

**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 N/A
and/or common DeGroote Folk House

2. Location

street & number Highway 613 N/A not for publication
city, town Hurley vicinity of Fifth congressional district
state Mississippi code 28 county Jackson code 59

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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. John W. DeGroote
street & number P. O. Box 167
city, town Hurley N/A vicinity of Mississippi state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
street & number Jackson County Courthouse
city, town Pascagoula state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1980 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
 moved date December, 1979

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Surrounded by the rolling fields of the Ceres (horse) Farm, the DeGroote Folk House is situated approximately one thousand feet west of Highway 613 between the towns of Harleston and Hurley. The house is a gabled one-story four-by-two-bay double-pen frame structure with a shed porch across the front and a gabled ell extended along the southeast corner of the south (rear) elevation. The house is supported by hand-hewn sillbeams on heart-pine piers which are attached to sunken concrete plates. The foundation framing system appears to date ca. 1840 suggesting that the cottage was substantially rebuilt ca. 1880. The exterior and interior walls, windows, doors and roof configuration date from the late nineteenth century. Formerly sheathed with asphalt siding, the east and west elevations which were exposed during the first phase of the restoration revealed hand-planed vertical board members. These have been resided with weatherboarding during the 1979-81 restoration. The original fenestration consists of four-over-four-light double-hung sash framed by flat-faced architraves and are intact on the north (front) and east elevations. The gabled roof was originally covered with wooden shingles and was subsequently recovered with corrugated iron. During the recent restoration, the decision was made to reroof the building with metal to lessen the potential danger of fire. Paired, four-paneled entrance doors provide access to the interior. The interior plan of the main house consists of four-square rooms finished with flush horizontal boards on the walls and ceilings. To restore the interior it was necessary to rebuild a partition which had been removed between the two rooms of the eastern half of the main block. The fireplace and chimney which had been removed with the partition will be reconstructed during a later phase of the restoration.

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 ca. 1880 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Reflecting nineteenth-century building technology and the conservative, functional requirements of rurally-isolated people, the DeGroote Folk House is an important representation of folkways in southeastern Mississippi. The classic double-pen house is well preserved and architecturally significant as a type which proliferated in Mississippi during the nineteenth and early twentieth century. This house type was once common in Jackson County but through destruction or subsequent accretion the form has become rare. Thus, there is no example of the double-pen folk house which better represents its type in the county than the DeGroote Folk House. The simplicity of materials, elevation and plan of the DeGroote Folk House is significant in the context of the rural lifestyle in Mississippi. Evolving from the English single-pen (single-bay) log house which was first constructed along the east coast, particularly Tidewater Virginia, double-pen implies the joining of two sections (or cabins) with separate entrances on the front elevation. As is the case with the DeGroote Folk House, a single chimney and fireplace was located on one of the two sides, and an ell was typically attached. This folk house is representative of the later generation of double-pen houses which incorporated a more sophisticated framing system, hardware and interior fixtures, such as nails, metal hinges, door locks, glass windows and paneled doors. Existing physical evidence suggests that the original structure was built ca. 1840 and completely rebuilt ca. 1880. It was located approximately five miles west of its present location in a rural setting which had been substantially disturbed by the intrusion of a gigantic television transmission tower. By relocating the structure, the DeGroote Folk House again enjoys a proper rural context. The new location was also more conducive for residential purposes which prompted the owner to undertake a meticulous restoration which conformed with the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects." Thus, the DeGroote Folk House is not only an excellent example of the double-pen house type, but it is perhaps the most carefully preserved example with exceptional architectural and structural integrity in Mississippi.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Vancleave

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

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Zone		Easting				Northing			

Verbal boundary description and justification

See boundary line on enclosed sketch map.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jack A. Gold

organization Research Consultant date May, 1980

street & number 811 Fairview Street telephone (601) 353-2513

city or town Jackson state Mississippi

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 Robert J. Daily

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date March 4, 1982

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
William H. Branson date 5.4.82
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: Wm. Dubie date 5/4/82
 Chief of Registration

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SKETCH MAP
DeGroote Folk House
Hurley vicinity, Jackson County, Mississippi

boundary line: 

