

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic A. F. Dantzler House

and/or common same as above

2. Location

street & number 5005 Griffin Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Moss Point

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi

code

28

county Jackson

code

59

3. Classification

Category

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

Ownership

- public
- private
- both

Public Acquisition

- in process
- being considered

Status

- occupied
- unoccupied
- work in progress

Accessible

- yes: restricted
- yes: unrestricted
- no

Present Use

- agriculture
- commercial
- educational
- entertainment
- government
- industrial
- military

- museum
- park
- private residence
- religious
- scientific
- transportation
- other:

4. Owner of Property

name Vallie H. Dantzler (Mrs. Alfred Frederick Dantzler)

street & number P.O. Box 969

city, town Pascagoula

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi 39567

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jackson County Courthouse

street & number Magnolia Street

city, town Pascagoula

state Mississippi 39567

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Located on the west side of Griffin Street in the old suburban area west of downtown Moss Point, the A. F. Dantzler House is a one-story, frame, Queen Anne house situated on a generous 2.61-acre lot. The house rests upon brick foundation piers infilled with brick lattice except for the foundation wall which supports the octagonal porch projection. The dominant hipped roof with lower cross hips and gables was originally pierced by six brick chimneys, one of which has been cut off below the roof and two of which are broken off just above the roof. Two of the surviving chimneys are tall decorative chimneys with banding that are typical of the Queen Anne style. Architectural drawings for the pre-1915 addition illustrate a metal roof cresting and roof finials. An octagonal, dormer tower with tent roof and bracketed cornice is centered in the front slope of the roof above the entrance doorway. The house is clad with lap siding except for the gable ends and dormer tower which are shingled. The full width of the easterly facade is sheltered by a gallery which extends northerly to form an octagonal pavillion and extends southerly to wrap around the southeasterly corner and continue across the front of the later addition to form a porte-cochere at the southern end of the house. The gallery and porte-cochere are supported by bracketed turned posts that are linked by a spindle frieze and turned baluster railing. The entrance doorway is defined by a shallow gabled projection with ornamental scroll work in the gable end. The turned posts that support this projection are linked by panels of spindles that radiate from a central axis. Doorway and window openings on all elevations have wide surrounds with a molded drip cap. Except for the bathroom windows of the addition, which are filled with stained-glass pivot sash, window openings are filled with one-over-one, double-hung sash and were originally closed by shutter blinds, now missing.

Access to the interior is through a transomed doorway filled with a single-leaf door with beveled-glass upper panel that opens into a large room-like entry hall heated by a fireplace with Neo-classical mantel piece. The northern wall of the entry room features a paneled wainscoting of curly pine that continues on all walls of the rear L-shaped hallway that is separated from the entry by an opening defined by a spindle-work spandrel. Wide doorways filled with sliding doors connect both the entry room to the parlor on the north and the parlor to the dining room on the west. The northerly side of the house has a range of three rooms--parlor, dining room, and kitchen--that are separated by a narrow stair hall from the three bedrooms on the southerly side of the original portion of the house. Two of the bedrooms are separated by a hallway that leads to the pre-1915 addition containing a large master bedroom and two bathrooms. A single-flight open-string staircase with turned balusters and square paneled newel with finial runs in an easterly direction along the northerly stair hall wall and terminates in an attic storage area. The interior trim of the Dantzler House is fairly consistent with door and window surrounds symmetrically molded with corner blocks, bases molded with a single fascia, doors with five molded panels, and Neo-classical wooden mantel pieces. The trim of the entry room and L-shaped hallway varies in having molded panels beneath the windows, knee blocks in the

## 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
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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
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<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** 1906; enlarged before 1915 **Builder/Architect** enlargement--William Drago (New Orleans)

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The A. F. Dantzler House is one of Moss Point's most significant Queen Anne style residences based on its architectural finish, its integrity, and its association with the locally prominent Dantzler family. The rambling, one-story frame cottage was constructed in 1906 and enlarged before 1915 (A. F. Dantzler, Jr., interviewed by Mary W. Miller, preservation consultant, at Moss Point, Miss., August 25, 1986). The plans and specifications for the enlargement were prepared by New Orleans architect William Drago and are owned by the Dantzler family, who feel certain that Drago was also the architect of the original portion of the house. The house exhibits such typical Queen Anne features as a dormer tower, wraparound porch, porte-cochere, shingled siding, bracketed turned posts, spindle frieze, turned baluster railing, and applied scrollwork.

The Dantzler Lumber Company, established in 1887 by L. M. Dantzler, was one of the wealthiest corporations in southern Mississippi in the late nineteenth century (Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi [Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1891], I, p. 614-15) and continued to play a dominant role in the economy of the Gulf Coast region well into the twentieth century. The house was the residence for the family of A. F. Dantzler, son of L. M. Dantzler, until the 1920's when it was sold to the Alberts family. A. F. Dantzler, Jr. restored both the house and Dantzler family ownership with the recent acquisition and restoration of his childhood home. Home to only two families since its construction, the A. F. Dantzler House possesses outstanding integrity. The picturesque coastal cottage retains all original millwork, lighting devices, hardware, and plumbing fixtures. Its suburban setting is also largely intact with the retention of a 2.61-acre landscaped lawn.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1891.

Dantzler, Alfred Frederick, Jr. Interviewed by Mary W. Miller, preservation consultant, at Moss Point, Miss., August 25, 1986.

## 10. Geographical Data

(see continuation sheet)

Acreeage of nominated property 2.61

Quadrangle name Pascagoula Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UTM References

A 

1	5	3	5	0	3	5	0	3	3	6	5	3	7	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

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C 

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F 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G 

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H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification** That certain parcel of land situated in Claim Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 6 West, in the City of Moss Point, Jackson County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

(see continuation sheet)

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/preservation consultant

organization Miller Preservation Services date September 26, 1986

street & number 506 High Street telephone (601) 442-9786

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Kenneth H. P. Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date February 24, 1987

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date

3/26/87

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Keeper of the National Register

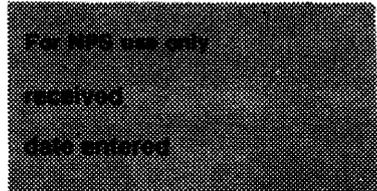
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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surrounds, and curly pine surrounds and wainscoting. The dining room of the house is distinguished from the rest of the house by its paneled walls, modillioned cornice, and Tudor mantel piece.

The integrity of the Dantzer House is outstanding and includes the survival of all millwork, kitchen cabinets, bathroom fixtures, and hardware. Alterations are limited to the enclosure of a portion of the rear porch on the bedroom wing addition. No historic outbuildings remain.

#9 - MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Miller, Mary W., preservation consultant. Inspection of A. F. Dantzler House, August 25, 1986.

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Commencing at an iron pipe at the Southwest corner of Griffin and Dantzler (formerly Foundry) Streets and run thence South 3° 39' 04" East 110.35 feet to an iron pipe which is the Point of Beginning of the tract of land herein described; thence run North 75° 19' 24" East 6.33 feet to a corner; thence South 18° 40' 54" East along the West margin of Griffin Street 301.13 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 82° 53' 51" West along an existing fence line 273.80 feet to a point; thence continuing South 81° 41' 26" West along an existing fence line 184.93 feet to a fence corner; thence North 2° 20' 42" West along an existing fence line 249.55 feet to a fence corner; thence North 75° 19' 24" East along an existing fence 380.87 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.61 acres, more or less.