

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name

historic Lucket Compound

and/or common same as above

2. Location

1116 -- 1122 Crawford St.

street & number 1116, 1118, 1120, 1122 Crawford Street N/A not for publication

city, town Vicksburg — vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Warren code 149

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Rental Resid en

4. Owner of Property

name Bruce C. Farnsworth

street & number 1122 Crawford Street

city, town Vicksburg N/A vicinity of state Mississippi

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Cherry Street; P. O. Box 351

city, town Vicksburg state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>      N/A      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Lockett Compound is composed of four buildings, all built in a simple classic revival mode. Three antebellum buildings are situated to form an "L", with the fourth and newest structure set to the south of this grouping. (See site map.)

The half-acre lot is located on top of one of the steepest bluffs in downtown Vicksburg. The eastern lot line is marked by an abrupt 45 foot drop to Locust Street. Crawford Street dead ends about fifteen feet from this ledge, then begins again at the bottom.

A two story, gable roofed main building (A) is divided into upper and lower level apartments. The original ground level cellar was built on wooden sills which lay directly on the earth. It's brick walls are a random, patternless bond. The upper level is clapboard covered frame, excepting the west facade and the adjacent ten feet of the north facade. Ten feet of the south facade on the lower level is also clapboard. All facades are punctuated by double hung windows with flat-headed openings. In addition, the upper level north facade contains two double-hung windows over movable aprons, with double beveled panels. A two story galerie on the north and west facades originally extended along the upper level of the south facade. This space was enclosed at some point in the past, forming three small rooms. The galerie is supported by wooden piers on each level, the lower level piers being larger than the upper. Exterior stairs rise from the lower north galerie. The irregular plan has a rectangular main mass with a ten foot extension at the northwest corner of the building, the whole measuring forty-five feet by thirty-five feet.

The west gable end of this addition is believed to have been the front facade of the building when used as a house. The lower level is clapboard covered and the second level, up to the gable peak, is flush board. Above the galerie roof, a wide cornice board runs below the roof line and a two paneled door opens into the attic. The pier supports of the galerie are topped by an entablature which protrudes above the slope of the gable. A two inch deep cut extending six feet along the edge of the original galerie floorboards locates the center stairs which rose to the second floor entrance. The symmetrical, three bay facade has a center, partially glazed door topped by a four paned transom. The extreme left facade wall separates the north and west galleries, with a shuttered, flat headed opening connecting the two. The shuttered entrance on the extreme right was filled with a door and an ill-fitting transom when the galerie was enclosed. Chimneys were removed following the 1953 hurricane.

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Two main rooms are located on each floor of the interior. An exterior door and transom survive in the former south exterior, now interior, wall. Mantels and moldings are simplified classic revival. There are no traces of interior stairs.

This building originally housed the parlour and the dining room on the second floor, over the ground level basement.

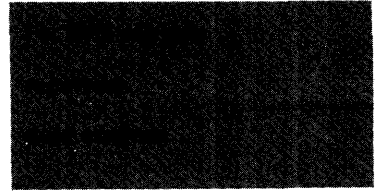
The clapboard covered frame structure (B) which is situated to the northeast of the first may be the most altered of the buildings. It measures forty feet by twenty-five feet. A two story frame structure under a gable roof, it has a two bay front facade which has been altered at least once. Flat-headed doors and windows on each floor are not aligned vertically. There are traces of a doorway which was removed from the lower left facade. A two story addition is shed-roofed, creating a saltbox-like profile. Exterior stairs rise to a narrow, cantilevered balcony. This balcony and the second floor galerie of building A were once connected by a covered walkway. This second structure originally may have housed the family bedrooms.

The third structure (C) is a large, frame, one story building situated to the north of the second, facing west. This gable roofed clapboard cottage is supported on a cement block foundation. In the last rehabilitation the five bay facade was stuccoed. The original clapboard facade consisted of two very tall windows separated by double entrances into each of the front rooms. The plan is almost square, measuring thirty-five feet by forty feet, with four rooms and a center fireplace and chimney. A deep porch extends across the front facade, supported by four wooden piers. It is a self-contained cottage and may have served as the office of Dr. Thomas Jefferson Harper.

The fourth structure (D) was constructed about 1940 on the site of the original kitchen building. It is situated to the southeast of buildings A and B. Facing north, the two story, gable roofed house measures twenty-five feet by forty-five feet. The two story front galerie is supported by wooden piers. Of frame construction, the symmetrical front facade has five bays with flat head openings. Center doors are located on each floor. The plan is rectangular with two main rooms on each floor. Originally built with exterior stairs and separate entrances into each room, the house has been converted into a single residence, the home of the current owner.

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The lot slopes very gently to the east, up to the steep ledge which forms the eastern property line. A spring fed well is located to the south of the main building. Large, green garden spaces in two areas of the lot add to the secluded atmosphere of the Compound. A row of tall hedges along the Crawford Street property line further shield the buildings from view.

Two "Birdseye views" of 1871 and 1891 seem to indicate that the west facade of the main building was originally the front facade. A long drive came from Adams Street up the edge of the southern property line and turned to the front of the main building.

8. Significance

Located only one block away from Union headquarters at the Balfour House and Confederate Headquarters at the Willis-Cowan House, the Lockett Compound was used for the billeting of Union troops during the occupation of the city. If this occurred, the property was back in the Harper's hands by the late 1860's.

After the death of his first wife, Harper remarried and built a new home at the corner of Adams and Crawford Streets, opposite the Compound. The property in Square 48 was divided among Harper's grown children (Book HH, p. 98, March 16, 1870). Dr. Harper's daughter, Viola, had married W. R. Lockett who was killed during the war. Widowed, she returned to the home of her parents with her young children. The deed of gift to Harper's children specified that the buildings should be for the use Mrs. Lockett.

The house was inherited by Viola's daughter, Lelia. Miss Lelia Lockett was a well-known Vicksburg educator during the early years of this century. She operated the first lending library from the main building after her retirement. Purchased shortly after he death by the partners of the Perry Lumber Company (Book 156, p. 66) the property was developed as rental units. The current owner obtained the buildings in the mid-1970's and began an extensive rehabilitation program.

## 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"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** pre-1844      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lockett Compound is a unique ensemble of buildings in downtown Vicksburg. The layout of the four buildings is unusual, in that they apparently were separate structures designed for separate functions. The home of an early Vicksburg physician, perhaps some concepts of health care may have dictated the layout of this home. The lot was originally a full acre and was divided in the 1870's.

Much of the history of these buildings is a matter of speculation, although their construction techniques indicate an early date. Lot 258, Square 48 of the original plat of the city of Vicksburg was awarded by the Orphan's Court of Warren County to John Wesley Vick (Minute Book B, pages 16-21 inclusive; Deed book I, p. 541). It's assessed value in 1824 was \$100., while the surrounding lots were valued at an amount considerably less. This could have reflected the value of a structure, possibly even the first level of the main building currently on the lot.

A gap of many years follows this initial appearance in the deed books. The lot may have been one of a group which John Wesley Vick sold in 1833 to S. S. Prentiss and John W. Irion, the numbers of which are not enumerated (Book F, p. 586). It is also possible that the main building was constructed during the years in which they retained ownership.

The lot reappears in the deed books in 1844, when Dr. Thomas Jefferson Harper purchased it from John W. Taylor, an early lawyer and land speculator (Book T, p. 217). The deed notes that the lot is the one on which Harper resides.

Dr. Thomas Jefferson Harper came to Mississippi from Virginia, settling first at Canton. He was in Vicksburg by 1837, when he had an office on Main Street. Dr. Harper served as physician at Vicksburg Hospital, as a city councilman and was a Mason. He joined with Jefferson Davis and a number of other leading citizens to form the Anti-Dueling Society in 1844, after a number of deaths of prominent men. Local gossip claims Harper became increasingly unpopular because he was a strident Northern sympathizer and abolitionist. He owned one aged slave in the 1840 census and does not appear to have ever owned any after this.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

J. H. Henry, Masons, p. 104  
Vicksburg (Miss.) Sunday Post, October 30, 1977  
The Papers of Jefferson Davis, Vol. II., p. 26

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Vicksburg, Miss.-La.

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A 

1	5	6	9	9	8	2	5	3	5	8	0	8	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property occupies the west half of lot 256, square 48 of the original survey of the city of Vicksburg, such house lot measuring 149 x 149 and encompassing about one-half acre.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
N/A			

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sally L. Bowyer, Director

organization Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation date March 10, 1983

street & number 1333½ Chambers Street telephone (601) 638-6514

city or town Vicksburg state Mississippi

## 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date June 20, 1983

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

  
Keeper of the National Register date 7/28/83

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

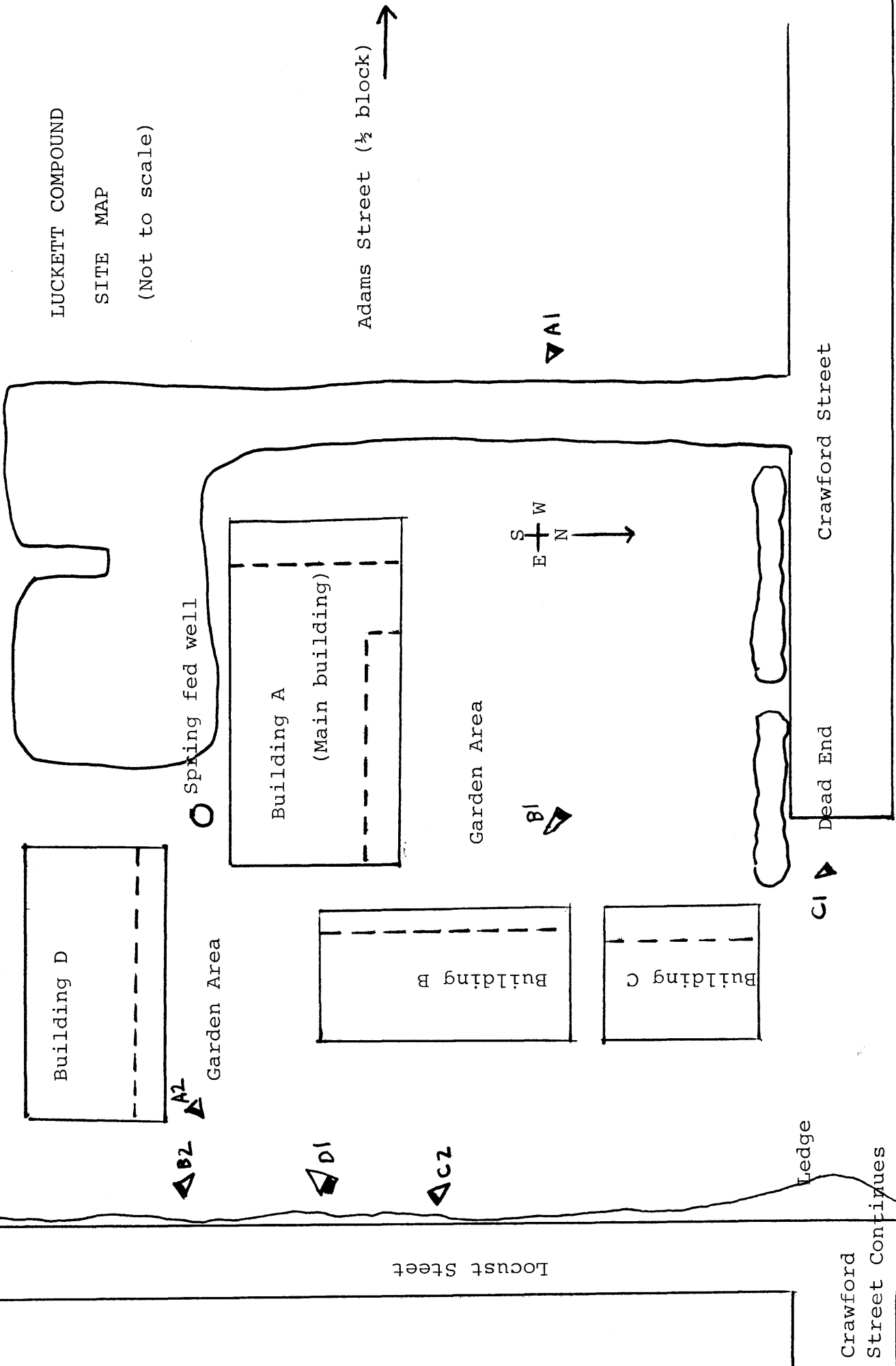
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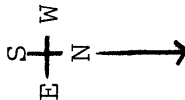
SITE MAP

(Not to scale)



Adams Street (1/2 block) →

▼ A1



▲ B1

Crawford Street

Dead End

▲ C1

ledge

Crawford Street Continues

Locust Street