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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 Wolfe House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 401 Claiborne

N/A not for publication

city, town Terry

N/A vicinity

state Mississippi

code MS

county Hinds

code 49

zip code 39170

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

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 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 does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Kenneth N. P. Pool

May 23, 1989

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:

- 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): _____

Arthur Byers

Entered in the
National Register

6/22/89

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)

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt

other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Facing north onto Claiborne Street in Terry, Mississippi, the Wolfe House is a one-and-one-half story, frame, eave-oriented, Greek Revival planter's cottage constructed circa 1852. (The exact date of construction is unknown, but this date was determined by a physical inspection made by Greg Free, Architectural Historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi, in 1981.) Situated on a slightly elevated site, the house stands on a tract which originally occupied 640 acres of land; however, the present deed to the property contains only one acre. The setting around the house is still vacant property and remains virtually unchanged. The Wolfe House was originally a rectangular-shaped residence with a central hall, double-pile plan. A gabled addition spans the rear (south) elevation, but the house remains rectangular in shape and retains its integrity. The attic area has been opened to allow for two additional bedrooms and a bath; however, the facade of the house is unchanged as no dormers have been added. Three six-over-six, double-hung sash wood windows were installed in the end walls to allow for this addition.

The house was constructed in the post-and-beam method, and square nails were used throughout. Brick foundation piers infilled with lattice panels support the house, and the walls are finished with six-inch clapboard and horizontal flushboard. An exterior, shouldered brick chimney with corbelled cap is at each side elevation and an interior brick chimney with corbelled cap pierces the roof of the rear addition. The main (north) facade (Photo 1) is a symmetrical, eave-oriented, three-bay elevation dominated by a full-width, integral porch featuring six Doric box columns, plain balustrade (added), wooden deck, and brick steps. At the central entrance, a four-panel pine door is framed by a seven-light transom and three-light sidelights set above molded panels, all surrounded by shouldered architrave trim. On each side of the entrance is a jib window, which is composed of a six-over-six, double-hung sash window set above panelled doors opening onto the porch. These two jib windows are crowned by pedimented lintels and framed by louvered shutters. The wall of the facade is clad with six-inch horizontal flushboard and finished with a molded baseboard.

The east elevation (Photo 2) features six-over-six, double-hung sash windows and, at the southern end, an integral porch containing a large cistern.

The interior of the house features wide front and back central

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hallways with three rooms on either side. The front entrance hall features stained beaded board wainscoting (added) and a reproduction nineteenth century wallpaper which replaced the deteriorated wallpaper. A staircase, which was added in 1984, leads upstairs to the opened attic area and features pine square newels and rectangular sectioned balusters in a single flight, one-run staircase. It was taken from an older home in Vicksburg.

All flooring downstairs is heart pine, ranging from three inches in width in the bedroom that was added in the early 1900s, to twelve inches in width in the other rooms. The ceilings are pine flushboard in all but the added bedroom and the back hallway. The back hall ceiling is twelve-inch pine beaded board.

The house features four working fireplaces. One is an interior double fireplace that opens into the present dining room and kitchen. The other two open into the living room and master bedroom. All of these fireplaces feature the original pine mantels except the kitchen fireplace, which is all brick. All mantels are rather plain except for the addition of dentils on the master bedroom fireplace. The dining room fireplace has been stripped to reveal the beauty of the pine.

All doors downstairs are original to the house except the door leading into the added bedroom and two antique french doors leading onto the screened-in back porch. All are four-panel pine doors.

The downstairs is comprised of two bedrooms, a bath, dining room, living room and kitchen, along with a screened back porch. As mentioned earlier, these rooms are entered from the front and back center halls. The bath features a claw foot tub that must have been added after 1904, as recalled by Robert Wolfe, resident in 1904, who remembers bathing in a tin tub in the front bedroom.

Upstairs, the house features a heart pine landing and two small bedrooms with a small bath. The doors are antique heart pine four-panel doors.

The house itself is fairly rustic in appearance; however, the molded baseboards and four-panel doors do add some sophistication to the structure, as does the double crown molding which was added in recent years.

It is evident that the present house was probably completed in two stages. As mentioned earlier, the original house consisted of a center hall, with two rooms on each side and a small back porch. In the late 1800s or very early 1900s, but prior to 1904, as recalled by Robert Wolfe, another bedroom was added directly behind the back bedroom on the left side of the house. This is evidenced by the manufactured beaded board on the walls of the room and the newer door. The back porch was enclosed as is evidenced by the exterior siding which still covers one wall of the now enclosed back hallway. The small bedroom on the back

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right-hand side of the house was enlarged as is evidenced by the break in the flooring, and a double interior fireplace was added in this room to service both this room and the small dining area that was added behind it. Behind the dining room a small kitchen with a pantry was added. A small back porch was also added.

In 1981, the walls in the pantry and between the kitchen and dining room were removed to make the kitchen one large room, and the back porch was enlarged and screened. At this time the house was in a state of disrepair. It was rewired and replumbed. The roof was taken off to the rafters and replaced with a new asphalt shingle roof. All windows were replaced, except the jib windows, with six-over-six, double-hung sash wood windows. The twelve-inch pine lath walls in the front of the house were used to replace the deteriorated floor in the kitchen and back hallway. Most interior walls were then sheetrocked. Central air was added and the front porch flooring was replaced and a balustrade installed. Louvered shutters were added, as was the staircase in the front hall.

In 1984 the attic was opened for additional living space. Efforts were made to blend the upstairs with the rest of the house to retain its rustic appearance. A heart pine landing was added and three antique four-panel doors were installed for entrance to the two bedrooms and one bath. At that time, beaded board was taken from an older home and stained to be used as wainscoting in the front hall downstairs.

The setting around the house has changed very little over the years. Mr. Robert Wolfe recalls the four cedar trees as being quite large even in 1904. Apparently they were planted in the front yard when the house was built. Except for the addition of a few shrubs and young trees the house still sits much as it must have when it was built, alone on a slight rise of land surrounded by fields which now lie vacant. At the rear of the house is a newly built, barn-red woodshed which adds to the rural setting.

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

Period of Significance

C. 1852

Significant Dates

C. 1852

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.

Wolfe House derives its significance from its architectural character (Criterion C), being an example of a typical mid-19th century Greek Revival planter's cottage. It was built around 1852 on property that was leased in 1847 by Joseph M. Terry and deeded to his son, W. D. Terry in 1852. W. D. Terry was a prominent landowner and planter in Hinds County, known for his donation of land for the location of the town of Terry, the school, the churches and the right-of-way to the Illinois Central Railroad. The deed from Joseph M. Terry at that time consisted of all of Section 16 in its entirety, being 640 acres. Neither the courthouse records nor the records searched in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History reflect that W. D. Terry ever lived in the subject house, but rather reflect that he resided in a home about one mile west of Terry on Old Jackson Road. W. D. Terry's great granddaughter, Mary Terry Hutchison, does not recall any mention in her lifetime that a Terry ever occupied the home. W. D. Terry did, however, retain possession of all of Section 16 until 1868, at which time it was lost by way of a judgment.

In 1852 cotton was the mainstay of the farm economy of the Terry community, and from its earliest days, Terry was one of the best cotton markets within a radius of many, many miles. The terrain around the house is still that of an open field and cotton was planted on it as late as 1904, as recalled by the late Robert Wolfe who resided in the house. The house is known locally as the Wolfe House because it was owned from 1904 to 1956 by members of the Wolfe family.

Wolfe House is also significant because it has maintained its integrity and it reflects the agricultural and rural character of Hinds County on the eve of the Civil War. It is a reminder of a significant period in the history of our country and is reminiscent of an era when cotton was king and a lifestyle existed in the South that disappeared after the Emancipation Proclamation and Civil War.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Free, Greg, Architectural Historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Interviewed by Mrs. Lewis Grubbs, former owner and resident of Wolfe House in 1981.

Hinds County, Mississippi. Chancery Clerk, Raymond. Deed Books 21 at 470, 24 at 421 and 31 at 184.

Hutchison, Mary Terry. Great granddaughter of W. D. Terry. Interviewed by Brenda Bass, resident of Terry on January 9, 1989.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The History of Terry, MS, FC Lynn Redding. Pg. 1; History of Hinds County, WPA File.

Wolfe, Robert. Descendant of Oscar Wolfe. Interviewed by Brenda Bass, 1986.

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 1 acre

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 30, plat of SE 1/4 of Section 16, T3N, R1W, Hinds Co., MS according to the plat on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, MS, in Plat Book 24 at Page 18.

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Boundary Justification

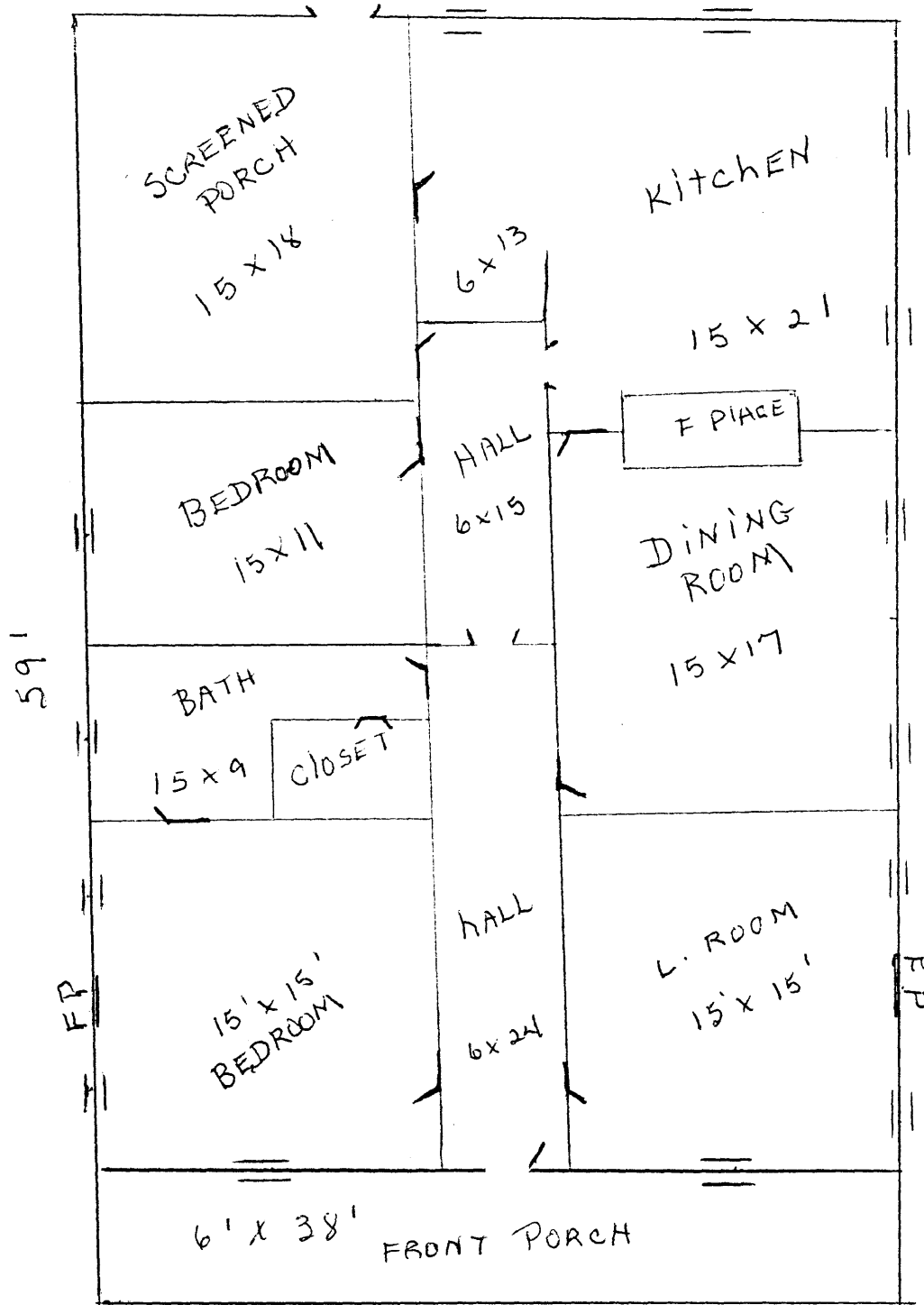
This acre represents that portion of the property that is presently leased by the current owners of Wolfe House.

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11. Form Prepared By

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 city or town Terry state MS zip code 39170

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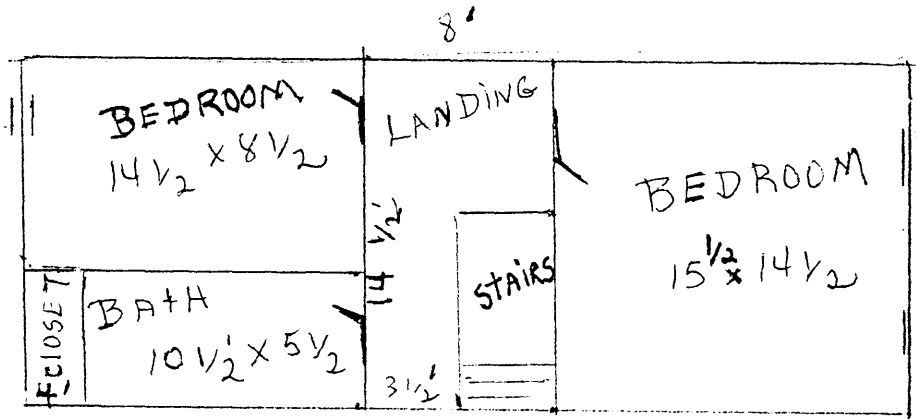


FIRST FLOOR

NORTH



WOIFE HOUSE
TERRY, MS



UPSTAIRS - 2ND FLOOR

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

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2. Terry, Hinds County, Mississippi
3. M. A. Bass, Jr.
4. January, 1989
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1--(6) Front north facade, view to south

Photo 2--(6) east and south elevations, view to northwest

Photo 3--(6) Entrance hall, view to south

Photo 4--(6) Jib window, as seen from living room, view to north

Photo 5--(6) Mantelpiece in master bedroom east of entrance hall on first floor, view to east

Photo 6--(6) Kitchen fireplace, 4 panel pine door, pine flooring, as seen from south end of kitchen, view to north