

United States Department of the Interior  
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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000420

Date Listed: 4/9/91

Ailes House  
Property Name

Copiah  
County

MISSISSIPPI  
State

#### Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*for* Patrick Andrus  
Signature of the Keeper

7/25/91  
Date of Action

#### Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 7

This nomination was amended to show the foundation material as stone.

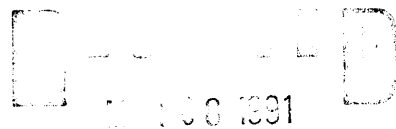
The amendment was confirmed by phone with the Mississippi SHPO (7/25/91).

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National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 Ailes House
other names/site number Jones House/Chelsealy Farms

2. Location

street & number Rhymes Road near Hwy 27
city, town Crystal Springs
state Mississippi code MS county Copiah code 29 zip code 39059

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked)
Category of Property: building(s) (checked)
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 3, Noncontributing 0, Total 3

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a
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 nomination (checked) 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 (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Kenneth H. P. Pool
Date: MARCH 4, 1991
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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:
Entered in the National Register (checked)
determined eligible for the National Register ( )
determined not eligible for the National Register ( )
removed from the National Register ( )
other, (explain:)
Entered in the National Register (stamp)
Signature of the Keeper: [Signature]
Date of Action: 4/9/91

## 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)

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation wood: log

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other n/a

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located on the northern side of Rhymes Road, about 1400 feet north of its intersection with State Highway 27, the Ailes House (commonly the Jones House) is a story-and-a-half, frame Greek Revival cottage that rests upon original piers of fieldstone. The house is surmounted by a gabled roof flanked by paired outside-end brick chimneys, one of which has been rebuilt. The chimneys are embraced by a gable-end, roof overhang that may or may not be original. The southeasterly facade is fronted by an attached, one-story, shed-roof gallery that rests upon brick piers, replacements for original deteriorated fieldstone. The gallery is supported by wooden box columns with molded capitals, and the columns are linked by a replacement gallery railing of rectangular-sectioned balusters.

The five-bay facade is finished in horizontal tongue-and-groove boards with no baseboard. The window and doorway surrounds are plain and unmolded. The focal point of the facade is the wide, center-bay doorway, which consists of full-size double-leaf doors set beneath a transom and framed by sidelights over unmolded panels. All exterior and interior doors have five, unmolded panels that are fielded on only one side, and all doors retain their original painted graining. Windows are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash and were never closed by shutter blinds.

The interior features a center-hall, double-pile plan with rear "cabinet" rooms flanking a recessed rear porch. All interior walls and ceilings are finished in tongue-and-groove boards with a simple shaped baseboard. All door and window surrounds are plain and unmolded, and mantel pieces are wooden and pilastered. Despite the simplicity of the interior millwork, the house's interior achieves distinction from its grand proportions and original decorative painting. The central hallway of this rural Covich County cottage represents, in a vernacular manner, an interior space as imposing and dramatic as many, finely finished Mississippi mansions. The ceilings of the first story are fifteen feet tall, and each end of the entrance hall is fully spanned by the wide, center-bay doorways of the front and rear elevations. Painted lines divide the board walls of the hallway into blocks of stone, which are veined in imitation of marble. A steeply pitched open staircase dominates the hallway as it extends the fifteen-foot ceiling height to terminate in a second-story hallway. The visual effect of a stair carpet and molded panel enclosure beneath the stairs is achieved through decorative painting. The staircase features rectangular-sectioned newels and balusters, except on the second-story level, where the stairwell is railed by a balustrade of horizontal

**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)

Architecture \_\_\_\_\_

Art \_\_\_\_\_

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Significant Person

n/a \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

Ca. 1860 \_\_\_\_\_

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Cultural Affiliation

n/a \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

unknown \_\_\_\_\_

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Significant Dates

Ca. 1860 \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Ailes House (commonly the Jones House) is a good example of rural Greek Revival architecture that derives particular distinction from its grand interior proportions and surviving original painted decoration. The central hallway of the house is as imposing, in a vernacular manner, as most of the hallways of Mississippi's finely finished mansion houses. The first-story ceilings are fifteen feet tall, and each end of the hallway is completely filled by wide double-leaf doors set beneath a transom and flanked by sidelights. The board walls are painted in imitation of blocks of veined marble, and a steeply pitched staircase dramatically spans the fifteen-foot ceiling height in a single unbroken flight. The visual effect of a stair carpet and a molded-panel enclosure beneath the stairs is also created by original decorative painting, which includes graining on all doors. The use of decorative painting to enliven rural farmhouses was common in Mississippi in the mid-nineteenth century, and the artistic quality of the painting in the house is fairly typical; however, few buildings exhibit the integrity of the Ailes House, where the marbled walls, decorative details, and grained doors were not obscured by later layers of paint and wallpaper. The house exhibits a floor plan typical of the Lower Mississippi Valley with small rooms, or "cabinets," enclosing both ends of a recessed rear gallery, but it is atypical in having an attached front gallery rather than the more regionally common gallery that is recessed beneath the front slope of the roof. The integrity of architecture and setting are outstanding, and the house derives additional significance from the survival of two of its original outbuildings.

The Ailes House was built for either Zachius Ailes or Robert and wife Emma Ailes, who acquired the property by will in 1867 (PRN 380, as recorded in the sectional indexes for Copiah County, but the will cannot now be located). Zachius Ailes acquired the land where the house stands in 1838 and 1839 (Copiah County Deed Book G:152, 182, and 284; Deed Book H:191), but the house stylistically dates from around the period of the Civil War. The house was acquired by the Owens family in 1881 (Deed Book HH:532) and was later inherited by Owen Jones, the son of Cora Owens (Will Book B:190). The Jones family retained ownership of the house until it was acquired by its present owner in 1989, the explanation for it being commonly known as the Jones House.

n/a  See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Copiah County, Mississippi. Chancery Clerk. Deed Books G, H, HH.

Copiah County, Mississippi. Chancery Clerk. Will Book B

Miller, Mary Warren, architectural historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Inspection of Ailes House, May 18, 1990.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 20 acres more or less

UTM References

A 1,5 | 7,4,8 | 4,1,0 | 3,5 | 4,6 | 2,8,0  
 Zone Easting Northing

C 1,5 | 7,4,8 | 2,0,0 | 3,5 | 4,6 | 2,8,0

B 1,5 | 7,4,8 | 4,1,0 | 3,5 | 4,5 | 8,0,0  
 Zone Easting Northing

D 1,5 | 7,4,8 | 2,0,0 | 3,5 | 4,5 | 8,0,0

n/a  See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, Copiah County, Mississippi, and run thence South for a distance of 234.0 feet to the North right of way line of Rhymes Road; run thence S.66°06'53"W. along said North right of way line for a distance of 227.29 feet; run thence N.64°04'24"W. for a distance of 455.03 feet; run thence North for a distance of 1294.38 feet; run thence East for a distance of 617.06 feet to the East line

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Boundary Justification The nominated acreage constitutes 20 acres of the original land associated with the historic house and is all the property acquired by the present owner. Including all the land associated with the house by ownership is important in protecting historic archaeological resources as well as protecting the rural character of the property.

n/a  See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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boards. The second-story consists of two bedrooms separated by a central stair hall. Both bedrooms are plainly trimmed with board walls and unmolded door and window surrounds. The bedroom doors match the doors of the first story. Two original outbuildings survive. At the rear of the house are a gabled-roof log barn and a gabled roof board-and-batten smoke house.

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of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11; run thence South along said East line for a distance of 1167.30 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above described property, being a part of the Jones property, is situated in the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, Copiah County, Mississippi, and contains 20.0 acres, more or less. (See accompanying survey map.)

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

- (1) Ailes House
- (2) Crystal Springs, Copiah County, Mississippi
- (3) Mary Warren Miller
- (4) June 1990
- (5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1--(6) Looking northeasterly, the southerly facade and westerly side elevation.

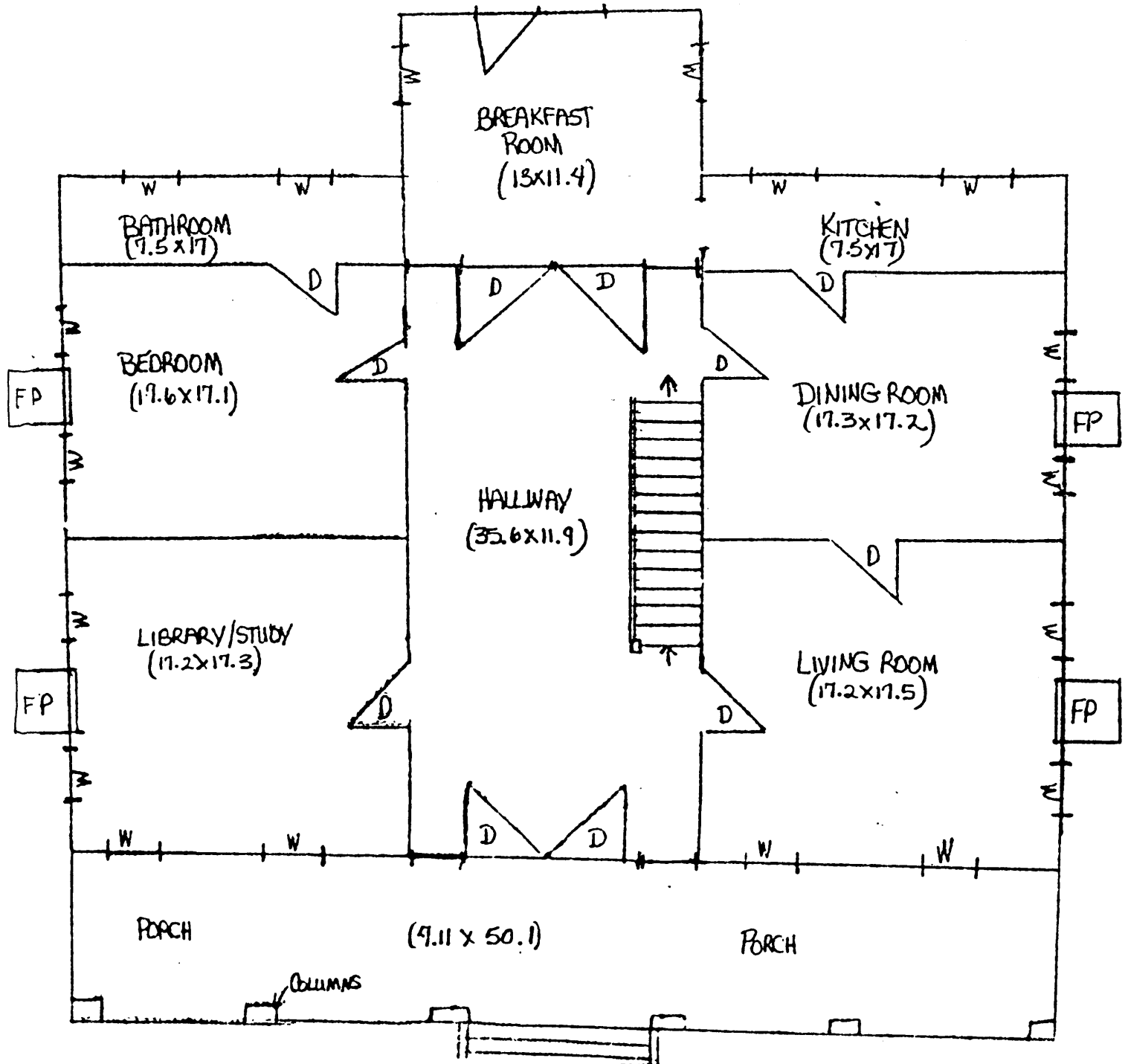
Photo 2--(6) Looking northeasterly, the first-story hallway and stairs to the upper half story, showing the board walls painted to resemble marble.

Photo 3--(6) Looking northeasterly, detail photograph of the hallway wall, showing the board walls painted to resemble marble.

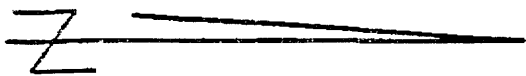
Photo 4--(6) Looking northerly, the southerly facade of the log barn.

Photo 5--(6) Looking northeasterly, the southerly facade and westerly side elevation of the smoke house.



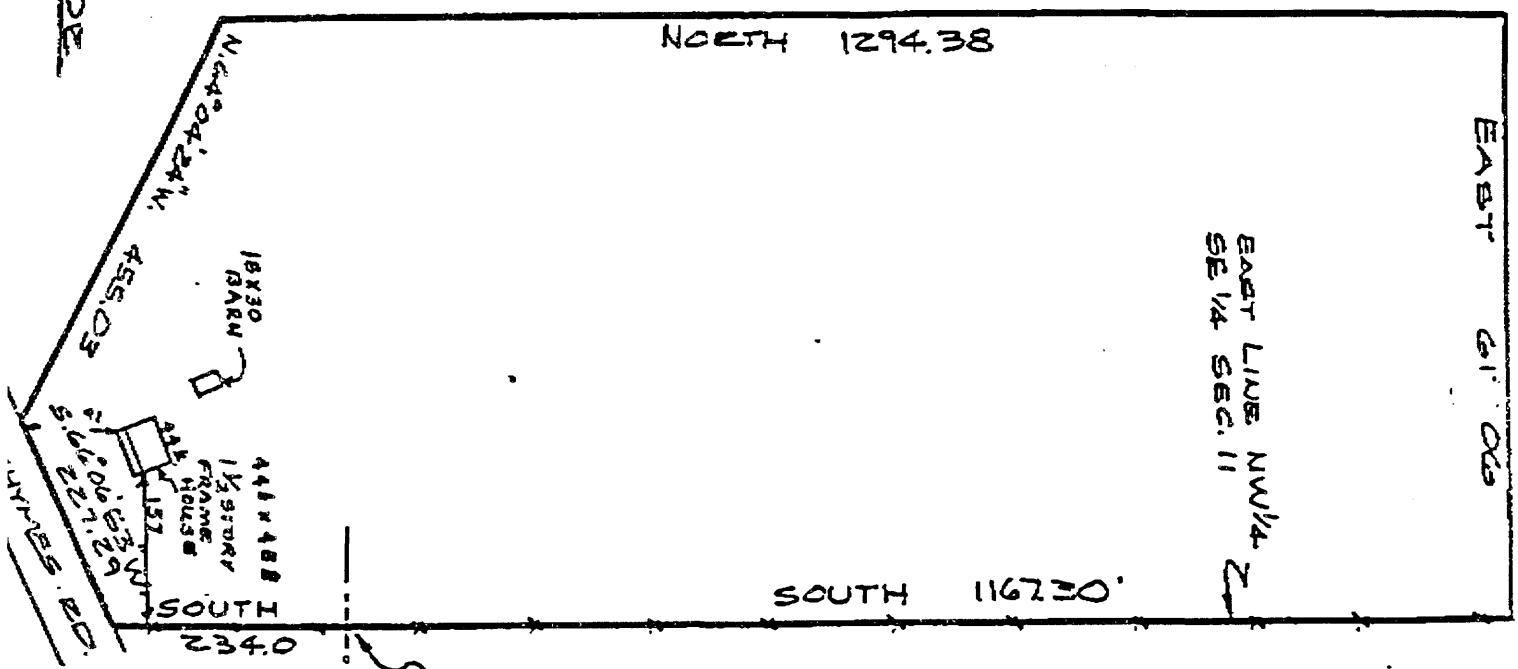


Ailes House  
 Crystal Springs, Copiah County, Mississippi



SCALE: 1" = 200'  
DATE: 7-25-89

PLAT OF SUEVEY FOR



Ailes House  
Crystal Springs, Copiah Co., Miss.

SE COR NW 1/4  
SE 1/4 SEC. 11,  
TEN - E2W,  
COKIAN CO., MISS.



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