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 Felder-Richmond House

and/or common same as above

2. Location

West of a graveled county road that is entered on the north side of the street & number paved road from Peoria to I-55 about 8 miles west of $\frac{NA}{I-55}$ not for publication I-55

city, town Magnolia

state Mississippi code

Ownership

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3. Classification

| Category | | | | |
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| | district | | | |
| <u>X</u> | building(s) | | | |
| | structure | | | |
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| both |
| Public Acquisition |
| in process being considered |
| being considered |

| 28 | county |
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| Status | |

| _X_ | occupied |
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Present Use

| | museum |
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| ł | park |
| ł | _X_ private residence |
| ent | religious |
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| | transportation |
| | other: |

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code

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. Jonah Ford

street & number Rt. 2

| city, town | Magnolia | vicinity | of | state Mis | ssissippi 3 | 39652 |
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| 5. L | ocation o | f Legal Descri | iption | | | |
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| street & ni | umber Courthou | se Square | | | | |
| city, town | Liberty | | | state ^{Mi} | ssissippi 3 | 39645 |
| 6. R | epresent | ation in Existi | ng Surveys | 5 | | |
| title State | ewide Survey of | Historic Sites has | this property been dete | ermined elegi | ible? ye | s _X_ no |
| date | 1983 | | federal | X state | county | local |
| depository | for survey records | Mississippi Department | t of Archives and | History | | |
| city, town | Jackson | | | state | Mississip | pi |

7. Description

| Condition | | Check one |
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| excellent | deteriorated | _X_ unaltered |
| X_ good | ruins | altered |
| fair | unexposed | |
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Check one _X_ original site ____ moved date <u>_____nknown</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Felder-Richmond House is a two-story, I-style, Greek Revival frame residence set upon brick foundation piers. The gabled roof is flanked at each gable end by an outside-end brick chimney with stepped base and molded chimney cap with plastered frieze. The onestory shed-roof gallery features rectangular-sectioned wooden posts linked by a railing of rectangular-sectioned balusters and molded handrail. The second-story easterly facade is divided into five bays, but the first-story facade, which is finished in horizontal matched boards, is a seven-bay composition. The windows of the house are filled with sixover-six, double-hung sash and are closed by shutter blinds. The doorway and window openings feature molded architrave surrounds on all elevations of the house with only the center-bay main entrance doorway being battered and shouldered. The main entrance doorway is filled with double-leaf doors with three molded panels set beneath a transom and flanked by sidelights over molded panels. Secondary entrances are located in the center bay of each flanking three-bay section. These doorways are transomed and filled with singleleaf doors with six molded panels.

The interior is basically a single-pile plan with central passage that features a recessed rear gallery flanked by "cabinet" rooms. The central passage is open to the weather on the rear elevation to create what is regionally called a "dog-trot." The walls of the central passage and the second-story interior are finished in matched horizontal boards with vertical boards constituting the second-story partition walls separating the hallway and bedrooms. The doors and windows of the first-story level have molded architrave surrounds, the doors are four-paneled and molded, the wide bases are beaded, and the mantel pieces are wooden and pilastered. The second-story millwork is more simply molded, and the doors feature two, unmolded panels. The stairway, which features a rectangularsectioned newel with rectangular-sectioned balusters, runs in a single straight open flight in an easterly direction along the southerly hall wall to terminate in the secondstory hallway.

Much of the original decorative scheme from the mid-nineteenth century has survived and includes grained doors, white plaster walls, and a gray marbled parlor mantel piece. The architectural integrity of the house is outstanding with alterations limited to a small enclosure of a portion of the rear gallery.

8. Significance

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| Specific dates | ca. 1850 | Builder/Architect un | known | · |

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Constructed ca. 1850, the Felder-Richmond House is one of the ten most architecturally significant residences of Amite County and one of Mississippi's most significant essays in the vernacular Greek Revival Style. This significance is based on the rarity of I-style residences in the state, on the unusual "dog-trot" form which features a central passage open to the weather at the rear and originally enclosed at the front, and on its outstanding architectural integrity. Although fairly common in the North and South Carolina Piedmont region, from where many of the early Amite County settlers came, the I-style house is relatively rare in Mississippi with Amite County possibly possessing the greatest number of extant examples. The earliest I-style house in the county is probably the Zachariah Lea House which has been altered, but like the Felder-Richmond House, was originally constructed as a "dog-trot." This "dog-trot", I-style form is retained in the later Felder-Richmond and Hampton Lea houses but the central passage becomes enclosed on the facade and open to the rear. The Felder-Richmond, unlike the Hampton Lea House, has never had the rear "dog-trot" opening enclosed. The overall integrity of the house is outstanding and includes the survival of original fake graining and fake marbleing with the mantel piece of the southerly front parlor being executed in unusual gray marbleing. The house exhibits some features considered to be typical of Amite County architecture including outside-end chimneys with stepped bases and plastered friezes on the chimney caps and rectangular wooden gallery posts rather than box columns in the 1850's period. Although the house was apparently constructed for a Felder family, the Richmond family purchased the house in the early twentieth century to make the house one of three Richmond family houses in the general area. the Mary Rock

9. Major Bibliographical References

Miller, Mary Warren, preservation consultant with the Historic Natchez Foundation. Inspection of Felder-Richmond House, August 25, 1982.

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Continuation sheet Magnolia, Amite Co., Mississippi 10

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the eastern boundary line is formed by the western edge of the gravel county road which is approximately 100 feet from the house. The eastern boundary line is about 700 feet and the western boundary line is approximately 700 feet long, and the northern and southern boundary lines are approximately 450 feet long. The property is located in section 10 of Township 2N, Range 6E and comprises a tract of 7.23 acres. This 7.23 acres is part of a larger 20-acre tract but is considered sufficient to protect the historic setting of the residence.

