

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Sykes-Leigh House

and/or common Rosewood Manor or Fairleigh Manor

**2. Location**

street & number 719 Seventh Street North NA not for publication

city, town Columbus NA vicinity of

state Mississippi code 028 county Lowndes code 087

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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
	<u>N/A</u> 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:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. Dewitt L. Hicks

street & number 719 Seventh Street North

city, town Columbus NA vicinity of state Mississippi 39701

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk, Lowndes County Courthouse

street & number 501 Second Avenue North

city, town Columbus state Mississippi

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives & History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date       N/A      

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Rosewood Manor is a two story, brick, Greek Revival residence with gabled ends. The five bay northern facade is fronted by a two story, single bay pedimented portico with plain Doric columns and a second floor balcony with support brackets. Window sash are twelve over twelve light single hung sash topped by wood lintels with bullseye end moldings, matching the interior door and window trim. The first floor entrance and second floor balcony entrance have pairs of six panel wood doors with transoms. The entrance door has four light side-lights and the present bullseye moldings match other moldings throughout the house. Photographic and physical evidence point to an engaged-column enframing defining the sidelights. Original shutters survive on all exterior windows of the original structure. The rear facade of the house is similar to the front except for an enclosed one story single bay porch. A single story wing with basement was added to the west side of the house circa 1940.

The interior is a double pile plan with central hallway, two rooms in depth. Interior moldings are grooved jamb and head trim with bulls-eye corner molding and plain base. Trim is of two sizes, generally smaller on the second floor. Most rooms have simple corner moldings. Mantelpieces survive at the first floor level.

The straight run stairway, located in the central hall has turned newel posts, thin rectangular balusters and ornamental stringers. The original pine flooring survives throughout the house.

In the late 19th century, the original pedimented porch was modified to incorporate a one story porch at the north and east facades and the columns were replaced with Gothic Revival posts and brackets. These porch roofs were removed in the 1930's and Doric columns re-installed. A fire during renovation work in the early 1970's necessitated the reconstruction of some door moldings at the second floor.

## 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
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<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** 1838 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Rosewood Manor was built in 1838 for Richard Sykes, a local planter. His son, Captain E. T. Sykes, who was born in the house, was a prominent attorney and legislator. In 1847, the property was sold to John M. Moody of Northampton County, Virginia (Lowndes Co., Miss., Deed Book 22, Page 625). He is listed in the 1850 Census as 37 years old and owning 1,110 acres of farm land. Moody sold the house and grounds in 1860 to Mary Jane Crump Leigh, wife of Frank Mecanthon Leigh to whom title was conveyed in 1874 (Lowndes Co., Miss., Deed Book 32, Page 618). The Leigh family bought the property now known as Leighcrest and located diagonally to the Northeast in 1876. The Leighs sold Rosewood Manor in 1895 to M. W. O'Neill (Lowndes Co., Miss., Deed Book 72, Page 610).

The property has changed ownership frequently since 1895, being purchased by the present owners in 1978.

Rosewood Manor is one of the oldest brick houses in Columbus and is especially significant as an early example of Greek Revival architecture in Columbus. Also of significance is the consistency of detailing with that of Leighcrest which was built three years later in 1841 and the common association with the Leigh family. Extensive gardens and walks have been restored and several outbuildings survive on the property.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Lowndes County, Miss. Chancery Clerk. Deed Books 22, 32, 72.

United States. Bureau of the Census. Population Schedules, Lowndes Co., Miss.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.85

Quadrangle name Caledonia, Miss.--A1a.

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Samuel H. Kaye, Architect

date September 7, 1984

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city or town Columbus,

state MS 39701

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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

*Kenneth H. P. Pool*

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date February 6, 1985

### For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*for Melora Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 3-14-85

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior  
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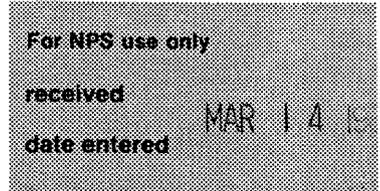
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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

A survey of a part of Square 38, North of Main Street, and all that part of Square 132 North of Main Street lying South of the South right of way line of Eighth Avenue North as it is presently constructed and in use, all located in the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Square 38; thence North along the East boundary line of said Square a distance of 65 feet to the initial point of the property herein described; thence West and parallel with the South boundary line of said Square a distance of 150 feet; thence South parallel with the East boundary line of said Square, a distance of 65 feet to a point on the South boundary line of said Square; thence West along the South boundary line of said Square a distance of 180 feet to the Southwest corner of said Square 38; thence North along the West boundary line of said Square 38 a distance of 330 feet, more or less, to the Northwest corner of said Square 38; thence North along the West boundary line of Square 132, North of Main Street, a distance of 85 feet, more or less, to a point on the South right of way line of Eighth Avenue North as it is presently constructed, and in use; thence Southeasterly along said South right of way line and through an interior angle of 88 degrees 40 minutes a distance of 83 feet; thence Southeasterly along said South right of way line, and through an interior angle of 176 degrees 15 minutes a distance of 248 feet to a point on the East boundary line of Square 132 North of Main Street; thence South along said East right of way line a distance of 62 feet, more or less, to the North boundary line of Square 38 North of Main Street; thence South along the East line of said Square 38, a distance of 265 feet to the initial point of this description; same being leasehold property from the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, as successors in office to the trustees of Franklin Academy for a term of 99 years, from August 1, 1920, renewable forever.

Beginning at the point on the East boundary line of said Square No. 38, a distance of 55 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Square; thence North along the East boundary line of said Square a distance of 10 feet; thence West and parallel with the South boundary line of said Square a distance of 15.4 feet; thence Southeasterly a distance of 18.3 feet to the initial point of this description, same being leasehold property from the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, as successors in office to the Trustees of Franklin Academy for a term of 99 years, from August 1, 1920, renewable forever.