

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

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For HCRS use only  
received FEB 16 1982  
date entered MAR 19 1982

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

**1. Name**

historic Gerard Brandon IV House

and/or common same as above

**2. Location**

street & number 708 North Union Street N/A not for publication

city, town Natchez N/A vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Mississippi code 28 county Adams code 1

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> 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 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shupe

street & number 708 North Union Street

city, town Natchez N/A vicinity of state Mississippi 39120

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Natchez state Mississippi 39120

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Natchez Landmark Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1972--ongoing  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Natchez City Planning Office

city, town Natchez state Mississippi 39120

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date N/A

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

Situated on the western side of North Union Street in the northern, turn-of-the-century suburbs of the old downtown of Natchez, the Gerard Brandon IV House is a two-story, frame Queen Anne Style dwelling built upon a low brick foundation wall. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the multi-gabled roof, and one, inside-end brick chimney services the rear ell of the house. The exterior wall surfaces are finished with a combination of clapboard siding, fish-scale shingles, and panels of matched boards in a diagonal pattern. Most windows of the house feature one-over-one, double-hung sash, but the attic is lighted through oval glazed openings and fixed sash with stained-glass panels. A beautifully molded circular window in the northeastern elevation lights the stair hall. A one-story porch supported by turned posts which are linked by open-work panels of spool turnings wraps around the eastern corner of the house from facade to side elevation. Projecting from the southeastern porch facade is a pedimented entry porch which is echoed vertically by a second-story recessed porch surmounted by a gabled dormer.

Access to the interior is provided through a transomed doorway consisting of double-leaf doors with glazed upper panels. The interior floor plan of the house is irregular but consists basically of a side hall plan, two rooms deep, with rear two-story service ell. The interior of the house is trimmed throughout with varnished millwork consisting of molded baseboards with two fascia, symmetrically molded door and window surrounds with corner blocks that feature decorative, incised carving on the first story, and doors that have five, molded and fielded panels. The slate mantel pieces are identical throughout and have bracket shelf supports except for the parlor mantel piece which is more elaborate with the shelf supported by paired, turned spools. The parlor is the only room with a plaster cornice, but all the major downstairs rooms feature molded panels beneath the windows. A large china cabinet is built into the western wall of the dining room. The staircase, which has a square, paneled newel crowned by an urn, is a closed-string stair with balustrade of spool turnings. The stair is located on the northerly hall wall and is a three-run stair with two intermediate landings. The spool-turned motif of the stair is echoed in the open-work porch panels and the shelf supports of the parlor mantel piece.

A two-story porch is located across the rear of the main body of the house and leads into the back yard which contains a small, one-story brick outbuilding with pyramidal roof that was used by the Brandon family as a summer house and playhouse.

The integrity of the Gerard Brandon IV House is excellent, and the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shupe have undertaken a sympathetic Victorian restoration of the interior.

## 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
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<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** Sept. 1890      **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Constructed in 1890, the Gerard Brandon IV House is one of the first houses erected in the turn-of-the-century northern suburbs of Natchez and is one of the better examples of the Queen Anne Style in the entire city. Good examples of Queen Anne Style architecture are relatively scarce in Mississippi with most essays in the style limited to one-story frame dwellings with gabled, bay projections. The economic conditions of the South during the late nineteenth century generally precluded the building of elaborate Queen Anne Style residences. The Gerard Brandon House gains additional significance from its architectural integrity, its well-documented construction date which serves as a useful tool in studying the evolution of the Queen Anne Style in Natchez, and from the local importance of Gerard Brandon IV for whom the house was constructed. Gerard Brandon IV was the fourth generation of his influential and prosperous family to reside in the Natchez area. Brandon's great-grandfather, Gerard Brandon, came from Ireland and settled at Selma Plantation northeast of Natchez in the late eighteenth century; his grandfather, Gerard Brandon, Jr., was the first native-born governor of the state of Mississippi; and his father, Dr. James Brandon, was a beloved physician of the Natchez area. Gerard Brandon IV was born in 1861 and was educated at nearby Jefferson Military College and the University of Mississippi at Oxford. Before obtaining a law degree, Brandon served as principal of the Natchez Public School System from 1882-1886. While a practicing attorney in Natchez, he served a number of years as city solicitor and was elected a state senator in 1906 (The Natchez Democrat, August 15, 1956, p. 1). In 1932, Brandon wrote a lengthy, unpublished history of the Brandon family in America that is equally as important as a primary resource for studying the history of Natchez and the surrounding area (Gerard Brandon, unpublished history of the Brandon family, xerox copy in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Wesley, 209 South Broadway Street, Natchez, Mississippi). In this family chronicle, Brandon wrote that he moved into his new residence on North Union Street in September of 1890. He resided at the North Union Street address until his death in 1956 (Mrs. Margaret Wesley, granddaughter of Gerard Brandon, interviewed by Mary Warren Miller, research consultant with the Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez, Mississippi, at Natchez, Mississippi, October 28, 1980).

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Brandon, Gerard. An unpublished history of the Brandon family written in 1932. Xerox copy in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Wesley, 209 South Broadway Street, Natchez, Mississippi.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Natchez

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached xerox of city tax map with the nominated property outlined in red. The nominated property is located on map 9, block 3, parcel 39.

### 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 Mary Warren Miller/research consultant

organization Historic Natchez Foundation date October 28, 1980

street & number P. O. Box 1761 telephone (601) 442-2500

city or town Natchez 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 Robert J. Barkley

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date February 2, 1982

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Delores Byers</u>	Entered in the National Register date <u>3/19/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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Gerard Brandon House, Adams County  
Natchez, Miss.

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The Natchez Democrat, August 15, 1956.

Wesley, Mrs. Margaret, granddaughter of Gerard Brandon. Interviewed by Mary Warren Miller, research consultant, Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez, Mississippi, at Natchez, Mississippi, October 28, 1980.



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