

United States Department of the Interior
National Park 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 Flora House

2. Location

street & number (South side of) Line Street N/A not for publication

city, town Shuqualak N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Noxubee code 103

3. Classification

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| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
| <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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> NA 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 Mrs. Ernest Gray Flora Sr.

street & number Box 83

city, town Shuqualak N/A vicinity of state Mississippi

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Court Square

city, town Macon state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Noxubee County Survey--Mississippi Department of Archives and History has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date 1975 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

7. Description

Condition
 excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one
 unaltered
 altered

Check one
 original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Basically, a farmhouse with elements of the classical vocabulary added to the entry facade, this wood-frame, clapboard-covered structure is considered locally to have had originally only a single story and to have been modified subsequently to produce its present two-story form. Joints in corner trim at the second floor level and the flush siding which surrounds the entry do suggest an earlier one-story dogtrot now enclosed and provided with sophisticated frontispiece and capped with a second floor. However, various campaigns of modification by the present owner brought to light no conclusive evidence.

As it presently stands, the building consists of a two-story transverse block with portico in front and with a one-story, longitudinal wing projecting to the rear. This wing includes a kitchen and service spaces and once had porches projecting to both sides. The porch to the west has been enclosed to serve as a greenhouse and has several lean-to additions.

The main feature of the two-story block is the portico consisting of four attenuated columns with extraordinarily wide intercolumnations. At the second floor a cantilevered porch projects above the entry with jig-saw-cut millwork in a lyre pattern and rests visually on jig-sawn decorative brackets. Both the first and second floor doorways consist of classical elements very consciously applied, including pilasters and entablature below and a "Greek-ear" motif above. Doric pilasters also flank the flush paneling at the first floor level.

On the interior a stairway with jig-sawn millwork ascends to the second floor from a central hall. Rooms in a double pile arrangement flank this hallway. Interior finishes are restrained throughout, consisting of simple wood base mouldings and door trim. The two front parlors do include marble mantles. The stair shows turned balusters and a heavy, square newel post.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 c.1859 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This residence, long owned by Pete Flora, lies just a short distance southeast of the area included in the Central Shuqualak Historic District already placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Pete Flora store is a contributing property in this District.

Shuqualak was founded after the 1830 signing of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek. It soon attracted farmers into the area and by 1856 was reached by the tracks of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad.

This residence is a fine local example of a farmhouse of this era with certain pretensions to classical sophistication. The 16th Section land on which the structure is located was leased for 99 years in 1836. In 1859 the property was conveyed by John W. Coleman to Isaac W. Nicholson (Book L, p. 100) who probably erected the present structure.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"WPA History of Noxubee Co."--Clerk's Office, County Courthouse

"Historical Notes of Noxubee County, Mississippi" by John Anderson Tyson--
Noxubee County Library (Originally serialized in the Macon Beacon during 1926-7)

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 7/8 acre

Quadrangle name Shuqualak

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at a point 6 chains and 17 links south of the half mile post on the Section line between Section 16 and Section 17 of Township 13, Range 17 and running thence south on said Section line a distance of 5 chains; thence north a distance of 5 chains, thence east a distance of 5 chains; thence west a distance of 5 chains to the point of beginning, etc.

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

| state | code | county | code |
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| N/A | | | |

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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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 25, 1982

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 12/2/82


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration