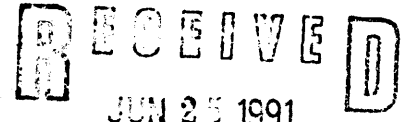


United States Department of the Interior National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Coman, J.M, House
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 202 East Quitman Street n/a not for publication
city, town Iuka n/a vicinity
state Mississippi code MS county Tishomingo code 141 zip code 38852

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/district/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Iuka
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Kenneth H. P. Paul
Date: JUNE 17, 1991
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[checked] entered in the National Register.
[] See continuation sheet.
[] determined eligible for the National Register. [] See continuation sheet.
[] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[] removed from the National Register.
[] other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper: Patrick Anders
Date of Action: 8/9/91

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

MID-19th CENTURY;
OTHER/Victorian Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick piers
walls wood: weatherboard
aluminum siding
roof asphalt shingles
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The J. M. Coman House is a one-story, wood-frame mid-nineteenth-century vernacular cottage with a "picturesque" porch. It faces northward on a tree-shaded lot at the southeast corner of East Quitman and South Fulton Streets, across from the Old Tishomingo County Courthouse. The house was originally composed as a symmetrical, side-gabled main block, one room deep, containing two rooms and a central hall, behind which was a two-room rear ell. Over the years additions to the rear of the house have converted it to a deep nearly-rectangular form. The original main block had interior end chimneys, of which the eastern one survives. The house sits upon brick piers with a later brick infill. The exterior walls are clad in weatherboards, which have been covered with aluminum siding in recent years.

The façade of the house is consists of a three-bay central porch flanked by tripartite windows similar to those seen on several other antebellum houses in Iuka. The window units have 9-over-9 double-hung sash in the center flanked by narrow 3-over-3 sidelights. The picturesque porch has lost some of its decorative trim. As it appears today the porch contains four pairs of slender square posts with simple capitals, without other detailing. Within the porch is a double-leaf door with an 10-light rectangular transom and 4-pane sidelights with plain aprons.

The interior has been altered somewhat, but retains much of its original configuration and some of its original woodwork, including moldings in the central hall and the mantel in the dining room.

Despite its alterations, the Coman House retains much of its historic appearance and remains an important surviving building from the early settlement period and the Civil War in Iuka.

The nominated property also includes one noncontributing outbuilding, a storage shed.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

(possibly moved before period of significance)

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Exploration/Settlement

1860-61

1860

Military

1862

1862

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The J. M. Coman House is locally significant historically because, despite its alterations, it is one of a very small number of buildings in the town of Iuka that survive from the early settlement period and it is one of the very few properties that have documented associations with the Civil War in Iuka (see cover documentation for the Historic Resources of Iuka). The house may have been moved to Iuka from the older community of Eastport. In its present location it dates from about 1860.

It is one of three antebellum cottages in Iuka that have picturesque detailing on their porches instead of the vernacular Greek Revival styling more typical of the surviving antebellum houses of the area. (The other picturesque cottages are the Reid House at 702 West Eastport and the Stone-Reid House at 503 West Eastport.)

The house was originally owned by J. M. Coman, a merchant who lived in the community of Eastport before moving to Iuka about 1860. According to local tradition, he brought his house with him and reassembled it as this building. Coman's daughter, Mary, was married in 1872 to John M. Stone, who became governor of Mississippi in 1876. John M. Stone apparently never lived in this house, but after his death in 1900 his widow returned to this house, her family home, where she resided thereafter.

At the time of the Battle of Iuka in September, 1862, the Coman House was the headquarters of Confederate General Henry Little. Little was killed in the battle, on September 19, and his body was brought to the Coman House, where he was buried that night. After the war his remains were removed for reburial in Baltimore, Maryland (Ezra J. Warner, Generals in Gray [Baton Rouge, La.: LSU Press, 1959, 1970], p. 189).

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See main Bibliography.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property _____ 1 acre _____

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

That portion of Block # 10 Terry Survey from the house to the east and west lot lines, to the edge of East Quitman on the north, and 15 feet behind the house on the south.

Tax Assessor's Map 1006, Section 5, Subdivision 24, Parcel 048

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries include the deep front yard associated with the house and the remainders of the side yards, but exclude sheds and the vacant area at the home's rear.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

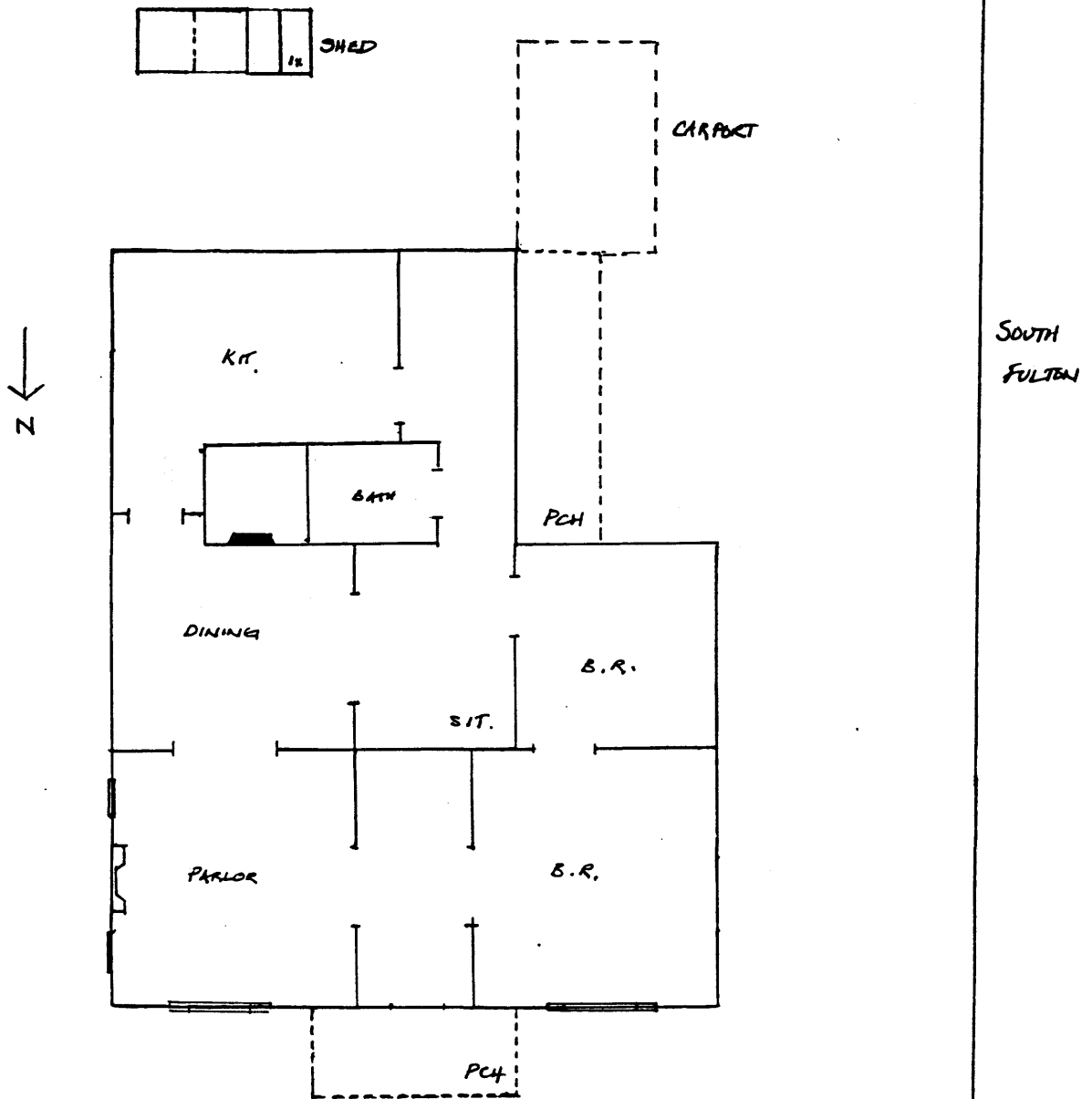
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COMAN HOUSE

QUITMAN