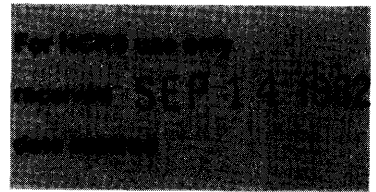


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Alford-Little House

and/or common Rockport

2. Location 506 Georgetown off MS 27

About one mile east of State Highway 27 at the
street & number Rockport intersection

N/A not for publication

city, town Georgetown *Miss* —X vicinity of ~~Georgetown~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Copiah code 29

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☐ district	☐ public	☐ occupied	☐ agriculture
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☐ unoccupied	☐ commercial
☐ structure	☐ both	☒ work in progress	☐ educational
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☒ private residence
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ religious
	☒ NA being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ scientific
		☐ no	☐ transportation
			☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Tam Etheridge

street & number P. O. Box 577

city, town Carthage — vicinity of state Mississippi 39051

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Copiah County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Hazlehurst state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date NA

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on an approximate ten-acre tract of rural land located about one mile east of State Highway 27 at Rockport, Mississippi, the Alford-Little House is a one-story frame residence set upon brick foundation piers. The gable roof is pierced by one interior brick chimney, and an outside-end brick chimney, which breaks away from the house at the attic level, is located on the northwesterly side elevation. The northeasterly facade of the house is fronted by a gallery cut under the front slope of the roof. The gallery is supported by molded and bracketed box columns which are linked by an unusual jigsaw railing. Originally, the house was a five-bay cottage with an open passage, or what is regionally called a "dog-trot," occupying the centermost bay. Not long after the house was constructed, a three-bay side addition was added to the southeasterly elevation. A two-room wing with gallery, which projects perpendicularly from the rear wall, could either be original or more likely contemporary with the three-bay side addition. The "dog-trot" opening was enclosed earlier in the twentieth century on the front and rear elevations by a matching arrangement of an infill of matched boards with a partially glazed door surrounded by transom and sidelights over molded and fielded panels. The facade of the house is finished in matched boards with a molded base, and the three-bay extension and "dog-trot" enclosure are defined by a vertical board at the points of junction. All window and door openings feature unmolded surrounds, the windows are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash, and the center-bay door opening of the three-bay side addition is filled with a four-paneled and molded door. The interior is basically a double-pile plan with central passage that features a one-room side addition and a two-room rear wing. All interior walls and ceilings are finished with matched boards, the bases are molded, the connecting doors are four-paneled and molded, and the closet doors are board-and-batten. All original wooden pilastered mantel pieces have survived. The most interesting vernacular feature of the house is the semi-circular arched opening into the dining room. The integrity of the house is outstanding and includes the survival of most of the original interior painting scheme and the original hardware.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400–1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500–1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600–1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700–1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800–1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900–	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates	unknown	Builder/Architect	unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Alford-Little House is one of Mississippi's distinctive residential essays in the vernacular architectural tradition. Constructed originally as a double-pile "dog-trot" at an indeterminate date, the house was subsequently enlarged and remodeled. The significance of the house derives principally from its vernacular features, some of which may be unique to the house, and from its high degree of architectural integrity. Unusual vernacular features are the flat balusters of the jigsaw gallery railing and the semi-circular arched opening that provides access to the dining room. The integrity of the house is outstanding as the house has remained almost untouched since achieving its final form in the 1870's. All original millwork is intact, the original hardware has survived, and most of the rooms retain their original paint colors. The house gains added significance from its association with the locally prominent Alford family. The house was either constructed or remodeled for Dr. James T. Alford who purchased the property in 1874. Dr. Alford was both a practicing physician and a merchant of the small Rockport community. During most of the twentieth century, the house was the property of the Little family. Mr. and Mrs. Tam Etheridge purchased the house in 1980 and their sympathetic approach to the restoration of the house insures its future integrity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Miller, Mary W. Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez, Mississippi. Inspection of Alford-Little House, February 1982.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8.94 acres

Quadrangle name Georgetown, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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

B
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Verbal boundary description and justification A part of lot 5, section 36, Township 10 North, Range 10 East, to-wit: Beginning at a stake in southwest edge of Jackson and Rockport Road 23.47 chains northwest from where it is crossed by township line between Township 10 North, Range 10 East, and Township 10 North, Range 11 East, and running north 54-3/4 degrees west 8.29 chains

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries (see continuation sheet)

state	NA	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/research consultant

organization Historic Natchez Foundation

date May 1, 1982

street & number P. O. Box 1761

telephone (601) 442-2500

city or town Natchez

state Mississippi 39120

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

 national state X local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date September 8, 1982

For HCRRS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

10/19/82

for  Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

(11/78)

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Georgetown, Copeiah County, Mississippi

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along said Jackson Road to stake thence south 54-3/4 degrees west 7.64 chains to stake, thence south 3 degrees east 23/100 chains to corner, thence north 54-3/4 degrees east 15.30 chains to beginning, containing 8-94/100 acres, being lands sold to J. T. Alford by B. F. Brown as shown by deed recorded in Book BB, pp. 444 and 445.



ALFORD-LITTLE HOUSE

Georgetown, Copiah County, Mississippi

Looking southerly, the northeasterly facade and the northwesterly side elevation.

Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation,
February 1982.

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ALFORD-LITTLE HOUSE

Georgetown, Copiah County, Mississippi

Looking southwesterly, the dog-trot
enclosure of the northeasterly facade.

Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation,
February 1982.

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ALFORD LITTLE HOUSE

Georgetown, Copiah County, Mississippi

Looking northwesterly, the mantel piece
of the northern front room.

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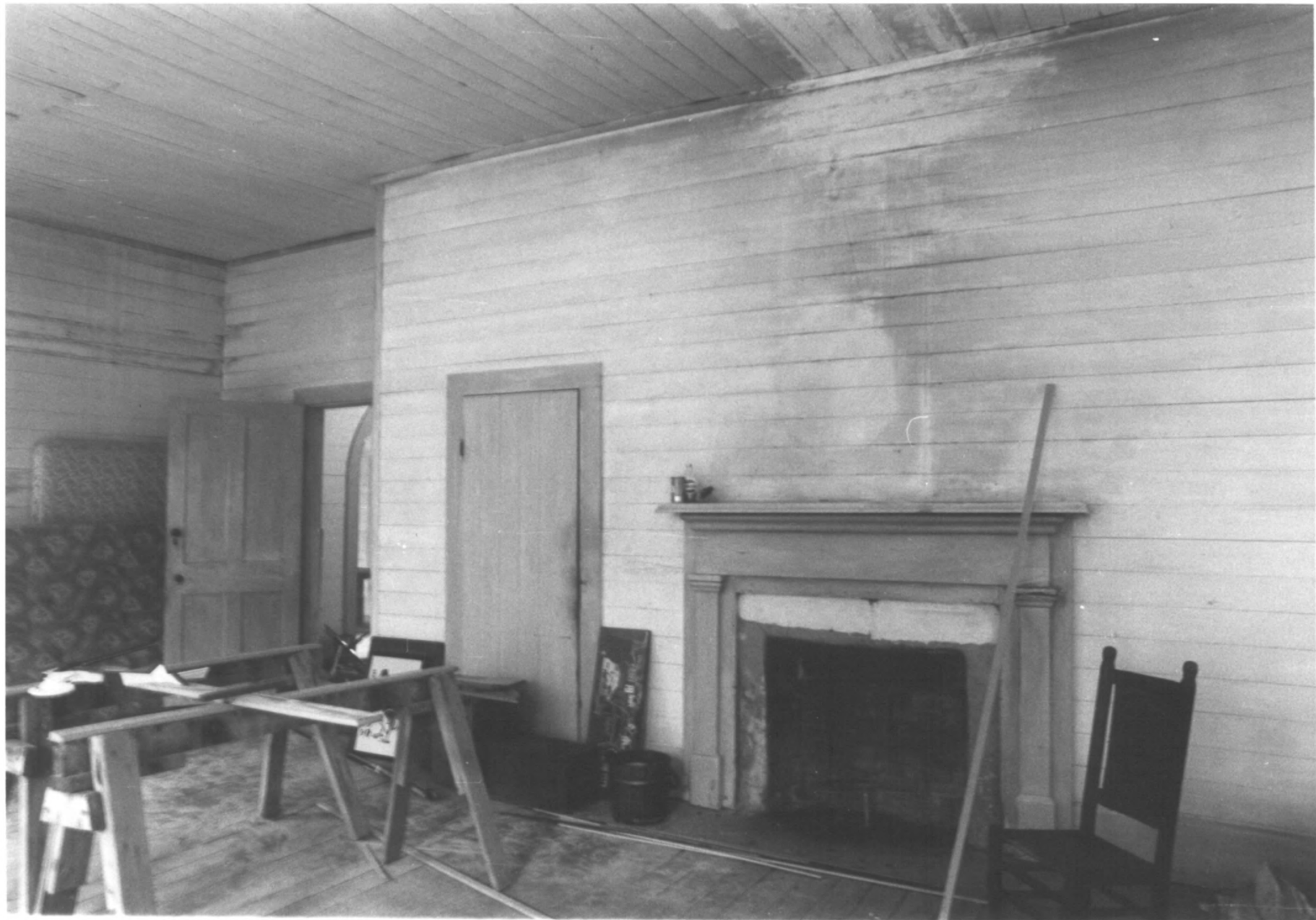
ALFORD-LITTLE HOUSE

Georgetown, Copiah County, Mississippi

Looking southerly, the semi-circular
arched opening into the dining room.

Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation,
February 1982.

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ALFORD-LITTLE HOUSE

Georgetown, Copiah County, Mississippi

Looking northwesterly, the mantel piece
of the southeastern side addition.

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February 1982.

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