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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 *Guidelines 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, materials, 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.

1. Name of Property

historic name Anderson, Dewitt, House

other names/site number Wooldridge home

2. Location

street & number 104 West Broad St. n/a [ ] not for publication

city, town West Point n/a [ ] vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Clay code 25 zip code 39773

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
[x] private	[x] building(s)	1	0 buildings
[ ] public-local	[ ] district		sites
[ ] public-State	[ ] site		structures
[ ] public-Federal	[ ] structure		objects
	[ ] object	1	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: West Point Multiple Resource Area

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] 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 [X] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. O'Pool — July 2, 1990

Signature of certifying official — Date

Deputy Historic Preservation Officer
Ms Department of Archives and History

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official — Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

[X] 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:) _____

Amy Federman — 8/31/90

Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic: single dwelling	Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
Late Victorian: Second Empire	foundation brick
	walls weatherboard
	roof composition shingles
	other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Dewitt Anderson House is a two story Second Empire building on the southeast corner of West Broad and South Division streets. Built at the north edge of an early residential area, the house sits relatively close to both streets at a busy intersection. A shallow yard with a variety of plantings buffers it somewhat from the traffic.

Asymmetrically massed, the house has a three bay facade with Italianate door and window details on the first level and a wood-shingled Mansard roof with incised windows on the second. The body of the original house included the L shaped wings contained under the Mansard roof. By the time of the 1890 Sanborn Map -- the first to document the corner -- the house had a gable roofed rear wing to the south. Physical evidence inside and outside suggests that this wing was an addition. Small shed roofed additions within the lines of the 1890s era porches have been made at the eastern and western sides of the rear wing -- probably in the early to mid 20th century.

The configuration of the front and L shaped rear porches has remained the same since the 1890 Sanborn, though the front porch has been altered to a quasi-Bungalow style (it now has battered square columns on brick piers). The rear porch allows secondary access to the parlor and the rooms in the south wing.

Exterior architectural details in keeping with the Second Empire style are: a wide frieze with paired brackets under the eaves; front porch door and window hoods having segmental arched tops and matching molding ending in wood "drops"; pedimented hoods on second floor and front-facing wing window surrounds; and an entry door of heavy, four-paneled design.

On the interior, original millwork survives on: an arched window seat built in under the staircase at the back of the entry; the wood-trimmed opening to the bay on the east elevation; the simple wooden mantles; and the newel post and railing of the quarter-turn stairs. A partial interior wall from the entry to the parlor opening has been removed and the stair railings have been replaced. Woodwork and other details in the rear wing of the house are much simpler than the original work.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	ca. 1870	ca. 1870

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Unknown

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

As was discussed in the cover documentation for the Historic Resources of West Point, it is noteworthy that at least two Second Empire houses -- the Anderson House and the Hibbler House -- were built in West Point during the 1870s or early 1880s. The presence of two Second Empire houses suggests that some West Point residents aware of their young town's growing prosperity and its new status as county seat, identified themselves with the new, postbellum South rather than with the old South.

Almost nothing is known about Dewitt Anderson himself. His family began buying the land bounded by Broadway and Tournament, South Division and Griffin streets in 1861 and completed the purchase of the two blocks in 1868, apparently moving into a log house then existing on the property. (Deed Records) The land on the thoroughfare was divided among family members, Dewitt keeping the piece on the corner of Broadway and South Division, his sister getting the portion just east of Griffin Street (which then connected with Broadway) in 1871. She sold the property to Dr. Hibbler in 1880. Hibbler built the grand Second Empire house now replaced by the Clay County Offices.

The Anderson House is cited as one of only a few surviving buildings in Mississippi in the Second Empire style. The citation appears in "Architecture of the Second Empire Style in Mississippi (1986, revised, 1988) by Richard Cawthon, Chief Architectural Historian for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Though not designated for statewide significance in the report, the Anderson House was determined to have a high local standing.

The few buildings of the Second Empire style that survive in Mississippi are important to the architectural and cultural history of the state because they show that the architectural tastes of the urban northeast were being emulated by Mississippians during and after the Reconstruction period. They serve "not only as rare examples of an important 19th century architectural aesthetic, but also...as reminders of the complexity of Mississippi's society and culture during the Reconstruction era and the years of recovery which followed." (Second Empire paper)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Cawthon, Richard J. "Architecture of the Second Empire Style in Mississippi." Unpublished paper for the Division of Historic Preservation, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, MS, 1988.

Clay County, Mississippi. Tax Assessor's and Chancery Clerk's records. West Point, Mississippi.

Sanborn Insurance Company. Maps of West Point for 1885, 1890, 1894, 1898, 1905, 1910, 1918, & 1925. New York: Sanborn Map Co.

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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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: Less than 1 acre

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	346850	3719300
B			
C			
D			

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Verbal Boundary Description

All of Parcel 20, Block D on page 83-C-2 of the updated version of the Arthur L. Goodman Survey and Plat of the City of West Point, MS .. as adopted in 1938.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the house and all that remains of the property originally surrounding it.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization: Preservation Consultant date: 12/16/88

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city or town: Starkville state: MS zip code: 39759

Home owners: B.B. and K.P. Wooldridge, 104 West Broad St., West Point, MS 39773

The following information is the same for all photographs:

(1) Dewitt Anderson House
(2) West Point, Clay County, Mississippi
(3) Joan Embree
(4) January, 1988 & November, 1988
(5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1--(5) View of facade (north elevation) from across West Broad Street, view to south

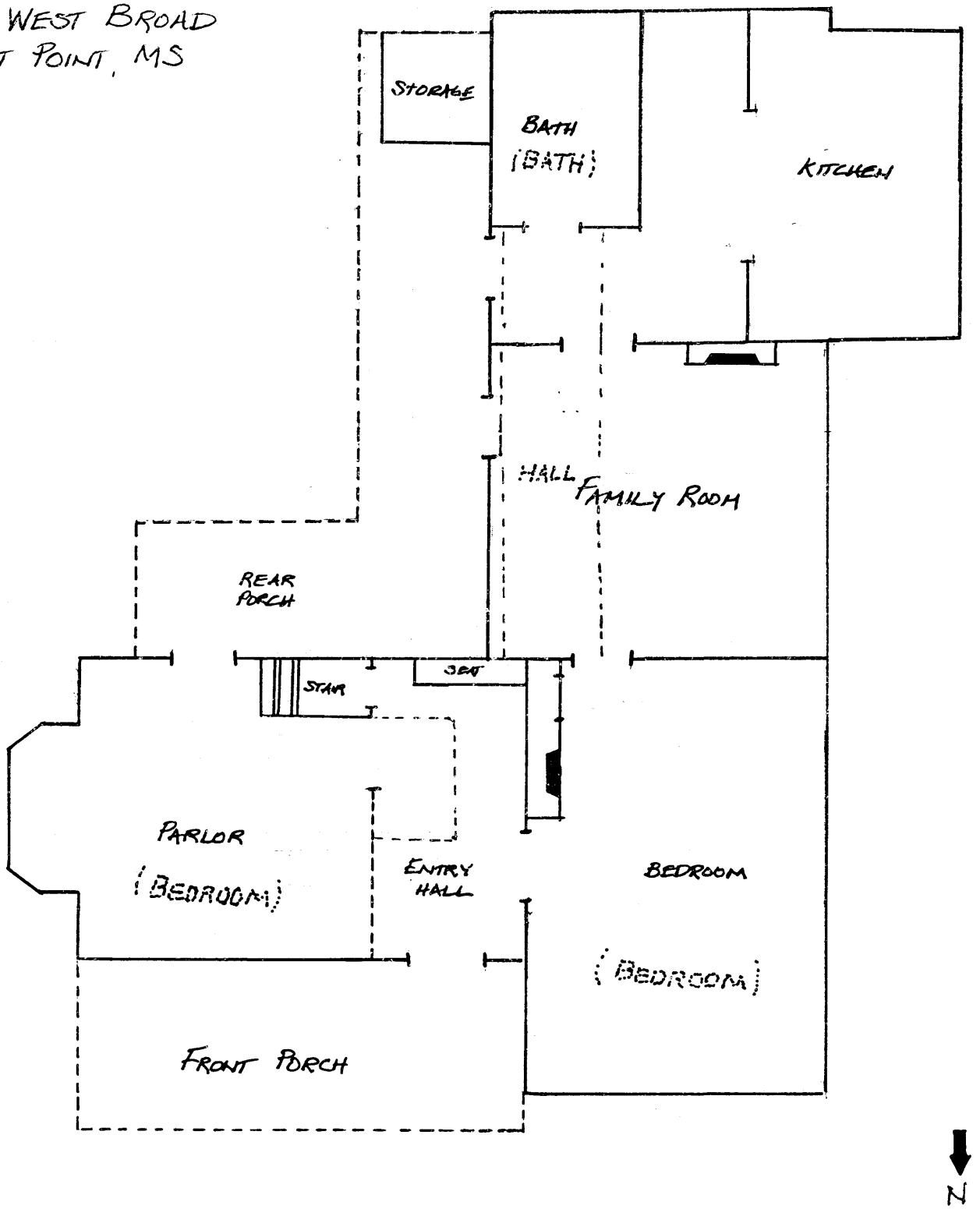
Photo 2--(5) View of rear (south and southeast elevations),view from southeast

Photo 3--(5) Stairway as seen from east end of parlor, view to west

Photo 4--(5) Bay and millwork at east end of parlor, view from west

Photo 5--(5) Millwork on mantle, doors trim, view to east in bedroom

DEWITT ANDERSON HOUSE
104 WEST BROAD
WEST POINT, MS



SCALE: 1/4 IN = 2 FT.

UPSTAIRS ROOMS - DOTTED LINES

DEWITT ANDERSON HOUSE
WEST POINT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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