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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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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

other names/site number "Belle Fleur"

2. Location

street & number 1123 South Street n/a  not for publication  
city, town Vicksburg n/a  vicinity  
state Mississippi code MS county Warren code 149 zip code 39180

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
1	0
Total	

Name of related multiple property listing:

n/a

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. Pool* MARCH 30, 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.  
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.  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:)

entered in the  
National Register

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5/7/92

*for* 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)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

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Other: galleried cottage

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

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walls weatherboard

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roof asphalt

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other n/a

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Belle Fleur is a one-story, five-bay galleried cottage, facing south, located on a corner lot on South Street in downtown Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The clapboard residence is topped with a low asphalt-covered hip roof flattened at the peak. The full length front gallery is recessed under the main roof and is supported with six "Vicksburg pierced columns" evenly spaced across the facade with the end columns paired to form corners. A wide cornice features paired scroll brackets positioned over each column. A pierced balustrade completes the gallery.

The main facade features a central single-leaf glazed door with three-light rectangular transom and three-light sidelights above a single raised panel. There are two six-over-six double hung windows with plain moldings on either side of the entrance.

Originally the house had a central hall plan with two rooms on either side of the hall with an extension to the rear on the west with the original kitchen at the end of this extension. An L-shaped gallery capped the rear of the house. The original area of the house is intact, however the kitchen was relocated when the porch on the southeast corner of the house was enclosed prior to 1902. The rest of the porch remains open.

The east elevation (side) of the residence has three bays: two original six-over-six double-hung windows and a smaller six-over-six double-hung window added when the porch was enclosed.

The north elevation (rear) of the residence has three bays in the main house: a six-over-six double-hung, a modern aluminum window into the bathroom, and the original exit-- a single-leaf, four-panel door. There is a six-over-six double-hung window in the end of the extension.

The west elevation (side) of the residence has five six-over-six double-hung windows.

The interior of the residence maintains its simple pedimented door and window moldings, molded baseboards, four-panel doors, mantel pieces, and heart-pine floors.

**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

1872-1875

Significant Dates

1872-1875

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 house now known as "Belle Fleur" at 1123 South Street is architecturally significant within the context of Vicksburg and Warren County because it is a well-preserved and very representative example of an important mid-nineteenth-century house form in Mississippi, the hip-roofed, centerhall-plan galleried cottage, and also because it is a locally notable example of the Italianate style as it was interpreted in the smaller, more traditional frame houses in Vicksburg in the 1870s and 80s (as contrasted with grander Italianate villas such as the Beck House [National Register 1979]).

The centerhall-plan galleried cottage was a very widespread houseform in Mississippi throughout the nineteenth century. During the antebellum period most of these cottages had gabled roofs, but by the 1850s a hip-roofed variant had been introduced, and by the 1870s it was being widely built, especially in Vicksburg and Jackson. As the largest city in Mississippi during the 1870s and 80s, Vicksburg had an especially large concentration of these cottages, and retains the largest concentration of them today. Cottages of this type built in the 1850s generally had Greek Revival detailing, but by the 1870s the Italianate style was being widely adopted. Notable surviving examples of these houses in Mississippi include:

- "Idlewild" at Port Gibson, Claiborne County (late 1840s) [NR 1979]
- Brown-Wilson House, Enterprise, Clarke County (c 1850) [NR 1980]
- "Pilgrim's Rest," Enterprise, Clarke County (c 1850) [NR 1980]
- Clemens House, Biloxi, Harrison County (c 1850) [NR 1984]
- Labuzan-Stirling House, Biloxi, Harrison County (c 1855) [NR district]
- Flannegan-Lowry House, Jackson, Hinds County (1850s)

At least nine relatively intact cottages of this type survive in Vicksburg, the earliest being the Guider House [NR 1980] at 1115 Grove Street, apparently built in the 1850s. Six of the others were built in the 1870s and display Italianate features. Five of these, including "Belle Fleur," have picturesque jigsawed openwork porch supports of a type known locally as "Vicksburg pierced columns." (These distinctive "pierced columns" were widely used on Vicksburg buildings in the 1870s and 80s. A survey conducted in 1987 identified fifty buildings in the city that retained the feature, though many were in poor condition and several have since been demolished.)

Built between 1872 and 1875, "Belle Fleur" is one of the more intact and well preserved Italianate-influenced hip-roofed galleried cottages in the state. The house was originally owned by the M. Tierney family, who occupied it for many years.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Historic Resources Inventory Files, Historic Preservation Division,  
Mississippi Department of Archives and History

"Historic Resources of Vicksburg, Mississippi," National Register of  
Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form (Draft),  
August 1990.

Warren County, Mississippi. Chancery Clerk's Office. Deed Books.  
Warren County Courthouse, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

See continuation sheet

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:  
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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property less than one (1) acre

UTM References

A 

1	5	6	98	7	162	3	15	8	10	7	16	15
Zone				Easting				Northing				

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Zone				Easting				Northing				

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Parcel Number 94Q-29-0020-48-81 in the Numerical Index located in the  
Chancery Clerk's office, Warren County Court House.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

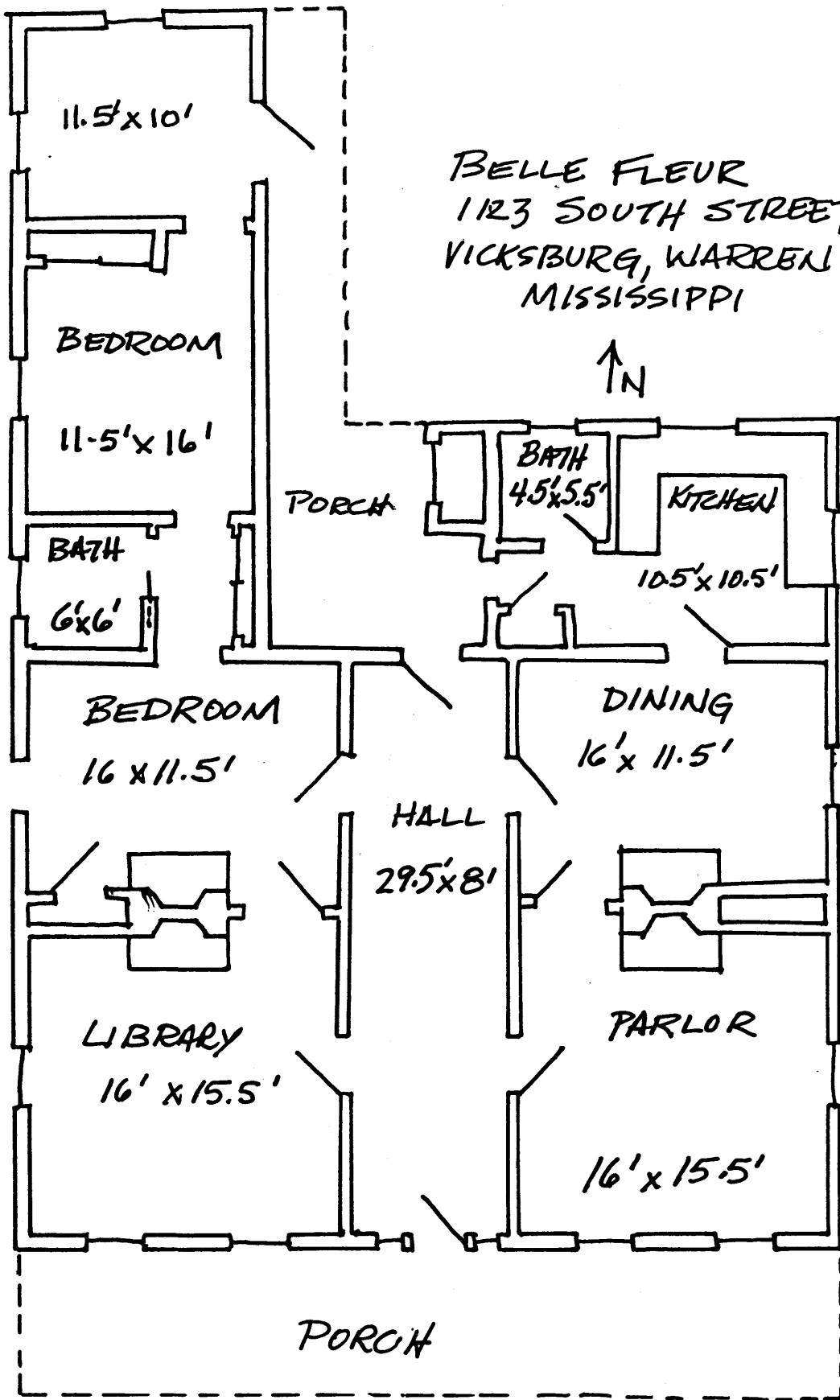
The boundary includes the lot associated with the building.

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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city or town Vicksburg state MS zip code 39181

BELLE FLEUR  
1123 SOUTH STREET  
VICKSBURG, WARREN COUNTY,  
MISSISSIPPI



11.5' x 10'

BEDROOM

11.5' x 16'

BATH

6' x 6'

BEDROOM

16' x 11.5'

LIBRARY

16' x 15.5'

PORCH

BATH

4.5' x 5.5'

KITCHEN

10.5' x 10.5'

DINING

16' x 11.5'

HALL

29.5' x 8'

PARLOR

16' x 15.5'

PORCH