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**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 Summer Trees

AND/OR COMMON Summer Trees

**2 LOCATION**

*NE of Red Banks*

STREET & NUMBER Route 4, Box 129, Mayhome Road

CITY, TOWN Red Banks

VICINITY OF  
CODE

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First

STATE Mississippi

COUNTY CODE  
Marshall 93

**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
	<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. Alfred Cowles, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER 7641 Willey Road

CITY, TOWN Germantown

— VICINITY OF

STATE Tennessee 38138

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Office of the Chancery Clerk  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Marshall County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Market Street

CITY, TOWN Holly Springs

STATE Mississippi 38635

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Statewide Survey of Historic Sites

DATE 1975  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN Jackson

STATE Mississippi 39205

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## 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

Summer Trees is a one-and-one-half-story Greek Revival cottage, five bays across and two bays deep, which is constructed on a four-room center-hall plan. Rear ells, added in 1935 when major restoration work was undertaken, expand the plan to a U-shape. A projecting gallery with six Ionic columns spans the central portion of the front (north) elevation. The original rounded bases of the columns deteriorated and have been replaced by squared ones of concrete. The rear gallery, which now spans the central part of the rear elevation and the side elevation of the west ell, originally extended the full length of the house. The building rests on a brick foundation which was covered ca. 1935 with concrete scored to resemble ashlar masonry. Original iron grates, recessed in oval openings, have been maintained in the foundation wall to provide ventilation. Exterior walls are brick laid in common bond, and the interior hall walls are brick (now covered with plaster) as well. Pairs of interior end chimneys rise above the gable roof.

All exterior detailing is executed in the Greek Revival style. The Ionic columns of the gallery are fluted and support a full entablature with denticulated cornice. The central entrance utilizes a double surround, which creates a more monumental three-dimensional effect. The surround consists of a trabeated inner section which is recessed from the wall plane and incorporates pilasters, transom and side lights, and an outer section which projects from the wall plane and frames the recessed portion. The projecting section consists of wide pilasters which support a heavy but simple entablature. This layering device is maintained in the window heads, which are composed of a peaked lintel applied to a stepped lintel. An original gable window on the west elevation was replaced by a door when tornado damage was repaired in the 1930s. A stairway, formerly leading to the door, is no longer in place, although its outline is still visible.

The interior is more spacious than the one-story facade would indicate. Rooms are large, the hall measuring sixteen feet by twenty-four feet and the other rooms approximately twenty feet by twenty-two feet. Ceiling heights are sixteen feet with eleven-and-one-half-foot high doors. Moldings are original and typically Greek Revival, the doors, windows, and mantelpieces displaying shouldered architraves. Ornate cornice moldings of plaster feature an enriched talon motif and were restored in the 1930s by a Mr. Hampton, an English craftsman located in Memphis. He also executed the Art Deco style ceiling medallion which adorns the hall. Although not original, its use of floral enrichment blends with original medallions in the parlor and dining room. Other notable features are the long front windows containing six-over-nine sash which raise into the wall to form door-like openings; eight-panel doors with original non-pin hinges; and large sliding doors which divide the parlor from the dining room.

Also located on the property is a brick guest cottage constructed in 1935 and several frame outbuildings probably constructed shortly thereafter.

# 6 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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 ca. 1851

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Formal elegance on a small scale" best characterizes Summer Trees, an outstanding example of the application of Greek Revival details to a vernacular cottage form. Reflecting a former period of prosperity in the history of Red Banks, the house is also significant for its use of distinctly Southern climatic design features.

Although various dates have been attributed to the house, deed records show that Washington S. Taylor purchased the property in 1851 (Land Deed Book R:215). The son of Sanders Washington Taylor, early settler and farmer, Washington S. Taylor had amassed substantial wealth before the Civil War (Population Schedules, Marshall County, 1860). By the 1880s, however, records indicate that Taylor was forced to sell his land to settle debts (Trust Deed Book 44:587). After changing hands several times and undergoing a period of neglect between 1900 and 1935, Summer Trees was purchased in 1935 by Mr. and Mrs. Neely Grant (Land Deed Book 19:499), who restored it. The house is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cowles, Jr., who purchased it in 1969 (Land Deed Book 122:365).

Architecturally, Summer Trees maintains a high degree of integrity. With the exception of replaced column bases and the door into the west gable, the exterior of the main block is original, as is most of the elaborate Greek Revival interior. Consistent with Southern building tradition, the house is oriented toward the north to block the east-west sun, and front windows are long and raise into a wallspace above the casing. This window device provides maximum ventilation and easier access to the gallery, another regional characteristic. Local history maintains that bricks for the dwelling were made on the property by slaves, ~~and, in fact, the kiln is located near the rear property line.~~ ~~The thirty-two acre tract on which Summer Trees stands is all that remains of the original Washington S. Taylor homestead.~~

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brieger, James F. (comp.). Hometown Mississippi. 4 vols. Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Elrod, Nickie. "September at Summer Trees." The Commercial Appeal, September 16, 1973, News of Women, section 5, pp. 1,2.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 32 acres *4 acres* (J.F.T. 1-17-79) *N 3861-180*  
*E 267-060*

QUADRANGLE NAME Red Banks

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING 940 NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Northeast corner of northeast quadrant of Township 2, Range 3W, Section 32.

*A square parcel 400' x 400' with the house at the center. (J.F.T. 1-17-79)*

## 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

Adele Cramer, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE

November 10, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 571

TELEPHONE

(601) 354-6218 7326

CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi 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

*Elbert R. Hilliard*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

November 10, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Charles A. ...*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
*Robert J. ...*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

1/19/79

DATE

1/10/79

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McRaven, Florence M. Swift Current. Santa Barbara, California: Schener Printing, 1954.

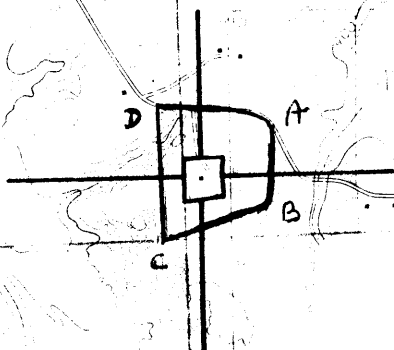
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United States. Bureau of the Census. Population Schedules. Marshall County, Mississippi. 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860.

#10 Verbal Boundary Description (cont'd)

Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 31, Township 2 South, Range 3 West, 26.71 chains South of the Northeast corner of said section and running thence East along the South boundary of the public road 2.89 chains; thence South 5 degrees West 21.65 chains; thence North 85 degrees West 15.24 chains; thence North 5 degrees East 20.32 chains to the South line of a right-of-way of public road; thence in an Easterly direction along said right-of-way line 12.40 chains to the point of beginning; containing 31.2 acres, more or less, and being in the East Half of Section 31, and the West Half of Section 32.

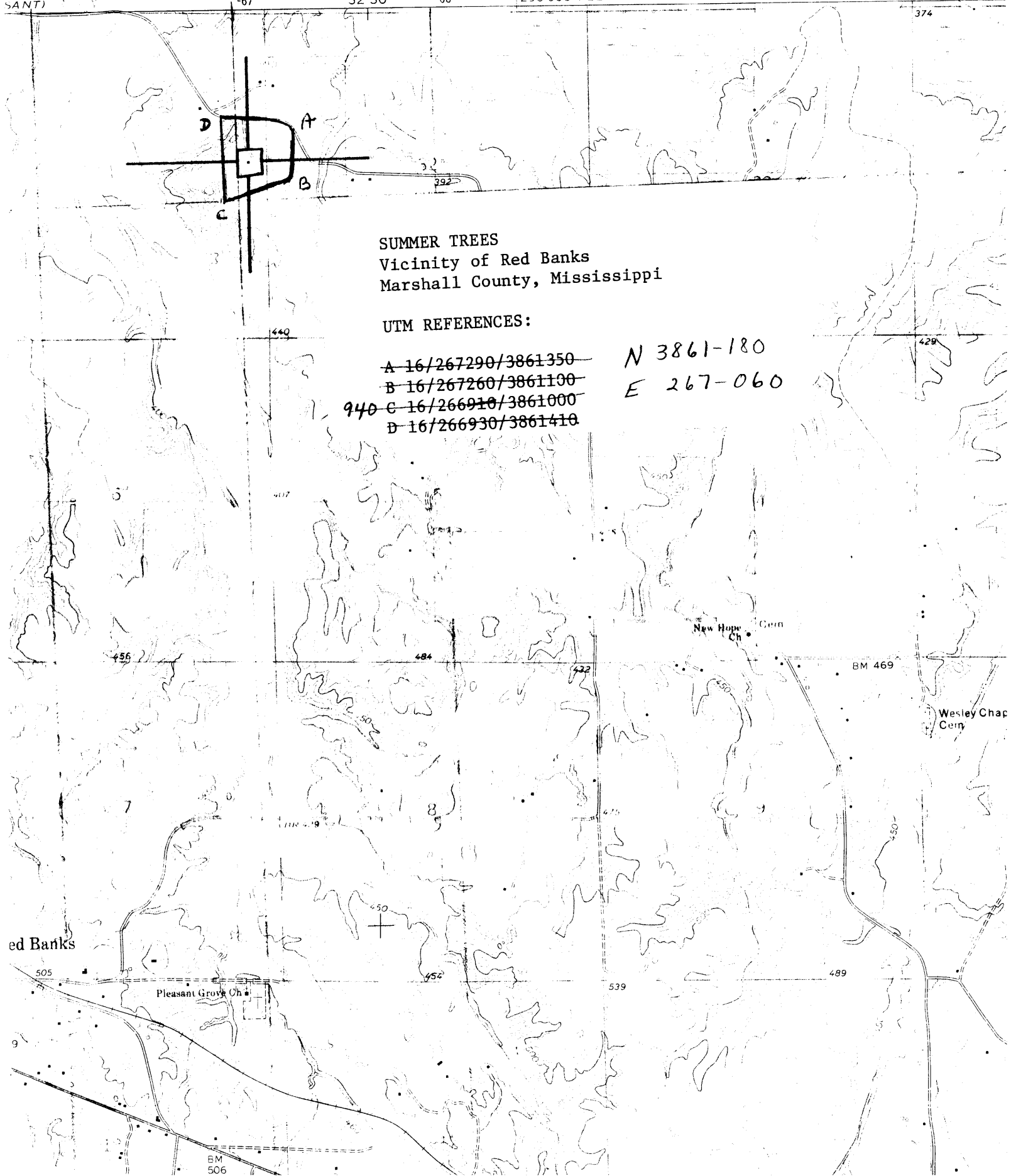
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SUMMER TREES  
Vicinity of Red Banks  
Marshall County, Mississippi

UTM REFERENCES:

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~~B 16/267260/3861100~~ E 267-060  
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~~D 16/266930/3861410~~



ed Banks

Pleasant Grove Ch

New Hope Ch

Wesley Chap Cem

BM 469

EM 506