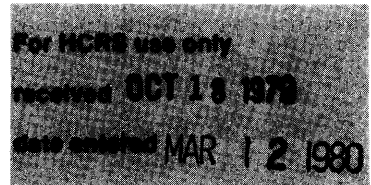


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Weymouth Hall

and/or common Weymouth Hall

**2. Location**

street & number 1 Cemetery Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Natchez \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Mississippi code 28 county Adams code 1

**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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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. Durall Armstrong and Mr. Gene Weber

street & number 968 Back Bay Boulevard

city, town Wichita \_\_\_ vicinity of state Kansas 67203

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Adams County Courthouse/Chancery Clerk

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Natchez state Mississippi

**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		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on the edge of a high bluff overlooking the Mississippi River to the west and looking across Cemetery Road to the Natchez City Cemetery to the east, Weymouth Hall is a suburban, Greek Revival, painted brick mansion set upon a fully raised basement. Its hipped roof is pierced by one interior brick chimney and four inside-end brick chimneys and is surmounted at the peak by a clerestory room with balustraded roof. The river and land facades (east and west) are matching and are divided into seven bays with the center three bays recessed to form a loggia on both the basement and main floors. The loggias of the main floor have plastered walls finished with a molded base with two fasciae. A doorway is centered on each wall of the loggia and features a shouldered architrave surround, transom, and door that is four-paneled and molded. The windows which flank the center bay doorways extend to the floor and contain six-over-nine, double-hung sash. A full entablature with bracketed cornice with molded and paneled soffit encircles the house, and a stuccoed belt course defines the main floor level. On the east loggia, two brick piers are placed beneath Greek Doric columns echoed by molded and paneled pilasters on the side walls; the western loggia columns and pilasters were removed during a turn-of-the-century extension and enclosure.

The basement is entered by two unmolded and transomed doors located in each center bay of the loggias and by one molded and transomed door located in the northern elevation. The exterior windows, which have wooden lintels, contain six-over-six, double-hung sash and are closed by most of the original shutter blinds. The basement doorway in the northern elevation opens into the stair hall of the house, and the rail of the stair which is continuous from the basement to the clerestory room has turned balusters and newels. The floor plan of the house is an H-plan with double parlors on the southern end of the main floor. On the main floor, the four-paneled and molded doors have shouldered architrave surrounds, the bases have two fasciae and are molded, and the windows are set over molded panels. The large central room has a cast-iron mantel with mother-of-pearl decoration behind glass, but the remaining four rooms have mantels with shouldered architraves. The three formal rooms feature a plaster molded cornice, and the ceiling of the central room has applied astragal molding with hollow corners. The double parlors are separated by sliding doors that are enframed by pilasters supporting a full entablature. Unusual mercury glass door knobs remain on several of the upstairs doors. The basement rooms and the clerestory room are plain and unmolded, and five, plain, pilastered wooden mantel pieces are located in the basement rooms.

No outbuildings remain on the nominated property.

## 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1852-60

Builder/Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Weymouth Hall is one of the most impressive Greek Revival mansions in Natchez and the surrounding area. This impressiveness derives from the siting of the house on the edge of one of the high Natchez bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. The only Natchez Greek Revival mansion constructed upon a fully raised basement, Weymouth Hall commands a spectacular view of the Mississippi River to the west and the beautifully landscaped Natchez City Cemetery to the east.

Weymouth Hall was constructed upon land acquired between 1821 and 1828 by John Weymouth (Adams County Deed Books L:398, P:334, and R:287), a native of eastern Virginia who resided in Natchez until his death in 1852 (Mississippi Free Trader, May 12, 1852, p. 2). Long regarded as the home of John Weymouth, the house was probably constructed for Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bullock and Mrs. John Weymouth. In the 1850 census records, John Weymouth's household consisted of himself, his wife Sarah, his wife's niece Sarah Morris Bullock, and Mrs. Bullock's husband Reuben. The real estate evaluation recorded in 1850 was 2,000 dollars (Population Schedules, Adams County, Mississippi, 1850), an evaluation insufficient to support a house as large and fine as Weymouth Hall. At his death in 1852, Weymouth bequeathed his property to his wife and her niece, Mrs. Reuben Bullock (Will Book II:411), and, in 1854, Reuben Bullock purchased a small lot adjoining the Weymouth property (Deed Book MM:294). In the 1860 census records, Reuben Bullock is listed as head of a household composed of his wife, Mrs. John Weymouth, and three small children; the real estate evaluation of the household had increased from 2,000 dollars in 1850 to 13,000 dollars--a more accurate assessment for Weymouth Hall (Population Schedules, Adams County, Mississippi, 1860). In addition, a cast-iron gate of mid-19th century design with the name Bullock was located in the side yard until a few years ago (Jeannette Serio, Realtor, interviewed by Mary Warren Miller, research consultant, at Natchez, Mississippi, September 23, 1979). Stylistic and documentary evidence indicate that Weymouth Hall was constructed between 1852 and 1860.

Reuben Bullock was an attorney (Population Schedules, Adams County, Mississippi, 1860) who served as probate judge for Adams County in the mid-19th century (Probate Box 132). In 1889, Annie Bullock and Sallie Bullock Zurhellen, children of Reuben Bullock, deeded the property to Sallie's

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreeage of nominated property 10.5

Quadrangle name Natchez

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** See attached xeroxes of city and county tax maps. The nominated property is located on county tax map 218c, block 1, parcel 1 and on city tax map 16, block 1, parcel 1. The bluff instability may eventually necessitate moving the house, so total surrounding acreage was included.  
**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/Research Consultant

organization Self-employed date September 24, 1979

street & number 506 High Street telephone (601) 442-9786

city or town Natchez state Mississippi 39120

# 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 Elmer R. Hilliard

title State Historic Preservation Officer date October 16, 1979

**For HCERS use only**  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

<u>W. Ray Jones</u>	date <u>3/12/80</u>
for Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u>Carl A. Innie</u>	date <u>3/11/80</u>
Chief of Registration	

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husband, George Zurhellen (Deed Book 3D:38). During the Zurhellen period, the house underwent some remodeling with the addition of turn-of-the-century, double-tiered Colonial Revival galleries and the enlargement and enclosure of the upstairs rear loggia. The Zurhellen also sold some of the acreage located across Cemetery Road to allow for expansion of the Natchez City Cemetery.

Over the years, Weymouth Hall has become endangered due to the erosion of the Natchez bluffs. Once located at least 100 feet from the edge of the bluffs (1864 Map of the Defenses of Natchez), the bluffs have eroded to within about ten feet from the northwest corner of the house. In 1978, the house was sold by the remaining descendants of the original owners after having been on the market for several years. Mr. Durall Armstrong and Mr. Gene Weber, the present owners, intend to restore the house and have attempted, so far with little success, to reclaim and stabilize the land around the house.

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Weymouth Hall is one of the most impressive Greek Revival mansions in Natchez and the surrounding area. This impressive quality stems primarily from the siting of the house on the edge of one of the high Natchez bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. Situated on a bleak hill within its ten-acre grounds, Weymouth Hall commands a spectacular view of the Mississippi River to the west and the beautifully landscaped Natchez City Cemetery to the east, and the house is the only Natchez Greek Revival mansion constructed upon a fully raised basement. Other unusual features of Weymouth Hall are its unique interior H-plan, mercury-glass door knobs (no other house has been located in Natchez with this hardware), cast-iron mantel piece with mother-of-pearl decoration (only Melmont in Natchez has a similar mantel piece), and staircase which runs in a continuous flight from the basement to the clerestory room at the peak of the roof. Like most of the Greek Revival mansions in and around Natchez, Weymouth Hall was not constructed as a plantation residence but as a suburban villa mansion. Weymouth Hall ranks among the best of the suburban villa mansions of Natchez (Elms Court, Devereux, Oakland, The Burn, and Dunleith are other Greek Revival suburban villa mansions listed on the National Register), and it is the only Greek Revival Mansion in Natchez that was constructed on the Mississippi River bluff and features a river facade.

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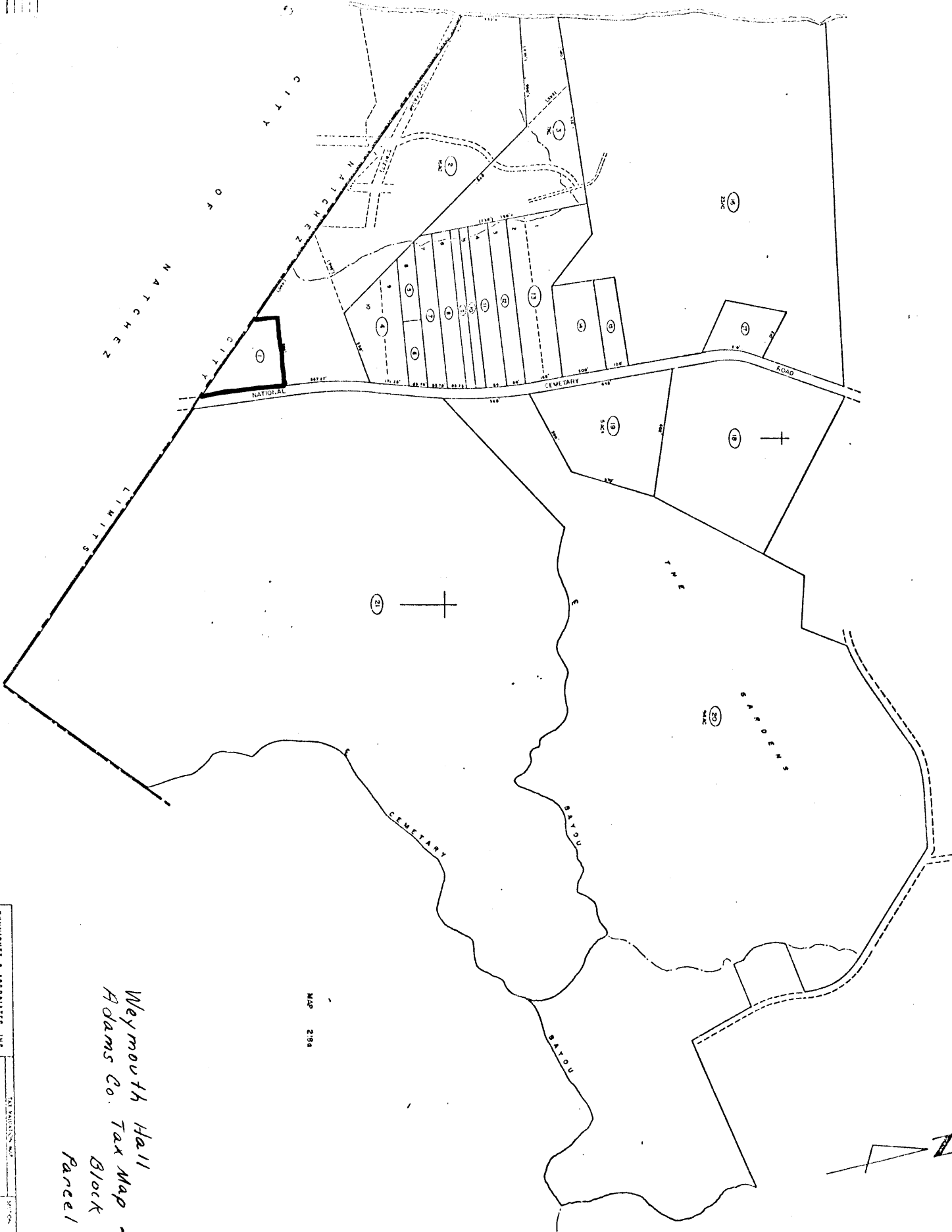
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County, Mississippi, 1850, 1860.



MAP 218B

MAP 218A

MAP 218

Weymouth Hall  
Adams Co. Tax Map 218c  
Block 1  
Parcel 1

BERNARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
VALUATION CONSULTANTS • ENGINEERS  
37 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

ADAMS COUNTY  
MISSISSIPPI

218



LIMIT

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STREET

OLD POWDER HOUSE

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CITY TAX MAP 16, 1900

