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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 Tye House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2440 North First Street

CITY, TOWN

Pickens

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Mississippi

CODE 28

COUNTY Holmes

CODE 51

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Montgomery

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 307

CITY, TOWN

Pickens

VICINITY OF

STATE Mississippi 39146

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Office of the Chancery Clerk
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Holmes County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Lexington, Mississippi 39095

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Statewide Survey of Historic Sites

DATE

June, 1979

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

STATE

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

The Tye House is situated on the north side of First Street, where the street ends and rolling pasture begins, in Pickens, Mississippi. Traces of a cedar-lined walkway (no longer a part of the Tye House property) lead toward the house south of First Street. The two-story multi-gable frame residence consists of a three-bay facade (south), with a one-story hip-roof veranda carried by Tuscan columns forming a layer around the facade and the length of the east elevation. A make-shift shed porch on the north elevation connects the veranda with a flanking-gable-roof ell. The textural quality of the exterior is enhanced by projecting first-floor window bays on the facade and on the east elevation, with paneled bases, vertical flush-boarded sides and bracketed cornices. A frontispiece entrance is enriched with art glass in the sidelights and transom, and with a beveled-glass-paneled door trimmed with egg-and-dart molding.

In contrast with the picturesque and irregular exterior elevations, the interior of the Tye House is symmetrically arranged with a center hall plan two rooms deep, and a single-run stair to the second floor. Millwork detail is uniform on both floors, with flat-faced architraves and molded backbands. Each of the two front (south) rooms on the first floor has a bay-window niche with an upholstered seating bench and carved screen. The eight extant mantelpieces reveal major nineteenth-century alterations (ca. 1875) to the structure. Mantelpieces on the first floor feature free-standing columns, overmantels, beveled mirrors and decorative trim typical of the Queen Anne and High Victorian Gothic period. On the second floor, mantelpieces are simplified, with pilaster strips supporting a frieze and shelf typical of the Greek Revival period, reflecting the existence of an earlier house (ca. 1850) constructed on the site.

6 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
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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 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

The Tye House has important architectural and historical significance for the town of Pickens. Located on the site of an earlier Greek Revival cottage incorporated into the present structure, the house projects a contrasting and eclectic character as a result of its renovation ca. 1875 by Confederate Col. John F. Tye.

According to local historians, a log cabin constructed ca. 1838 on the Tye House site was replaced by a more substantial dwelling ca. 1850 (Tommie Foster, canvasser, Statewide Historical Research Project, Works Progress Administration, 1936; Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson). In 1873 the "commercial firm" of (Thomas) Clark and (Col. J.F.) Tye purchased the house and farm (Holmes Co., Miss., Deed Book 2:296). After the death of Thomas four years later, Col. Tye acquired the entire estate (Deed Book 4:66). Col. Tye was an active civic leader in Pickens and a benefactor who contributed to the town's early growth and development. According to early deeds, Col. Tye conveyed small tracts of property to various religious groups for the construction of places of worship.

The eclectic quality of architecture represented in the Tye House, which may be labeled High Victorian Gothic, is especially significant in the context of its rural setting in the town of Pickens. Characteristic High Victorian Gothic elements include the multi-gable roofline configuration and the application of intricate textural detail such as vertical boarded siding on the exterior window bays and first floor of the facade. Contrasting picturesque and academically inspired mantelpieces on the first and second floors contribute to the architectural significance of the house. Retaining most of the detail associated with Col. Tye's renovation, restoration of the property by the present owners will insure its future preservation.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Goodman

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 221365 3642530

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

E

G

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D

F

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See enclosed sketch map.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jack A. Gold

Research Consultant

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

811 Fairview Street

TELEPHONE

601/355-0450

CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi 39202

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

Elmer R. Hilliard

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

October 17, 1979

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

Carol D. Shuck
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12-18-79

ATTEST:

W. J. Davis
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

12/17/79

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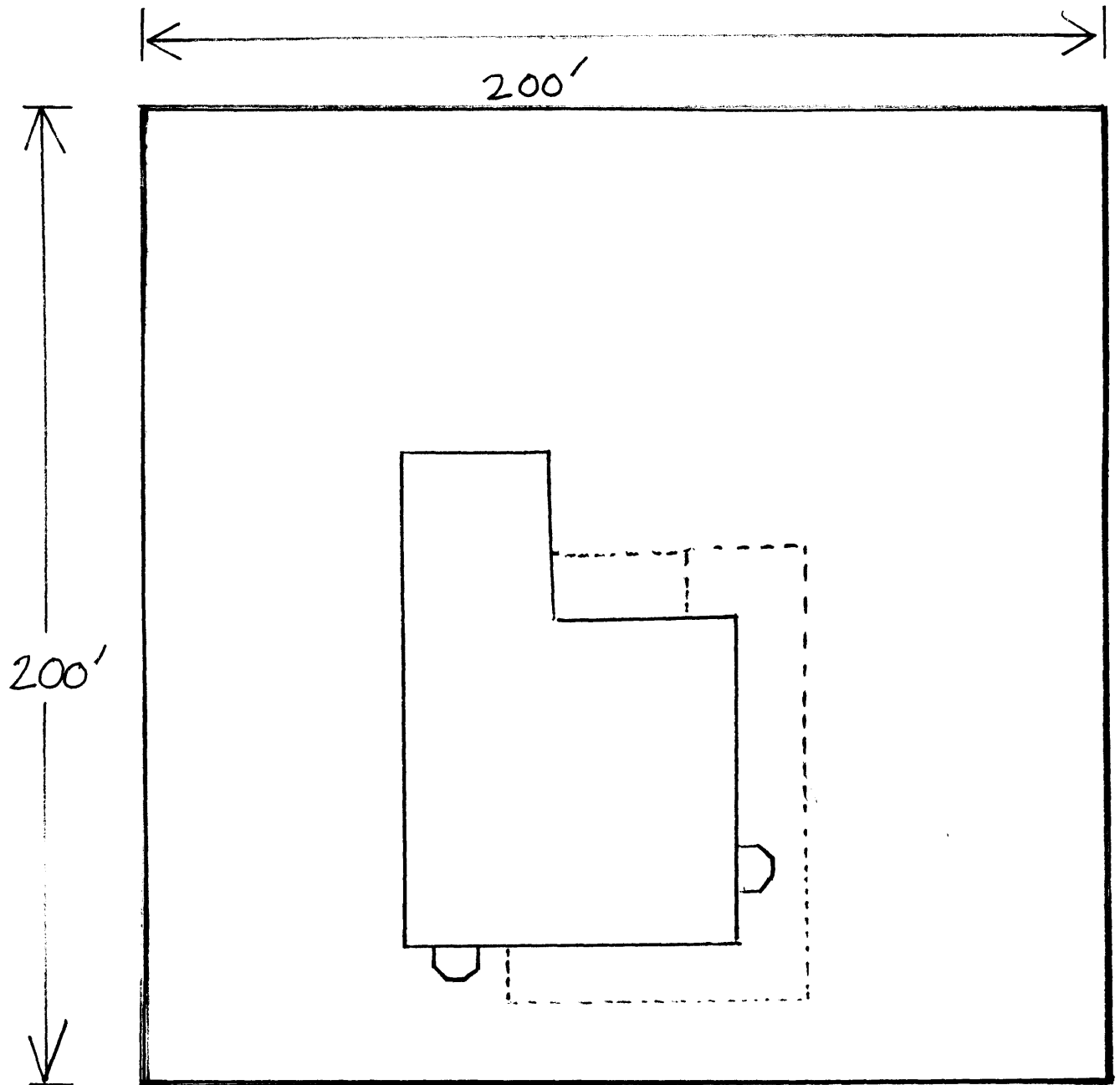
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FIRST STREET

SKETCH MAP

Tye House

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Pickens, Mississippi



Boundary of nominated property: **—————**