

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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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 Francis M. Rogers House (Aberdeen MRA)

and or common Magnolia Hill

2. Location

street & number Southwest corner of High and Hickory Streets N/A not for publication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	
<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"/> N/A 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. J. Dudley Williams

street & number P. O. Box 4

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

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Francis M. Rogers House is a one-and-one-half story, eave-oriented Greek Revival cottage with a pedimented portico gracing its five bay wide front facade. The frame structure is supported by brick piers interspaced with patterned brick infill. The portico features paired modified Doric box columns supporting a pedimented gable. The portico's paired pilasters mirror the design and the placement of the box columns. The pilasters flank a frontispiece comprised of double-leaf, four panel doors within multi-light sidelights with panelled aprons and a multi-light transom. Simple, wood balustrades delineate the side edges of the portico. On either side of the portico are two nine-over-nine double hung sash windows with louvred shutters. Above, a simple frieze spans the front facade, terminating at its cornerboards. A gabled dormer with eight-light casement windows pierces the front of the main roof on either side of the portico. Both the side (east and west) elevations have two exterior, shouldered brick chimneys and continue the window configuration found on the front facade.

The Francis M. Rogers House sits on the southwest corner of High and Hickory Streets, facing north. Its 1.3 acre lot slopes gently down to the streets. The property is not formally landscaped, but is shaded by magnolia trees and other indigenous plantings.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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 c. 1848 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Francis M. Rogers House is individually eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. Along with the Felix G. Henley House, the William A. Dunklin House and the Austin Pollard House, this building typifies the Greek Revival style cottage in Aberdeen. The front portico is set perpendicular to the main roof ridge. Its box columns support a pedimented gable roof and its sidelights flank double doors. These features are commonly found on Aberdeen's Greek Revival cottages. In contrast, this house form is rare in Columbus and only a few examples of it can be found in Holly Springs, both prominent antebellum towns in northeast Mississippi. Eight of these Greek Revival cottages were extant in Aberdeen until at least the late 1960s or early 1970s (John Rodabough, "Port of Aberdeen: Antebellum Homes, Part XII, Simple Cottages," The Aberdeen Examiner, March 30, 1972).

The house was constructed circa 1848 by Francis M. Rogers (c. 1815–1862). Rogers was a lawyer and public official, having a law practice in Aberdeen and serving as a circuit judge for the 6th Judicial District as early as 1845. Francis Marion Rogers was also a delegate to the State Convention of 1861 which voted for Secession. Rogers died during the Civil War as a Captain with Company E of the 14th Mississippi Infantry Regiment (No Author Cited, The Hall of Fame: State of Mississippi, [Jackson: Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 1978], p.6).

The current owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dudley Williams, undertook a sensitive rehabilitation of the house in 1987/1988. They reconstructed the paired, modified Doric box columns which had been removed and returned the western front windows to their original nine-over-nine double hung sash configuration (as late as Autumn 1986 these two windows had been one-over-one double hung sash).

9. Major Bibliographical References

No Author Cited. The Hall of Fame: State of Mississippi. Jackson: Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 1978.

Rodabough, John, "Port of Aberdeen: Antebellum Homes, Part XII, Simple Cottages." The Aberdeen Examiner, March 30, 1972.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 1.3 acres

Quadrangle name Aberdeen

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	6	3	5	6	9	6	5	3	7	4	2	9	4	0
Zone		Easting					Northing							

B

Zone		Easting					Northing							

C

Zone		Easting					Northing							

D

Zone		Easting					Northing							

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Zone		Easting					Northing							

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Zone		Easting					Northing							

G

Zone		Easting					Northing							

H

Zone		Easting					Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel Number 108-J-34-028-001-00 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	code	county	code
N/A			

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan M. Enzweiler - Architectural Historian

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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

Kenneth H. P. Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date Sept. 26, 1988

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

Alonzo Byrum
Keeper of the National Register

Witness in the
National Register

date

11/3/88

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date