

**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

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received **OCT 27 1983**  
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**1. Name**

historic McGehee House

and/or common same as above

**2. Location** SE of Zion Hill

street & number East of an unmarked county road about 3 miles  
southeast of Zion Hill

N/A not for publication

city, town Liberty vic.  vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Amite code 5

**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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input 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 checked="" 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 Mrs. A. W. Jones

street & number Rt. 3, Box 33A

city, town Liberty  vicinity of state Mississippi 39645

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Liberty state Mississippi 39645

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Historic Resources of Amite County has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  federal  state  county  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 NA

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

The McGehee House is a one-and-a-half story, frame, Greek Revival plantation residence set upon brick foundation piers. An outside-end brick chimney with typical Amite County stepped base is located at each gable end of the roof. The seven-bay, southerly facade is fronted by a gallery cut under the front slope of the roof. The gallery is supported by molded box columns linked by a regional gallery railing composed of a paneled footrail and molded handrail with intermediate diagonal boards forming two X's between the columns. The facade of the house is finished in horizontal matched boards with no base. The main entrance doorway is located in the centermost bay, and a secondary entrance is located in the central bay of each flanking three-bay section. The facade is finished in matched boards with no base and the windows and secondary entrance doorways feature molded architrave surrounds. The windows are filled with six-over-six, double-hung sash and are closed by original shutter blinds. The secondary entrance doorways are filled with single-leaf doors with six molded panels. The main entrance doorway consists of a shouldered architrave surround with double-leaf, six-paneled and molded doors set within a transom and sidelights over molded panels. A large, pedimented dormer porch is located on both the front and rear slopes of the roof. The dormer pediments are supported by molded box columns linked by a railing identical to the front gallery railing. The sides of the dormers are finished in a combination of lap siding and lattice. Access to the second-story interior from the dormer porches is through double-leaf, two-paneled and molded doors flanked by sidelights over molded panels.

The interior features a double-pile plan with central passage. The hallway walls are finished in matched horizontal boards, but the walls of the rooms are plastered. The window and door surrounds have molded architrave surrounds, the doors are four-paneled and molded, and the mantel pieces are wooden and pilastered. Each of the four first-story rooms features a horizontal board wainscoting, and the front two rooms are adorned with plaster cornices and centerpieces composed of concentric circles. The doors of the house retain their original fake wood graining and the wainscoting of all but the north-west room is adorned with fake marble panels and a painted base.

The stairway to the second story, which features a rectangular newel and rectangular-sectioned balusters, runs along the westerly hall wall in a southerly direction to terminate in a second-story hallway. Two bedrooms with wooden pilastered mantel pieces are located in the second-story of the house.

Alterations to the house are minimal and exist in the form of additions rather than subtractions. A small, one-story porch with shed roof and Queen Anne detailing has been added on the eastern side elevation and an addition has been made to the rear of the house for a modern kitchen

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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** ca. 1845 **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The McGehee House is an outstanding and unique example of Greek Revival plantation architecture. The house employs the typical, mid-nineteenth century, Mississippi plantation residence form characterized as a story-and-a-half frame dwelling set upon brick foundation piers with gabled roof and undercut gallery. However, the house gains architectural distinction from the unique, pedimented dormer porches on both the front and rear slopes of the roof, from its outstanding integrity which includes the survival of the original painted decoration, from its unspoiled plantation setting, and from its long history of family ownership. Although dormer porches are not unusual for late nineteenth and early twentieth-century residences, the finely detailed, second-story Greek Revival porches of the McGehee House may be the only examples of their type in the state. The original surviving painted decoration which includes grained doors and wooden wainscoting with painted marble panels is in remarkable condition and is the only regional example of this decorative treatment known to exist. The owner of the house recalls that the board walls of the main hallway were also once decoratively painted. The McGehee House also exhibits certain architectural features that are characteristic of Amite County architecture. The outside-end brick chimneys with stepped bases are common throughout the nineteenth century, and the gallery railing, which is composed of a paneled footrail and molded handrail with intermediate diagonal boards forming X's, was used extensively in the mid-nineteenth century. The McGehee House has been owned by the same family since its construction in the mid-nineteenth century.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Jones, Mrs. W. A., interviewed by Mary Warren Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation, May 1982.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8.26

Quadrangle name Bude, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UMT References

A 

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

B 

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property forms a four-sided figure with right angle corners and equal sides of 600 feet each with the center point being the center of the roof ridge of the house. The sides of the figure are parallel to the walls of the house. The 8.26 nominated acres should provide for protection of the plantation setting of the house.

**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

organization Historic Natchez Foundation date July 15, 1983

street & number P. O. Box 1761 telephone (601) 442-2500

city or town Natchez state Mississippi 39120

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

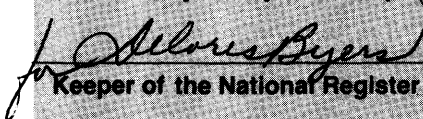
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date October 18, 1983

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

  
Keeper of the National Register

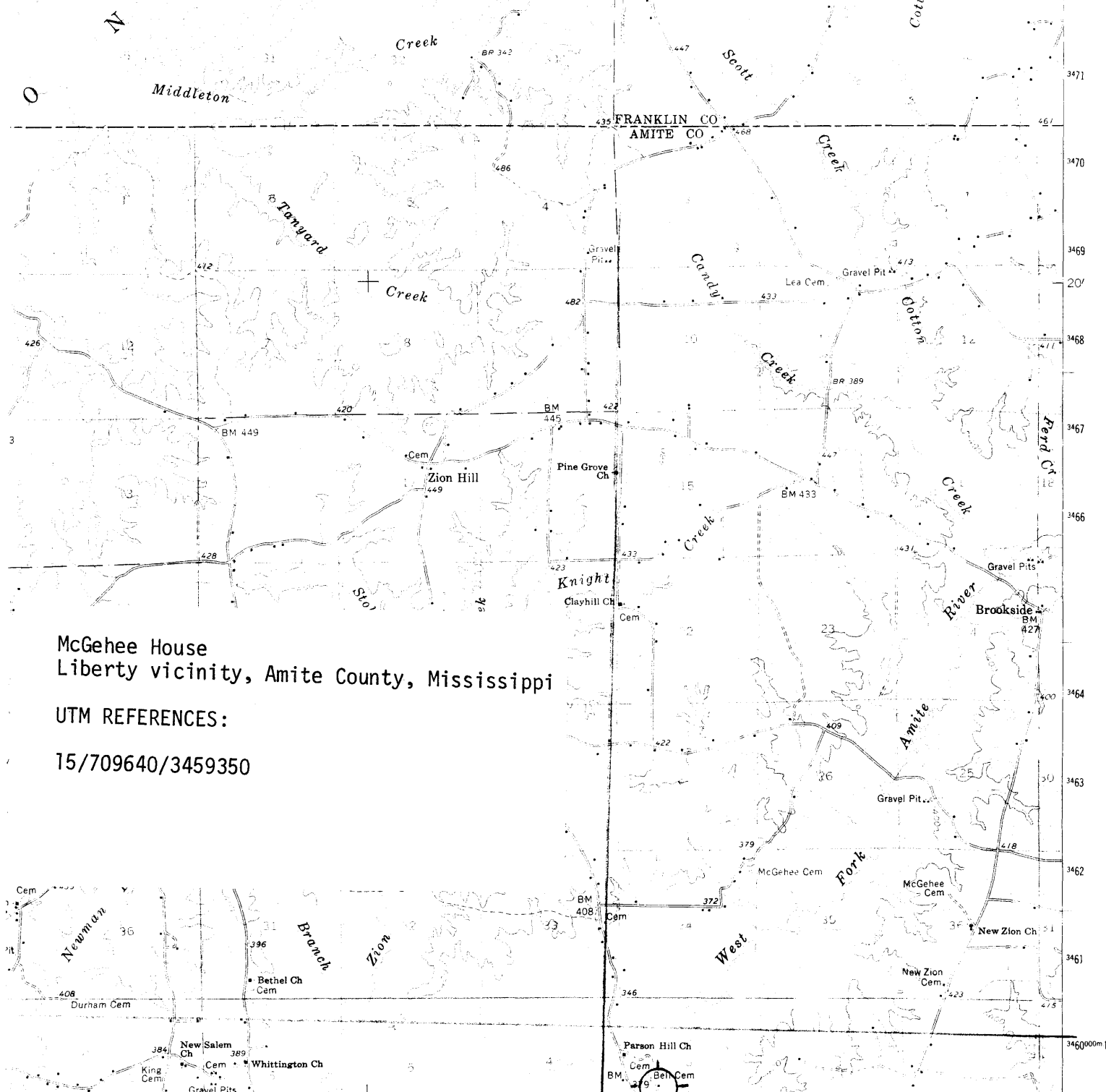
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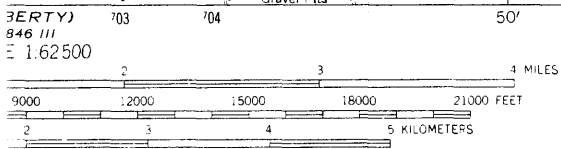
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Chief of Registration



McGehee House  
 Liberty vicinity, Amite County, Mississippi

UTM REFERENCES:  
 15/709640/3459350



INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 SHOWN 10-FOOT CONTOURS  
 MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
 Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
 Unimproved dirt - - - - -  
 U.S. Route                      State Route

BUDE, MISS.  
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