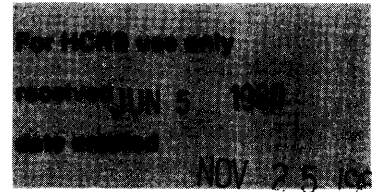


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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



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

**1. Name**

historic MARCLARE

and/or common Austin - Hull

**2. Location**

street & number River Road Extd. \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Greenwood \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district Second

state Mississippi code 28 county Leflore code 83

**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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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. and Mrs. James Dale

street & number River Road Extd.

city, town Greenwood \_\_\_ vicinity of state Miss.

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Greenwood state Mississippi

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title \_\_\_\_\_ has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Marclare is a one story frame dwelling which stands on a three foot brick foundation facing north from highground on the banks of the Yazoo River. The farm-like setting is approximately one mile from the Greenwood city limits. The three-bay facade elevation is embellished with an undercut gallery extending the full length of the house and is supported by four box columns. A large double doorway forms the center-bay entrance, double leaf glass doors each with wooden frames are flanked on either side by attached box columns with molded caps. The two windows which are most unusual are single hung sash with two lights which rises into a clapboarded box projecting from the wall above the window. Louvred wood shutters are on either side of the windows. It is thought that the windows and doors on the facade were installed during the 1904-1905 remodeling and came from a store razed by Mr. Austin.

The gable end single windows on the east and west elevation have been replaced by double sash windows with mullion and transom. These windows compliment those of the facade and one on the west elevation.

The plan of the interior of the house is a classic Mississippi type with a central hallway, with two rooms on either side. The second floor had not been opened until the present owners enlarged the rear of the hallway to accommodate a stairwell. The upper floor consists of three rooms. The three rooms across the back wall are bedroom (southwest corner), enclosed porch, and kitchen (southeast corner). The kitchen opens into a hallway that is used as an informal eating area.

The lawn surrounding the house enhances the beauty of the house. One of the magnificent trees, a Willow Oak Tree, has been nominated to the state Forestry Commission for certification as the largest of its kind in the state. Also, a large barn built about 1900 stands several yards to the rear of Marclare.

## 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** ca. 1871 - 1904 **Builder/Architect**

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Marclare, located on the south bank of the Yazoo River, about a mile from the Greenwood city limits, was built ca. 1871, and was remodeled ca. 1905. This dwelling is important to the Greenwood area because of its historic association with the F.R. Austin family. Also, the house which may be labeled as being of the Mississippi Planter style, has unusual features that are not common to the area. Generally, this style is found in the southern portion of the state.

The deed records show that, Jane Sisloff, acquired the land in 1871 (Deed Bk. I, p. 14). Local tradition maintains that her husband Henry Sisloff built a house on the property shortly after his wife purchased it. Mrs. Sisloff died in 1892 and willed her husband life time estate privileges. After his death in 1896, the property reverted back to members of Mrs. Sisloff's family.

According to one of LeFlore county's oldest citizens, Mr. William L. Craig, Mr. Sisloff rented the house on the south bank of the Yazoo River to a McClain family, and that Mrs. McClain taught school. Mr. Craig recalls attending classes in the house in 1896 or 1897. The 1900 Census confirms Mr. Craig's statement that the McClains were renting a house in that area. Furthermore, Mrs. McClain's occupation was listed as Post Mistress.

In 1904, Mrs. Sisloff's heirs sold the property to Mr. F.R. Austin (Deed Book 35, p. 156). Austin was very active in the community as a merchant and realtor. In the late 1890s, he was responsible for the construction of the business district in Greenwood known as "Cotton Row". This area has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as the "Cotton Row District". In 1905, Austin retired from his work, and the Greenwood Enterprise, October 6, 1905, gave an account of his achievements and accomplishments.

When Mr. Austin purchased the River Road property, he divided his own residence on Howard street into three business lots. It is believed that some of the material used in the remodeling of the River Road house had come from buildings that were being razed.

Although the house has changed hands many times since the Austins lived there, a number of the area's senior citizens state that the basic integrity of the house has remained intact. The present owners of the house, Mr. and Mrs. James Dale, have retained most of the details associated with Austin's renovation, and thus insuring its future preservation.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.2

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle name Greenwood, MS

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

A 

1	5	7	5	8	0	8	0	3	7	1	2	4	2	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

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G 

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H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached zerox copy of Engineer's Survey

Plat by Bunch Concrete & Engineering, Inc. with nominated property outlined in red. Nominated property is located in se corner of sec. lot 12, Sect. 8, T19N, R1E, Leflore County Ms.

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

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clinton I. Bagley

organization self employed

date May 14, 1980

street & number P.O. Box 1332

telephone 601 334-4715/ 332-7956

city or town Greenville

state Mississippi

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Elmer B. Williams*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date May 26, 1980

For HCERS use only

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

*for file*  
*Ray Luce*  
Keeper of the National Register

date

6/25/80

Attest:

*Carl Davis*  
Chief of Registration

date

11/26/80

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On the northeast side of the nominated property is an abandoned barn-stable which was built at the turn of the century. The present owners built a one story, one room frame children's playhouse several yards southeast of Marclare.

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Marclare is a good example of a Mississippi cottage with wide open central passage. It derives its greatest significance from its historical association with A.F. Austin who occupied the house from 1904-1913. Although the house was remodeled by Austin in 1904, the architectural integrity of the house has been only slightly changed. As a result of this remodeling, the most unusual and well detailed architectural features of the house are the four windows (two at each gable end and two on the facade). These windows are single-hung sash with lights which rise into a clapboard box projecting from the wall above the window.

F.N. Austin advertised in The (Greenwood) Enterprise, October 14, 1904:

Every available business house in the city of Greenwood is now occupied and there is an increasing demand for store offices and warerooms to facilitate the business interest of Greenwood, the most rapidly-growing city in the rich Yazoo Delta. To meet this demand I (Austin) have acquired unquestioned title to twenty-one of the most desirable business lots in the city, located in the very heart of the business district, and these will be offered for sale at A AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

These lots were located near or fronted on the "Court Square," where the Court House was to be built. Austin was not only responsible for the establishment of "a Cotton Row" (which is a National Register district) but for the commercial development around the Court House.

When Austin retired in 1905, a personal sketch of his accomplishments were given in The Enterprise, October 6, 1905:

During his sixteen years residence here, Mr. Austin has been among the men who have helped build Greenwood, and his faith in this city's future has never wavered. He has extensive holdings of city property, much of which is improved, and now contemplates the erection of more business buildings. All of his material interests are bound up in the welfare of Greenwood, and he is doing his part in the work of advancement which has never been so marked as at present.

In 1913 Austin sold the house and moved to Charlottesville, Virginia.

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"Abstract of title to Legal Subdivision, Lots 12, & 13 in Section 8 in Township 19, Range 3 East, in Leflore County, Ms." n.d. Copy at Dale & Calhoun, Box 941, Greenwood, Ms. 38930.

Craig, William L. Interviewed by Clinton Bagley. April, 7, 1980 at Greenwood, Ms.

Greenwood Commonwealth. Centennial Edition, April 20, 1971.

U.S. Bureau of Census. Population Census, 1900 . Leflore County, Ms.

Works Progress Administration, County History, Leflore County. Leflore county Library, Greenwood, Ms.

ENGINEER'S SURVEY PLAT

BY

BUNCH CONCRETE & ENGINEERING, INC.

Plat of C. G. Hull Property on River Road:

DESCRIPTION:

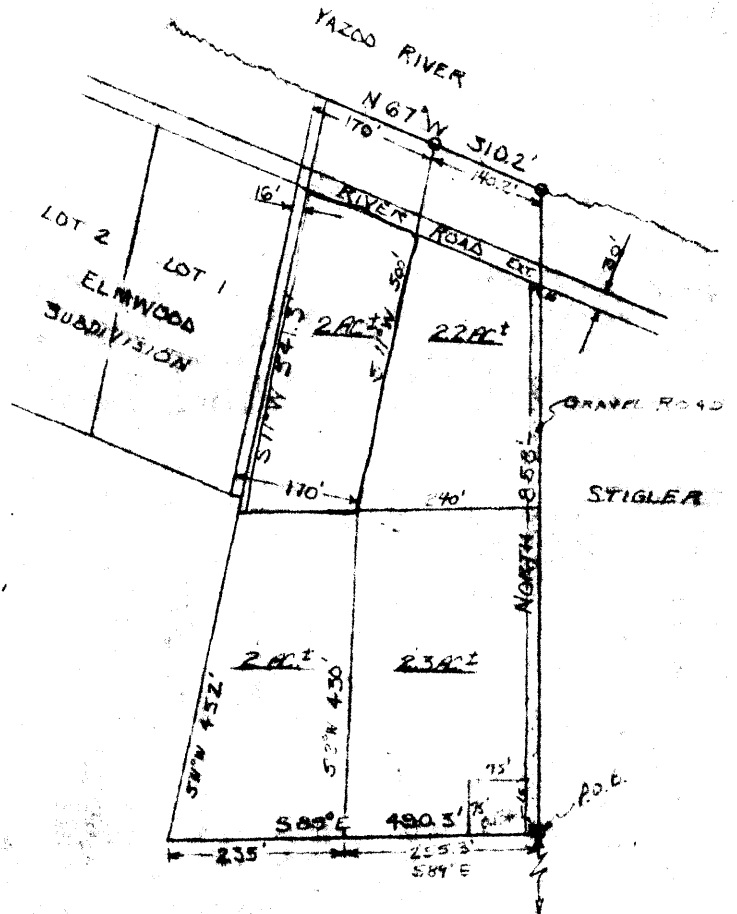
Begin at the Southeast corner of Sectional Lot 12, Section 8, T19N, R1E, Leflore County, Mississippi, and proceed North for a distance of 607.2 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; from said point of beginning proceed North for a distance of 858 feet to the south bank of the Yazoo River; thence proceed North 67 degrees West along the south bank of the Yazoo River for a distance of 140.2 feet; thence proceed South 11 degrees West for a distance of 500 feet; thence proceed South 2 degrees West for a distance of 430 feet; thence proceed South 89 degrees East for a distance of 255.3 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described tract of land contains 5.63 acres, less and except a right of way for a gravel road 16 feet in width along the east side of the above described tract of land.

Marclare  
Greenwood, Ms.



SCALE: 1" = 200'



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have surveyed the premises described above; that the boundary lines are as shown hereon; that there is no visible evidence of a public passageway or roadway across said premises or of any driveway except that as shown hereon; that there are no structures on said premises except as shown on this plat; and that the results of said survey are truly represented on this plat.

September 16, 1976  
Signed: John L. Bunch, P.E.  
Civil Engineer  
License No. 3398