



State of Mississippi
Department of Archives & History
P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS. 39205

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Redding House is a large two-and-a-half-story, frame residence with a truncated hip roof surmounted by a balustrade. A three-bay porch with a balustraded deck, supported by clusters of two and three Corinthian columns, extends across the facade (south elevation). Rounded-corner extensions of this porch encircle the southeast and southwest corners of the house. Above the bow-front entrance bay is a single-bay portico supported by clusters of three Corinthian columns and surmounted by a balustrade. Above that rises a large pedimented dormer with a roof balustrade and Palladian window. The semi-circular motif is repeated in the balustraded bay on the west elevation, on the rounded corners of the two-by-one-bay porches which encircle the front corners of the house, and in a variety of round-arch windows. A heavy, projecting, molded cornice supported by console brackets encompasses the eaves line of the entire structure, unifying the building's various projecting elements.

ALTERATIONS: Lower gallery on facade has been screened, although sympathetically so.

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Mature trees and plantings visually shield the house from intrusions located to the north and east of the property. The front yard is enclosed by an early-nineteenth-century iron fence.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Redding House is the most outstanding example of the Neoclassical Revival style in Biloxi. Built in 1908 by Charles Redding, a prominent local businessman, the building's complexity of plan and detail plus its fine quality of workmanship make this house one of the finest historical residences on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

NAME: Redding House

STREET NO: 126 West Jackson Street

TOWN/VIC: Biloxi

COUNTY: Harrison

BLOCK/LOT: N/A

PRESENT OWNER: Captain E. A. Niblack

ADDRESS 126 West Jackson Street, Biloxi 39530

PRESENT USE: Residence

FORMER USE: Residence

DATE: 1908

STYLE: Neoclassical Revival

ARCH/BUILDER: Unknown

SOURCE OF DATE: The Buildings of Biloxi

ENVIRONMENT: Residential/commercial

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

N/A

THREATS:

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated property, contains less than one acre.
Identified on the enclosed map entitled "Individually Listed Properties," it includes the area within the red line as delineated on the Official Property Map of Biloxi, Mississippi, adopted by the city in 1976.

ACREAGE: less than 1 acre

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Redding House

126 West Jackson Street, view to north
Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi
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