

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001223

Date Listed: 8/16/90

Thompson, James Young, House  
Property Name

Monroe  
County

MS  
State

N/A  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Patrick Andrews*  
for Signature of the Keeper

8/16/90  
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

The verbal boundary description inadvertently omitted a line. It should read as follows:

"Beginning at the intersection of Highway 278 and Old Cotton Gin Road (Old Gaines Trace) west of Amory, run approximately 1600 feet easterly along Old Cotton Gin Road to the main gate of Cotton Gin Farm for a point of beginning, run south 140 feet more or less to a point in the farm driveway, run west 131 feet more or less to a pasture fence, run north 140 feet along the fence line to a point on the Old Cotton Gin Road, run easterly along Old Cotton Gin Road 131 feet more or less to the point of beginning. Located in Lot 2, Fractional Section 27, Township 12 South, Range 19 West. This forms a rectangle of 131' x 140'."

The nomination is officially amended to include this information.

Confirmed by telephone with Richard Cawthon of the Mississippi SHPO, 8/14/90.

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form**

**NATIONAL  
REGISTER**

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 Thompson, James Young, House  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number Old Cotton Gin Road, 1/4 mile north of U.S. 278 N/A  not for publication  
city, town Amory  vicinity  
state Mississippi code MS county Monroe code 095 zip code 38821

**3. Classification**

<b>Ownership of Property</b>	<b>Category of Property</b>	<b>Number of Resources within Property</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<b>Contributing</b>	<b>Noncontributing</b>
<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	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
N/A

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. Pool JUNE 25, 1990  
Signature of certifying official Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Date  
MS Department of Archives and History  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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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.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*entered in the National Register*

Alton Dyer 8/16/90  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

*for* 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)

Vacant

**7. Description**Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood: weatherboard

roof asphalt

other

**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The James Young Thompson House fronts the Old Cotton Gin Road (originally the Gaines Trace), less than a mile northeast of its intersection with U.S. Highway 278. The one-story, frame, vernacular Greek Revival house rests upon brick foundation piers (later infilled with brick) and is surmounted by a gable roof flanked at each end by an exterior brick chimney. The northwesterly facade of the house is a five-bay, symmetrical composition that is dominated by a center-bay, pedimented entrance portico. The portico is nicely detailed with a molded cornice and is supported by very bold, molded and paneled box columns that are linked to the house by a balustrade of rectangular-sectioned balusters with molded handrail. The box columns are echoed on the facade by plain narrow pilasters, between which the wall surface is finished in horizontal flush boards, a typical treatment for the sheltered portion of the facade of a Mississippi planter's cottage. The windows are filled with double-hung, eight-over-eight sash and are closed on the facade by shutter blinds. The center-bay entrance is framed by symmetrically molded pilasters that are bridged across the top by a length of board that is molded to match. The entrance is filled with double-leaf, four-panel doors that are set beneath an unusual forty-light transom and are flanked by double-hung, eight-light sidelights over molded panels.

The interior of the house features a double-pile plan with center hall that widens at the rear to produce the regionally common "cabinet" plan. This common Mississippi floor plan derives from early houses of the Lower Mississippi Valley which typically featured rear porches enclosed at each end by small rooms, or "cabinets," as they were labeled by the French. The interior is plainly finished with simply molded door and window surrounds, unmolded baseboards, and a molded chair rail that encircles the entry hall and two front rooms to form both the sill and the apron of the windows that light these spaces. The front rooms are dominated architecturally by a pair of matching, wooden, pilastered mantel pieces, which are reminiscent of the portico columns in the boldness of their design.

The overall integrity of the house is good with significant alterations limited to the addition of a porch and pantry room to the rear elevation. No historic outbuildings survive.

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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  
Circa 1840

Significant Dates  
Circa 1840

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 James Young Thompson House is a good example of vernacular Greek Revival plantation architecture. The house exhibits an architectural form common to the Tombigbee region of Mississippi, but, like most Mississippi vernacular houses, is distinguished by the uniqueness of its architectural detailing. The house gains added significance from its association with Cotton Gin Port, an extinct town on the Tombigbee River whose site is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Thompson House, located about one mile north of the site of Cotton Gin Port, is the only extant building in the area that has a period of significance contemporary with the period of significance of the extinct town. Cotton Gin Port reached the height of its prosperity about the year 1848, within about a decade of when the Thompson House was built (Cotton Gin Port, Monroe County, National Register File, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson). The house fronts onto a road that was part of the Gaines Trace, an old Indian trail that was surveyed and improved to become a major transportation route from Tennessee to the Tombigbee River during the territorial period of Mississippi.

The Thompson House was built after January 1837, when James Young Thompson purchased 162 acres of what would later become a 750-acre plantation. Like many early settlers in the eastern counties of Mississippi, Thompson was a Carolinian who moved first to Alabama and then to Mississippi. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Thompson practiced medicine in Cotton Gin Port and represented Monroe County in the Mississippi Senate from 1842-44 and 1850-52 (BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL MEMOIRS OF MISSISSIPPI [Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1891], II, 902).

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The following information is the same for all photos:

- a. Thompson, James Y., House
- b. Amory vicinity, Monroe County, Mississippi
- c. Photographer: Martha Dalrymple
- d. August 1989
- e. Negatives: MS Department of Archives and History

The photographs are identified as follows:

- Photo 1 - exterior, viewed from northwest  
Photo 2 - closer view of portico, from north  
Photo 3 - central hallway, looking toward front  
          door  
Photo 4 - mantelpiece in northeastern front room

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Cotton Gin Port, Monroe County, National Register file, Mississippi Department of Archives & History

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1891.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property less than one acre

UTM References

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Boundary Justification

The small parcel of land described above includes the house and its immediate grounds.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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J.Y. THOMPSON HOUSE  
Amory vicinity  
Monroe County, Mississippi

