

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bardwell House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 309 Blackjack Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Starkville

N/A vicinity

state Mississippi code MS

county Oktibbeha code 105

zip code 39759

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. P. Paul

JUNE 12, 1992

Signature of certifying official

Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

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Entered in the
National Register

7/10/92

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century

Other: Galleried Cottage

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Weatherboard

roof Other: Composition Shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Standing atop a partially wooded knoll facing south to Blackjack Road, the Bardwell House is a five-bay, one-and-one-half story, timber frame galleried cottage with a double-sloping, transverse-gable roof and a full-width undercut front porch or gallery. The house's most distinctive features are the box columns which support the gallery and which sit atop freestanding brick piers. Also notable is the first-floor framing which consists primarily of logs hewn flat on one side to support the floorboards and otherwise left unhewn and with bark intact.

The house's original perimeter consisted of a 50' by 50' square including the 10'-deep front gallery. The original double-pile plan included an entry stairhall with identical parlors to either side, leading to a wider rear room with chambers to either side. Back-to-back fireboxes stand between both sets of front and rear rooms and originally rose to simple brick chimneys; however, only the eastern chimney remains. In the early 20th century an ell was added to the rear which now includes a bathroom, dining room, kitchen and a porch on its west side. Floors are 3 1/2" matched pine boards throughout. All interior millwork is extremely simple. This millwork includes recessed-panel doors with plain casings and the stairway with simple handrail and square newel and balusters. The mantels in the front parlors feature stout classical pilasters and a very heavy entablature. The second floor rooms are randomly distributed within available attic space and contain no significant features.

The crawl space beneath the structure is open except for brick curtain walls between the piers of the porch. The front porch stair is wood with brick cheek walls. The boxed gallery columns have classical pretensions, including a plain plinth and capital, and feature recessed panels. The columns support a plain entablature. Lapped siding is used throughout except for matched boards under the gallery. Windows are twelve-over-twelve, double-hung sash, and the windows of the main facade are protected by shutters. The entry doorway frontispiece is quite plain and includes sidelights above recessed panels and a seven-light rectangular transom. The front-porch balustrade is continuous behind the porch columns and consists of boxed endposts and plain balusters, alternately rectangular and square in cross section.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

circa 1855

circa 1855

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Bardwell House is significant as a rare remaining example of the antebellum vernacular galleried cottage in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. It was constructed at a time when the county was first being settled and when the county's agricultural base was being established. This galleried cottage features high brick foundation piers, a full-width undercut front gallery, and twelve-over-twelve windows. Particularly unusual features are the freestanding columns with brick piers which support the front gallery.

The house was built by David M. Montgomery as a place of residence for his daughter, Margaret Montgomery Bardwell, and her husband, Cecil Bardwell. David and Martha Montgomery deeded the property to Cecil Bardwell on 8 June 1855 (Deedbook 11, pp. 393-94). Montgomery and Bardwell were both described by Thomas Battle Carroll in his Historical Sketches of Oktibbeha County (1931), as slaveholders and farmers (p. 75). David M. Montgomery came from the Fairfield district of South Carolina to Oktibbeha County in 1837 where he became a major landholder and a member of the state legislature. The David M. Montgomery House (also known as "The Cedars") has already been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. David Montgomery's brother, W.B. Montgomery, was a major figure in the development of agriculture in Oktibbeha County where he introduced the Jersey cow. He was instrumental in the founding of Mississippi State University where he served as one of the original trustees. Cecil Bardwell's father, Araunah Bardwell, came to Oktibbeha County in the 1820s (Carroll, p. 12).

9. Major Bibliographical References

- "Bardwell Home Stands Through Four Generations," Starkville Daily News, 14 January 1975.
- Carroll, Thomas Battle. Historical Sketches of Oktibbeha County. Gulfport, MS: Dixie Press, 1931.
- Longest, Doy Payne. "Historic Homes and Buildings in Oktibbeha County." Mississippi State University, 1977 (in Special Collections, Mitchell Memorial Library, MSU).
- "Mississippi Genealogical Exchange," 8/1 and 2 (March-June 1962), pp. 7-13 and 58.
- Oktibbeha County, MS, Deedbook 11, Oktibbeha County Courthouse, Starkville, MS.
- "1833-1983: 150 Years in Oktibbeha County." Starkville Daily News, 11 August 1983 (Special Publication).

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1.15 acres

UTM References

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1	6	3	3	4	3	4	2	3	7	0	2	1	7	8
Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal Boundary Description

A tract of land in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 1, Township 18 North, Range 14 East described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Blackjack Road and the access road to University Commons, moving east 200', then north 300', then west 200', then south 300' to the point of origin.

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Boundary Justification

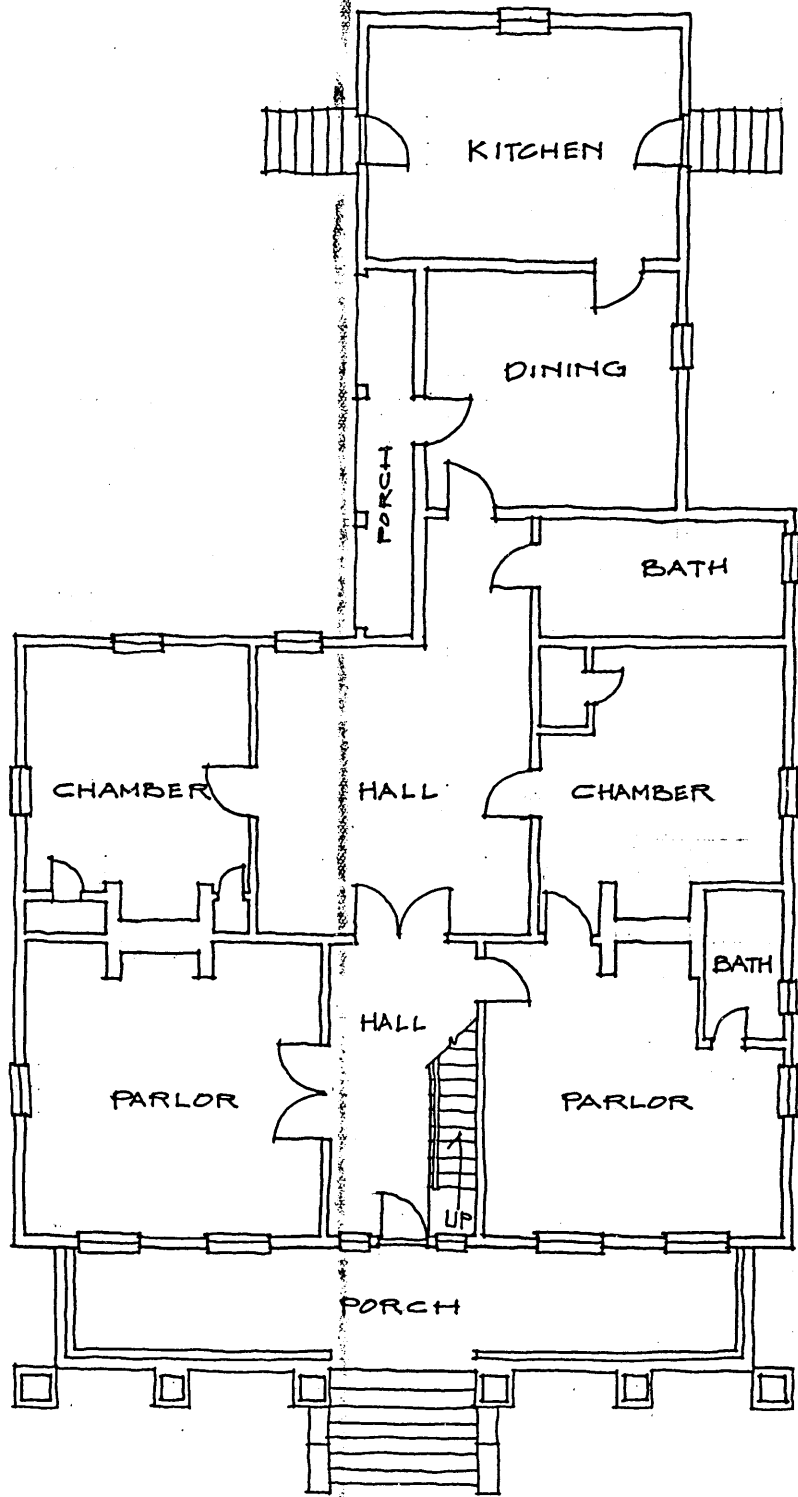
Although the property owned by the Bardwell family consists of two quarter sections, the nominated property consists only of the 1.15 acres immediately surrounding the house, containing the house and its immediate setting. The other property has no particular historical significance.

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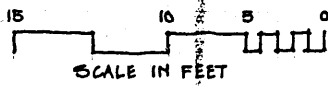
11. Form Prepared By

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Owner: Mr. and Mrs J.W. Bardwell



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