



Historic Sites Survey

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Carter-Callaway House is a two-story, side-gabled, wood frame building which rests upon continuous brick foundation walls. A rear wing with a low hip roof extends to the east. The facade is four bays wide with transomed single-leaf doors in the outer first floor bays. The inner bays have floor length double-hung sash windows which maintain the dimensions of the entrances. Four less vertically proportioned openings are arrayed across the second floor. A four-bay, two-tier gallery which features a relatively elaborate display of stock sawn and spindle millwork extends across the facade. Two-story bays which project from the side elevations give the house a nautical flavor. That on the north is two-sided and projects to an acute angle suggests a ship's bow. The "stern" is formed by a southern semicircular bay sheathed in imbricated shingles.

ALTERATIONS:

A one-story rear addition.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Garage, Shop, and storage shed

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: A chain link fence surrounds the property and is partially hidden by a hedge. Pecan trees are planted to the north and south of the house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The Carter-Callaway House is architecturally significant because of its unusual plan, large scale, and elaborate ornamentation in a turn-of-the-century black neighborhood otherwise characterized by small residences of simple design. The house is unique in Ocean Springs for the survival of its highly decorated two-tier gallery. Such porches formerly graced most of the now-vanished hotels and many of the houses in town.

The Carter-Callaway House was built for a black man now known only as "Mr. Carter," purportedly a cook on the New Orleans to Ocean Springs excursion train. The neighborhood does adjoin the Louisville and Nashville Railroad right-of-way and several of the older houses were company-owned railroad workers' housing. From the time of its construction to the present, the Carter-Callaway House has visually dominated the neighborhood and is an object of interest and pride to residents of the area.

NAME: Carter-Callaway House

STREET NO: 916 State Street

TOWN/VIC: Ocean Springs

COUNTY: Jackson

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Mr. Jimmie Callaway
 ADDRESS 916 State St., Ocean Springs, Miss.

PRESENT USE: Residence

FORMER USE: Residence

DATE: 1906-1907

STYLE: Queen Anne

ARCH/BUILDER: unknown

SOURCE OF DATE: Estimated by surveyor

ENVIRONMENT: Residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

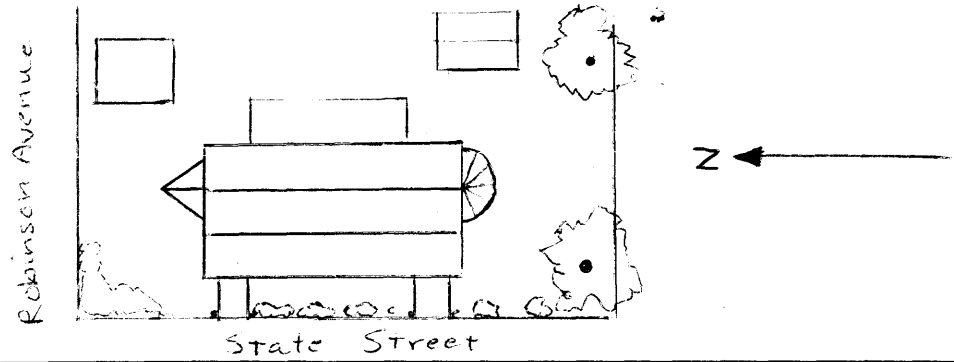
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PHOTOS

NEG. # 1659 - 14A, 15A

SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:



PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

None

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Lot 4B, 5, 6, and 7A of the Ames Tract, p. 1 of the City of Ocean Springs Map adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF:

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	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
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