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**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 The Provine House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

319 Grand Boulevard

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Greenwood

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Mississippi

VICINITY OF
CODE 28

COUNTY

Leflore

CODE

83

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

S. H. and Twana Lambdin

STREET & NUMBER

319 Grand Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Greenwood

VICINITY OF

STATE

Mississippi 38930

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Leflore County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Greenwood,

STATE

Mississippi 38930

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 319 Grand Boulevard, in the Boulevard Subdivision of Greenwood, Mississippi, The Provine House is one of the finest Colonial Revival buildings in the town. This two-story frame structure is built upon a stuccoed brick foundation wall with partial basement under the rear portion of the house. The multi-gabled hipped roof with balustraded and bracketed cornice is pierced by two interior brick chimneys which have been pebbled on the exterior. The three-bay easterly facade is fronted by a gallery of full two-story height that is supported by fluted Ionic columns set upon pebbled concrete piers.

The entrance which is located in the center bay consists of a doorway set beneath an entry portico with railed balcony that is supported by smaller fluted Ionic Columns. The cornice of the portico is dentiled and the railed balcony serves a second story doorway of similar, but plainer design. The first floor doorway has a doorset within a full width transom and oversized sidelights which are beveled art glass. The tri-part windows contain twelve-over-one, double sash with louvered blinds.

In the Mid-1950's the original terrace on the north elevation was converted into a one-story addition-consisting of two bedrooms, bath and enclosed porch to the rear elevation. Fortunately, this addition did not conflict with the original specifications of the house plans prepared by H. C. White.

The reception hall, dining room and living room make up the first floor formal areas. They are treated more elaborately than the rest of the rooms of the house by the use of oak paneling and exposed oak beams. However, the dining room is paneled with oak strips to a plate rail which is 6 feet 6 inches high, these vertical strips are 16 inches apart. Futhermore there is a nook on the south wall. The wide doorway between the dining room and reception room has a pair of oversized sliding doors.

The main stairway in the Mission style leads from the reception hall to a landing on the west wall where it intersects with the rear stairway. The most outstanding feature of the living room is the fireplace on the west wall which is flanked by built-in seats forming an inglenook. The kitchen, breakfast room and the sunporch on the second floor have been heavily remodled. Also, the original three outbuildings were torn down several years ago.

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1910, 1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT H. C. White

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Provine House built for Braxton Bragg Provine in 1910, is significant for its historic association with the development of Greenwood's Boulevard subdivision, as well as the home of the influential Provine family. The house is a rare, but well documented, example of Colonial Revival which sets the house apart from its contemporary Victorian counterparts.

The Provine House was the first residence built in the Boulevard subdivision in North Greenwood. This subdivision was developed on land which had been one of Senator James Z. George's plantation. Senator George's home, Cotesworth, North Carrollton, Mississippi, was included in the Historic American Buildings Survey, 1936. Shortly after the turn of the century, this farming land was bought by Captain Samuel L. Given, William L. Loggins, and E. R. McShame for residential development (Deed Book 43:128). Together, they formed the Boulevard Subdivision Company. What had once been cottonfields, shortly became choice lots, and The Greenwood Commonwealth, October 20, 1911, reported that this area became "A popular residential section of the city, and ever since the Boulevard Subdivision Company began its operation, many of our handsomest homes are stretched along its main boulevard". Today, Grand Boulevard, major thoroughfare of the Boulevard Subdivision, is the most outstanding neighborhood in Greenwood in terms of architectural integrity. In 1968, the Grand Boulevard Subdivision received special recognition when this neighborhood was chosen to be the background setting for the filming of William Faulkner's novel, The Reivers. The Provine House was especially featured in this movie since it best depicted a typical turn-of-the-century house.

Braxton Bragg Provine was best known throughout the Mid-south as the owner of the Provine Cotton Company which specialized in agricultural staples of the Mississippi Delta. In 1899, he moved to Greenwood from Coffeetown to learn about the cotton industry, and by 1937, he formed his own company, The Provine Cotton Company. He had other financial interests such as; the Bank of Greenwood, Federal Compress and Storage Company of Memphis, Tennessee; and President of the Greenwood Cotton Exchange. The only political office he held was City Commissioner in the Mid-1930's. Also, he had extensive farming interests in Leflore, Bolivar, and Issaquena counties.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Greenwood

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1: 62500

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 7,6,1,2,5,10 3,7,1,3,1,3,5

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached Xerox of city tax map, 1961, with nominated property outlined in red. Nominated property is located on, Lot 1, Block 33, Boulevard Sectional, Lot 5, in Section 10, Township 19 N., Range 1E.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Clinton I. Bagley

ORGANIZATION

self-employed

DATE

January 7, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1332

TELEPHONE

601-332-7956

CITY OR TOWN

Greenville

STATE

Mississippi 38701

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elmer B. Hilliard

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

February 13, 1980

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Juce
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: *Carl A. Ambie*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

4/8/80

DATE

4/3/80

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Mr. Provine purchased a lot for his future home on March 17, 1910, (Deed Book 42:8). Shortly afterwards, the specification and drawings for his home were completed by H. C. White, architect. These original blueprints and specifications have been preserved by the present owners. To commemorate the birth of Braxton Bragg Provine, Jr., the family was presented a gold bracelet with an inscription, "To Braxton Bragg Provine, Jr., First Native Citizen of North Greenwood, Grand Boulevard Company, May 14, 1911".

The Provine family continued to occupy the house until January, 1979, when the property was purchased by S. H. and Twana Lambdin. (Deed Book 281:479). Fortunately, the Provine House has retained much of its original fabric, and character. However, it is only recently that Greenwood has begun to appreciate its post-civil war architecture, and the Provine House is the first such residential building in Greenwood to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

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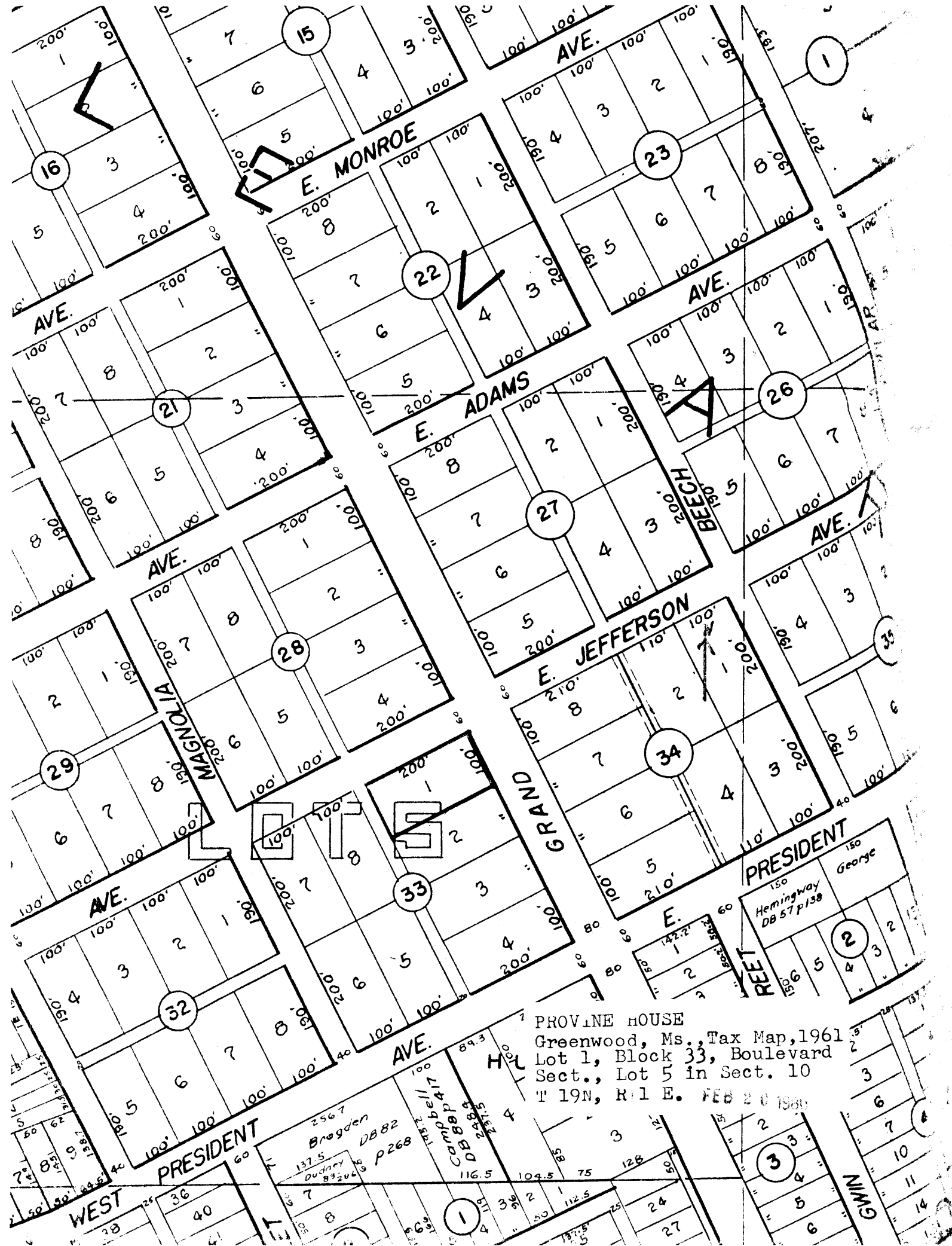
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PROVINE HOUSE
 Greenwood, Ms., Tax Map, 1961
 Lot 1, Block 33, Boulevard
 Sect., Lot 5 in Sect. 10
 T 19N, R 1 E. FEB 20 1960

256.7
 Brogden DB 82
 137.5
 Dudley
 83206 P268

150
 Hemingway
 DB 57 P138

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