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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Hargrave House

other names/site number Bufkin Place

2. Location

street & number State Highway 28 n/a not for publication

city, town Hazlehurst vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Copiah code 29 zip code 39083

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private public-local public-State public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s) district site structure object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, 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.

Signature of certifying official: Kenneth H. P. Pool, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, August 16, 1991

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. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper: [Signature], Date of Action: 4/5/93

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)

Federal
Greek Revival
Other: log house

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
walls weatherboard
log
roof asphalt
other n/a

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hargrave House, commonly known as the Bufkin Place, is located on a gentle rise on the northern side of State Highway 28, about fourteen miles west of Hazlehurst. Visible from the road and accessed by a short graveled driveway, the Hargrave House was built in two distinct sections and probably achieved its present form about 1855. A single-pen log cabin with Federal style pretensions was enlarged by a Greek Revival addition to create a six-bay, gabled-roof house with an inset porch fronting the western three-bay log portion. The rectangular-sectioned posts of the porch date to the enlargement. The house is distinguished by its remarkable architectural integrity, and the log section represents one of the best preserved single-pen log dwellings in Mississippi. Neither the log house nor its later addition have ever been painted on the exterior or interior, and both the Federal and Greek Revival sections retain original mantel pieces, doors, and cast and wrought hardware, which includes strap hinges and a thumb latch in the log portion.

The log cabin portion of the house is supported by original log supports, many of which have been augmented by later brick piers, and is heated by an outside-end brick chimney on the western gable end. The unchinked logs are finished with hand-planed battens and are exposed on the facade, where they have always been protected by a porch. The cabin's enclosed rear addition once functioned as a porch; however, a rear porch was probably not an original feature, since the treatment of the interior of the back wall varies from the interior of the front wall, where the porch was original. The western gable end of the cabin is sheathed in lap siding, but the siding was removed on the eastern gable end for the attachment of the mid-nineteenth-century addition. A large crack between the cabin and later addition reveals the unsheathed log construction with the evidence of nail holes for siding.

The facade of the log cabin is a three-bay composition with windows filled with original nine-over-six sash flanking a center-bay doorway containing a single-leaf, board-and-batten door with an original thumb latch. Originally, the cabin probably had no gable-end windows and other openings were limited to a rear doorway filled with a board-and-batten door retaining its original strap hinges. The smaller gable-end windows flanking the outside-end chimney do not match the original windows of the facade and were probably installed later, possibly when the rear porch was enclosed. The doorway in the eastern gable end is a feature of the mid-nineteenth-century enlargement.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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

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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  
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Period of Significance

Ca. 1835  
Ca. 1855  
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Significant Dates

Ca. 1835  
Ca. 1855  
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Cultural Affiliation

n/a  
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Significant Person

n/a  
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Architect/Builder

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

The Hargrave House, commonly known as the Bufkin Place, represents not only one of Mississippi's most significant log dwellings but also one of the state's most unusual vernacular illustrations of the transition between nineteenth-century architectural styles. The house was built in two distinct sections and probably achieved its present architectural form shortly before the Civil War. The original portion of the house is a single-pen log cabin with Federal style pretensions that was probably built for either Abraham and Matilda Womack who acquired the property in 1834 (Copiah County Deed Book D:387) or, less likely, Robert and Elizabeth Hargrave who purchased it in 1843 (Deed Book K:329). The log cabin was later enlarged by a Greek Revival addition to create a six-bay, gabled-roof house with an inset porch fronting only the western three-bay log portion. The Greek Revival enlargement stylistically dates to the 1850s and occurred during the period the house was owned by the Hargrave family. The house is distinguished by its remarkable architectural integrity, with the log portion being one of the best preserved single-pen log dwellings in Mississippi. Neither the log house nor its later addition have ever been painted on the exterior or interior, and both the log and Greek Revival sections retain original mantelpieces, doors, and cast and wrought hardware, including strap hinges and thumb latch in the log portion.

The Hargrave House property was purchased in 1907 by the H.F. and Fannie Bufkin family and has been called the Bufkin Place for most of the twentieth century (Deed Book 3H:212, 261, 262, 263, and 295). The house and 326 acres were inherited in 1989 by Mrs. Carolyn Cleveland (Deed Book 12C:479). Although the Cleveland family inherited a house with outstanding architectural integrity, its condition was deteriorated. The Clevelands hired the best restoration craftsmen in the area and have accomplished one of Mississippi's most meticulous and sympathetic restorations.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Copiah County, Mississippi. Chancery Clerk. Deed Books D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, AA, GG, OO, 3H, 12C.

Miller, Mary Warren, architectural historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Inspections of the Hargrave House in April, May, June, July, and August 1990.

**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 1.32 acres

**UTM References**

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the nominated property consists of a square, the center of which is at the center of the roof ridge of the house. Measuring 120 feet in each direction from the center point of the roof ridge, the resulting square of land has sides which are 240 feet long and are parallel or perpendicular to the ridge of the roof. This property is located in the SE corner of the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 9 North, Range 6 East.

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**Boundary Justification**

Because the Hargrave House is being nominated for architectural significance, the proposed boundaries consist of a square 240 feet by 240 feet to include only the house and its immediate setting. If later research indicates that the surrounding property is also historically significant, an amended nomination may be submitted at a later date.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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 organization Mississippi Department of Archives & History date August 10, 1990  
 street & number P.O. Box 571 telephone (601) 359-6940  
 city or town Jackson state Mississippi zip code 39205-0571

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The interior of the cabin has never been painted, is nicely detailed, and beautifully preserved. The logs are exposed only on the interior of the front wall, and the ceiling retains its exposed beams. Other interior walls are finished in wide beaded boards with the fireplace wall serving as the focal point of the room. A very large, vernacular Federal style mantel piece with paneled frieze and shelf supported by bed moldings dominates the wall which is given a wainscoting treatment by switching from vertical to horizontal beaded boards at chair rail height. Original gun brackets are still attached to the wall above the entrance doorway.

The mid-nineteenth-century enlargement raised the roof of the log cabin (the original height of the cabin roof is still expressed in the attic space beneath the later roof) and added, to the cabin's eastern gable end, a three-bay addition supported by brick piers with two outside chimneys on its gable end. A large hallway or breezeway, originally enclosed at each end by a batten door and partially open to the cabin front porch, connects the log cabin to the two rooms of the addition.

The mid-nineteenth-century, Greek Revival addition is as remarkable for its integrity as the log cabin portion. The interior walls are finished in unpainted horizontal beaded boards, doors are two-paneled, and the matching mantel pieces of the two first-story rooms are vernacular interpretations of high style mantel pieces with shouldered architraves. A crude chair rail is a feature of both the breezeway and the rooms of the addition, but only the rooms are finished with a beaded baseboard. Window and doorway surrounds are unmolded. Access to the upper half-story is provided by a boxed staircase located in the southwestern corner of the front room. The staircase box is finished in diagonal beaded boards, is enclosed by a two-paneled door, and is accessed by a short open flight with winders. The stair continues in a single straight flight along the western wall to terminate in the eastern second-story room. The unheated, second-story rooms are finished in horizontal board walls with plain door and window surrounds and no baseboard, and access between the two rooms is provided by a two-panel door. Although the attic space of the cabin portion is large, no attempt was made to utilize the space, and small openings with batten doors, set high in the wall of the eastern second-story room, provide the only access between the upper story of the addition and the upper story of the cabin.

Twentieth-century alterations to the house are limited to the addition of a bathroom in the northwestern corner of the first-story rear room of the addition, the removal of the front batten door of the breezeway, and the replacement of the original back door of the breezeway by a new batten door. Directly behind the house are three small post-World War II frame sheds, which are noncontributing elements.

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

- (1) Hargrave House
- (2) Hazlehurst vicinity, Copiah County, Mississippi
- (3) Mary Warren Miller
- (4) August 1991
- (5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1--(6) View to northeast, the southerly facade and western side elevation

Photo 2--(6) View to north, the facade of the log portion of the house

Photo 3--(6) View to the southwest, the northerly rear and eastern side elevation

Photo 4--(6) View to the west, the mantel piece of the single-pen log house

Hargrave House  
Hazlehurst, Copiah County, Mississippi  
floor plan  
1/4 inch equals 2 feet

