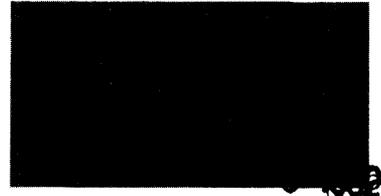


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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



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

**1. Name**

historic Walnut Hills

and/or common same as above

**2. Location**

street & number 1214 Adams Street NA not for publication

city, town Vicksburg NA vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Mississippi code 28 county Warren code 149

**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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 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. C. H. Wilson

street & number P. O. Box 615

city, town Vicksburg NA vicinity of state Mississippi 39180

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number Cherry Street

city, town Vicksburg state Mississippi 39180

**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

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date NA

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

Located in downtown Vicksburg on the western side of Adams Street, just north of the intersection of Adams and Clay Streets, Walnut Hills is a one-story, Italianate cottage set upon low brick foundation piers and surmounted by a hipped roof with three interior brick chimneys. The easterly, five-bay facade of the house is fronted by a gallery recessed under the front slope of the roof. Trellis posts, linked by a railing of rectangular-sectioned balusters, not original, support a paneled frieze with each trellis post topped by paired brackets separated by bulls' eyes. The center-bay doorway is flanked by a pair of floor length window openings that are filled with four-over-six, double-hung sash and closed by original shutter blinds. The remaining windows are filled with four-over-four, double-hung sash and most are closed by original shutter blinds. The entrance frontispiece is composed of paneled pilasters supporting a full entablature with bracketed and dentiled cornice. The single-leaf door, set between chamfered pilasters, has four, molded and fielded panels. A one-story, hipped-roof wing is attached to the northwestern end of the rear wall of the main block of the house and features a gallery on its southern elevation that is supported by chamfered box columns. The gallery of the rear wing and the rear gallery of the main house, now enclosed for modern bath facilities, originally formed an L-shaped gallery.

The interior of the house has a double-pile plan with central passage. The passage is divided by a partition wall and the hall widens at the rear in a late variation of the regional, rear "cabinet" room floor plan. The door and window surrounds are unmolded, peaked, and shouldered; the interior doors have four, fielded and molded panels; and the molded bases have a single fascia. The two rooms of the rear wing are similarly trimmed but they also have a beaded-board wainscot. All original wooden mantel pieces survive with the mantel pieces of the two front rooms being the most elaborate with paneled pilasters and decorated frieze.

Although converted to commercial use as a restaurant, the architectural integrity of Walnut Hills is good. Aluminum siding was applied to the house by a former owner but was, fortunately, installed atop the original clapboards with no loss of any architectural detail. The aluminum siding is a reversible alteration and can easily be removed during future restoration effort.

# 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		

**Specific dates** ca. 1875 **Builder/Architect** unknown

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

Walnut Hills is an especially good example of a one-story, post-Civil War Vicksburg cottage that possesses architectural features that are considered typical expressions of the architectural character of the city. In Mississippi, Vicksburg was the city where the Italianate Style was most widely and diversely employed. Within the state, the use of trellis posts is almost unique to Vicksburg and the hipped roof with undercut gallery form of construction appears more frequently than in other Mississippi towns. Although Walnut Hills can be considered a typical example of a popular Vicksburg architectural genre, it derives considerable significance from being one of few surviving examples of this large, one-story, cottage form. This significance is enhanced by its architectural integrity, which includes the survival of its original service wing with chamfered post gallery, all original interior millwork, and all original exterior architectural detail, with the exception of the gallery railing. For many years, Vicksburg was the leading city of the state, and this commercial prosperity resulted in demolition and unsympathetic renovation from which other cities like Natchez and Columbus were more frequently spared. A private home until recent years and often listed among the historic sites of the city, Walnut Hills has recently been sympathetically adapted for commercial use as a popular Vicksburg restaurant.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOT VERIFIED

Miller, Mary Warren, research consultant with the Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez, Mississippi. Inspection of Walnut Hills, November 11, 1981.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Vicksburg West

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet.

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

state NA code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/Research Consultant

organization Historic Natchez Foundation

date November 30, 1981

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

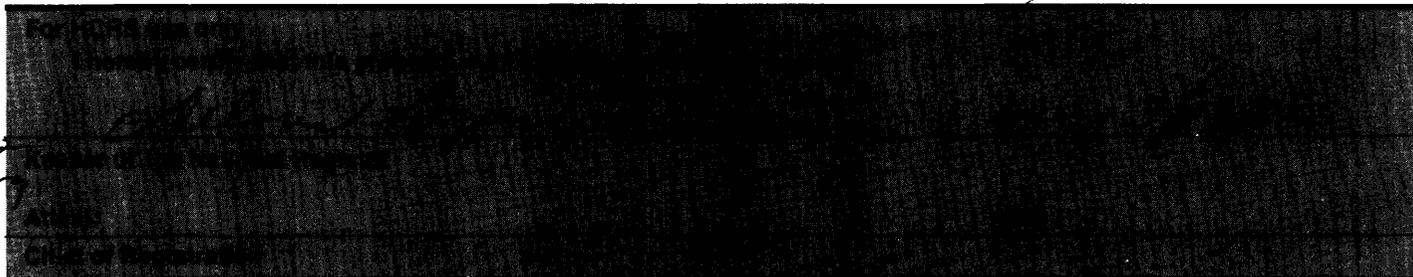
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date February 2, 1982



*For  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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Walnut Hills, Warren County, Mississippi

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The nominated part of lot 246 in square 43, beginning at a point 49.2 feet from the southeast corner of said lot being the intersection of the north line of Clay Street with the west line of Adams Street and running north along the west side of Adams Street 98 feet 4 inches; thence west 147 feet 6 inches, thence south parallel with Adams Street 98 feet 4 inches; thence east 147 feet 6 inches to the place of beginning.