

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

**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 Mollie Clark House
and/or common Atkinson Home

2. Location

street & number 2221 Yazoo Street _____ not for publication
city, town Pickens _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district third
state Mississippi code 28 county Holmes code 51

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. & Mrs. Billy Atkinson
street & number P. O. Box 9
city, town Pickens, _____ vicinity of MS state 39146

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Holmes County Court House
street & number Courthouse Square
city, town Lexington, _____ state Mississippi 39095

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 _____

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 Mollie Clark House

The Mollie Clark House which faces north is located at 2221 Yazoo Street, Pickens, MS. It is one of the finest Colonial Revival Houses in Holmes County. This two story, frame house which is built over a small ridge is set upon brick piers which are a full story at the rear. The multi-gable hipped roof is pierced by four interior chimneys and a molded cornice and freeze encircle the whole house. The windows are double-hung sash, one-over-one.

A one story kitchen ell is on an axis with the east elevation of the main block. A small porch with entrance to the kitchen utilizes the angle between the two units. The porch on the kitchen ell, and double gallery on the rear or south elevation of the main block are supported by box columns, and these are joined by a simple rail. Also, a straight flight of steps connects the upper and lower galleries.

The three bay northly facade is fronted by a one story gallery that is supported by ten Ionic columns. A full two story height portico covers the formal entrance and gallery. This giant order pedimented portico is supported by a pair of fluted Corinthian Columns on either side of the entrance. The entrance consists of doubled leaf doors, glazed and framed by leaded glass transom and side lights. The leaded glass sidelights are placed over molded panels. The whole of which is enframed by pilasters supporting a full molded entablature. There is a second story doorway of similar, but plainer design, above the main entrance.

The floor plan of the main block, unaltered, consists of a central hall with two rooms on each side. The same arrangement is present on both floors, and the stairway runs along the east wall of the central hallway. The two downstairs rooms on the west side of the hallway, are the parlor in the northwest corner with sliding doors, and a bedroom. In the extreme southwest corner of the house is the bathroom with separate water closet and bathing facilities. The rooms on the east side are the library with sliding doors which open into the central hallway; and, the dining room which connects with the kitchen and the central hallway. Upstairs, there are four bedrooms, and a bathroom, like downstairs, at the southwest corner of the house.

Remarkable features about the house is that all the rooms contain the original light fixtures which are a combination of both gas and electricity. The wooden mantels, bathroom fixtures (laboratories and bathtubs) have remained intact and in position.

On the south lawn a two room, four bay framed servant's quarters, and further back in the rear yard is the frame gashouse which has been moved from its original location.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1909 **Builder/Architect** W. K. Ketteringham

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Mollie Clark Statement of Significance

The Mollie Clark House built Ca. 1909, is one of the best documented Colonial Revival Houses in Holmes County. The house is also significant for its historic association with the development of Pickens, Mississippi, during the early part of the twentieth century.

Mary Ann (Mollie) Clark was an active civic leader in Pickens and a benefactor who contributed to the community's growth and development. She was part owner of Burton-Clark Merchantile Company which was located in the middle of the business district of Pickens. Miss Clark was very influential in deciding the financial aspects of the city since she was the controlling stockholder of the Bank of Pickens.

In 1903, she purchased the lot for her future residence, - shortly afterwards she began to make plans for her future home. Fortunately, her correspondence concerning the planning and construction of the house has been preserved by her nephew, Mr. Billy Atkinson who is the owner and occupant of the house.

The family papers contain not only the correspondence with the architect W. K. Ketteringham, Jackson, Mississippi, but "cutout pictures" of mantels from various catalogs; architectural specifications; cost estimates; contracts; and shipping receipts have been preserved. Therefore, almost every aspect of the building of the house can be documented.

After Miss Clark's death in 1940, the house was occupied by her sister, Mrs. Josephine Burton. In 1960, Mr. Atkinson acquired the house.

The basic integrity of the building has remained the same. This has probably been due to the fact the house has been in continuous ownership by one family; which means its future preservation has been insured. This house is also the second residential building in Pickens to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bagley, Clinton I., Research Consultant. Inspection of the Mollie Clark House, 1/26/80.
 Burton-Clark Family Papers, 2221 Yazoo Street, Pickens, Miss.
 Interviews: Mr. Billy Atkinson, Pickens, Miss., January 26, 1980.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Goodman

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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UMT References

A

1	6	2	2	1	6	4	0	3	6	4	2	2	3	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached xerox copy of Pickens, Ms., tax map. The property is outlined in red and is located on tax map, dated Sept., 1964, Lot # 145, Book 3-A, P. 19, Chancer Clerk's Office, Lexington, Ms. 39095

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clinton I. Bagley

organization Self-employed date May 8, 1980

street & number P. O. Box 1332 telephone 601-332-7956

city or town Greenville state Mississippi 38701

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 Edward B. Hilliard

title State Historic Preservation Officer date May 26, 1980

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

W. Roy Juice date 9/15/80
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Carol Dubie date 9/12/80
 Chief of Registration

Pickens Tax Map, Holmes County, Mississippi
 Mollie Clark House
 Pickens, Ms.

