

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



# 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 Spight, F. L., House  
other names/site number Shuttleworth, Smith & Webb Law Offices

### 2. Location

street & number 363 N. Broadway N/A not for publication  
city, town Tupelo N/A vicinity  
state Mississippi code MS county Lee code 081 zip code 38801

### 3. Classification

<b>Ownership of Property</b>	<b>Category of Property</b>	<b>Number of Resources within Property</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<b>Contributing</b>	<b>Noncontributing</b>
<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 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:  
Historic Resources in Tupelo, MS

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.

Kenneth H. P. Paul FEB. 11, 1992  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Deputy 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.

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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. 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:)

Alanna Byers 4/3/92  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: Professional

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Tudor Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brickwalls brickstuccoroof asbestosother other: half-timberingother: stone

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The F. L. Spight House is a Tudor Revival mansion that has been converted into law offices, but still retains a high degree of architectural integrity. It is situated on the southwest corner of Franklin Street and N. Broadway. Because the building is oriented to the north, its original address was 301 Franklin Street. Currently, the building's address is 363 N. Broadway and an original side elevation is considered to be the front facade. This has not had a negative impact on the building's architectural integrity.

This asymmetrical, two story, 3x5 bay, brick building is accented by stuccoed and half-timbered gables. The current front facade features a full-width terrace. In the terrace area is a small stoop displaying brick diapers and a balustrade between the brick work and the steep shed roof. There is also a box bay and two entrances onto a side porch. The front facade's second story displays a tripartite casement window and a stuccoed and half-timbered gable. The south (originally rear) elevation has a stuccoed and half-timbered gable plus narrow casement windows accented by brick slipsills and heavy lintels. The north (originally front) elevation is marked by twin gables with stucco and half-timbering. Below the easternmost gable is a two-tiered porch. The top tier is enclosed with glass but retains its half-timbered gable and parapet wall; the lower tier has rough stone piers. A porte-cochere graces the west elevation.

The building is located on a small rise overlooking Broadway and Franklin Street. Its well-manicured lawn is punctuated by small shrubs and magnolia trees which shade the north elevation. Despite the house's conversion into law offices, its exterior appearance and its landscape remain essentially unaltered.

**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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1937

Significant Dates

c. 1937

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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

The F. L. Spight House (c. 1937) is one of Mississippi's most academically correct interpretations of the Tudor Revival style. It retains a high degree of architectural integrity and is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. Of the fifteen Tudor Revival houses recorded by the 1991 survey of Tupelo, the F. L. Spight House and the R. F. Goodlett House are the community's best expressions of the style.

The Tudor Revival style in America was popular from 1900 up to the First World War and then enjoyed another surge of popularity in the 1920s and the 1930s. In Mississippi, the style had two distinct phases of popularity. The first lasted from 1904 to 1910 and produced mostly simple, modest examples of the Tudor Revival style. During the second phase from 1920 to 1930, more academically correct examples of the style were constructed (Flaherty 1977: 33; Statewide Survey Files).

The F. L. Spight House is one of thirteen high style Tudor Revival houses in addition to numerous, more modest examples that have thus far been identified by the Mississippi statewide survey. Four of these high style examples date from the first phase of popularity. They are the Cowan Place (c. 1900), Vicksburg; 2405 Poplar Springs Drive (1903), Meridian; Craig-Flowers House (1904), Vicksburg; and the Harding-Johnston House (1904), Vicksburg. The other nine, including the Spight House, date from the second phase of popularity. They are the R. F. Goodlett House (1919-1920), Tupelo; 1102 Grand Boulevard (1920), Greenwood; 1703 23rd Avenue (1925), Meridian; the Virden House (1925), Greenville; the C. C. Day House (c. 1926), Aberdeen; the Knox House (c. 1926), Vicksburg; the Scott-Ricks-Hester-Brown House (1928), Jackson; and Castle Crest (1930), Jackson.

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F. L. Spight House, Tupelo, MS  
Lee County

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These houses can be divided into two broad categories under the Tudor Revival style. Ten of the buildings, despite their size and scale, are American versions of rustic cottages found in the English countryside. Each features a variety of exterior wall treatments, most notably half-timbering. Almost half of these also display classical and other design elements which are not strictly a part of the Tudor Revival vocabulary. Three of the other houses are American interpretations of the English manor house and constitute the second category.

The F. L. Spight House is clearly a member of the "rustic cottage" category. It is consistent in its display of Tudor Revival elements, i. e., its design is not watered down by elements from other architectural styles. It also has a high degree of integrity. As such, it is one of the best articulations of the Tudor Revival style in Mississippi.

Unfortunately, the historical research undertaken for this nomination did not reveal any information about the building's architect or its original owner, F. L. Spight.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Flaherty, Carolyn. "Tudor Houses." The Old-House Journal, March 1977, pp. 25-35.

Jackson, Mississippi. Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Historic Preservation Division. Files of Chief Architectural Historian.

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:  
MS Dept. of Archives & History

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property less than 1 acre

UTM References

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 89-K-42-203 (S 31NE-T 9-R 6) as recorded on the mini maps located in the Lee County Tax Assessor's Office

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Boundary Justification

This lot is the lot historically associated with the property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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