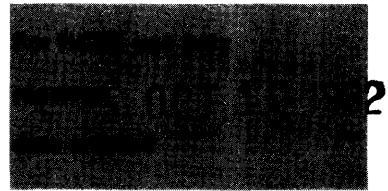


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Jordan House

and/or common same as above

2. Location

street & number East Franklin Street N/A not for publication

city, town Carthage N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Leake code 79

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 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 Choctaw Maid Farms, Incorporated

street & number P. O. Box 577

city, town Carthage N/A vicinity of state Mississippi 39051

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Leake County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Carthage state Mississippi 39051

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>NA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on the northeast corner of the intersection of Jordan and East Franklin Streets in downtown Carthage, the Jordan House is a two-story Colonial Revival frame house set upon brick foundation piers and surmounted by a hipped roof pierced by two interior brick chimneys. The northerly six-bay facade is fronted by a one-story gallery that wraps around the western side elevation of the house. The gallery is supported by turned wooden columns that are topped by paired brackets and linked by a railing of turned balusters. The entrance of the house is located in the center of the facade between the two westernmost bays which are defined by a gabled-roof projection and the three easternmost bays which form a gabled-roof bay. A second gabled-roof bay extends from the western side elevation. All gabled-roof projections are lighted on the attic level by square, leaded-glass windows. All other windows of the house are filled with one-over-one, double-hung sash and were never closed by shutter blinds. The entrance doorway consists of a single-leaf door with glazed upper panel that is set within a transom and sidelights over molded panels. A secondary access to the interior is provided from the side gallery through a doorway located in the western gabled bay. The interior floor plan of the house is basically a double-pile plan with central passage and a one-room, two-story wing projecting from the northwest corner of the house. All major downstairs rooms and the lower and upper hallways feature a beaded-board wainscoting, the door and window surrounds are symmetrically molded with corner blocks adorned with incised designs, the doors have four, fielded and molded panels, and the bases are molded with two fascia. All original wooden mantel pieces survive and vary in design, although all are representative examples of the period. The stairway, which features a square, molded and paneled newel with urn, is composed of two flights with intermediate, open landing. The second-story bedrooms are trimmed like the downstairs rooms except for the lack of a wainscoting. An interesting architectural feature of the second-story are the columns atop pedestals that divide the master bedroom into two separate areas.

A hipped-roof, frame carriage house is located at the northeast corner of the house.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1873; 1908

Builder/Architect NA

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jordan House is a locally significant example of the Colonial Revival Style. This architectural significance rests principally on the scarcity of examples of that architectural style in the Carthage area, on the house's excellent architectural integrity, on its association with the locally prominent Jordan family, and from its long held position as the grandest house in the small town of Carthage, Mississippi. According to Jordan family tradition, the house was constructed in two stages. William Joseph Jordan constructed a one-story, four-room residence on the property shortly after he acquired it in 1873. In 1908, Robert Lawson Jordan added the second story and totally remodeled the existing residence to give the house its present Colonial Revival form. A native of Carthage, Robert Lawson Jordan was one of the founders of the Leake County Bank in 1903 and served as its president until his death in 1932. Lawson founded the first utility company in Carthage in 1919 and established the first ice plant in 1924. The Jordan House remained in the Jordan family until 1956. Purchased by Choctaw Maid Farms, Incorporated, in 1981, to serve as the firm's corporate headquarters, the Jordan House has been so sympathetically adapted from residential to commercial use that its residential integrity is totally intact.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Mary Warren Miller. Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez, Mississippi. Inspection of the Jordan House, February 1982.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Carthage, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification See attached xerox of survey of Jordan House property.

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

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/research consultant

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date May 5, 1982

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state Mississippi 39120

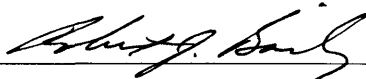
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 14, 1982

For HCRS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 11/20/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

JORDAN HOUSE
Carthage, Leake County, Miss.

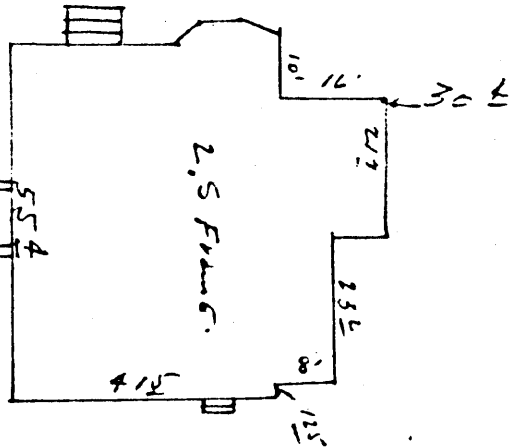
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167' ← Southwesterly

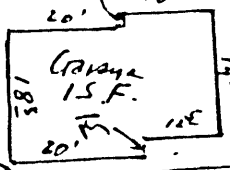
Property of
Choctawhatchee Farming
R.R. Company.
S.W. Corner Lot # 2
Jordan Survey

185'
Old Gate

brick walk



174' ← Northwesterly
Old Hedge
E.D. Russell
House Property



FIP

North → 120' ←
Old Hedge Road

Old Home of
Atty GE Smith

41' ←
N 24.55' E

