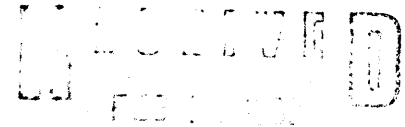


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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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 Collins, George H., House  
other names/site number Collins-Askew House

2. Location

street & number 615 Union Road N/A not for publication  
city, town Tylertown N/A vicinity  
state Mississippi code MS county Walthall code 147 zip code 39667

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</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 H. P. Paul January 27, 1992  
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.

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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:)

Patrick Andrews 3/16/92  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Domestic: single dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular Galleried Cottage  
Queen Anne

foundation brick  
walls weatherboard  
roof fiberglass shingles  
other N/A

**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

Facing south, the George H. Collins House is situated on a slight rise of land at 615 Union Road in Tylertown, Mississippi. This one-and-one-half story, frame, eave-oriented, mid-Victorian, vernacular galleried cottage is one of the the oldest dwellings remaining in Tylertown, having been constructed circa 1875. As originally built, the house had a central hall plan, with two rooms to either side, and a rear ell (Photo 1). Around 1908 a projecting cutaway gabled addition with Queen Anne styling was made to the east elevation (Photo 2). The house is constructed of heart-of-pine timber, is balloon framed, and rests on a brick pier foundation that is infilled with lattice panels.

The main facade of the original section of the house is sheathed in flushboard and has a central entrance flanked on each side by two floor-length, six-over-six, double-hung windows trimmed with molded surrounds and protected by louvred shutters. The main entrance (Photo 3) has a single-leaf, four-panel door, three-light sidelights set above molded panels, and a two-light transom. The entrance is trimmed with a molded surround, above which is set a bracketed and denticulated lintel. A porch spans the five bays of the original section of the house and features box columns with jigsawn corner brackets, an ornate jigsawn balustrade, plain newel posts with molded caps, and a wooden deck and stairs. The 1908 addition has a single-leaf, glazed and paneled door that faces west and opens onto the porch. The main facade of the addition has three one-over-one, double-hung windows in the cutaway bay, and in the gable is a small one-over-one, double-hung window. The gable is clad in square butt and fishscale shingles.

The west elevation (Photo 4) features six bays, each having six-over-six, double-hung windows protected by louvred shutters. The upper half story contains one shuttered window, and the gable is trimmed with jigsawn bargeboards (Photo 5). A garage has been added to the rear (north) of the ell.

The original section of the house retains its center hall plan with two rooms to each side (see plan Nos. 1 & 3). The parlor and a bedroom (now used as a dining room) are to the west.

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of the hall. There was never a fireplace in either of these two rooms, but some time after the house was built a chimney was added to the parlor, most likely for a wood or coal stove. To the east of the hall are two bedrooms, each with a fireplace having a simple mantel (Photo 6).

Upon exiting the rear of the hall, there was originally a small porch onto which opened a kitchen or bathing room, dining room and pantry. The circa 1908 remodeling included shortening the length of the rear ell by removing the original pantry and dining room and adding a much smaller pantry, bathroom, and wrap-around porch (see plan No. 2). Modern alterations to the rear ell included moving the north wall back to approximate its original location by enclosing the porch, removing the interior walls of the pantry, and adding a porch that wraps around the east elevation of the ell and the north elevation of the main house. A small addition and garage were also added to the rear (north) of the ell.

The 1908 addition originally contained two rooms, with a porch opening off of the rear room, but this porch was enclosed long ago. Each of the rooms has a corner fireplace; the mantel in the front room is of oak and is factory-made, while the mantel in the rear room is simpler and is probably site-made.

Interior features of the house include windows and doors trimmed with architrave molding and walls finished with wide molded baseboards. The interior ceiling height is 11'3", and in the original section the ceilings are of one-by-six, tongue-and-groove boards, as are the floors. In the 1908 addition, ceilings are beaded board and the floors are one-by-four, tongue-and-groove boards. The doors throughout the house are four-panel, heart-of-pine.

There are no extant outbuildings on the property.

**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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Community Planning and Development

ca. 1875-1915

ca. 1908

Architecture

ca. 1875

ca. 1875

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Cultural Affiliation

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

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Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Collins, George H.

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The George H. Collins House is significant in the areas of community development (Criterion A) and architecture (Criterion C) and for its association with George H. Collins (Criterion B), a leading citizen of Tylertown during its formative years. The house is significant in the area of community development because it illustrates the growth and development of Tylertown from an isolated country crossroads into an incorporated town serviced by the railroad. Built circa 1875, the Collins House is one of only two buildings from the old settlement to survive (Rev. Fred L. Applewhite, When My World Was Young [Tylertown, MS: 1973], p. 56). (The other surviving building has undergone significant alterations.) About 1908 a cutaway-gabled addition in the popular Queen Anne mode was made to the Collins House, illustrating the prosperity that came to Tylertown with the introduction of the railroad in 1905. In the area of architecture, the Collins House is locally significant because it is a well-preserved and well-maintained example of a vernacular galleried cottage and is representative of the houses of middle-class merchants of small communities of the 1870s and 1880s. And finally, the house is significant for its association with George H. Collins, one of the first and most successful merchants of the community and who served as alderman and first mayor of Tylertown. During his tenure as mayor (1908-1915) not only was the city government established, but the new county of Walthall was formed from Marion and Pike counties, with Tylertown winning its bid for designation as the county seat.

The builder of the Collins House is unknown. A search of records at the courthouse in Magnolia (Tylertown was originally in Pike County) was fruitless, as a fire in 1882 destroyed the prior records. The period of significance begins with the circa 1875 construction of the house and ends in 1915, the year George Collins died. Another significant date is circa 1908, when the addition was made to the house. Although the date that Collins acquired the property is not known, he was residing there by circa 1905, as evidenced by a

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photograph of his family taken in front of the house prior to its circa 1908 addition. George Collins lived in the house until his death in 1915. The house retains integrity of materials, design and workmanship from its period of significance, as well as integrity of location, setting, feeling and association.

When the Collins House was built circa 1875, Tylertown was merely an isolated country settlement. At that time there was no railroad through Tylertown and the only two businesses were Lampton & Sons and Sandifer & Collins. Lampton & Sons was established about 1869, and shortly thereafter the mercantile firm owned by J. M. Sandifer and Chauncey Collins, George's brother, was established (Applewhite, p. 15). A small community gradually developed on Dry Creek near its juncture with Magee's Creek. However, for many years there was no semblance of a town; Tylertown was merely an isolated country crossroads (Applewhite, pp. 15, 25).

By 1908, when the addition in the popular Queen Anne mode was made to the Collins House, Tylertown had made significant progress. The Fernwood, Columbia & Gulf Railroad came through Tylertown in 1905, and the community experienced a building boom of sorts. On December 19, 1907, Tylertown was incorporated and chartered. The population at that time was 375. Walthall County, one of the newest counties in the state, was created from Marion and Pike Counties in 1912, and Tylertown won designation as the county seat. The prosperity experienced by Tylertown after the coming of the railroad in 1905 is reflected in the Collins House, which due to this increased prosperity was enlarged about 1908 with an addition in the then-fashionable Queen Anne style.

George Collins was born in 1857, the son of Chauncey Collins who came from Connecticut in 1842 and established a tannery three miles southeast of present-day Tylertown on Collins Creek. After teaching school for a short time, George Collins was employed as a clerk at his brother's store, Sandifer & Collins; and in 1882 he purchased Sandifer's interest and the store became Collins Brothers ("Death of George H. Collins," The Tylertown Times, October 22, 1915, p. 2). Lampton & Sons and Collins Brothers were the only businesses in Tylertown for a long period and were considered to be the backbone of the settlement. George Collins was also one of the founding members of the Tylertown Publishing Company, which began publishing the weekly newspaper, The Tylertown Times, in 1907 (Works Progress Administration for Mississippi, Walthall County Historical Research Project [Jackson:

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Mississippi Department of Archives and History, unpublished, 1936]). In addition, he is credited with having been a leader in the education of the community (Applewhite, p. 77).

Not only was George Collins a successful merchant; he served the town from its incorporation until his death in 1915 as either mayor or alderman. Upon incorporation of the town in 1907, Governor James K. Vardaman appointed city officials to hold office until an election was held. George Collins was named by the Governor to serve as an alderman, and he was subsequently elected as first mayor of Tylertown (H. Earl Ginn, "Walthall County Court House, 1917-1976," [Tylertown, MS: 1976], p. 2). Mr. Collins served three successive terms as mayor from 1908 until 1915, which as discussed earlier were the formative years of both the town and county. (He chose not to run for a fourth term, instead he served as alderman again.) He died on October 16, 1915.

In addition to its historical significance, the Collins House is architecturally significant in the context of Tylertown. As originally built, it was a traditional galleried cottage with vernacular Victorian trim--such as the jigsawn porch balustrade and corner brackets and the jigsawn bargeboards in the gable--and is typical of middle-class housing found in Mississippi towns in the 1870s and 1880s. As stated earlier, the Collins House is one of only two buildings from the old settlement to survive. Although later enlarged, its 1870s architecture is readily perceived; the circa 1908 addition does not detract from the original integrity of the house.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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Ginn, H. Earl. "Walthall County Court House, 1917-1976." Tylertown, MS, 1976.

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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 One acre

UTM References

A 15 772700 3446580  
 Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zone Easting Northing

D \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal Boundary Description

Starting on the South line of the NW quarter of SW quarter of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 11 East which point is 208 feet, six inches East of SW corner of said forty, and which point is at the NW corner of Square "G" of the revised map of the Town of Tylertown, and from thence running West 24 feet, 6 inches to the East margin of the Tylertown-Sartinville Road (now known as Mississippi Highway 27), thence along the meanderings of

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Boundary Justification

The above described one acre represents the amount of the original property presently owned by the occupant.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Brian Askew (edited by Brenda Rubach, MDAH)  
 organization \_\_\_\_\_ date 2/21/91  
 street & number 615 Union Road, P. O. Box 22 telephone 601/876-2009  
 city or town Tylertown state MS zip code 39667

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East margin of said Highway run North 18 degrees 40 minutes West 229 feet, North 13 degrees East 154 feet, thence North 13 degrees East 187.5 feet to place of beginning, thence South 75 degrees 30 minutes East 121.5 feet, thence North 18 degrees East 250 feet, thence North 65 degrees West 125 feet to East margin of Highway 27, thence Southwesterly along east margin of said Highway 27 to place of beginning.

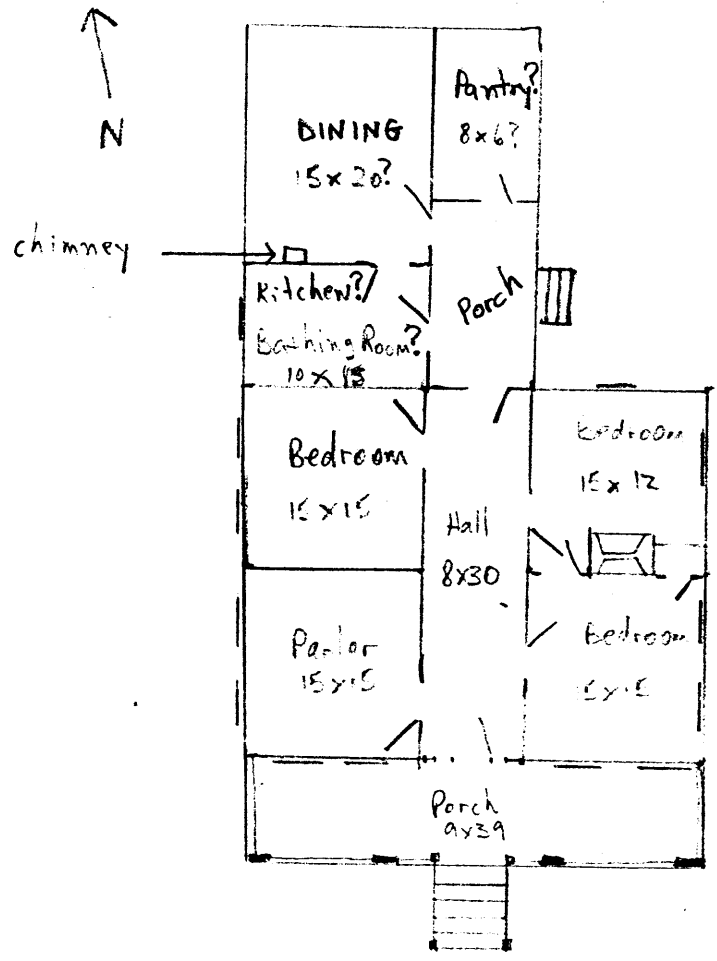


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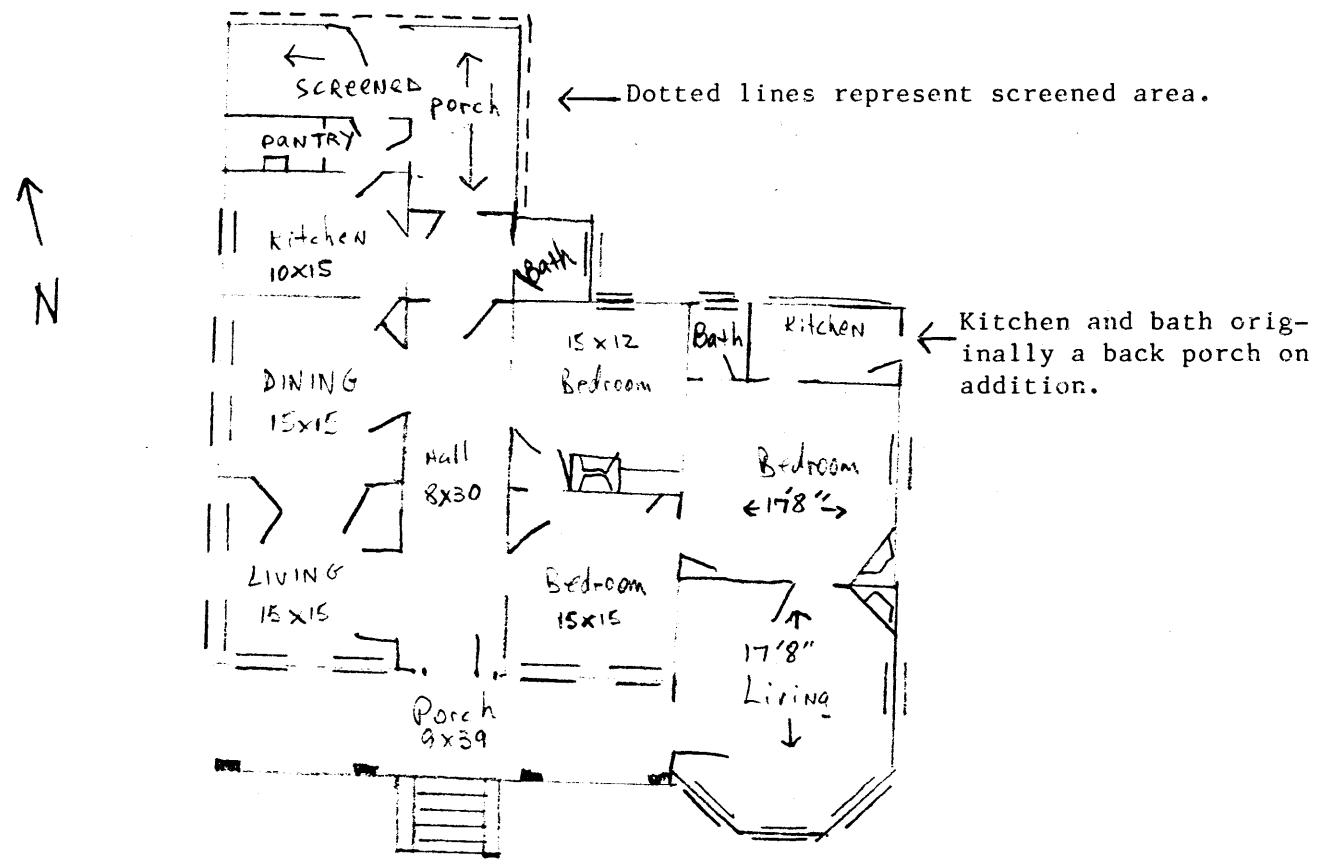
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Possible original Floorplan.



Collins House  
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Floorplan showing Victorian addition (circa 1908).



Collins House  
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Present floorplan (1989).

