

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Magnolia Vale

and/or common Same as above

**2. Location**

*Off MS 18*  
~~Southwest corner of the Fairchild Fork Crossing, the intersection of Oakley~~  
street & number ~~Road and State Hwy. 18 S., about 5 mi. southwest of~~ *N/A* not for publication  
~~Raymond, Mississippi~~

city, town Raymond *vic.*  vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Hinds code 49

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. and Mrs. Benton O'Neal

street & number 146 Lakeview Boulevard

city, town New Braunfels *N/A* vicinity of state Texas 78130

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number Main Street

city, town Raymond state Mississippi 39154

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title *NA* 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 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>NA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Located on the southwestern corner of the intersection of Fairchild Fork Crossing and Oakley Road and State Highway 18 South, which runs in a southwesterly direction from Raymond to Utica, Mississippi, Magnolia Vale is a one-story, frame Greek Revival plantation residence set upon brick foundation piers. The finely detailed residence is surmounted by a hipped roof that is pierced by two stuccoed-brick chimneys. The easterly facade is a five-bay composition with the central three bays projecting forward and sheltered by a hipped-roof portico. The portico is adorned with a full molded entablature, which extends unbroken around all elevations of the house and is supported at all corners by pilasters. The portico is supported by wooden box columns that are echoed on the facade by pilasters. The box columns and the pilasters feature molded capitals and Gothic-arched panels. The box columns were originally linked by a railing composed of rectangular-sectioned balusters and molded handrail, but the original balustrade rotted and was replaced by a cast-iron railing. The projecting three-bay facade is finished in horizontal matched boards with an unmolded base, but this wall treatment is at present obscured by shingle siding which was applied in the mid-twentieth century. All windows of the house are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash, and the windows of the facade have molded cornices and are closed by original shutter blinds. The center-bay entrance frontispiece consists of a full molded entablature supported by pilasters enframing double-leaf, molded, two-panel entry doors set within a wide transom and side-lights extending almost to the floor.

The interior plan of the house is a double-pile plan with wide central hallway. The doorways and windows of the hallway and front two rooms are crowned with beautifully molded cornices, the windows are set over molded panels, and the window and door surrounds, as well as the wooden mantel pieces, are shouldered, battered, and molded. The rear two rooms are more plainly trimmed with molded architrave surrounds for the windows which are not set over molded panels and wooden pilastered mantel pieces, but the doorway surrounds remain shouldered, battered, and molded. Base moldings throughout the house have two fascia and are molded, and all interior doors have two molded panels and original hardware. All of the rooms except for the front parlor contain large original closets in the fireplace walls. A rear doorway that matches the entrance doorway on the interior, but has a plainly beaded surround on the exterior elevation, originally opened onto a rear porch that extended in a catwalk that led to the detached kitchen, which is no longer standing. In the mid-twentieth century, a new gabled-roof addition, which houses a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, and sitting room, was added to the rear elevation of the house. No original outbuildings have survived.

## 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1841 (traditional family date) **Builder/Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Magnolia Vale is a significant example of a Mississippi Greek Revival plantation residence. This significance derives from its architectural distinction, its long history of family ownership, and from its outstanding collection of original decorative arts. Magnolia Vale differs in its architectural form from the usual Mississippi plantation residence, which is often characterized as a one-and-a-half story frame residence with gabled roof and recessed gallery. The house is a one-story dwelling set beneath a hipped roof with a three-bay, hipped-roof portico, an architectural form not commonly found in rural Mississippi. The house achieves a degree of architectural sophistication from its fully molded entablature which completely encircles all elevations of the house and is supported at each corner by pilasters, which like the columns and pilasters of the portico, are elaborated with Gothic-arched panels. According to family tradition, Magnolia Vale was constructed in 1841 as the residence of James Fairchild, whose descendants still own the house. The family has a fine collection of original Empire furnishings and an outstanding collection of nineteenth-century handwork executed by Fairchild family members.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Miller, Mary W., Historic Natchez Foundation. Inspection of Magnolia Vale, May 25, 1983.  
 O'Neal, Benton, descendant of James Fairchild. Interviewed by Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation, at Raymond, MS, May 25, 1983.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 9.8 acres

Quadrangle name Terry NW, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

A 

1	5	7	3	8	1	5	5	3	1	5	6	1	5	7	3	0
Zone			Easting					Northing								

B 

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Zone			Easting					Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property forms basically a four-sided figure with one right angle corner and begins at the southwestern corner of the Fairchilds Crossroads. The southwestern boundary line runs 600 feet from this corner in a south westerly direction along the western edge of State Highway 18 to a point where it (see continuation sheet)

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

state	code	county	code
NA			
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date May 28, 1983

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state Mississippi 39120

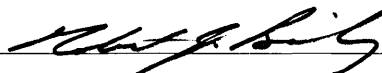
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 4, 1983

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

date 11/17/83

Resep of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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intersects with the northwesterly boundary line. The northwesterly boundary line runs in a northwesterly direction 600 feet from State Highway 18 to a point where it intersects and forms a right angle corner with the northeastern boundary line. The northeastern boundary line, which is perpendicular to the northwestern boundary line, continues approximately 850 feet to a point where it intersects with the Oakley Road. The southeastern boundary line is formed by the southerly edge of the Oakley Road and runs from its intersection with the northeastern boundary line to the point of beginning at the southwestern corner of the Fairchilds Crossroads. The total nominated acreage is approximately 9.8 acres, which should visually protect the plantation setting of the residence.