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Facing south on Old Mississippi Highway 12 between the towns of Durant and Kosciusko, Bluff Springs Manor is situated on a rolling forty-eight-acre tract near the former Bluff Springs settlement. The two-story gable-roof frame dwelling is supported by a brick pier foundation, with exterior end chimneys on the east and west walls and a single-bay lean-to addition along the north elevation.

On the five-bay facade, an integral two-story undercut gallery with a second-story balcony is embellished by six squared cypress columns. The column bases, gallery floor, and front steps are concrete, installed ca. 1955 after the deterioration of the former wooden deck. Identical frontispiece entrances on the first and second floors have single-paneled doubleleaf doors framed by symmetrical architraves with fluted pilasters. The flush-boarded exterior wall of the facade features flat pilasters between each bay. Six-over-six window sash on the facade have flat architraves with corner blocks.

The three-bay east and west elevations are identical, with simplified window surrounds, clapboarded exterior walls, and a continuous stuccoed-brick foundation wall. Both chimneys have been reinforced at the base with a concrete retaining wall. The two-story lean-to addition on the north (rear) elevation has a one-story shed-roof porch supported by five squared columns, with the sixth bay on the west side enclosed.

The four-room center-hall plan of the house is varied, with the lean-to addition providing three extra rooms on the first floor and two rooms on the second. Interior millwork details include double-panel doors with architrave trim, paneled wainscot in the southeast parlor, four simplified Greek Revival mantelpieces with flat-faced pilasters and frieze, and a carved stair with a hand-carved banister to the second floor. A double-run attic stair is located in the southeast chamber.

Outbuildings no longer extant included a brick kitchen located north of the house, and a log barn to the west. Presently, a trellised gazebo is situated over the original wellhead approximately forty feet north of the house. A garage built ca. 1950 is located approximately fifty feet northwest of the house. Historic landscape features include a variety of fruit and nut trees: black walnut, pecan, hickory, cherry, wild plum, crabapple, and bodock, as well as a scuppernong arbor. Traces of a former rose garden are located approximately one hundred feet northwest of the house.



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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed ca. 1833 by Magnus Simerson Teague, two years after the incorporation of Attala County, Bluff Springs Manor is symbolic of the earliest settlement efforts in central Mississippi. The architectural significance of the property is derived from the application of formalist Greek Revival proportions and the translation of classical design motifs to the vernacular idiom.

The Bluff Springs settlement, located several hundred yards south of Bluff Springs Manor, was founded in 1823 by Magnus Teague, a Virginia native (<u>Source Material for Mississippi</u> <u>History</u>, p. 1). Teague, a delegate to the state Democratic Party convention in 1840 (Kosciusko [Miss.] <u>Central Register</u>, Sept. 12, 1840, p. 1), was responsible for the construction of a schoolhouse, post office, and one of the earliest Presbyterian churches in the county, the cemetery of which remains west of Bluff Springs Manor along Old Mississippi Highway 12. The cemetery and the residence built by Teague are the only extant components of the former settlement. The house remained in the Teague family until its purchase in 1948 by M. B. Holmes (Deed Book 132:514).

The original four-room structure was expanded later in the nineteenth century with the lean-to addition. The rear porch was added in 1977 by the present owner. Architecturally, the house exhibits its builder's concern for integrity of design and scale, reflected in the use of entasis in the columns and the application of simplified classical detail to door and window enframements and to mantelpieces. Retaining all of these original architectural features and maintaining its rural landscape setting, Bluff Springs Manor endures as one of the most significant antebellum properties in Attala County.

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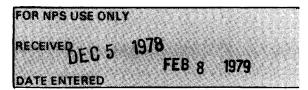
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point in the center of Old Highway No. 12, said point being the point of beginning of the plot herein described. From the above described p.o.b. run North 1484 feet; thence N 88° 45' E 1244.8 feet; thence South 295.2 feet; thence N 88° 45' E 295.2 feet to the East Line of Section 25, thence South 1188.8 feet, more or less, to the center of the aforementioned Old Highway No. 12; thence run Westerly along the center of said highway to the point of beginning. LESS & EXCEPT the following described plot: Begin at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 14 North, Range 5 East, and run South 1127.0 feet; thence West 1124 feet to a point on the Northern boundary of Old Highway No. 12, said point being the point of beginning of the plot herein described. From the above described p.o.b. run S 84° 0' W along said right-of-way boundary 95 feet; thence N 7° 0' W 336 feet; thence S 79° 0' E 156 feet; thence S 6° 45' W 295 feet to the point of beginning. This plot containing 0.9 acre, more or less. All of the above being located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 14 North, Range 5 East.

