

**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

**1. Name**

historic Shlenker House

and/or common Rig Perry House

**2. Location**

street & number 2212 Cherry Street N/A not for publication

city, town Vicksburg NA vicinity of ~~Warren County Courthouse~~

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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> NA being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Harold Donald and Elizabeth H. Barnes

street & number 2212 Cherry Street

city, town Vicksburg NA vicinity of state MS 39180

**5. 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 39120

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title NA has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date NA

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

Located on the western side of Cherry Street in an old suburban area of downtown Vicksburg, the Shlenker House is a two-story, brick eclectic residence with design elements that reflect the influence of the Prairie and Bungalow Styles. The red-tiled hipped roof, which has wide projecting eaves supported by brackets with corbeled ends, is pierced by one interior brick chimney and two outside-end brick chimneys, all with decorative caps. The attic space is lighted by a single, shed-roof, shingled dormer on the back slope of the roof. The center-bay entrance doorway of the three-bay easterly facade is sheltered by an unusual entry porch featuring massive tall brick piers with stucco caps and applied stucco decoration. The roof of the porch originally served as a railed deck with old photographs of the house documenting a railing composed of molded handrail and rectangular-sectioned balusters with intermediate flat panels having an open work design that resembled a candle and flame. Extending from each elevation of the porch above the molded cornice were horizontal, wooden structural members whose ends have unfortunately been cut. The second-story facade is a two-bay composition with each bay originally filled with a leaded-glass transom, one of which is now missing, and double-leaf glazed doors that provide access to the entry porch.

On the first-story level, the floor of the entrance porch extends unbroken in a northerly and southerly direction and wraps around the corner of the house to form verandas. The verandas are supported by a brick foundation wall with a stucco base and stucco coping, and the corners of the verandas are defined by brick piers with stucco caps and ornament. The stucco base of the brick foundation wall is a feature that is repeated on all elevations of the house. The massive piers of the entry porch and the corner piers of the verandas were originally linked by a wooden railing documented in old photographs as having a molded handrail atop panels formed by an arrangement of horizontal, vertical, and diagonal strips of wood that appear to radiate from a central axis. The entrance doorway is flanked by rectangular, projecting bays sheltered by bracketed shed roofs. Each bay contains a one-over-one, double-hung sash that matches most of the window infill of the house. Although they are original to the house, the shutter blinds that are elements of the pictured facade do not belong and will be relocated to their original location on side and rear window openings. The entrance doorway is filled with double-leaf glazed doors enframed by transom and sidelights, all executed in leaded and beveled glass.

The interior plan of the house is irregular and open in feeling. An entrance hallway effect was originally created by two screens of arched openings supported by paneled columns that separated the passage area from the living area to the south and the stairway to the north. However, the southernmost screen of columns was removed by a former owner and is stored in the attic. The stairway, which features rectangular-sectioned newels and balusters, runs in a northerly direction to an intermediate landing with elliptical railing where it then continues in a southerly direction to terminate in the second-story hallway. The stairway landing is lit by a large casement window of stained glass, one pane of which is missing, and beneath the stairway is a small sitting area with built-in box seat and an original half bath.

The interior is well trimmed throughout and reflects the popular taste of the period of the house. The living room features a ceiling with molded and paneled beams, a brick chimney breast with bracketed mantel shelf and overmantel panels, and double-leaf glazed doors flanking the mantel piece. The dining room is enlivened by a molded wooden cornice, a molded plate rack, walls that are divided into vertical panels by wooden strips, a blue-tile chimney breast with bracketed mantel shelf and overmantel compartments, and a large stained glass window with fixed sash. In the more public areas of the house, all door and window surrounds have molded cornices, doors are paneled and molded, and the bases are molded with two fascias.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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Shlenker House, Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi

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Drummond Street has historically been linked with the property as a rear driveway. The rear driveway rectangle has right angle corners and parallel sides measuring 13 feet by 150 feet.

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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. 1907

Builder/Architect unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Constructed ca. 1907, the Shlenker House is a significant Vicksburg expression of early twentieth-century architectural eclecticism. The two-story height of the house, its massive porch piers and smaller veranda piers with applied stucco ornament, its stained and leaded glass doors and windows, and its dining room wall treatment of decorative wooden strips are all design elements that reflect the influence of the Prairie Style. The bracketed roof overhang, the extending structural members of the entry porch roof, and the shingled dormer that lights the attic space are all features associated with the Bungalow Style. One early book on Bungalows, which classifies the style into nine distinct types, has one category called the Chicago, or Prairie Style, type Bungalow (Marcus Whiffen, American Architecture Since 1870 [Cambridge, Massachusetts: M.I.T. Press, 1981], p. 221). The Shlenker House is one of several outstanding early twentieth-century residences that are representative of the growth and prosperity of the city of Vicksburg, which was the largest and most prosperous city in the state of Mississippi in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Constructed by a family of the Jewish faith, the house is also symbolic of the rise to prominence of the Jewish immigrant community in the city. The integrity of the house is outstanding despite the vandalism that robbed the house of some of its leaded and stained glass and the deterioration that resulted in the loss of the porch and veranda railings. The missing decorative glass is well documented in the survival of a matching architectural element or in photographs, which also document the appearance of the missing railings. The house has been recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barnes, who intend to restore the house using the photographs of missing elements as design sources.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Miller, Mary W., preservation consultant with the Historic Natchez Foundation. Inspection of Shlenker House, June 19, 1983.

Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780. Cambridge, Massachusetts: M.I.T. Press, 1981.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Vicksburg West--Miss.--La.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 

115	69961010	31571971615
Zone	Easting	Northing

B 

Zone	Easting	Northing

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** See attached xerox of a survey map with the nominated property outlined in red. The property has a frontage on Cherry Street of 89.52 feet and forms two rectangles--the residence site rectangle has right angle corners and parallel sides measuring 89.52 feet by 150 feet. A second rectangle with a frontage of 13 feet on

**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/preservation consultant

organization Historic Natchez Foundation

date July 21, 1983

street & number P. O. Box 1761

telephone (601) 442-2500

city or town Natchez

state Mississippi 39120

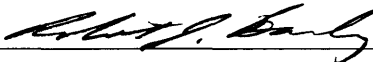
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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.

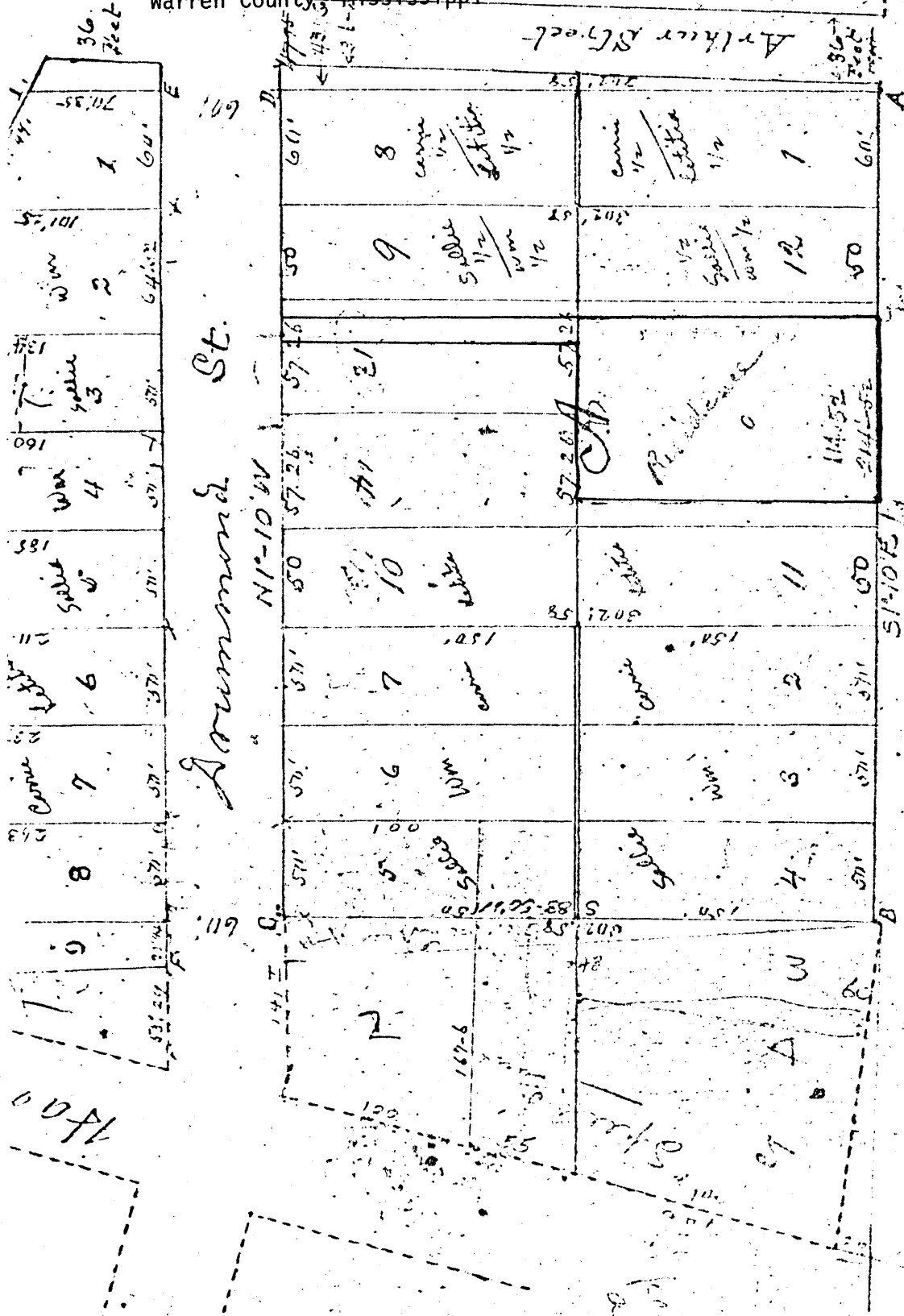
State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 4, 1983

Shlenker (Rig Perry) House  
Warren County, Mississippi



Mem. The Width of Aricker Street, was changed by order  
of the Board of Mayor & Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg,  
the same being duly recorded in said Book 4267 Page

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CHERRY STREET

SIMPSON STREET

Diamond St.

Aricker Street

N1°-10'W

1700

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