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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 Grove Street Houses (Baer House and Isaacs House)

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1117 and 1121 Grove St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fourth

CITY, TOWN
Vicksburg

VICINITY OF

STATE
Mississippi

CODE
28

COUNTY
Warren

CODE
149

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 checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Lee Davis Thames

STREET & NUMBER
2421 Marshall St.

CITY, TOWN
Vicksburg

VICINITY OF

STATE
Mississippi

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

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic Survey for the City of Vicksburg

DATE
1976
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 _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two buildings are located on this property. The Baer House at 1117 Grove St constructed ca. 1870 is an Eastlake style 2½-story brick house constructed on an L-plan. The front elevation contains a two-story, 3-bay gallery with incised and chamfered posts and curved brackets, and a two-story bay window in the fourth bay. The cornice is modillioned and windows display segmental arches with raised brick drip molds. The gables are enriched with elaborate wood decoration including fish-scale shingles and carved vergeboards. The double-leaf doors contain etched glass and are recessed in a segmental arched opening which is embellished with a classical surround complete with pilasters and modillioned and bracketed cornice. A smaller doorway also set in a segmental arched opening provides access to the second floor gallery. A two-tiered gallery also appends the L as does an unusual two-story clapboard outhouse. The interior includes Eastlake style door surrounds with incised decoration and wainscoting and floors which utilize contrasting light and dark woods.

The Isaacs House at 1121 Grove St. is an Italianate style two-story 3x4-bay brick house with a two-story rear wing constructed ca. 1870. The roof is hipped and the cornice enriched with paired brackets. A side-hall entrance with sidelights and transom is recessed in a segmental arched opening and is sheltered by a shed-roofed entrance porch which is also decorated with paired brackets. Windows contain 6-over-6 sash windows set in segmental arched openings with raised brick drip molds and corbel tables. The two-tiered side galleries have been enclosed.

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		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Of primary importance to the cultural history of Vicksburg, these two houses on Grove Street were the homes during the 1870s through the early 1900s of Jewish merchants whose stores were located on Washington Street and whose synagogue was two blocks away on Cherry Street. Architecturally significant as well, these houses furnished valuable examples of Eastlake and Italianate styles.

The first wave of Jewish immigration to Vicksburg began in the mid-1820s. These early settlers mostly from southern Germany lived in the area near the waterfront and were engaged in mercantile pursuits. Another wave of Jewish families arrived between 1845-1865. According to an 1866 city directory there were about ninety Jewish families in Vicksburg and they owned approximately thirty-five stores. (Gertrude Philippborn, The History of the Jewish Community of Vicksburg, Vicksburg, 1969, p. 12.) As their prosperity and numbers increased the Jewish community in 1868 built a permanent temple, Anche Chesed, on Cherry Street and some families began to move up the hill from the waterfront nearer to the new synagogue.

Leon Baer first arrived in Vicksburg in 1853. He then peddled goods through the country and in Mexico returning to Vicksburg in 1865 to establish a dry goods store. Soon after he sent for his two brothers Isaac and Abe and the firm became known as Baer & Brothers. Outliving his brothers, Leon Baer died in 1924. The business which by then had grown into a "massive enterprise" (Mercantile and Industrial Review, Issued in Vicksburg by the Traffic Department of the Queen and Crescent Route, Alabama and Vicksburg Railway Co., Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railway Co., 1907) was continued by heirs of the Baer estate. Reflecting the prosperity that Leon Baer had accumulated by the 1870s, the Baer House is of substantial size and well articulated in the Eastlake style, employing elaborate wood detailing in the gables and on the porch. The interior is even more elaborate employing diagonally laid striped flooring in contrasting woods, and Eastlake style door surrounds with incised decoration. These details as well as wainscoting, mantels, doors and an elaborate cabinets in the upstairs halls have been well preserved.

Louis Isaacs arrived in Vicksburg prior to the Civil War. He became a partner with A. Ruhman in the merchant tailoring business of Ruhman and Co. and purchased the house on Grove Street in 1878. By 1895 the house belonged to Charles and Max Isaacs probably sons of Louis Isaacs. They ran Charles Isaacs and Brother, a men's furnishing business. Although plain in comparison to the Baer House, the Isaac House is a good example of a modest Italianate style home with characteristic features of paired brackets and segmentally arched window and door openings.

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Alabama and Vicksburg Railway Co., Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Railway Co., 1907

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY One acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	699870	3581200	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 179 and 180 in square 28 of Vicksburg Proper as shown on the original plat of the City of Vicksburg.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Adele Cramer

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE January 3, 1980

STREET & NUMBER 808 North St. TELEPHONE (601) 354-7326

CITY OR TOWN Mississippi STATE Mississippi

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

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 Elmer A. Hilliard

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE February 15, 1980

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce DATE 5/8/80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: Lowell J. Aubrie DATE 5/6/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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