



# Historic Sites Survey

Inventory No. 11

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** The Clemens House is a single-story, hip-roof, frame residence of vernacular Greek Revival design. The five-bay, flush-board facade is sheltered by a full-width undercut gallery supported on unembellished square columns. There is a full entablature around the gallery with a gothic molded architrave, plain frieze, and pronounced cornice. The central tripartite entrance has battered-and-eared surrounds and is flanked by two pairs of six-over-six shuttered windows which have similar trim to that of the door. The plan consists of a central hall with two rooms on each side. Additions to the rear have joined the originally detached kitchen to the main house. Interior millwork is a simple version of Greek Revival design.

**ALTERATIONS:**

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

**LANDSCAPE FEATURES:**

**NAME:** Clemens House  
**STREET NO:** 120 West Water Street  
**TOWN/VIC:** Biloxi  
**COUNTY:** Harrison  
**BLOCK/LOT:**  
**PRESENT OWNER:** Dr. A. J. Adams, Jr.  
**ADDRESS** 120 West Water Street, Biloxi 39530  
**PRESENT USE:** Office  
**FORMER USE:** Residence  
**DATE:** 1846-52  
**STYLE:** Greek Revival  
**ARCH/BUILDER:** Unknown  
**SOURCE OF DATE:** The Buildings of Biloxi  
**ENVIRONMENT:** Commercial/residential  
**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
 NEIGHBORHOOD  
 LOCAL X  
 STATE  
 NATIONAL

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

Probably built between 1846 and 1852, the building now known as the Clemens House was purchased in 1869 by Mr. and Mrs. Bruno R. Clemens and continued to serve as their family's residence until 1959. German-born Bruno Clemens was a lake pilot and was for many years a city alderman.

**PHOTOS**

**NEG. #**

SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

N/A

THREATS:

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated property, contains less than one acre. Identified on the enclosed map entitled "Individually Listed Properties," it includes the area within the red line as delineated on the Official Property Map of Biloxi, Mississippi, adopted by the city in 1976.

ACREAGE: less than 1 acre

UTM REF:

A	1   6	3   4   8   6   5   0	3   3   6   3   8   2   5
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
C			
B			
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
D			

FORM PREPARED BY:

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