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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: **Young, George Wright, House**  
other names/site number:

**2. Location**

street & number: **100 CR 233** not for publication N/A  
city or town: **Oxford** vicinity X  
state: **Mississippi** code: **MS** county: **Lafayette** code: **71** zip code: **38655**

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets      does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant      nationally      statewide X locally. (     See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] Sept. 25, 2007  
Signature of certifying official Date

State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property      meets      does not meet the National Register criteria. (     See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. 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):

[Signature] 11.14.07  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action  
**Edson H. Beall**

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**5. Classification**

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**Ownership of Property:**

Private

**Number of Resources within Property:****Category of Property:**

Building

**Contributing**

1

**Noncontributing**buildings  
sites  
structures  
objects  
Total

1

0

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register** None0

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions:**

Domestic / Single Dwelling

**Current Functions:**Vacant / Not in use

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification(s):**

Other: center-hall planter's cottage

**Materials:**

foundation: stone; wood

roof: metal

walls: logs, weatherboard

other

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**Narrative Description:**

See Continuation Sheets

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria**

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**  
**Architecture****Period of Significance**  
**[c.1850 – 1900]****Significant Dates**  
**c.1850, c.1875, c.1900****Criteria Considerations:**

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Significant Person(s)**  
N/A  
**Cultural Affiliation(s)**  
N/A  
**Architect/Builder**  
Unknown**Narrative Statement of Significance:** See continuation sheets.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography** See continuation sheet.**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- preliminary determination of individual listing Office (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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository:  
G. W. Young Family

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	279880	38077560	C		
B				D		

See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description** See Continuation Sheet.

**Boundary Justification:** See Continuation Sheet.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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name/title:	Charles P. Boyd	date:	April 9, 2007
organization:		telephone:	770-952-0966
street & number:	330 Kelson Dr NW	state:	GA
city or town:	Atlanta	zip code:	30327

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets are attached.

Maps: A USGS map (7.5 series) indicating the property's location marked in pencil is provided.

A Drawing of Plans of Occupied Floors is provided.

Photographs: Representative photographs of the property are provided.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner(s)**

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**Summary**

The George Wright Young House, located at 100 CR 233, is approximately 8 miles east of Oxford, Mississippi off State Road 30 and off County Route 233. The house, situated on the south side of CR 233: King - Bailey Road facing north, is a two story, side-gabled, center-hall planter's cottage with a rear ell.

Originally a one room 1850 structure, the house was built in at least three phases and is believed to have taken its present form about 1900.

**Exterior**

The main façade facing north is three bays wide (Room 1, foyer hall and Room 2) featuring double four-paneled door entrance in the central bay, flanked by a pair of six-over-nine, double-hung windows in the outer bays. An undercut gallery with plain square wood posts spans four-fifths of the façade and features a wooden deck and boxed columns.

The west façade is also three bays wide (Room 2, Room 3 and Room 4) featuring a brick shouldered chimney in Room 2 flanked by a pair of four-over-four windows on the main floor and a pair of two-over-three windows in the second floor attic, a pair of six-over-six windows in Room 3 and an exit door in room 4.

The rear of the house facing south is three bays wide (Room 4, center hall and Room 1). There are no windows at the end of ell but there is a six-over-nine window on the rear of Room 1. The rear has a single exterior door from the hall.

The east façade is also three bays wide (Room 4 and Room 3 in the ell, and Room 1) featuring a small two-over-two window in room 4, a single exterior door from Room 3 and a sandstone shouldered chimney on Room 1 flanked by a pair of two-over-three windows in the second floor attic.

The house rests on stone piers and the roof is clad in corrugated metal. The walls of the main façade are clad in weatherboard siding.

Constructed about 1850 (Phase 1), Room 1, was a single 20' x 20' room with a massive fireplace on the east wall.

The room was constructed using large hand hewn heart of pine timbers. The rectangular timbers, typically in excess of seventeen inches high and six-inches deep, were stacked horizontally from just above the ground to the roof. The timbers, some 18 feet long, were joined at the corners with square notching. The lower timbers are supported at the corners with piers made of stacked local rocks.

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The fireplace on the exterior of the east wall is constructed from large blocks of local sandstone that extend to the original height of Room 1.

The timber spaces were chinked in the winter for protection from the cold and unchinked in the summer to allow cooling air circulation.

The house was augmented with Phase 2 in about 1875 with the center hall, and the second room (Room 2, the right front façade bay), a small front gallery, and a second story attic accessible by stairs in the hall.

**Interior**

The building materials suggest that during Phase 2 the interior of Room 1 was also improved. The interior walls of Room 1 were enhanced with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " by varying widths (7  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 10  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 11  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") of unfinished horizontally installed pine boards. The large base board installed around the interior perimeter was constructed of 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 10" pine boards that were white washed within the past 60 years. The ceiling was constructed of unfinished  $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 7" pine boards installed east to west and the floor was installed with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " pine boards in varying widths installed north-south. The interior floor to ceiling height is 8 foot - 2 inches.

The interior fireplace mantle in Room 1 was constructed of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " pine boards that were painted white at some undetermined time.

The interior walls of both the 10' by 20' hall and 20' by 20' Room 2 were constructed with long horizontal pine boards and a wainscot at the base. The walls have horizontal  $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished pine boards of varying widths, 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 10  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 11  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The walls were covered at some undetermined time with heavy paper that was removed decades ago but the small nails that held it remain in the wall. The ceiling is constructed with unfinished  $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 11" pine boards with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pine battens installed east to west. The doors throughout the house are framed with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 6" pine boards and the four panel doors are hand made.

The brick fireplace in Room 2 is on the western wall and features a large wood mantle made from materials similar to the interior wall. The fireplace brick base extends 12" into the room with brick containment. Replaced flooring in front of the fireplace indicates that sparks periodically jumped the containment and burned the floor.

Vertically spaced 6" by 4" pine wall studs form the exterior frame. The rooms are supported by long hand hewn beams and joists. The roof in this phase of construction was composed of cedar shakes which were replaced by corrugated metal in Phase 3.

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Both the interior of the center hall and Room 2 feature a 24" high wainscot made of two pieces of  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " by  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " pine attached at right angles at the top and a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of pine board along the base. An attempt to paint the wainscot and the door frame a blue color within the past 60 years was left uncompleted.

The hall stairs lead to an upstairs large single attic room that is above Room 1, the hall, and Room 2 running the width of the house. With limited height under the falling roof line at the front and back of the house, the room was used as a sleeping dormitory in the early 1900s and most likely for the same purpose when it was built.

The height of the Room 1 fireplace chimney was extended in height at the same time that the attic was constructed. The fireplace extension has the same type brick that the fireplace in Room 2 was constructed with.

In Phase 3 a third room, Room 3, built about 1900 directly behind the Room 2, was constructed on a beam base using 2" x 4" wall studs spaced irregularly. Room 3 measures 15' 4" x 14' 0". The interior wall of Room 3 facing Room 2 has the exterior weatherboard of Room 2. Room 3 was built abutted to but not structurally integrated into the main house except with the roofing.

The 9' 6" x 13' 6" room, Room 4, was built behind Room 3 at the same time, and is also built on a beam base using 2" x 4" studs spaced irregularly. Room 4, used as a kitchen, has an insulated chimney sleeve for a stove pipe.

The original kitchen was built probably during Phase 2 and detached from the house to isolate accidental fires. The vertical pine timber materials used in Room 4 are similar to those used in Room 2. The interior wall board materials in Room 4 are believed to be the wood that was used for the original detached kitchen when it was built during Phase 2. The interior boards have square nail holes, indicating that they had been used prior to Phase 3. In Phase 3 the kitchen was attached to the house.

The interior of Room 3 has milled and beaded  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " pine tongue and groove (bead) boards installed horizontally. The interior of Room 4 has 1" x  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " pine boards installed horizontally. Bead-board was available in the Lafayette County area around 1900.

At some point, perhaps after Phase 3, the small front gallery was replaced with the current long gallery, a double front door and a single hung rear door closing in the hall.

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Additionally, the current metal corrugated roof was added to replace the cedar shake roof. Several cedar shakes, under the tin roof remain, as examples of the size and shape of the shakes.

Since the completion of Phase 3 in 1900, no significant alterations have been made to the house. The house was occupied by the owner's grand-father and his family until about 1942. After he vacated the house the home was then rented until about 1951. It subsequently was closed and has remained unoccupied for 56 years.



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The George Wright Young House, located in rural Lafayette County, Mississippi, is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criteria C for architectural significance as a local example of an antebellum log house with subsequent additions illustrating the changes in building techniques and materials over time.

The house was originally built around 1850 as a single room cabin using massive rectangular heart of pine beams laid horizontally and joined at the corners with square notching. The building was supported on piers of stacked stone.

The house was enlarged about 1875 with a second room mirroring the first in size and separated by a center-hall. The framing material was not as massive as the timbers available to the original builder. The front gallery and the second floor attic, accessible by stairs in the hall, were completed the Phase 2 addition.

Later, around 1900 third and fourth rooms were added to the rear of the second room. The balloon framing represented a change in technique compared with the earlier additions and probably represented the availability of commercially milled lumber. About this time the house was completed in its current footprint and it was covered with weatherboard siding. The house was finished with bed-molding below the eave across both the front and the back roofline.

Today the house interior retains a high degree of integrity and remains in fairly good condition. In contrast, the supporting structure, including the base beams and the hand-hewn beams that were used in the original log cabin are sagging badly due to age and wood rot. Most of the weather board siding has dried, curled, and has pulled away from the nails. Although a comprehensive survey of Lafayette County has not been conducted, the George Wright Young house is believed to be one of the oldest in Lafayette County still intact and standing.

George Wright Young, grandfather of the current owner, was born in 1869 in Panola, Panola County, Mississippi.

The property was originally deeded through a grant in 1839 by President Martin Van Buren to Benjamin M. Mitchell who in 1847 sold the property to Catherine M. Foster. The property was in the Foster family until it was sold to Henry Slaughter in 1894.

Henry Slaughter sold the property to Edward Henry Harrison Woodard in November 1900. George Wright Young married Claudia Jannet Woodward in March 1900 a few months before her father, Edward Henry Harrison Woodward, bought property.

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George Wright Young started his early married life with his wife and new family living in the house and working the farm. George and Claudia Young subsequently had three children, two boys and a girl. When his father-in-law died in 1905, George bought one-half of the property including the subject George Wright Young House from the estate of his deceased father-in-law.

A few years later in 1908 George's wife, Jannet, died. George never re-married and single-handed, he raised his family and lived continuously in the house until about 1942, when he vacated the house due to declining health. George died in 1949.

The house was rented by George's children until the early 1950's when they decided to no longer rent the property and the house was subsequently closed. The house has remained unoccupied since about 1951, approximately 56 years.

The final addition made the house a wonderful example of early turn-of-the-century farm house. However, the house derives its architectural significance because of the way it was constructed using indigenous materials and how it was enhanced to accommodate the needs of the family over time.

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References

Mississippi. Abstract of Titles for the Property starting in 1839 when it was granted by President Martin Van Buren to present.

Mississippi. Property Tax Rolls, Lafayette County, Mississippi, 1900 to present.

Langford, Beverly Young - Genealogy and Biography of her grandfather George Wright Young.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the nominated property consists of a rectangle, the center of which is the center of the roof ridge of the main roof of the house. Measuring 50 feet in both directions parallel to the roof ridge and 25 feet in both directions perpendicular to the roof ridge, the resulting rectangle of land has sides that are 100 feet parallel to the ridge and 50 feet perpendicular to the ridge of the roof.

Boundary justification:

The boundary was selected to include the house and its immediate setting.

Map:

A USGS 7.5 series map indicating the property's location marked in pencil is provided. Note that there are two buildings indicated on the map. Today, there is only one, the house, standing.

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**Photograph Log**

Photographs are provided for:

**Property Name:** George Wright Young House

**County/State:** Lafayette County, Mississippi

**Photographer:** Charles P. Boyd

**Date of Photographs:** March 31, 2007

**Photo**

<b>Number</b>	<b>CDROM File Name</b>	<b>Description of view</b>
1	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young01.tif	House exterior - North front elevation
2	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young02.tif	House exterior - East side elevation including rear rooms.
3	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young03.tif	House exterior - East side elevation showing "loose" Room 2 and Room 3 connection.
4	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young04.tif	House exterior - East side elevation including rear rooms.
5	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young05.tif	House exterior - South rear elevation showing hall rear door and Room 1 beam construction.
6	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young06.tif	House exterior - South rear elevation showing Room 1 long hand hewn beams.
7	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young07.tif	House exterior - Southeast corner elevation including replaced deteriorated beams.
8	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young08.tif	House exterior - East side elevation.
9	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young09.tif	House exterior - East side elevation showing detail of sandstone fireplace.
10	MS_LafayetteCounty_Young10.tif	House exterior - East side close-up of hand hewn beams and spacers.

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**Photographs**

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| 11 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young11.tif | House exterior – East side elevation   |
| 12 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young12.tif | House exterior - South side elevation close-up of eave molding detail.                 |
| 13 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young13.tif | House exterior - North side elevation close-up of notched wood and bed molding detail. |
| 14 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young14.tif | House interior – Room 1 southeast corner with fireplace and mantel.                    |
| 15 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young15.tif | House interior – Hall stairway to Second Floor Attic Room.                             |
| 16 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young16.tif | House interior – Room 2 northwest corner with fireplace, mantel and wainscot.          |
| 17 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young17.tif | House interior – Room 2 southeast corner with doors and wainscot.                      |
| 18 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young18.tif | House interior – Room 3 south view from Room 2.  |
| 19 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young19.tif | House interior – Room 4 northeast view with kitchen cabinets.                          |
| 20 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young20.tif | House interior – Attic northwest view roof, hand hewn stabilizer and wall beams.       |
| 21 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young21.tif | House interior – Attic east view of partition.   |
| 22 | MS_LafayetteCounty_Young22.tif | House interior – Second Floor Attic southeast corner view of roof and partition.       |

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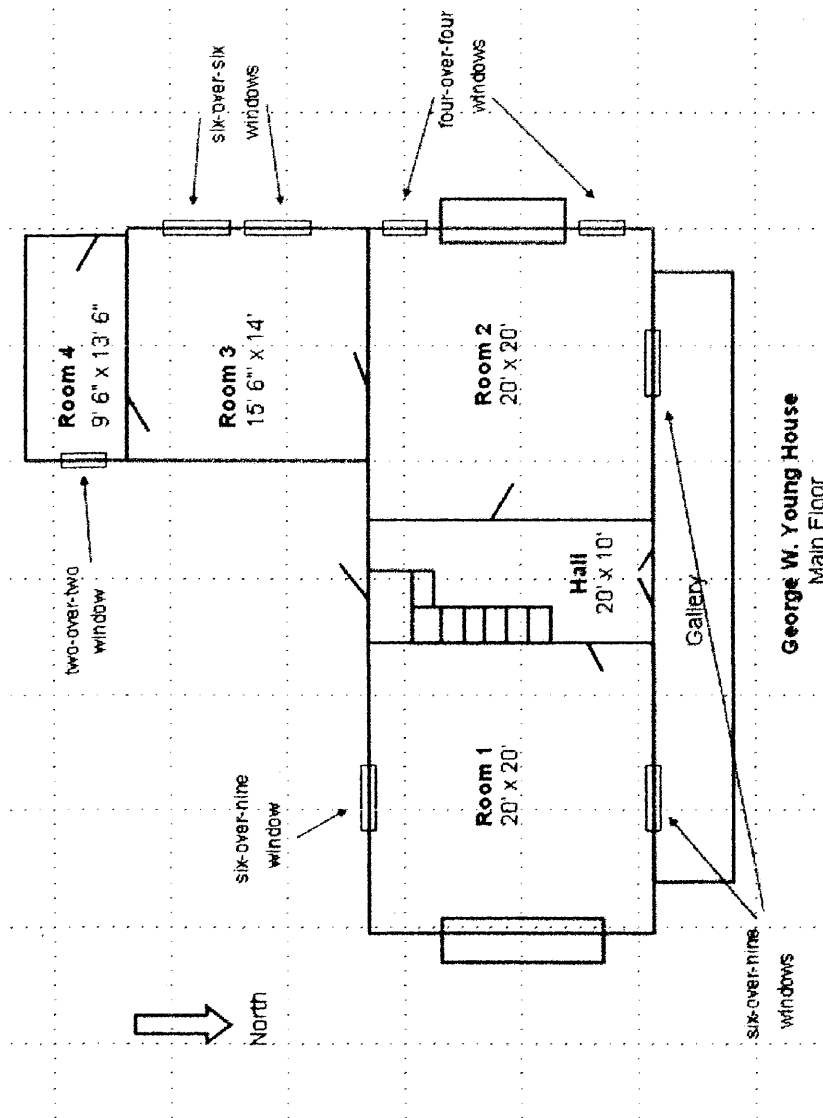
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**Drawing of Plans of Occupied Floors - Main Floor**



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**Drawing of Plans of Occupied Floors - Second Story**

