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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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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 Carter, Benjamin H., House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 210 Ferrill St. N/A not for publication

city or town Quitman N/A  vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Clarke code 023 zip code 39355

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. D'Neal APRIL 14, 1994  
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 certifying 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  
Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Entered in the National Register Date of Action  
5-20-94

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	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register

0

Historic Resources in Clarke County, MS

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls weatherboard

roof Asphalt: shingles

other wooden porch

Narrative Description

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

PLEASE SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS

**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**

1911-1912

**Significant Dates**

1911-1912

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Carlson, George (builder-attributed)

**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:

Carter, Benjamin H. House  
Name of Property

Clarke County, MS  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 1.13 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing  
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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**

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**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 Sylvia M. & Allen W. Vowell, Jr.  
street & number 112 Glynn Ave. telephone unknown  
city or town Quitman state MS zip code 39355

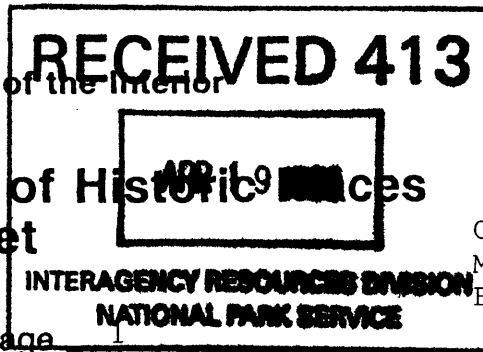
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Multiple Property Submission  
Benjamin H. Carter House

The Benjamin H. Carter House (1911-1912) in Quitman is a distinctive interpretation of the Colonial Revival style. It is located on an expansive lot on the northwest corner of Depot and Ferrill Streets. Though the house faces Depot Street to the south, its address is listed as 210 Ferrill Street.

The Benjamin H. Carter House is essentially a symmetrical square box with an integral wraparound porch on three elevations. The porch features attenuated Tuscan columns and a balustrade. The one-and-one-half story, 3 by 5 bay house is of frame construction with a weatherboard wall treatment and rests on brick piers with brick infill between them. Its complex roof is punctuated by large gables on the front and side elevations and an interior corbelled brick chimney. The majority of windows have a 1/1 double hung sash configuration.

In the porch area, on the front facade, is a central, single-leaf door capped by a transom and flanked by 1/1 double hung sash windows. Above, on the main roof, is a gable featuring returns, a triangular attic vent and a paired window. In the porch area on the west (side) elevation, the porch is partially enclosed but an original 1/1 double hung sash window has been retained. A gable with the same treatment as the front gable punctuates the roof on this elevation. A carport extends off the rear of the west elevation. The porch area on the east elevation contains two windows and a single-leaf entrance into the house. A gable similar in design to the other two dominates the roof. Towards the rear of this elevation are two paired windows and a single-leaf door.

Originally, the rear elevation had a small rear wing with porches on its east and west elevations. These rear porches were enclosed in 1961. The small enclosure on the west elevation of the wraparound porch was constructed a year or two later. Despite these alterations, the house retains its original Classic Box form. The building sets far back on a large corner lot that is landscaped with trees and shrubbery. The Benjamin H. Carter House is a prominent landmark in the neighborhood (Carmen Culpepper Hammack interview, 6 June 1993).

The Benjamin H. Carter House is located in a quiet residential neighborhood in Quitman. Judging from the extant resources, residential development occurred in this area from the mid-nineteenth century up to the mid-twentieth century. All of the houses and yards appear to be well-maintained. However, commercial

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development is creeping eastward from the intersection of Archusa Avenue and Depot Street.

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The Benjamin H. Carter House, constructed in 1911-1912, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. Though not a high style interpretation, it is one of the very few examples of the Colonial Revival style of architecture found in Clarke County and retains a high degree of architectural integrity. The house is a distinctive local articulation of a nationally important style of architecture. The Ben Carter House is the county's best articulation of the Colonial Revival style discovered to date.

The Colonial Revival style in America was popular for residential architecture from 1880 to 1955. However, the style really caught on in the 1890s. The Chicago World's Fair of 1893 introduced colonial inspired architecture to the nation. This architecture was a reaction to the excesses of Victorian design and fulfilled Americans' desire for a style of architecture that symbolized their patriotism and hearkened back to their past (McAlester 1984:321 & Flaherty, Jan. 1978:1,8).

The Benjamin H. Carter House illustrates how a nationally popular architectural style was adapted to the culture and environment of Clarke County. The people of Clarke County were experiencing major changes in their society due to industrialization and the influx of northern and midwestern lumbermen to the region. They were also aware of national trends in design. Classical styles of architecture such as the Colonial Revival appealed to Clarke Countians' patriotism and recalled for them a history that seemed much simpler than their present-day lives. However, as the Benjamin H. Carter House shows, Clarke Countians also adapted the latest trends in architecture to their environmental conditions.

The Benjamin H. Carter House features common Colonial Revival design elements. The house is designed as a symmetrical square with classical design motifs. The main door's central location on the front facade accentuates its prominence in the overall design. Paired windows are also found on the house. The dominant architectural feature of the house, however, is its one story wraparound porch. This porch is a direct response to Clarke County's climate. Generally, if a Colonial Revival house has a porch it is a simple, one story gallery spanning the front facade. The divergence in the style's design on the Benjamin H. Carter House is due to the hot, humid Mississippi summers. A wraparound porch shaded the house from the sun thereby cooling it and increasing the benefits of cross ventilation. This type of porch also provided more outdoor living space than a full-width porch (McAlester 1984:320-341 passim).

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Though a modest interpretation of the Colonial Revival style, the Benjamin H. Carter House is a significant example of how environment and culture can impact an articulation of a national architectural style. The house is one of the best examples of the style in the county and retains a high degree of architectural integrity.

This Colonial Revival house is attributed to George Carlson, a builder from Quitman. He constructed the house in 1911-1912 for Benjamin Harvey Carter (1878-1961). About this time, Carter was retiring as sheriff of Clarke County and going into the mercantile business in Quitman with his cousin Jeff Carter. He sold his share of the business in 1918 and became the vice-president and cashier for the Bank of Quitman. He was elected president in 1931 and held that position until his death in 1961 (Carmen Culpepper Hammack interview, 6 June 1993 and C. C. Hammack letter to SME, 8 June 1993).



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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Parcel No. 099-02D-017-06

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: These are the boundaries presently associated with the property. The specific historic boundaries are not known.



1. Benjamin H. Carter House
2. Quitman, Clarke Co., MS
3. Susan M. Enzweiler
4. April 15, 1993
5. MS Dept. of Archives + History, H. P. Division
6. View to north
7. Photo 1 of 1