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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 Old Superintendent's House, Tupelo Fish Hatchery
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 111 Elizabeth Street N/A not for publication
city, town Tupelo N/A vicinity
state Mississippi code MS county Lee code 81 zip code 38802

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input 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 checked="" 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:
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 [Signature] Date 5/20/92

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 Kenneth H. P. Pore Date Sept. 29, 1988

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer - Mississippi

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. [Signature] 7/14/92
 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): _____

for Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic: Institutional Housing

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic: Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Brick Chimneys

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Private John M. Allen Fish Hatchery, formerly known as the Tupelo Fish Hatchery, is situated among mature oak trees on Elizabeth Street in southeast Tupelo. Sitting to the north of the site is the commanding Queen Anne style house which was designed and built as the residence for the first Superintendent of the hatchery, the oldest of its kind in the United States. The hatchery, and subsequently the Superintendent's house, was the result of a speech before the House of Representatives in 1901 in which "Private" John M. Allen, a Mississippi Congressman, campaigned successfully to have the government hatchery located in Tupelo.

Basically rectangular in plan and with two major bays, the building comprises two stories and a basement. Set on brick foundation walls, the house is of horizontal wood siding under a series of intersecting gables and hipped roofs. The roofs are pierced by two brick chimneys, one of which carries four chimney pots and is characterized by fine corbelled brickwork. A prominent vertical element exists to the northwest corner of the building in the form of a finial topped turret which projects above the roofline. It is octagonal in plan and originally contained oval windows; these have since been covered with horizontal wood siding. The appearance of the house is softened somewhat by the encircling veranda on the west and south elevations which is supported by six columns of the Doric Order.

The two stories of the west facing main elevation of the house are broken in the horizontal plane by the sloping roof of the porch. Seven steps lead the visitor up onto the porch and to the front door itself. To the right hand side of the front facade is the main bay which rises through two stories and is terminated in the front gable. The gable end itself is worthy of mention since it contains intricate jigsaw scrollwork located in its vertex. On the left hand side of the second story and directly over the front door is a covered balcony serving one of the bedrooms. Terminating this facade is the octagonal tower referred to earlier in this description. The composition of this facade has been sensitively handled since the architect has achieved a subtle balance by dispersing the tower and the front bay on either side of the main entrance.

To the south of the building, the main porch and its roof imply a horizontal division of the two stories. The porch is terminated by a second bay, similar in proportion to that of the front facade.

The east elevation of the building appears to have been used predominantly for service access in the past. The rear entrance is covered by a 'lean-to' porch characterized by

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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

1904

1904

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

N/A

Hindsman, A.E.

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

The significance of the Old Superintendent's House at the Tupelo Fish Hatchery in relation to this application is based predominantly on architectural criteria. In response to a speech made by Congressman John Allen to the House of Representatives in 1901, it was decided that the first hatchery of this type in the United States would be sited in Tupelo, Mississippi. The Superintendent's residence became an integral part of the ensemble of buildings that went together to form the hatchery. Further, it stands out amongst the group since the house exhibits many fine details prevalent in Queen Anne style architecture and contains significant examples of fine craftsmanship and woodwork details.

The architectural importance of the Superintendent's residence is reinforced by the similarities in some of the woodworking details that can be found in another house of the same period which is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was also designed by A.E.Hindsman. The Barlow Burrow House in Slatton, Mississippi, a small town approximately twenty miles from Tupelo, was placed on 'The Register' in 1984. This residence contains sliding doors similar to those found in the parlor of the Superintendent's residence. Also, built-in cupboards in the fireplaces of the Barlow Burrow House are similar to those in the back-to-back fireplaces found in the Superintendent's residence along with closet windows which appear in both houses.

At the time of its construction, the Superintendent's House was perhaps typical of many significant residences in Tupelo. However, during a fierce tornado which 'touched-down' in this area in 1936, many of the finer homes were destroyed and lost forever. Consequently, the architectural importance of this house has been heightened over the years. Having designed both the Barlow Burrow House and the Superintendent's House, Mr.Hindsman was engaged in 1911 to design a bungalow in the hatchery grounds which became the residence of the fish culturist. Again, this house was designed in the Queen Anne Style and existed well in the company of the larger and more powerful Superintendent's House before it was demolished shortly after the Second World War for reasons not known at this time. Externally, the intersecting gable roofs, projecting balcony and Doric columns, wrap-around porch and its Doric columns, the finial-topped turret and tower, jigsaw scrollwork, bay windows and corbelled chimneys go together to form one of the finer remaining examples of Queen Anne style architecture in the Tupelo area. The interior contains a highly decorated wood staircase

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Lee County, Mississippi. Chancery Clerk, Deed Records. Broadway, Tupelo, Mississippi.

"Tupelo Fish Hatchery quietly doing a job" Daily Journal View Magazine , (Tupelo, Mississippi.)
February 6-7th, 1988.

Banner, Ian G. Inspection of Old Superintendent's House, Tupelo Fish Hatchery, July 16th, 1987
and October 1st, 1988.

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

Acres of property less than one acre

UTM References

A

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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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 main roof of the house. Measuring 100' in each direction from the center of the roof ridge, the resulting square of land has sides which are 200' long and are parallel or perpendicular to the ridge of the roof.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary was selected to include the house and its immediate setting and to omit nonhistoric outbuildings. Although the house sits in the hatchery grounds which extend to over 28 acres, the grounds do not contribute to the architectural significance of the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Gary Shafer, AIA, Architects. date April 15th, 1988

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detailed wood siding and false lights. Adjacent to the back door is the entrance to the basement. This part of the house reduces to one-and-a-half stories with a gable end that is much more simple than the design of the gables to the west and south facades.

To the north of the house there is little visible accentuation of the two stories as evidenced elsewhere on the building. There is, however, a continuation of the horizontal wood band which extends all around the building, tying together the heads and sills of the windows. The composition of the fenestration on this elevation appears to lack the discipline which is evident in the composition of the other three elevations of the house.

The interior of the Superintendent's residence features a formal, flowing floor plan common to the Queen Anne style. The entrance, enhanced by the oval stained glass window, opens into a spacious area which features an elegant quarter turn stairway which contains some of the finest millwork found in this area. The open stairwell serves as the main focal point to the entrance vestibule. A large formal parlor opens through sliding doors similar in style to those found in the Barlow Burrow House in Saltillo, Mississippi. (This house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.)

The parlor has a large, finely detailed dark oak mantelpiece with a shelf supported by bold brackets with a bevelled mirror over the mantel. The dining room, separated from the parlor by back-to-back fireplaces, has a built-in cupboard (a similar feature exists in the Barlow Burrow house) and a bevelled glass door which opens onto the veranda. The dining room mantel is similar in style to that of the parlor mantel but features a cabinet and is ornamented with shields.

The northern end of the first floor features a room directly off the rear entry which at this time is used as an office and storage area. A bath appears to have been added sometime after the building was constructed. A staircase exists which links this room and the enclosed back porch to the second floor. This suggests that this part of the house may have been used at some time by a member of the domestic staff, perhaps the cook. The second floor contains four bedrooms, two of which have fireplaces in a more delicate style than those of the parlor and dining room. Both feature bevelled mirrors over shelves supported by Doric columns. All four fireplaces are tiled and feature cast iron grate covers. The second floor also houses the original bathroom which contains a claw-footed tub.

It should be noted that the back porch was closed-in at a date that remains unknown and that an extended porch was added at this time.

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which is an example of some of the most accomplished millwork details in northeast Mississippi. The parlor contains a large, finely detailed oak mantelpiece with a shelf supported by bold brackets and wedges. The fireplace to the dining room contains a similar mantel except that in its case the woodwork features a cabinet mantel and is ornamented with shields. The second floor contains four bedrooms, two of which have fireplaces in a more delicate style than those of the first floor. Both feature bevelled mirrors and shelves supported by Doric columns. All the fireplaces are tiled and feature ornamental cast iron grate covers.

Although some alteration work has taken place over the years which has detracted from the original condition of the house (the enclosing of the back porch and the 'building-in' of the original claw-footed tub on the second floor) there is still significant evidence, particularly on three of the elevations and throughout the interior, that this house stands as a powerful statement of the Queen Anne style.

W
front

NORTH

8' wrap-around porch

13 x 16
parlor

14 x 15'6"
entrance hall

14 x 18
dining room

10 x 12
side room
(library)

open
pantry

china
closet
storage

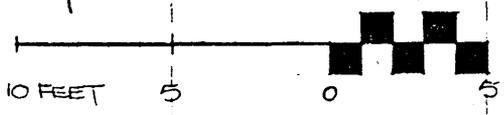
4 x 12
1/2 bath

Old Superintendent's Hse.
Tupelo Fish Hatchery
111 Elizabeth St.
Tupelo, Mississippi

12 x 14
kitchen

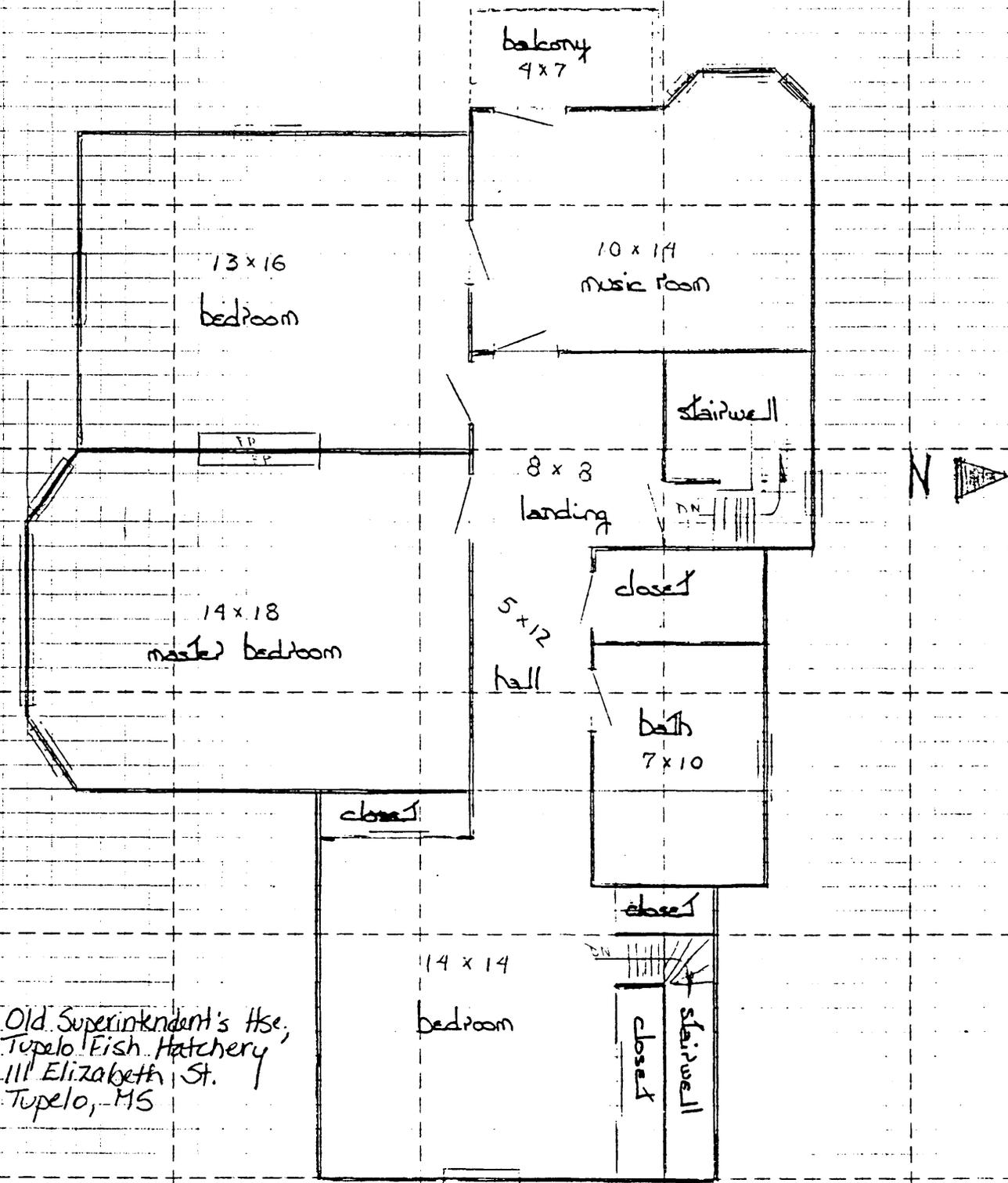
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first floor



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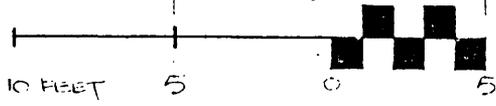
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front



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second floor

Scale 1/4" = 1'



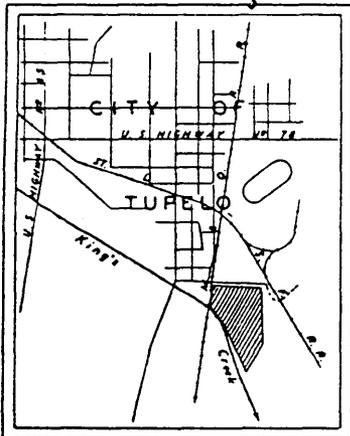
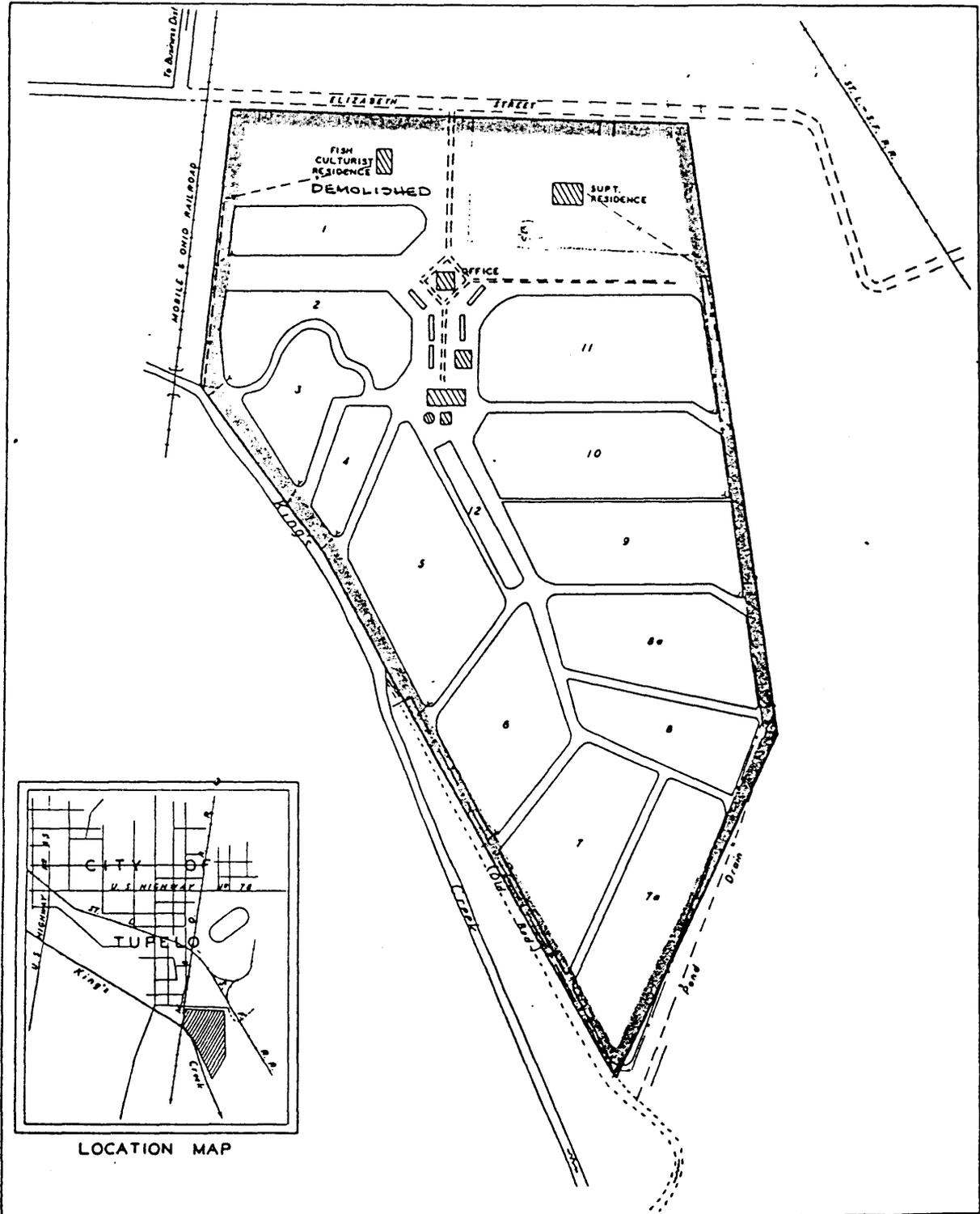
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LEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

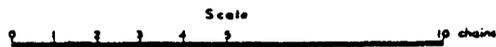
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LOCATION MAP

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA SEPTEMBER, 1949

ELIZABETH

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GARAGE

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RESIDENCE .

HATCHERY
& PONDS .



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The following information is the same for all photographs:

1. Old Superintendent's House, Tupelo Fish Hatchery
2. Tupelo, Lee County, Mississippi
3. I. G. Banner, RIBA
4. March, 1988 (field checked April 1991)
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson

Photo 1--(6) Front (west) and part side (south) elevation, view to east

Photo 2--(6) Side (south) elevation, view to north

Photo 3--(6) Millwork details, dining room fireplace, view to east

Photo 4--(6) Millwork details, parlor fireplace, view to west

Photo 5--(6) Stair details, view to north