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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Blum House
other names/site number Levy House

2. Location

street & number 1420 Cherry Street N/A not for publication
city, town Vicksburg N/A vicinity
state Mississippi code MS county Warren code 149 zip code 39180

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Resources of Vicksburg, Mississippi
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Kenneth H. P. Paul JUNE 12, 1992
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. **Entered in the National Register**
 See continuation sheet. Melona Byers 7/30/92
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Classical Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation limestone

walls weatherboard

roof slate

other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Blum House is situated, facing east, on the northwest corner of South and Cherry Streets in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The two-story, clapboard, Neoclassical Revival house is topped with a slate-covered, truncated hipped roof surmounted by a balustraded platform and four tall, corbelled, interior chimneys. The two-story portico has an oval window in the tympanum and is supported by four slender two-story Ionic columns. The cornice is enhanced by modillions. A narrow balcony enclosed by a spindle balustrade and supported by heavy brackets projects from the second floor under the portico. Four two-story, Ionic pilasters are evenly spaced across the main facade. There are three bays on the main elevation: double-leaf leaded doors with leaded sidelights and transom flanked by a one-over-one, double-hung window on either side. The bays on the second floor mirror those on the first floor.

The south facade is dominated toward the front by a two-story semicircular bay with two one-over-one, double-hung windows on the first story and two twelve-over-one, double-hung windows on the second story, and toward the rear of the residence by a five-sided, one-story bay topped with a balustrade and pierced by six one-over-one, double-hung windows. Piercing the roof on this facade are two slender gabled dormers with round-arched, double-hung windows flanked by pilasters supporting the returns of the gable end.

The corners of the house on the rear elevation reveal two-story pilasters that turn the corners. Also on the rear elevation is a two-tiered gallery rounded on the south end and covered by a flat roof. The porch is supported by square columns and is completed with a spindle balustrade on each tier. A dormer like those on the side elevation is also found on the rear elevation. Window openings of all elevations but the main facade are filled with one-over-one, double-hung sash on the lower level and twelve-over-one, double-hung sash on the second level.

The house sits on a raised limestone foundation. The interior retains its original woodwork, mantels, and many original light fixtures. (It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History not to require interior documentation of properties included as part of multiple property submissions.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance
1902

Significant Dates
1902

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Blum House derives its significance from its architectural character (criterion C), being one of the best examples of the Neoclassical Revival Style in Vicksburg. The house is architecturally significant in the context of residential architecture in Vicksburg, Mississippi. It exhibits an outstanding design which represents the highlight of development during Vicksburg's boom period. The residence is one of only two remaining residences facing Cherry Street in the 1400, 1500, and 1600 blocks of Cherry Street which were lined with impressive residences at the turn of the century. Cherry Street was the most fashionable residential street in town in the 1890s (In and About Vicksburg, 1890). Please refer to the contextual statement for more information about the architecture of Vicksburg.

The house was built in 1902 by Theresa Blum, widow of Solomon Blum, a prosperous merchant from Delhi, Louisiana. In 1895 Blum was vice president of the Vicksburg Board of Trade and on the Board of Directors of First National Bank. The building is today maintained as a residence.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Deed Records. Office of the Chancery Clerk, Warren County Courthouse.

Sanborn Insurance Maps of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

In and About Vicksburg. Vicksburg: Gibraltar Publishing Company, 1890.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one (1) acre

UTM References

A
 Zone Easting Northing

C

B
 Zone Easting Northing

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

Warren County Parcel Number: 094Q-19-0010-40-19

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the original size of the lot.

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Nancy H. Bell, Executive Director

organization Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation date 7/30/90

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