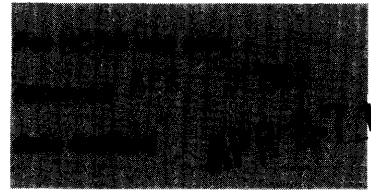


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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

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



1982

1. Name

historic Finlay House

and/or common same as above

2. Location

street & number 137 North Poplar Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Greenville

N/A vicinity of

congressional district

Second

state Mississippi

code 28

county Washington

code 151

3. Classification

Category

district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

public
 private
 both

Public Acquisition

in process
N/A being considered

Status

occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress

Accessible

yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military

museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

4. Owner of Property

name Frank W. Burdine

street & number P. O. Box 1083

city, town Greenville

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 900 Washington Avenue

city, town Greenville

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

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>1887, ca. 1907, 1981</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on the eastern side of Poplar Street not far from the downtown commercial area of Greenville, the Finlay House is a two-story, frame, Italianate townhouse set upon a low-brick foundation and topped by a hipped roof with wide bracketed eaves. The three-bay westerly facade, finished in matched boards, is fronted by a double-tiered gallery cut under the front slope of the roof. The gallery is supported by wooden box columns which features molded capitals topped by elongated brackets on the second-story level. The columns are linked on the second-story level only by a jigsaw balustrade. The windows of the facade are floor-length and filled six-over-nine, double-hung sash except in the southernmost bay of the first story where an original window has been converted to a door. All other original windows of the house are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash. Formerly, though not thought to be original, a straight stairway ran diagonally across the facade. Access to the interior is provided through a transomed doorway with molded four-panel door that is located in the northernmost bay of the facade and a matching doorway on the second-story level provides access to the second-story gallery.

The unfinished upstairs rooms are reached by an outside stairway on the south elevation. This exterior stairway was added after the 1981 move in compliance with the city fire code. The Finlay House has been moved three times. It was first moved to 706 Central (old numbering system) in 1887 when Washington Avenue was becoming the business district. Twenty years later the house was moved to 111 Shelby Street. Though the building had been vacant for several years, the present owner moved the house in 1981 to its present address. A new small one-story addition with hipped roof has been added to the rear of the house. This addition is connected to the original house by an enclosed breezeway.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1872 **Builder/Architect** R. N. Johnson, builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The present town of Greenville, Mississippi, was incorporated in 1870, and the Finlay House is considered to be the earliest surviving residential structure in the town. The old town of Greenville, which is five miles south of the present town, was burned during the Civil War. The Finlay family were early settlers of Greenville and were instrumental in laying out the plans for the new town. The Finlay House was constructed prior to 1873 and is illustrated in an 1873 map of the town. Furthermore, this building is one of only two buildings illustrated that still survive today. Although altered and relocated three times (1887, 1908, 1981), the house is the only representative of the Italianate style in the community. The exterior integrity of the building is good, but the interior of the building has been altered considerably since the house was converted into apartments in the late 1930s. The Finlay House has remained vacant for several years and was deteriorating until 1981 when the present owner moved the house several yards to face Poplar Street. This move has placed the building less than half a block from its original location. Furthermore, the move has insured that the building will be preserved.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Greenville, Miss.-Ark.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C			
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H			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached xerox of city tax map with nominated property outlined in red. Nominated property is located on map #59-19.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clinton I. Bagley, Research Consultant

organization N/A

date January 5, 1982

street & number P. O. Box 1332

telephone (601) 332-7956

city or town Greenville

state Mississippi

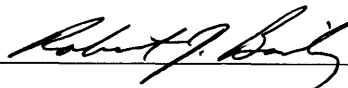
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date April 6, 1982

For HCPS use only

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

for 
Keeper of the National Register

date

4/27/82

Attent:

date

Chief of Register

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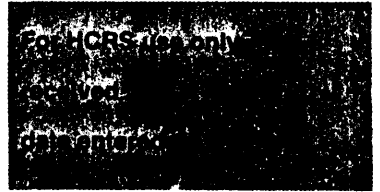
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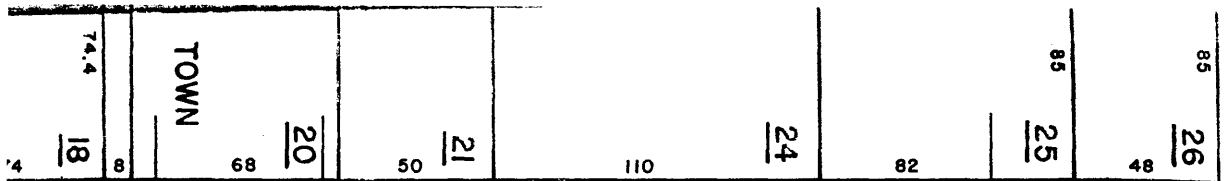
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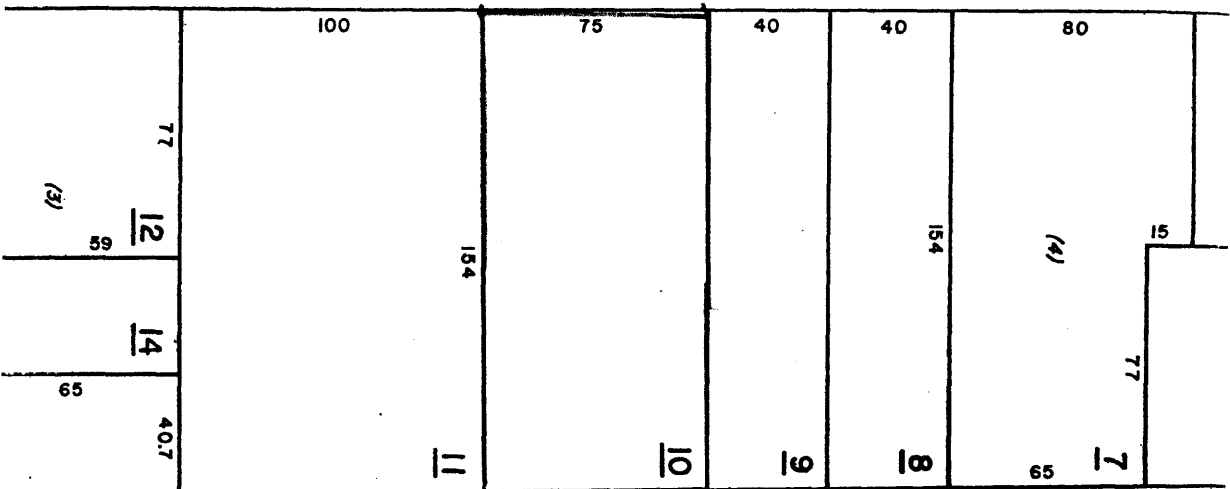
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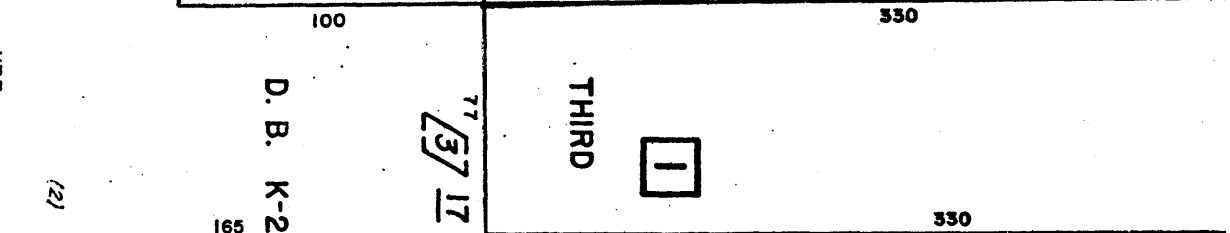
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