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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Johnson-Sullivant House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 209 South Wells Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Kosciusko

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi

code 28

county Attala

code 7

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
	N/A 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 Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Neaves

street & number 209 South Wells Street

city, town Kosciusko

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi 39090

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number West Washington Street

city, town Kosciusko

state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" 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 <u>      N/A      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Johnson-Sullivant House, which faces east on the crest of a rising plot of land about 3/4 of an acre in size, is a late or transitional Greek Revival cottage believed to have been built ca. 1871. This house displays Greek Revival influence in form, plan and many details. Surrounded by an informal garden of large trees and low shrubs, this symmetrical, one-and-a-half story, three bay, frame house is set on a low brick foundation approached by a patterned brick path on a straight axis from the street.

Covering the original rectangular block with central hall plan, the moderately pitched side-gabled roof presents a facade of three gabled dormers. A porch extends across most of the front facade, its roof supported by four vernacular Greek Revival square columns. Scroll brackets are connected to either side of the columns just under the very slim entablature. A sawn balustrade encloses the porch.

The entrance is Greek Revival with a single-leaf four-panel door accompanied by a full transom and side lights paneled on the bottom half. The interior is distinguished by its over-all simplicity. The stairway of two flights with one landing dominates the entrance hall. Identical to the front entrance and still intact but nonfunctioning, a west entrance originally terminated the central hall beneath the stairs. During the first half of the twentieth century, probably ca. 1920 when the property exchanged ownership (Attala Co. MS. Chancery Clerk. Deed book 22, p. 492. Chancery Court, Kosciusko.) a modern bath was installed in this space, permanently closing the rear entrance. Two rooms to the right of this central hall serve as parlor and dining room, connected by French doors. Two bedrooms to the left are of equal size, and each of the four rooms has a corner fireplace. The dining room retains its Greek Revival mantle. Those in the parlor and the first floor bedrooms were apparently replaced with vernacular Queen Anne mantles at a later date. The Greek Revival mantles upstairs may have been moved from these rooms. All fireplaces were converted from wood to coal then to gas.

An addition (date unknown) of a kitchen wing and gallery forms an ell extending from the rear of the dining room across the width of the west elevation which was completely enclosed as a family room in 1983. Another major addition to the back elevation, jutting as a large dormer from the roof, is a second floor bathroom, part of the 1920 modernization.

All rooms have 5 1/4" pine floors where in the entrance hall traces of yellow buttermilk paint are still visible. The four-panel interior doors are set in simple enframement with beveled edges. Windows on the original structure are six-over-six double hung sash and still possess the original hinges for the shutters. Ceilings in the first floor rooms are 11 feet 6 inches. A Georgian-style denticulated molding was installed about 1965.

## 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 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** Circa 1871 **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Johnson-Sullivant House is architecturally important to the town of Kosciusko, Mississippi, as one of only two extant, relatively intact houses exhibiting the influence of the Greek Revival style (albeit with fanciful vernacular trimwork added) and one of the very few buildings which survive from the first fifty years of the town's existence.

Located on the Natchez Trace, an important early 19th century overland route connecting Natchez with Nashville, Kosciusko was established in 1833 as the seat of newly-formed Attala County, shortly after the area was opened for settlement. Very few buildings survive, however, from before the late 1880s and 1890s. Most of the surviving 19th century houses have the architectural character of the Victorian Queen Anne style.

The Johnson-Sullivant house is believed by local historians to have been built in 1871 as a wedding gift for H. P. Johnson, a local lawyer and newspaperman, and his wife Lucy, from her father, Judge H. H. Fultz. It was later owned by the Sullivant family.

Although it has undergone changes, enough remains of its original design for it to be a locally significant and locally rare example of residential architecture preceding the Victorian Queen Anne period.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Attala County Mississippi, Chancery Clerk. Deed book 22, p. 492. Chancery Court, Kosciusko.  
Atlas of Mississippi, Edited by Ralph D. Cross & Robert W. Wales. University Press of  
Mississippi. Jackson, 1974. (continued on attached sheet)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Kosciusko, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A 

1	6	2	5	7	8	8	10	3	6	6	10	2	7	10
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F 

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G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

### 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 E. Pauline Morgan, consultant

organization N/A

date January 7, 1986

street & number 326 E. Jefferson Street

telephone 601-289-4464

city or town Kosciusko

state Mississippi 39090

## 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

*Kenneth A. P. Pool*

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date May 23, 1986

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

*for [Signature]*  
Keeper of the National Register

date 6-26-86

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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10. VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Part of lot number 390 according to Mercer's Map and Plat of the City of Kosciusko dated 1900 and being more particularly described as beginning at the Southeast corner of aforesaid lot 390 and measure North along the western boundary of South Wells Street for 51.15 feet to the point of beginning, and from this POINT OF BEGINNING run thence N 88° 18' W for 90.80 feet; thence run S 84° 45' W for 32.30 feet; thence run S 71° 25' W for 49.00 feet; thence run S 02° 09' E for 32.17 feet; thence run N 88° 56' W 81.31 feet; thence run North 78.50 feet; thence run West 16.30 feet; thence run North 78.50 feet; thence run East 266.80 feet to a point on the western boundary of South Wells Street; thence run South along said western boundary 105.85 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.73 acres, more or less.