

BAR NO. 1024.2018

EXP. 10.31.84

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only  
received JAN 25 1983  
date entered

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

1. Name

historic Myers-Hicks Place

and/or common Holly Hill, Hicks Place

2. Location

MS 309

street & number Route 2, Box 50, State Highway 309 N/A not for publication

city, town Byhalia vicinity X vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Marshall code 93

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Henry Hunt III and Charlotte B. Hunt

street & number Route 2, Box 50

city, town Byhalia X vicinity of state Mississippi

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Market Street

city, town Holly Springs state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

---

## 7. Description

---

**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moveddate N/A

---

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Hicks Place is a one-and-a-half story Greek Revival house, five bays wide by three bays deep, constructed on a six-room center-hall plan. A rear ell, added in 1911 for a kitchen, is at the southwest corner. An undercut gallery extends across the entire front elevation. Six Doric columns support a pedimented front gable with denticulated cornice. Guttae enrich the corners of the pediment. Piercing the pediment are two symmetrically spaced double-hung windows with six-over-six glazing. The facade is divided by pilasters. A central recessed entrance is composed of a single door flanked by engaged Doric columns, sidelights, and transom.

## 8. Significance

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 checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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** ca. 1855 **Builder/Architect** Martin Pickett Myers

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Hicks Place, located on Mississippi Highway 309 near Byhalia, is a one-and-a-half story, wood-frame Greek Revival house. Built by Martin Pickett Myers on land he acquired in 1850, its construction is documented by a letter, dated May 13, 1855, from Myers to his mother: "We are building a new house, commenced it last November, expect to get in it in about three weeks. The plastering and all the brick work is not done and will not be finished before next fall or winter." During Myers' five-year occupancy of the house a notable feature was a large second-floor room reached by outside steps at the rear of the house intended for public religious services. The room was furnished simply. An early resident, Annice E. Hicks, for whom the place was named, recalled: "When I was growing up, I remember seeing benches made of logs with planks placed across them, in the 'preaching' room." This same source recalls that her father, a subsequent owner, had the steps removed and replaced the doorway with a window.

Except for the addition of a kitchen in 1911, and later a bathroom, the Hicks Place has remained largely unaltered. Parts of the house have never been wired for electricity. The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunt III, acquired the Hicks Place in 1968 and have maintained it in its near-original condition.

The house is significant as one of the best preserved examples of vernacular Greek Revival architecture in north Mississippi.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Letter from Annice E. Hicks, early resident, to Charlotte B. Hunt, 1979. Original copy located in Statewide Survey of Historic Sites file, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property one acre

Quadrangle name Byhalia, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

1	6	2	5	4	1	1	5	3	8	5	7	2	5	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property, encompassing the Hicks Place and one acre of land, is located on a larger 180-acre site, itself located in Township 3, Range 5 West, Section 12 in Marshall County. The boundaries are drawn to place the Hicks Place

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state N/A code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Norman Chronister, Historian

organization Mississippi Department of Archives and History

date January, 1983

street & number P. O. Box 571

telephone (601) 354-7326

city or town Jackson

state Mississippi 39205

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date January 18, 1983

For NPS use only

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

Keeper of the National Register

date 3/7/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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

For NPS use only  
received  
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number 9 and 10

Page 1

9 - MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letter from M. P. Myers, builder, to Mrs. Sophie F. Ingram, dated May 13, 1855.  
Original in possession of property owner; copy located in Statewide Survey  
of Historic Sites, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA (Verbal Boundary Description and Justification)

in the middle of a one-acre square plot, with each side of the square measuring  
approximately 208.8 feet.

SKETCH MAP

The Hicks Place

Byhalia vicinity, Marshall County, Mississippi

boundary line:

