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Historic Sites Survey

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The house at 1112 Bowen Avenue is a one story, wood frame building which rests on a stuccoed masonry foundation wall and is covered with a hip roof with broad eaves. The five bay north facade features a central, one- and-one-half story octagonal entrance tower with a center door which is flanked by double-hung windows. The upper level of the tower is expressed by lozenge-shaped ventilator grilles; brackets support the wide eaves of the tower's hip roof.

Four bays of the L-shaped, wrap-around gallery extend across the central and eastern bays of the facade. Three bays of the gallery extend along the east elevation until terminated by a gable-on-hip-roofed rectangular projection. The roof of the gallery is supported by turned posts between which are suspended curvilinear sawn spandrels. The gallery is enclosed by a solid balustrade which is clad in imbricated shingles and surmounted by a small spindlework railing. A pedimented porch projects northwards from the western end of the gallery, in front of the tower. Although this porch maintains the balustrade treatment of the gallery, the (cont.)

ALTERATIONS:

Bungaloid piers and battered box columns on the entrance porch.
Carport addition to the south (rear).

OUTBUILDINGS:

storage shed

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Ocean lawns with pecan trees, foundation plantings, and a file of trees along the western boundary.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The house at 1112 Bowen Avenue is architecturally significant in the history of Ocean Springs because of its unique blend of the Italianate and Queen Anne Styles. The imbricated shingles and turned posts with which the gallery is embellished are Queen Anne features which are found elsewhere in Ocean Springs. The wide, bracket-supported eaves are found in many nineteenth century styles including the Italianate and Queen Anne. The spandrels between the gallery posts are less easily catagorized although they do resemble the segmental arches on some Italianate arcades. It is, however, the tower, the cynosure of the composition, which is the most emphatically Italianate element in the design of the house. It is a stylistic feature which is unique in the city.

NAME:

STREET NO: 1112 Bowen Avenue

TOWN/VIC: Ocean Springs

COUNTY: Jackson

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Paul and Estelle Hire
ADDRESS 1112 Bowen Avenue

PRESENT USE: residence

FORMER USE: residence

DATE: ca. 1890

STYLE: Queen Anne Style ornament and Italianate
massing

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE: Sanborn Insurance Map

ENVIRONMENT: residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

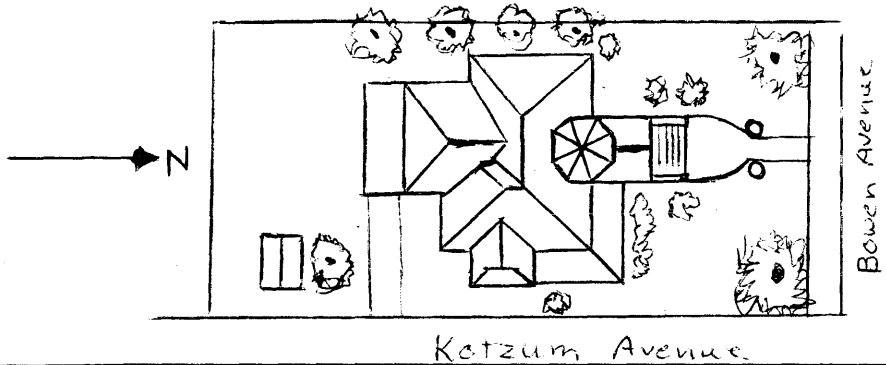
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SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:



CONTINUATION:

Architectural Description (cont.)

bungaloid brick piers and battered box columns evince a later alteration.

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Excellent

THREATS:

None

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Parcel # 61190014

ACREAGE: less than one acre

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