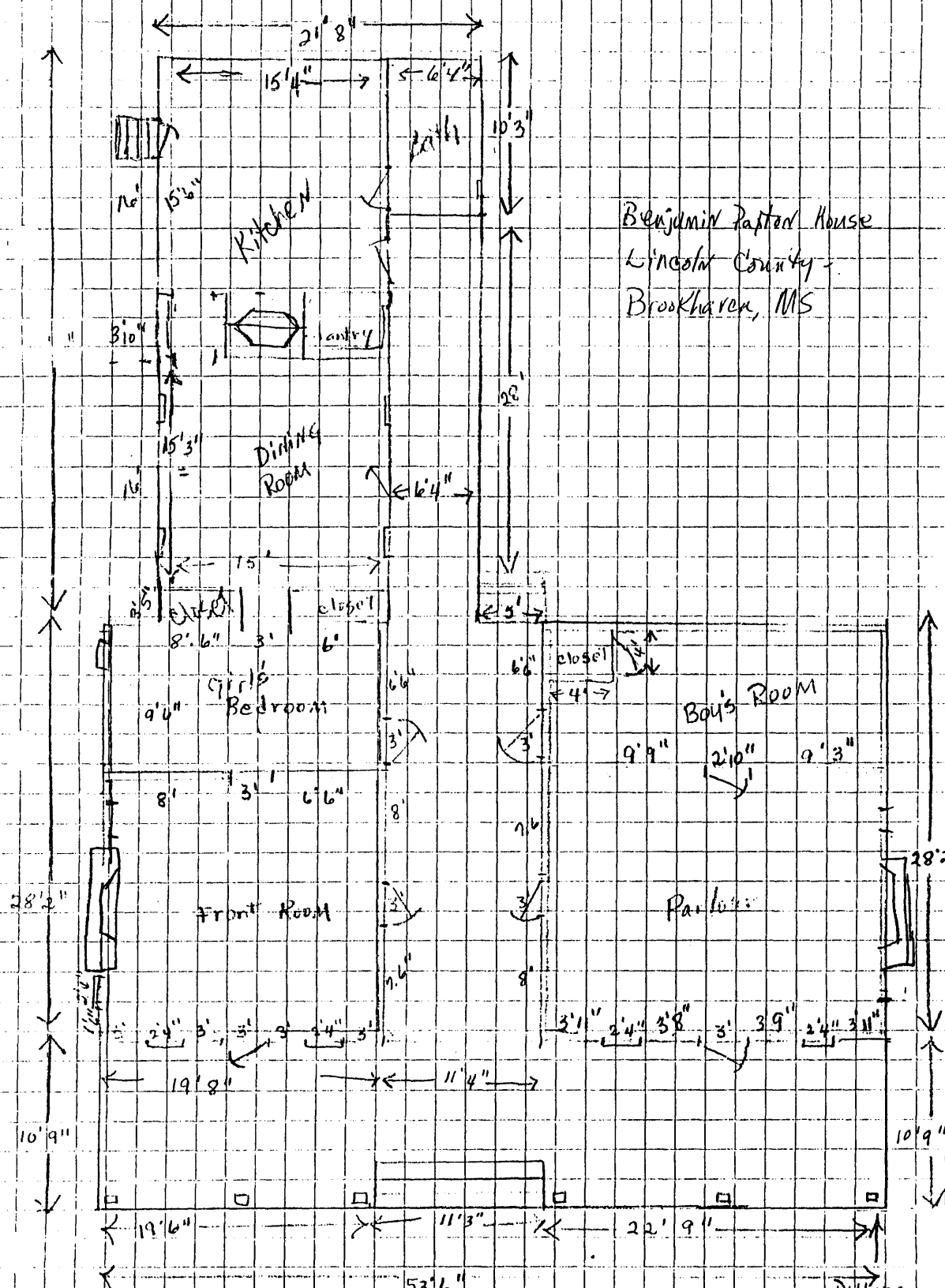
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the nominated property consists of a square, the center of which is at the center of the roof ridge of the main roof of the house. Measuring 100 feet in each direction from the center of the roof ridge, the resulting square of land has sides that are 200 feet long and are parallel or perpendicular to the ridge of the main roof. This property is located in the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 6 East.

Boundary Justification: The boundary was selected to include the house and smokehouse and their immediate setting. The present owners of the house own 107 acres of land, but because the house is being nominated strictly for architectural significance, this amount of acreage would be excessive for National Register purposes.



Benjamin Patton House
 Lincoln County -
 Brookhaven, MS

Walls on original = approx. 1' thick
 (thick lines on original plan)



Pillars
 Measure
 11 1/2" w x 7 3/4"



Paxton House
Lincoln County, Mississippi
Alice Smith
August 1995 (field checked August 1996)
Miss. Dept. of Archives + History
Main (East) Facade, view to West
Photo 1 of 5



Paxton House

Lincoln County, Mississippi

Alice Smith

Aug. 1995 (field checked Aug. 1996)

Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History

Rear elevation, view to East (main house on left, ell on right)

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Lincoln County, Mississippi

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View of dogtrot passageway back to rear ell, view to West

Photo 3 of 5



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Lincoln County, Mississippi

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Original porch bench on front gallery

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Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History
Interior doorway, front south room, view to East
Photo 5 of 5