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# Historic Sites Survey 3-B

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Jewish Cemetery is situated on a small lot approximately 150 feet square, adjacent to Marginal Street residences located within the boundaries of the Market Street-Suburb St. Mary Historic District. Cemetery boundaries are outlined by a thin-gauge iron fence with decorative iron corner posts. Some plots are raised two to three feet above ground with masonry retaining walls.

## ALTERATIONS:

## OUTBUILDINGS:

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Although the Congregation Gemiluth Chassed was organized in 1859, a cemetery was not established until 1870. Prior to 1870, Jewish dead were buried in Natchez.

The site is significant as a reflection of the Jewish community in Port Gibson, and for its historic value as one of the early Jewish cemeteries in the state after those in Natchez, Grand Gulf, Columbus, Vicksburg, and Jackson (James J. Pillar, "Religious and Cultural Life, 1817-1860," in A History of Mississippi, 2 vols., ed. Richard A. McLemore (Hattiesburg: University Press, 1973), 1:392-93.

NAME: Jewish Cemetery  
STREET NO: 900 Block, Marginal Street  
TOWN/VIC: Port Gibson  
COUNTY: Claiborne  
BLOCK/LOT:  
PRESENT OWNER: Jewish Congregation of Port Gibson  
ADDRESS c/o Karl Weil, 212 Walnut Street  
PRESENT USE: Port Gibson, Mississippi 39150  
Cemetery  
FORMER USE:  
DATE: ca. 1870 - present  
STYLE:  
ARCH/BUILDER:  
SOURCE OF DATE:  
ENVIRONMENT: residential  
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
LOCAL X  
STATE  
NATIONAL

## PHOTOS

NEG. #

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Well maintained

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Refer to cemetery boundaries as outlined on U.S.G.S. map

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF:

A	1   5	6   9   1   0   0   0	3   5   3   7   1   6   0
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING

C			
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B			
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING

D			
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