

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Mosely-Woods House
other names/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 1461 Bell Road
city or town: Yazoo City
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Yazoo code: 157 vicinity X zip code: 39194
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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Park _____ MAY 11, 2005
Signature of certifying official Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or 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 or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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): _____

for
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Gabriel Beall 6/25/05

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:

Private

Number of Resources within Property:

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property:

Building

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

2

buildings

sites

1

structures

objects

1

3

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:

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions:

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification(s):

Greek Revival

Materials:

foundation: brick

roof: asphalt

walls: weatherboard

Narrative Description:

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- X **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.

Areas of Significance

Ethnic heritage: Black

Period of Significance

1880 -1954

Significant Dates

1880

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a 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.

Significant Person(s)

Cultural Affiliation(s)

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance: See continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet.

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

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	15	740100	3634320

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.**Boundary Justification:** See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title:	Nancy H. Bell, Executive Director	date: July 2, 2003
organization:	Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation	telephone: 601-636-5010
street & number:	P. O.Box 254	zip code: 39181
city or town:	Vicksburg	state: MS

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(s)

name:	Barbara Starling Ricks		
street & number:	85 Breakers Lane		
city or town:	Ridgeland	state: MS	zip code: 39157

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Mosely-Woods House
Yazoo County, Mississippi

Description

The Mosely-Woods House is located on Bell Road in Yazoo City, Mississippi, which is a part of the old Ridge Road that wound from Yazoo City to Vicksburg as early as the 1820s. The house is a one-story frame planter's cottage, built circa 1860, surmounted by an asphalt-covered gabled roof with three brick end chimneys. The full-width front porch is recessed under the main roof and is supported with six round, wooden Doric columns. A photograph from 1977 shows pierced columns supporting the porch, but by 1984 these had been changed to the current columns. There are five bays across the facade: four six-over-six double-hung wooden-framed windows and a central single-leaf four-panel door with sidelights and transom. The side elevations each feature three bays: a six-over-six double-hung wood-framed window, and two pair of six-over-six double-hung wood-framed windows. In addition, there is a modern window in the addition on the left elevation.

The original section of the house is two rooms wide and two rooms deep. A rear addition was constructed circa 1880. In 1960 additional rooms were constructed at the rear and stairs were added in the original section of the house to access the attic. New mantels were added about this time as well. The historic six-inch heart cypress floors are intact and have been beautifully maintained. The interior surfaces of the walls are plastered and all interior door and window surrounds are plain, as are the base moldings.

There are three minor outbuildings located in the rear yard of this house: a circa 1950s tool shed, a circa 1920s chicken house and a circa 1940s shotgun-type residence. None of these buildings has any particular architectural or historical importance, and, therefore, although they fall within the broad period of significance of the house, they are all considered non-contributing to historical significance of the property.

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Significance

The Mosely-Woods House is locally significant to the Yazoo City area because it is one of the earliest African-American-owned residences in the Yazoo City area and has been continuously owned by the same family since 1880. It is notable for embodying the heritage of ownership of rural properties by African Americans in Yazoo County since the late 19th century.

The period of significance extends from circa 1880, when the house was purchased by William Mosely, to 1954, fifty years prior to the date of this nomination. The ending date of the period of significance is arbitrary, however, as the residence is still owned by his heirs.

William Mosely, an early black landowner in the Yazoo City area, purchased the house and three acres from Ann Holt, a large landowner, in October 1880 to \$150. According to deed records, Mosely inhabited the house at the time of the sale. In June 1884, Mosely purchased an additional 9.17 acres from Holt. After his death, Mosely's heirs sold the property to one of his grandchildren, Mary Woods, in 1909.

While there were a number of African American land owners in 1880, tradition holds that this house is the oldest remaining residence continuously owned by African Americans in the Yazoo City area. The house retains a moderately high degree of integrity from the first years of its association with William Mosely.

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Mosely-Woods House
Yazoo County, Mississippi

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Yazoo County, Mississippi Census Records, 1870, 1880, 1890.

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property consists of the house itself and a 200 foot by 200 foot square of land surrounding it, extending 100 feet from the center of the roof ridge of the house and parallel to the sides of the house, which is located at UTM reference point 15-740100-3634320, in the SE ¼, Section 6, T11N, R2W, Yazoo County, Mississippi. This area contains slightly less than one acre.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property consists of the house and its immediate grounds and outbuildings.

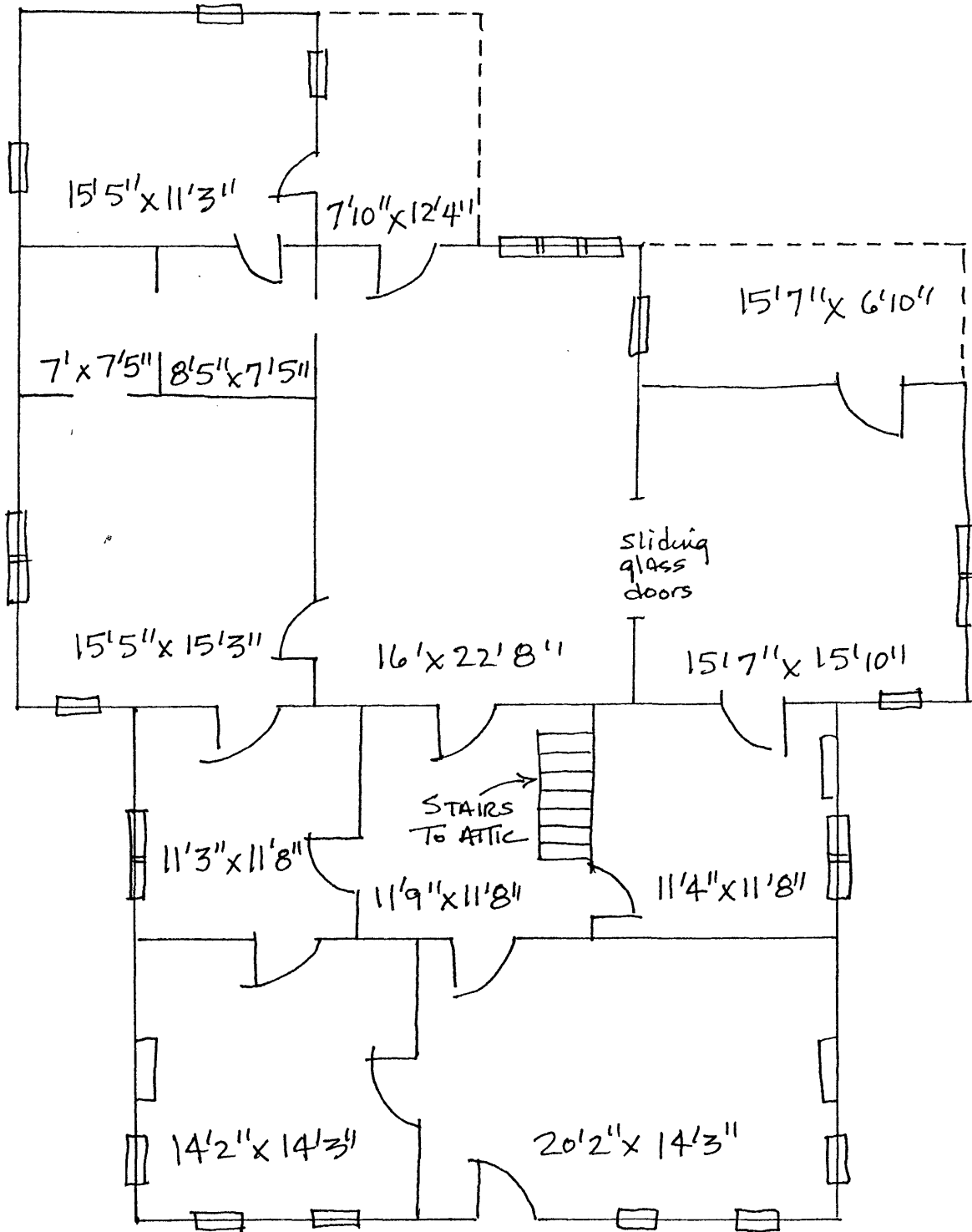
Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs.

1. Mosely-Woods House
2. Yazoo City, Yazoo County, Mississippi
3. Nancy H. Bell
4. April 2004
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Individual photos are identified as follows:

Photo 1 of 7	View of the front (west) elevation
Photo 2 of 7	View of the side (south) elevation
Photo 3 of 7	View of the side (north) elevation
Photo 4 of 7	View of the rear (east) elevation
Photo 5 of 7	Front door, view to the west
Photo 6 of 7	Typical door, between northwest room and southwest room
Photo 7 of 7	Mantel in southwest room



MOSELY-WOODS HOUSE
 YAZOO CITY, YAZOO COUNTY, MS