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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

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 N/A

other names/site number Turnage House

2. Location

street & number Turnage Road N/A [ ] not for publication

city, town Montpelier [x] vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Clay code 25 zip code 39754

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:
Clay County 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. P. Pool — Sept. 19, 1991

Signature of certifying official — Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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:) _____

Entered in the National Register

Alan Byers — 11/15/91

for Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

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)

Other: double-pen dogtrot

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick piers

walls wood: board and batten

roof corrugated metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Turnage House is a one story, frame, side-gabled "dogtrot" structure with a two-room rear ell and substantial front and rear porches.

The facade of the house is three bay (window, opening, window). The windows are 4/4 double hung sash, in plain frames. The exterior covering of the house is board and batten siding. The corrugated metal roof is pierced by a stacked chimney serving the right pen and middle room of the ell. (See Photos # 1 & 3.)

Doors open into the dogtrot from all four rooms. Some are plank, like the one on the rear shed addition of the left pen. (See Photo # 4.) Others are a common early 20th century type with one light over a paneled bottom. The shed roofed front porch runs full length across the house. The rear porch extends from the rear of the open passageway to the end of the ell. Porch floors are flush boards. Those in the dogtrot are tongue-and-groove. A narrow, plank, straight-run stair from the back of the dogtrot allows access to the open upstairs space, an attic. (See Photo # 2.)

Alterations to the house include: replacement of some brick foundation piers with concrete block piers, covering of leaking upstairs windows, addition of a shed roofed bathroom to the rear of the left pen (and some aluminum siding on its exterior), and paneling with modern wood products on interior walls. The "front room" mantel is original. (See Photo # 5.)

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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	1907	1907

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.

The Turnage dogtrot is locally significant as the best remaining example in Clay County of the early 20th century double-pen dogtrot house.

As mentioned in the Residential Resources section of the Historic Context statement, plain, vernacular house forms were the residences of choice from the time the land was opened for white settlement up into the first third of the 20th century. Indeed, the simple early vernacular forms have been superceded in recent years only by the technology that produces kit or packaged houses which can be delivered to a site and erected quickly.

Built in 1907 by Clay County farmer Virgil Reid as the center of his small homestead operation, it has been occupied since 1915 by members of the Turnage family, who first rented, then bought the house in the 1940s. The house is modest in scale, style, and fittings, but outstanding in integrity. The Turnage sisters who have maintained the house since the 1940s have kept it dry, unpainted and almost unchanged on the exterior, though they have altered the interior in traditional 20th century ways. The Turnage dogtrot is the only one remaining with upstairs access located between the pens in the covered passageway. A narrow, steep wooden stair serves the attic, windowed at each end, which once was the children's sleeping loft.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See Historic Context bibliography.

☐ See continuation sheet

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: Miss. Dept. of Archives & History

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Approximately 1 acre

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	322890	3732750
B			
C			
D			

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the Turnage House include the frontage from the dwelling south to Turnage Road and land within 50 feet of each other cardinal direction from the house.

Section 5, Township 16, Range 4 -- South half of the north half of the northwest quarter.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries include the house and the land immediately around it within the acreage traditionally associated with the house.

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Starkville state MS zip code 39759

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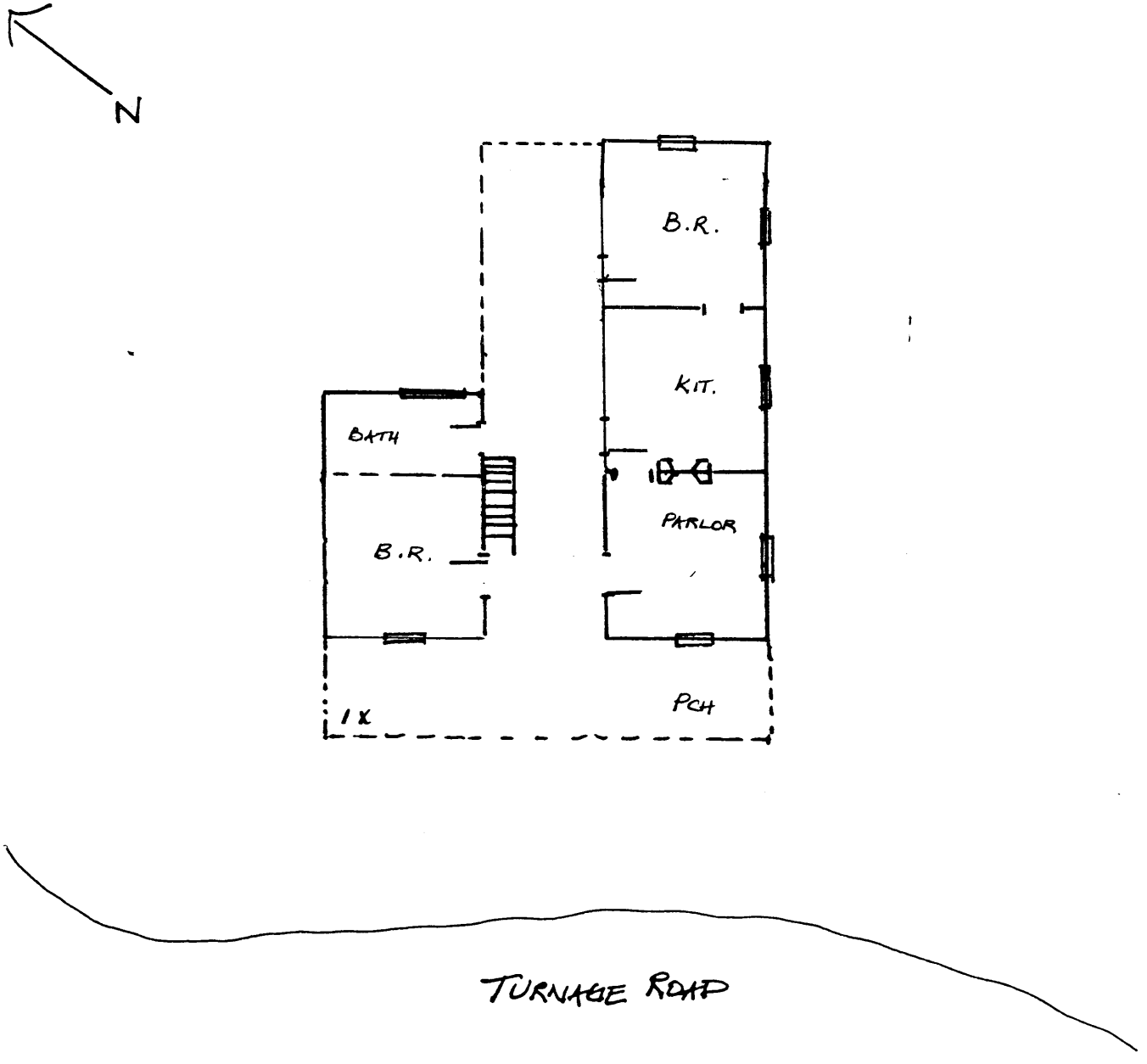
TURNAGE HOUSE

NOT TO SCALE



TURNAGE HOUSE

MRA

VIC. OF MONTPELIER, CLAY COUNTY, MS

EMBREE

JUNE, 1989

MISS. DEPT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY

FRONT ELEVATION, VIEW TO NORTHEAST

PHOTO #1 OF 5

TURNAGE HOUSE

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VIEW OF DOGTROT & STAIRS, FRONT, TO NORTHEAST

PHOTO # 2 OF 5

TURNAGE HOUSE
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REAR ELEVATION FROM NORTHWEST
PHOTO # 3 OF 5

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REAR VIEW OF STAIRS, DOGTROT - TO SOUTHWEST
PHOTO # 4 OF 5

TURNAGE HOUSE

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PARLOR MANTLEPIECE, VIEW TO EAST

PHOTO # 5 OF 5