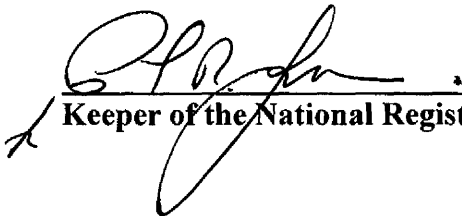




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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, the Dunklin, William A., House, in Monroe County, Mississippi, reference number 88000122, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 02/22/1988, as evidenced by the WEEKLY LIST notice of March 4, 1988. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2/19/2009
Date

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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 William A. Dunklin House

and/or common Dunlee

2. Location

street & number 301 High Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Aberdeen N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi code 28 county Monroe code 095

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
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| <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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <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 checked="" 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 Virginia Flynn Sykes

street & number 301 High Street

city, town Aberdeen N/A vicinity of state MS 39730

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chancery Clerk Building

street & number 201 W. Commerce St.

city, town Aberdeen state MS 39730

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The William A. Dunklin House is a one-and-one-half story, three-by-five-bay, frame Greek Revival cottage with a gable roof. The original floor plan of a central hall flanked by one room on each side is still discernable, despite twentieth century alterations and additions. The house rests on brick piers.

The front (north) facade is dominated by a central portico. The portico's paired Doric box columns support a pedimented gable that is set perpendicular to the main roof ridge. The frontispiece located within the porch area is comprised of double-leaf, panelled doors flanked by multi-light sidelights and capped by a multi-light transom. The whole is embraced by a battered, eared surround. The portico is flanked by two large, nine-over-nine double hung sash windows with shutters. The endboards of the front elevation repeat the Doric treatment of the box columns. A simple frieze spans the front facade and continues around the side elevations.

The east (side) elevation displays a small porch with a simple wooden balustrade, posts and decorative scrollwork below the frieze. This is apparently a turn-of-the-century addition.

On the west (side) elevation towards the rear, is a one story, three sided projecting bay which was added in the 1970s (Virginia Flynn Sykes, present owner of the William A. Dunklin House, interviewed by Susan Enzweiler and Brenda Rubach, architectural historians with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, at Aberdeen, Miss., May 16, 1987).

The Dunklin House was remodeled in the 1940s and there is some speculation that the original chimneys were removed at this time. Other changes at this time included gable-roofed additions on the rear (Sykes).

To the east and rear of the house are three outbuildings. One is a one story, two-bay garage, a non-contributing element. The other is a one story, gable-roofed brick house that served as either servants' quarters or a kitchen, and the third building, similar in design to the former, was probably used as a smokehouse (Sykes). It still retains its brick floor. These latter two outbuildings, along with the house, constitute three contributing elements

The house is situated on a 1.2 acre lot in a quiet, residential neighborhood. Brick steps lead up a small rise to the house which is shaded by magnolias and other indigenous trees.

Nominated Properties

1 Individual property

Contributing Elements

3 Buildings

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1853 Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The William A. Dunklin House is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. The building is representative of the Greek Revival style cottage in Aberdeen. The front portico with box columns supporting a pedimented gable roof and double doors flanked by clear sidelights are features commonly found on Aberdeen's Greek Revival cottages. On the other hand, this type of cottage is rare in Columbus and only a few examples of it exist in Holly Springs, both prominent antebellum towns in northeast Mississippi. Until at least the late 1960's or early 1970's, eight of these Greek Revival cottages were standing in Aberdeen (John Rodabough, "Port of Aberdeen: Antebellum Homes, Part XII, Simple Cottages," The Aberdeen Examiner, March 30, 1972).

Dr. William A. Dunklin built this Greek Revival cottage in 1853. A South Carolinian by birth, he had migrated to Aberdeen by 1850. He was a merchant, but also had a prairie plantation worked by thirty-one slaves. In May 1851, Dunklin became a partner in the dry goods firm of Dunklin, Earle, & Strong. Dunklin's wife, Mary E., and his daughter, Anna Mary, both died in September 1857. By October first of that year, Dunklin had his house up for sale and left Aberdeen.

The house was in a bad state of repair by the 1940's when Mrs. Donie McFarland decided to rehabilitate it. She removed the many rear additions that had been added to the house over the years and greatly reworked the floor plan of the house. Today, the original (front) portion of the house contains a central hall with one room on each side. The doorways display battered, eared surrounds (Rodabough, "Simple Cottages"). The rear portion of the house is comprised of three rooms - the bedroom, the study and the kitchen. In 1966, the screen panels for the porch off the study were replaced by glass panels. The current owner, Mrs. Virginia Sykes, added the polygonal windowed bay to the west wall of the kitchen in the 1970's. This one story bay created a breakfast nook on the interior.

The William A. Dunklin House also retains two of its original outbuildings which increase its significance. The tall, but not very wide, building closest to the cottage is presumed to have been a smokehouse. The small brick building to the south of the smokehouse is believed to have been a kitchen or slave quarters (Mrs. Virginia Flynn Sykes, present owner of the William A. Dunklin House, interviewed by Susan Enzweiler and Brenda Rubach, architectural historians with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, at Aberdeen, Miss., May 16, 1987).

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.2 acres

Quadrangle name Aberdeen

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel Number 108-J-34-028-003-00 as recorded in the Numerical Index located in the Chancery Clerk's Office.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan M. Enzweiler - Architectural Historian

organization Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History date September 1987

street & number P. O. Box 571 telephone (601) 354-7326

city or town Jackson state MS 39205

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 January 6, 1988

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

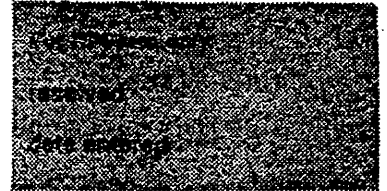
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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