



Historic Sites Survey Inventory No. 1

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Glenn Swetman House is a large, two-story, hip-roof, late-Georgian Revival, brick residence. Its symmetrical facade (south elevation) is dominated by a central recessed, distyle porch with modified Corinthian columns in antis which support a full entablature and frame a finely detailed fanlight entrance. Two pairs of transomed French doors flank the central porch and give access from the interior to a balustraded terrace across the front. Symmetrical, one-story, flat-roof wings slightly intersect the front corners of the main building block and extend forward to enclose the ends of the front terrace. The west wing provides additional rooms for the house while the east wing consists of a colonnaded (and now screened) porch; both wings have iron roof balustrades which match those of the terrace. Flemish bond brick and an ornate wooden roof balustrade add to the decorative effect of the house.

ALTERATIONS: None

OUTBUILDINGS: None

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: The house is located on a slightly elevated wooded city lot and set close to the street. A monumental brick stair flanked by brick pedestals rises directly from the sidewalk to the front terrace.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Biloxi's only historical example of the Georgian Revival style, the Glenn Swetman House was built by the promoters of the Miramar Subdivision, Home Haven on the Gulf, Inc. It is believed to have been a model home.

The house, which contains extensive collections of fine art, glassware, antiques, and Biloxi memorabilia, has been bequeathed to the City of Biloxi by the Swetman family for use as a local history museum.

NAME: Glenn Swetman House

STREET NO: 2770 Wilkes Avenue

TOWN/VIC: Biloxi

COUNTY: Harrison

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Glenn Swetman
 ADDRESS 2770 Wilkes Avenue, Biloxi 39530

PRESENT USE: Residence

FORMER USE: Residence

DATE: 1927

STYLE: Georgian Revival

ARCH/BUILDER: Unknown

SOURCE OF DATE: The Buildings of Biloxi

ENVIRONMENT: Residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

N/A

THREATS:

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated property, contains less than one acre. Identified on the enclosed map entitled "Individually Listed Properties," it includes the area within the red line as delineated on the Official Property Map of Biloxi, Mississippi, adopted by the city in 1976.

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF:

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	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
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FORM PREPARED BY:

DATE

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