

# Historic Sites Survey (No. 24)



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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story hip-roof L-plan frame residence with two-tier pedimented portico. Gable-roof ell on northwest facade also has a pedimented tetrastyle portico supported on octagonal columns. The front section is one-room-deep center-hall plan with quarter-turn staircase. The rear ell also has a hall with quarter-turn staircase which gives access to the upstairs room of this section. This was the only entrance to this room originally. All windows and doors have shouldered architrave trim, pilasters at all corners.

## ALTERATIONS:

The original two-tier portico, which was only as wide as the entrance bay and of the same proportions as the side portico, was altered between 1928 and 1931. The original columns were placed in the new portico. Three rooms OUTBUILDINGS under a shed roof have been added at the end of the center hall.

Detached kitchen no longer extant.

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Trotter-Byrd house was built by William B. Trotter, originally of Tennessee, who was an attorney in Quitman. In 1845 Trotter was a candidate for fourth district attorney and colonel of the thirty-first regiment of the Mississippi Militia; later (1847) elected brigadier general. Trotter married Elizabeth Lee Terrell, of Virginia, in 1846, whose mother, Frances Lewis Terrell, was the granddaughter of Fielding Lewis and Catherine Washington, first cousin of George Washington.

The historical significance of the Trotter-Byrd house lies in its association with William B. Trotter, one of the county's most important residents, and his wife, a descendant of George Washington. It is architecturally significant as one of three two-story Greek Revival houses in Clarke County, and is the only one of this group that did not function as a plantation

NAME: Trotter-Byrd House  
 STREET NO: 419 East Franklin St.  
 TOWN/VIC: Quitman  
 COUNTY: Clarke  
 BLOCK/LOT:  
 PRESENT OWNER: Oliver W. and Jennifer A. Byrd  
 ADDRESS 419 E. Franklin St., Quitman 39355  
 PRESENT USE: residence  
 FORMER USE:  
 DATE: Ca. 1852  
 STYLE: Greek Revival  
 ARCH/BUILDER: William B. Trotter  
 SOURCE OF DATE: deed  
 ENVIRONMENT: residential  
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE  
 NEIGHBORHOOD  
 LOCAL  
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 NATIONAL

## PHOTOS

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PHYSICAL CONDITION:

good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 1-2-15

Lot 26 Walters Williams Addition  
Described in DB 89 P. 553

ACREAGE: Less than ten acres

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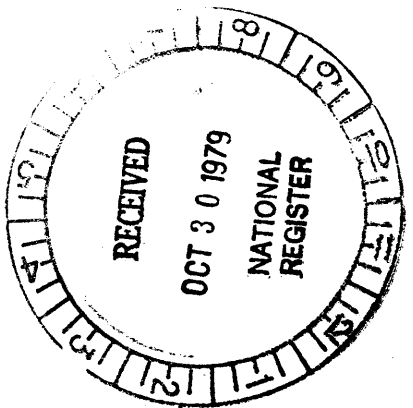
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house. Outstanding features include front and side facade entrances with double leaf doors framed by pilasters, sidelights and transoms, a pedimented tetrastyle portico supported by octagonal columns on the side facade, windows and doors with shouldered architrave trim, and interior paneled mantelpieces, doors, and wainscoting.



*Clark County Antebellum Thematic*  
TROTTER-BYRD HOUSE *Res.*

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Side (west) facade portico.

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Front facade which faces south.

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