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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

The Galleries

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2421 Marshall St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Vicksburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fourth

STATE

Mississippi

CODE

28

COUNTY

Warren

CODE

149

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

X PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

X YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lee Davis Thames

STREET & NUMBER

2421 Marshall St.

CITY, TOWN

Vicksburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Mississippi

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Chancery Clerk
Warren County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Cherry Street

CITY, TOWN

Vicksburg,

STATE

Mississippi

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Survey for the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY X LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Galleries is a two-and-one-half-story, 4x5-bay house with a hip roof and two-tiered undercut galleries on two sides. The walls are brick clad with scored concrete and three gable roofed dormers project from the slopes of the hip roof on the front (west) and side (north) elevations. The house is oriented with the side (north) elevation as the main facade and there are four entrances. Two are centrally located in the north elevation of each floor. One is located directly opposite the first floor door on the south elevation and one is located in the first bay of the front elevation on the second floor. Both door surrounds on the north elevation contain sidelights and transoms, the upstairs surround somewhat more detailed with "pilasters en rissault." The door located on the second floor west elevation contains only a transom. Windows contain 6-over-6 sash and are set in segmentally arched openings. The roof is of sheet metal stamped in imitation of shingles and has been retained from the 1880s period. The first floor gallery is supported on brick piers clad with concrete and the remains of brick piers on the south side of the house indicated that galleries were once located on three elevations. The second floor columns are round and support a cornice enriched with paired brackets above each column. A scroll sawn balustrade enriches the second floor gallery.

The house as it stands today is more monumental in appearance than it was originally. An 1895 drawing of the house (Picturesque Vicksburg, p. 117) shows the street level raised in the front to the present second floor level so that the first floor level is barely visible. Main entrances appear to have been the second floor doorways, and an exterior stairway led to the formal entrance on the north elevation while a pathway led from the street to the entrance on the west elevation.

More recent changes to the exterior include the concrete cladding ca. 1940, the addition of the first floor door surround which originally served as an inner door for the upstairs entrance, and the dormers added ca. 1965. Despite these alterations the history of the house many still be well-read in its architectural details.

The interior retains much of its original Greek Revival style woodwork mantels and one ceiling medallion.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

to add this

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically significant because of its association with the Bowmar and Dabney families of Vicksburg, Mississippi, the Galleries is also architecturally important as an example of post-civil war residential building in that city.

Thought to have been built ca. 1869, the land on which the Galleries stands was part of the Lum estate which was subdivided and surveyed in 1868. The land was acquired by the Bomar family in 1869 and a house on the property is later referred to as the "family residence." (Warren Co., Miss. Deed Book 56:351). A prominent realtor and land agent, J. H. D. Bomar advertised "J. H. D. Bomar, Land Agent will attend promptly to selling, purchasing and leasing lands or procuring partners for those who wish to plant... in Mississippi, Louisiana or Arkansas." (Vicksburg [Miss.] Daily Herald, March 12, 1868, p. 1.) By 1890 J. H. D. Bowmar and Son, Real Estate Agents were advertised as the "oldest established and widest known agency in this section of the state." (In and About Vicksburg [Vicksburg: Gibraltar Publishing Co., 1890]). Following his father's footsteps, J. C. Bowmar became "an authority on land values" who had "engineered some of the largest deals during his time in both city and country realty." By 1895 the house is listed in the city directory as the residence of Major T. G. Dabney and is pictured in the book Picturesque Vicksburg (H. P. Chapman and J. F. Battaile, Picturesque Vicksburg [Vicksburg: Vicksburg Printing and Publishing Co., 1895], p. 117). Dabney, apparently a son-in-law of J. H. D. Bowmar was "an engineer of much skill and experience" (Ibid, p. 30) and made the preliminary surveys for what was to later become the Yazoo Canal. Of great importance to Vicksburg commerce, the canal returned Vicksburg to a harbor city after a change in the course of the Mississippi River resulted in the isolation of Vicksburg from the water. Bowman Dabney, named for his grandfather was born in the house in 1872 and later became a prominent Vicksburg attorney.

Probably one of the first houses to be built in this area of town which was outside of the original city limits of Vicksburg, the Galleries maintains the traditional Georgian plan and Greek Revival interior details of houses constructed before the Civil War. Only its Italianate style paired brackets and arched windows give indication of a slightly later date. Also significant are the cut-out balusters and tin roof in imitation of shingles which have been retained from the 1880s period.

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1/2 acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	6 9 9 1 2 0	3 5 7 9 5 8 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 1,2, and 3 of the Linwood survey, a plat map of which is located in Deed Book 69:34.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Adele Cramer

ORGANIZATION

DATE

1/3/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

808 North St.

601-354-7326

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Jackson, Ms. 39202

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elmer B. Hilliard

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

February 15, 1980

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce

DATE

4/17/80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

W. A. Dumas

DATE

4/16/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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