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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Bobb House
AND/OR COMMON
McRaven

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1503 Harrison Street
CITY, TOWN
Vicksburg
STATE
Mississippi
VICINITY OF
Fourth
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNTY
Warren
CODE
28
CODE
149

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
O. E. Bradway, Jr.
STREET & NUMBER
1433 Harrison Street
CITY, TOWN
Vicksburg
VICINITY OF
STATE
Mississippi 39180

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Office of the Chancery Clerk
Warren County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 351
CITY, TOWN
Vicksburg
STATE
Mississippi 39180

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Statewide Survey of Historic Sites
DATE
1978
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
CITY, TOWN
Jackson
STATE
Mississippi 39205

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bobb House is located on a luxuriantly and casually landscaped lot on the north side of Harrison Street where it intersects an east-west line of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad track in Vicksburg. While no outbuildings are extant, the cisterns on the south side of the house survive, and the shaded grounds are crisscrossed by brick-paved walkways and terraces.

The earliest portion of the brick two-story house is the westward-facing rear ell constructed in two stages ca. 1836 in the conservative vernacular of the late Federal tradition. The common-bond single-pile ell is built on two levels to accommodate the natural slope of the land. The slightly smaller rear portion of the structure is recessed on the rear or east elevation. Typical of the late Federal style are the corbeled brickwork cornice and the low capped parapets terminating the chimney ends of the gable roofs. The west elevation with its irregular fenestration is partially sheltered by a frame double-tiered gallery set with square columns with simple Grecian molded caps and a plain balustrade. To accommodate the level change between the two sections, a curious false wall and gabled parapet were added over the southernmost bay. The gallery provides the only second-level access between the old and new sections of the house.

A squarish two-story wing with a nearly flat roof added at the north end of the original section in the 1850s reoriented the house to the north. A full-length double-tiered gallery dominates the facade of the three-bay-by-three-bay addition, which is much grander in both its proportioning and its Italianate detailing than the original ell. The rectangular gallery piers inlaid with decorative millwork panels, a popular Vicksburg idiom, carry a stylized bracketed entablature. A handsome frontispiece accented with consoles carrying a projecting cornice frames the single-leaf entrance door, and the full-length four-over-six double-hung sash windows that open onto the gallery are styled to imitate casement windows. The east and west elevations feature casement-style four-over-four windows and a corbeled brick cornice.

The interior of the 1850s wing has a side hall plan and is lavishly detailed with handsome Grecian woodwork and plasterwork. In the first-level parlor, paneled pilasters flanking each window carry a full plasterwork entablature with a delicate anthemion motif enriching the frieze. The simpler plasterwork cornice of the second-level parlor is composed of rolled moldings. Each room features a handsome mantel in grey variegated marble and a plaster centerpiece. Pilastered frontispieces surrounding the four-panel doors are used throughout.

The principal rooms of the rear section are simply finished in the Grecian mode with plain full-length pedimented architraves surrounding the windows and corresponding spandrels and the doors. Shallow closets closed by double-leaf doors flank the fireplace with its simple post-and-lintel style mantel.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<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
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<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 *1836, 1850's*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Possessing some of the finest and most distinctive Greek Revival decorative plasterwork in the Vicksburg area, the Bobb House survives as one of the most complete and well-preserved residences from the city's antebellum period. It consists of a ca. 1836 late Federal block and an 1850s wing, the latter reflecting both the conservative Greek Revival idiom and a more flamboyant and whimsical regional interpretation of the Italianate. The 1850s portion of the house is also unusual in that the major second-level chamber is enriched with a handsome plasterwork cornice and centerpiece. Planter John H. Bobb (1808-1864) (Population Schedule, Warren County, 1860), who owned the property from 1844, was the first Vicksburg civilian killed as a result of tensions arising between residents and the occupying black Union forces (McNeily, pp. 51, 52).

The land on which the Bobb House stands was originally part of the extensive holdings of Anthony Glass, an early settler in the area. As the riverport of Vicksburg grew, Glass's holdings near the eastern boundary of the original town were subdivided. William Bobb purchased the 6.3-acre house lot in 1837 (Deed Book J:479) and may well have constructed the rear portion of the house before selling the property, enlarged to nearly eleven acres, to his brother John H. Bobb in 1844 for \$5,000 (Deed Book U:598). Family tradition holds that John H. Bobb added the Italianate front section to the house (Critchler interview, June 1, 1978). Bobb's widow, Selina, sold the property in 1869, and William Murray, a local machinist and inventor, acquired it in the early 1870s. Murray's unmarried daughters occupied the house until 1960, when it was sold to the present owner, O. E. Bradway, Jr. So overgrown that it was long forgotten, the property has undergone a careful restoration and preservation of house and grounds that continues under the owner's direction.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McNeily, J. S. "From Organization to Overthrow of Mississippi's Provisional Government." Publication of the Mississippi Historical Society. Centenary Series, Vol. I:9-403.

Shoemaker, Mary McCahon, architectural historian. Personal interview with Lucy Critchler (great-niece of John H. Bobb), Vicksburg, Mississippi, June 1, 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.93 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Vicksburg East

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 700230 3580570

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

457 foot by 184 foot lot on the north side of Harrison Street where it intersects an east/west line of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary McCahon Shoemaker

Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE

November 6, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 571

TELEPHONE

601-354-7326

CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi 39205

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

Elmer A. Hilliard

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

November 6, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

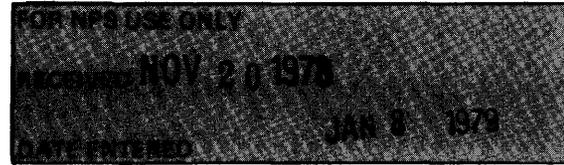
DATE 1-8-79

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 1/5/78

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United States. Bureau of the Census. Population Schedules. Warren County, Mississippi, 1850, 1860.

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