

United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See Instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Foster-Fair House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 507 South Columbus Avenue not for publication

city or town Louisville vicinity N/A

state Mississippi code _____ county Winston code 159 zip code 39339

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul SEPT. 30, 1999
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- 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

Date of Action

Mrs. J. M. Way

11/29/00

Foster-Fair House
Name of Property

Winston, Mississippi
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

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)

OTHER: I-House

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood

roof Asbestos

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1842-1852

Significant Dates

1842-1852

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Smyth, Samuel Washington

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Winston County Library-Genealogical Room

Foster-Fair House
Name of Property

Winston, Mississippi
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 1.25 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title B. J. Smyth Kelleghan

organization _____ date _____

street & number 207 Smyth Road telephone 601-773-8725

city or town Louisville state MS zip code 39339

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mrs. Charles Fair

street & number 507 South Columbus Avenue telephone 601-773-3483

city or town Louisville state Mississippi zip code 39339

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Foster-Fair House
Winston County, Mississippi

Narrative Description

The two story gable roofed house at 407 South Columbus Avenue, known as the Foster-Fair House, was constructed in the style designated "Carolina I-House" and consists of an intact original 19th century core and 20th century modifications and additions. The building is wood frame with weatherboard siding, brick foundations and chimneys of clay excavated from the basement.

As is characteristic of the vernacular houseform known variously as a "single-galleried I-house" or a "Carolina I-house," the nineteenth century core of the house consists of a two story structure with two main rooms on either side of a central hallway on both stories, with a one-story range of smaller rooms across the rear and a one-story, full-width gallery across the front façade.

The primary west façade is a single galleried, two story with five bays. The lower story has four original nine-over-nine double hung windows with louvered shutters and a centered double-leaf door flanked by sidelights and a long multi-light transom. The siding on the gallery is shiplap. Six box columns are joined by balustrades and rest on brick 20th century decking. The upper floor has five six-over-six double hung windows with shutters. Both gable ends have shouldered brick chimneys flanked by windows that match the west front elevation.

The north elevation has an original shed room that has two bays of six-over-six shuttered windows. A recessed bay of one six-over-six window separates this shed room from the brick kitchen.

The beautifully detailed double leaf front doors open into a hall with stairs to the right leading to a landing the width of the hall, and stairs continuing on up to the left with a small closet beneath. This closet has a two-paneled door with original bail brass pull and Greek Revival Door surrounds, as do all of the doors and windows original to the house. Walls throughout the original core of the house are horizontal boards varying in width from six to eight inches and perfectly fitted together. The stairs are original.

The single door to the right leads to the library with eleven-foot ceilings, board walls and four windows with original wood raised panels beneath. The paneled fireplace wall and mantel are mid-20th century additions as are built-in bookshelving and cupboards all blending beautifully with the original paneling.

A pair of double paneled doors on the left of the hall lead to the parlor with eleven-foot ceilings and board walls covered with wallpaper and wainscoting which was added this century. A pair

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of bi-fold paneled doors lead into the dining room. The fireplace mantel is not original to the room, but is appropriate to the period.

The dining room located in one of the original shed rooms has nine-foot ceilings, beaded vertical paneled walls, two original windows and a wall consisting of six-over-six windows.

A door on the south wall leads to a center hall with a nine foot beamed ceiling. The walls have vertical V-groove paneling and doors leading back into the front hall and library are original two panel with Greek Revival surrounds. Painted wood plank ceilings, some with beams, echo the horizontal plank walls in the main structure. The bedrooms all have oak plank flooring. These very well designed interiors contribute to a smooth transition from the 19th century house to the 20th century additions.

A south addition was added in 1951 and consists of a single story weatherboarded with two bays of double hung and shuttered six-over-six windows. Adjoining this is a car garage with high beamed ceilings and brick paving. Three bays of six-over-six shuttered windows are on the single story addition. The original shed rooms consist of four bays including two six-over-six windows, one door and a four by six light box window. A wood handicap ramp leads to the door. The upper story has four bays of six-over-six windows, though there was originally a centered fifth. A seam in the roof and siding distinguishes the addition from the original portion.

A kitchen ell added in 1974 is brick clad wood frame and extends from the original house. It has six-over-six windows on the east and north, a door landing with steps and balustrade on the south façade and is designed to resemble a freestanding 19th century kitchen.

The Foster-Fair House is located on one of the oldest residential streets in Louisville and is surrounded by huge, old trees. No antebellum outbuildings remain, though documentation has been made available to describe them. These included an ironing house, house with two rooms, ladies and gentlemen privies, barns, servants and other houses.

The original portion of the Foster-Fair House is substantially intact and the additions are sympathetic and unobtrusive so as not to detract from the original house. From the exterior, the additions are such that the details and roofline are unaffected, and the house still reads as a "Carolina I-House." The sensitive additions have not altered the interior character of the building either. The modern portions of the house are clearly defined by ceiling height, materials and other details. The Foster-Fair House remains an excellent example of the "I-House" type in this area of the state.

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The Foster-Fair House is a significant example of the single-galleried I-House and unusual in that it is located in a town setting. (The I-house in Mississippi, Cawthon, pg. 7) The date for construction has been given as 1842, the date the property was deeded to Dr. Edward Foster as well as 1852, a date used by Annie Beth Smyth Davis. (I Built This House, Kelleghan-Davis, pg. XXXIII)

The attribution to Samuel Washington Smyth as architect-builder is well documented and is considered to be the finest house constructed by him among many that have disappeared. The I-house was prominent in the Carolinas when Smyth lived there as a young man and all of his houses were based on this type of design. The refinements of Greek Revival details as well as extraordinary construction practices have made this house very appealing. Little change has been made in the exterior or interior except for the addition of wallpapers, flooring and mantles.

Dr. Foster was one of the most prominent early settlers in Winston County and received the first medical license in the county. He was born in Laurens District, South Carolina in 1811, was a graduate of Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky. After fifty-eight years of practice, he died in 1891. Dr. Foster's alterative was a famous bad-tasting medicine though-reputedly very effective.

Mrs. Foster, who was a close relative of Vice-President John C. Calhoun, and the doctor occupied a detached cottage just north of the main house which provided lodging for visitors to Louisville for a number of years even into the 20th century. Patients were treated in this building. Another cottage housed the sons while daughter Nancy taught a few students in a little schoolroom building. She inherited the property which she sold in 1941 to William and Mary Emma Strong who sold it to Charles and Margaret Fair in 1947.

The house is wonderfully maintained and exhibits the integrity which should make it eligible for inclusion in the listing of the National Register.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point 144 feet Northwest of the North West corner of the front gallery, the boundary proceeds east for 348 feet until it is located at the north east corner of the rear wing of the house. The boundary then heads south 192 feet to the southeast corner of the rear of the house, then turns west for 348 feet to the Southeast corner of the front of the house, 147 feet diagonally from the Southeast corner of the gallery, then turns north to the point of beginning. The house is located in Section 34, Township 15, Range 12 East. Lots 5,6, and 16 - Block 3 of Foster Addition to the Town of Louisville.

Boundary Justification:

The described boundary is a rectangle of the City Lot on which the house stands and does not include the entire original acreage which had been sold off through the years.

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- (1) Foster-Fair House
- (2) Louisville, Winston County, Mississippi
- (3) Photographer - Jim Scriviner
- (4) Photographed - March 1999
- (5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

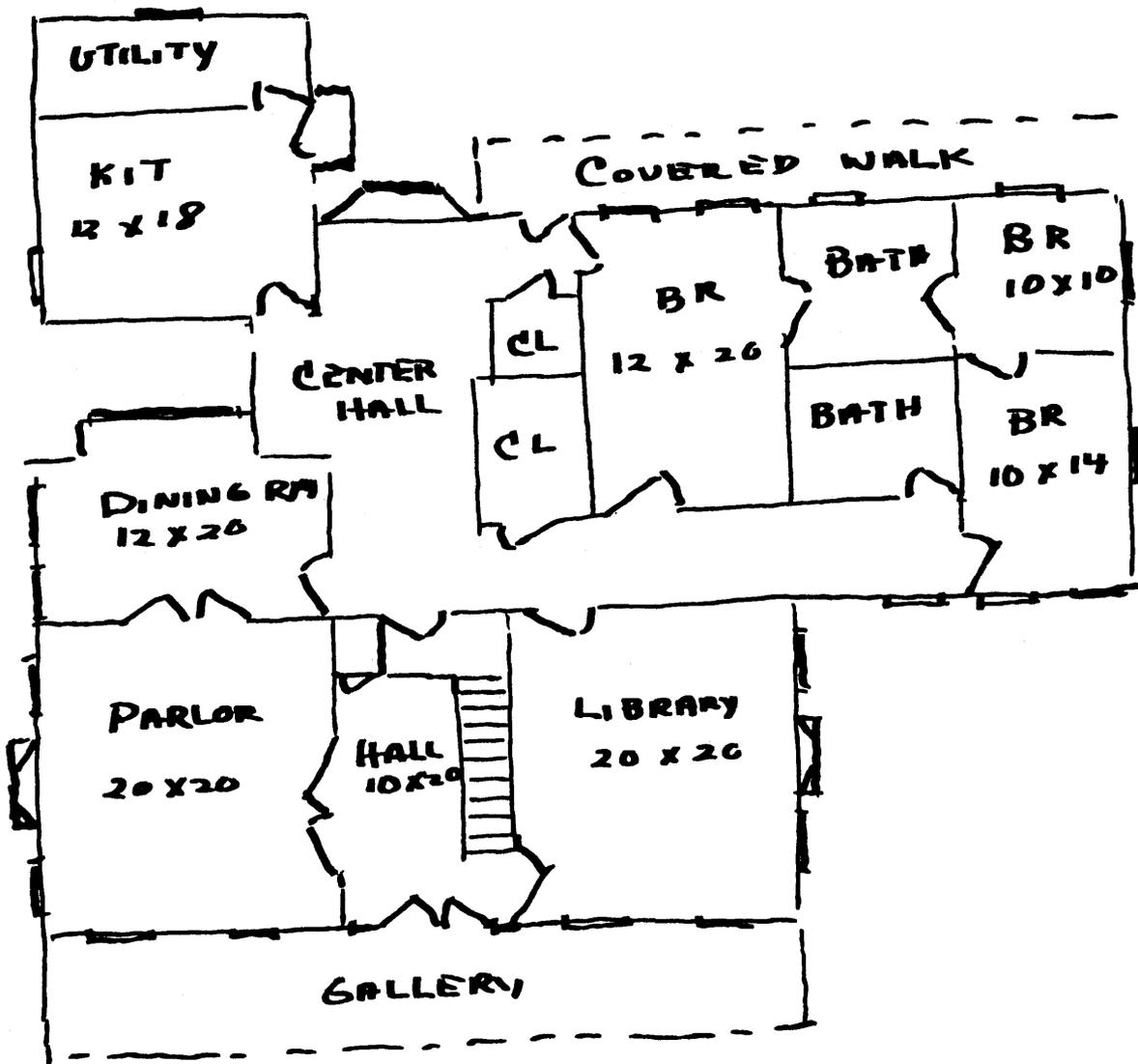
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| Photo | 5 | - | East-rear Elevation and Additions |
| Photo | 6 | - | North Elevation |
| Photo | 7 | - | Cistern Excavation - Basement |
| Photo | 8 | - | Stairs in Entry Hall |
| Photo | 9 | - | Stairs From Upper Hall - Facing Southeast |
| Photo | 10 | - | Stairs From Upper Hall - Facing Northeast |
| Photo | 11 | - | Closet Door - Entry Hall |
| Photo | 12 | - | Library West Wall |
| Photo | 13 | - | Library South Wall |
| Photo | 14 | - | Window Panel Detail - Library |
| Photo | 15 | - | Wall Boards - Library |
| Photo | 16 | - | Parlor - Facing South |
| Photo | 17 | - | Center Hall - Shedroom Facing West |
| Photo | 18 | - | Upstairs South Bedroom Facing North |
| Photo | 19 | - | Upstairs North Bedroom Facing Northeast |
| Photo | 20 | - | East Hallway |
| Photo | 21 | - | East Bedroom Addition |
| Photo | 22 | - | West Bedroom Addition Facing North Into Hall |
| Photo | 23 | - | Second East Bedroom Addition |
| Photo | 24 | - | Car Garage Addition |
| Photo | 25 | - | Covered East Terrace |

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