

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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STATE:
Mississippi

COUNTY:
Clay

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ENTRY DATE
SEP 20 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Waverley

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

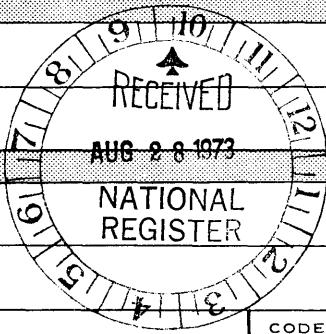
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10 miles east of

CITY OR TOWN:
West Point

STATE:
Mississippi

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
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CODE COUNTY: CODE
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Snow

STREET AND NUMBER:
Waverley

CITY OR TOWN:
West Point

STATE:
Mississippi

CODE
28

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the Chancery Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
205 Court Street (Post Office Box 525)

CITY OR TOWN:
West Point

STATE:
Mississippi

CODE
28

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1936** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Division of Prints and Photographs

STREET AND NUMBER:
Library of Congress

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia

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7. DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Waverley is a white frame residence with two full stories, an attic story, and a large cupola. The winged pavilion or H-form plan has a central stairhall, approximately 30 feet square and 65 feet in height, beneath the octagonal cupola. The rooms which flank the hall are 22 feet by 25 feet, with ceilings 12 feet high on the first floor (parlor, library, dining room, and master bedroom) and 14 feet on the second (four bedrooms). A kitchen wing was constructed probably late in the nineteenth century on the northeast elevation, and a pantry, earlier than the kitchen wing, extends from the northwest or rear elevation.

The outstanding feature of the Waverley interior is the stairhall with its three tiers of cantilevered balconies to which access is provided by curving staircases (four in number, also treehanging, and all of different contour). Only 3 of a total of 718 mahogany, walnut, and cherry balusters have needed replacing, and the mahogany handrails are also original. Floors throughout are 1 1/4-inch tongue-and-groove pine boarding. Interior trim includes plaster ceiling medallions and dentiled cornices, marble mantelpieces, painted graining on doors and baseboards, and elaborate wooden casings at doors and windows. Molds for the plasterwork, constructed of cypress wood and metal and used by two Irish plasterers who remained at Waverley for two years, were found stored in the attic of the house. Mantelpieces were executed by Richard Miller, a Scotsman living in Mobile, but there are apparently no records available concerning the identities of others employed on the house. The architect was named Pond, according to Young tradition, and was perhaps the Charles I. Pond who was in practice in St. Louis during the period.

The two most lavishly treated rooms of the Waverley interior are the parlor and the Egyptian bedroom. The former, currently undergoing restoration, is notable for the "wedding alcove" in its northeast wall, presumably a setting for nuptials and other family ceremonies such as christenings and funerals during the Youngs' occupancy. Among the original parlor fittings remaining are an overmantel mirror, carpeting, and remnants of royal blue French silk and velvet draperies brocaded in a gilt floral pattern. The draperies had seven linings and cost \$500.00 per window at the time of installation in the 1850s. The Egyptian motif in the bedroom of that name is carried out in the configuration of columns and window cornices and in the pattern of graining on doors.

All rooms have original chandeliers (now converted from gas to electricity) with the exception of the dining room, which has a replacement for the earlier fixture, now in storage, which was damaged by the loss of an arm. It has also been necessary to replace two panes of the red Venetian glass in a sidelight of the front door, but all the lyre-shaped wooden muntins in sidelights and transom are original. Other features which date from the Young years are two gold-leaf pier mirrors in the stairhall; brass window cornices in three rooms; a gun rack and a built-in secretary in the library, the latter used in connection with postal deliveries; and iron firebacks in all fireplaces.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **ca. 1852**

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Waverley was completed ca. 1852 by George Hampton Young (1799-1880), a graduate in law from Columbia University who had served as a state legislator in his native Georgia. In the 1830s Young was appointed a U. S. land commissioner and came to Mississippi in connection with the sale of the last remaining Chickasaw possessions following the Treaty of Pontotoc (1832). Young acquired approximately 50,000 acres of agricultural and timber lands on the Tombigbee River, including what had been part of the estate of John Pitchlynn (1765?-1835). Pitchlynn was an Englishman born in the Virgin Islands and reared by the Choctaw Indians, for whom he was appointed official interpreter by the U. S. Government. He died and was buried near the site where George Hampton Young would erect Waverley.

Young operated on the Tombigbee River a quarter-mile from Waverley a passenger ferry and thriving shipping point for cotton and other plantation products. He also assumed a responsible role in area affairs, serving for twenty-two years as a member of the board of trustees of the University of Mississippi at Oxford and influencing the decision to locate Mississippi State College for Women at Columbus. In 1845 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives from the northeastern district of the state, being defeated by Judge Stephen Adams of Monroe County. Two years later he received one of the first mail routes in the area, a weekly run between Waverley and Houston, Mississippi, and the postmastership continued in the family during the lifetime of his sons.

During the Civil War Waverley was a meeting place for Confederate officers, one of whom, General Nathan Bedford Forrest, spent several weeks of recuperation in the house. George Hampton Young's six sons served the Confederate cause, five returning as officers and one being mortally wounded at Gettysburg. Waverley survived the war and continued through the early twentieth century as the home of Young's immediate family. In 1893 the first national fox hunting association, the Dixie Fox Club, was organized in the library of Waverley, and the first field trials were also held on the estate. The house stood vacant from 1913 until 1962, when it was purchased from Young's heirs by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Snow and subsequently restored. In 1968 Mr. and Mrs. Snow were awarded a Certificate of Merit by the American Association for State and Local History in recognition of their meticulous and authentic restoration of the house.

The architecture of Waverley is of indisputable intrinsic value in terms of both construction and decorative detail. The house is also

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Snow, Waverley, West Point, Mississippi, August 1, 1973.

Lowndes County, Mississippi, Personal Tax Rolls, 1833-1841, 1843, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1857, 1859: George H. Young.

Lowndes County, Mississippi, U. S. Census Population Schedules, 1850, 1860: George H. Young.

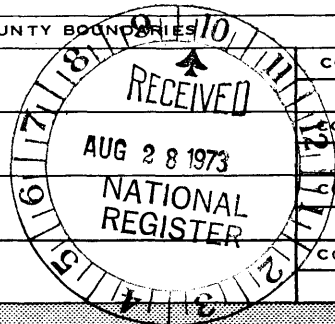
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **37 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Dawn Maddox, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Mississippi Department of Archives and History** DATE: **8/21/73**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 571

CITY OR TOWN: **Jackson** STATE: **Mississippi 39205** CODE: **28**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Elbert R. Hilliard
Elbert R. Hilliard

Title Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History

Date August 21, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert A. Snow
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/20/73

ATTEST:
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Keeper of The National Register

Date 9 19 73

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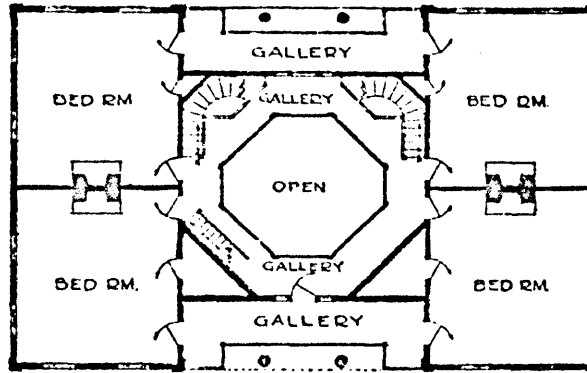
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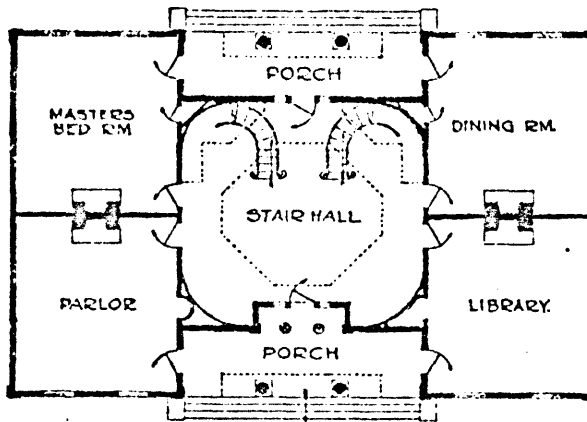
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Floor plans of Waverley



SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

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The exterior of Waverley is as striking an expression of its period as the interior, with matching recessed Ionic loggias on the facade and rear and giant-order pilasters on all elevations. The decorative railing on the second-floor balcony of the facade is unusual in that it is a combination of cast and wrought iron. A few feet west of the main house is the original office, a three-room brick building with a front door of grained cypress, a wooden mantelpiece, and storage cabinets for plantation records. The office predates the house and was occupied by sons of George Hampton Young when the family lived in its earlier home, a log structure on the site of the present main house. The original kitchen, located near the wellhouse built at the rear of the main house by the current owners, was provided with constantly running water by means of a pipe system from a nearby artesian well. Also on the Waverley property were a gristmill, sawmill, warehouses, tannery, cotton gin, brick kiln, ice house, gas lighting plant, brick privy, brick and marble swimming pool, and facilities for manufacturing hats of felt and straw and saddle blankets (reputedly the first in America). Orchards and vineyards were planted and landscaped gardens laid out, including box-wood brought by the wife of George Hampton Young from Georgia and still growing on the Waverley grounds. On the front lawn is what is said to be the largest magnolia tree in the state of Mississippi. Approximately 800 feet southwest of the house is the Young family cemetery which contains, among others, the graves of George Hampton Young, his wife, Lucy Woodson Watkins Young, and his mother, Nancy Hampton Young, whose father and the father of General Wade Hampton I of South Carolina were brothers.

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significant symbolically as the surviving element of an extensive plantation complex which reflected superbly the culture and economy of its time.



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"Waverley" Subject File

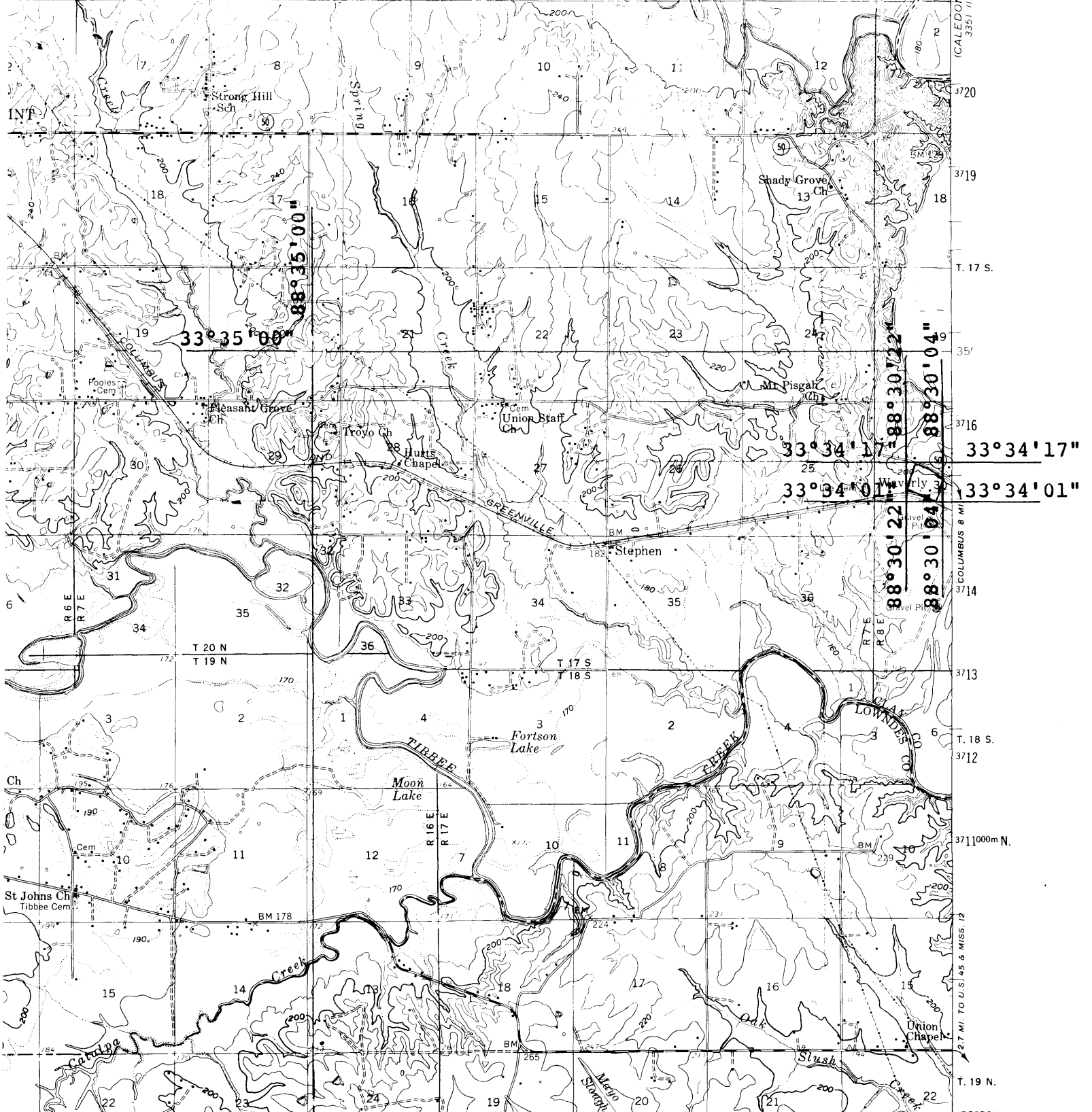
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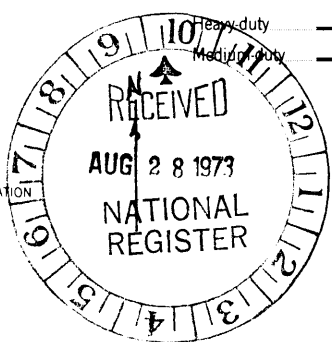
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Medium-duty ————— Unimproved dirt - - - - -

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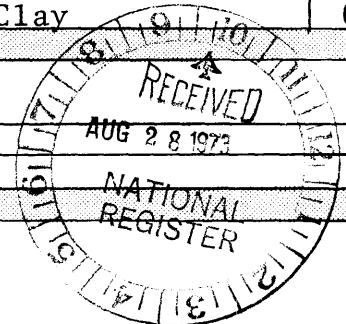
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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE Mississippi	
COUNTY Clay	
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ENTRY NUMBER SEP 20 1973	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Waverley			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
10 miles east of			
CITY OR TOWN:			
West Point			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Mississippi	39773	Clay	28 025
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





Southeast (facade) elevation of
Waverly, 10 miles southeast
of West Point, Mississippi.
House completed ca. 1852
by George Hampton Young.

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Stairhall and Master bedroom of
Waverley, 10 miles southeast of
West Point, Mississippi.
House completed ca. 1852 by
George Hampton Young.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME

COMMON

Waverley

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

SEP 20 1973

2. LOCATION

STATE

Mississippi 39773

COUNTY

Clay

TOWN

West Point

STREET AND NUMBER

10 miles east of West Point

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Mississippi Department
of Archives & History

DATE

August 1, 1973

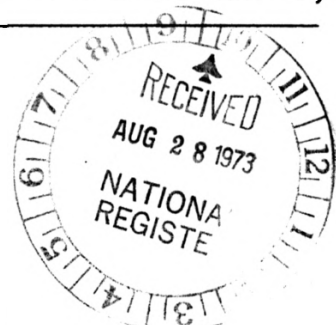
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Facade (southeast) elevation, looking northwest.



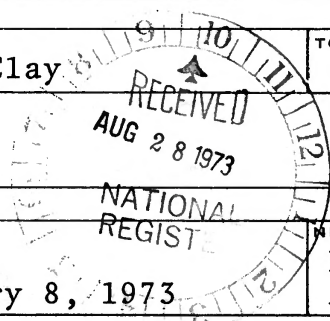


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STREET AND NUMBER		
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Entrance hall. Right: west stairway; left: master bedroom.



Waverley, Clay County, Mississippi

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WAVERLEY, CLAY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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Waverley, Clay County, Mississippi

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"Waverley"

(George H. Young House)

National Historic Landmark (NHL) Nomination

Listed on 05/30/1974

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Mississippi

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COMMON:
Waverley (also Waverly)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
10 miles east of

CITY OR TOWN:
West Point

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
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Mississippi

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Clay

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Snow

STREET AND NUMBER:
Waverley

CITY OR TOWN:
West Point

STATE:
Mississippi

CODE:
28

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the Chancery Clerk, Clay County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

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STREET AND NUMBER:
Library of Congress

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington,

STATE:
D. C.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Waverley is distinguished by the immense octagonal space, the central element in an "H" plan, which rises four stories and projects through the hip roof as an oversize cupola with 16 windows. The porticoes, front and rear, are Ionic, distyle in antis, two stories in height with iron railed galleries at the second story. An interesting feature of the front portico is the pattern of bevelled siding which alternates square-edged boards with triangular-faced boards. The entire exterior is of white-painted wood siding with pilastered treatment of the corners, broad moldings around the windows and a dentil molding at the cornice. octagonal chimneys repeat the form of the cupola at much-reduced scale.

The front entrance has ruby glass in the sidelights and transom with wood cutouts of lyres against the exterior of the panes. The rear entrance is flanked on the interior by paired curving stairs; the delicate walnut railings and balusters are repeated at all levels of the central well or rotunda. From an unusually large plaster rosette in the cupola ceiling, the original central gas chandelier is suspended to the level of the second floor. On each floor four large rooms open from the rotunda. Each differs in decorative treatment; the moldings and marble mantels in the second-floor bedrooms are as rich or richer than those on the first floor. The parlor has ornate plaster trim including the arch of a "wedding alcove."

Waverley, begun in the 1840s, was completed in 1852 by Colonel George H. Young, whose career included service in the legislatures of both Georgia and Mississippi. A man of business, he built warehouses, erected a store, saw and grist mills, and operated the ferry across the Tombigbee. The grounds of Waverley also included orchards, gardens, kennels, an ice house, gas plant and the development of an artesian well with bath-houses and pool.

Col. Young, the father of six sons and three daughters, obviously enjoyed companionship and designed the house for generous hospitality and comfort. The central well provides a great gathering place or ballroom as well as a flue for effective natural air-conditioning.

Although vacant for more than 40 years, the house survived with interior details, chandeliers, even some mirrors and carpet intact. It is being carefully restored. An office adjacent to the house has been restored. The boxwoods, made grotesque by the rubbing of cattle pastured on the property when the house stood vacant, are growing out again.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Unique in design and rich in detail, Waverley represents the personal wealth and tastes of its builder, Colonel George H. Young. The octagonal rotunda which projects through the roof as a cupola is both a grand entertainment space and an effective means of natural ventilation. Begun in the 1840s and completed in 1852, Waverley combines ornament and technology in the tradition of Jefferson. The varied decorative treatment of each room is artistic and the lighting system, using gas manufactured on the site, was scientific.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	33° 34' 17"	88° 30' 22"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	33° 34' 17"	88° 30' 04"		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	33° 34' 01"	88° 30' 04"		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	33° 34' 01"	88° 30' 22"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **37 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paul Goeldner, Architect, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historic and Architectural Surveys,
National Park Service** DATE: **1/9/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1100 L Street NW.

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON Waverley	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE <i>(Assigned by NPS)</i>
2. LOCATION		
STATE Mississippi	COUNTY Clay	TOWN West Point vicinity
STREET AND NUMBER 10 miles east of West Point		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT Paul Goeldner NPS	DATE November 1973	NEGATIVE FILED AT Historic Sites Survey National Park Service
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

1. Exterior from the south.
- 2.. Stair at second level of rotunda.

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE Mississippi	
COUNTY Clay	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Waverley			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 miles east of			
CITY OR TOWN: West Point			
STATE: Mississippi	CODE 28	COUNTY: Clay	CODE 025
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: USGS 15' Series, West Point Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1: 62500			
DATE: 1959			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Property boundaries where required. 2. North arrow. 3. Latitude and longitude reference. 			



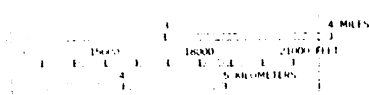
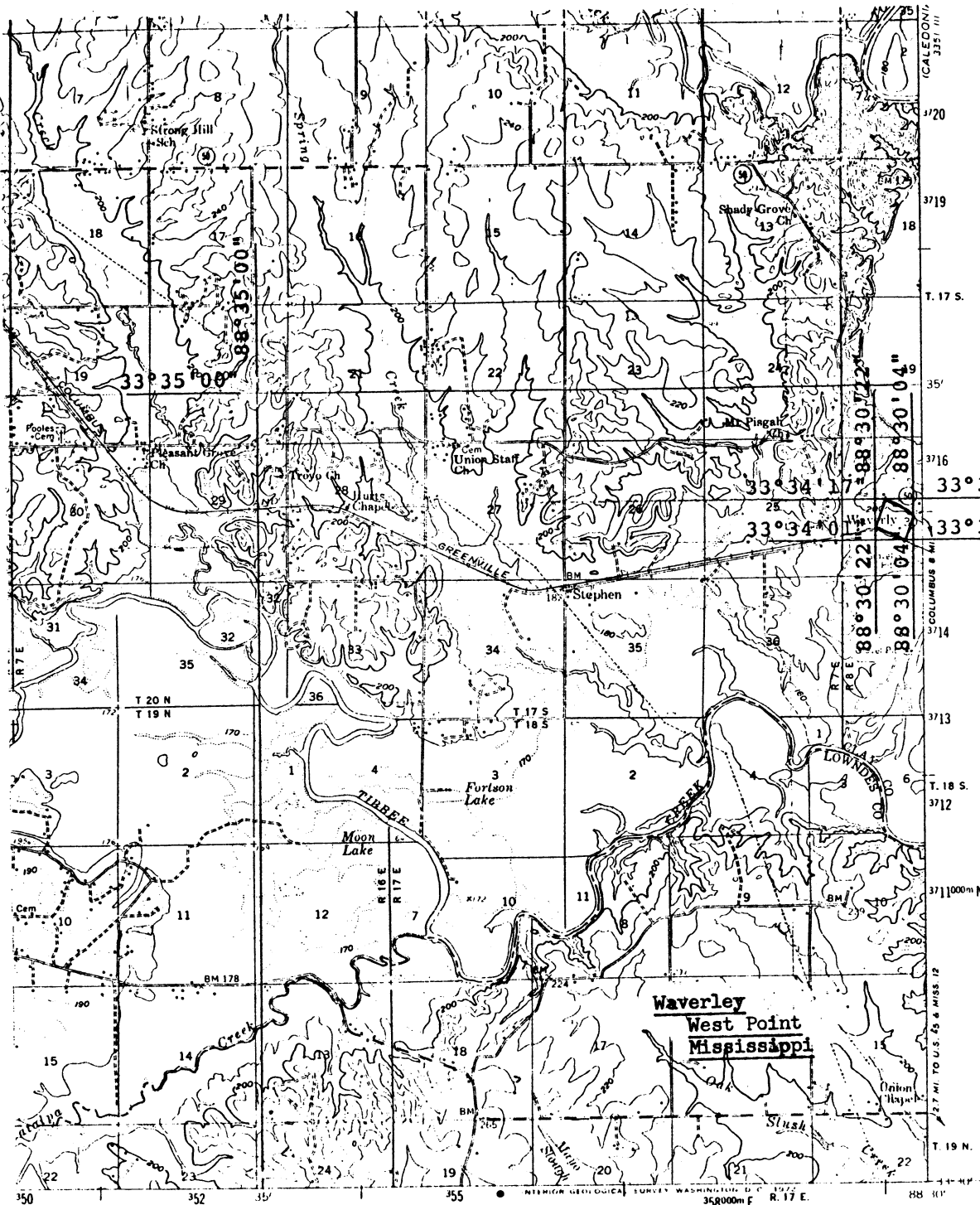
Waverley, Clay County, Mississippi

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Heavy duty ————— Light duty —————
 Medium duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - - -
 ○ State Route

Scale: 1:62500
WEST POINT, MISS.
 N. C. O. W. 880/15

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