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1. Name

historic Garner Wynn Green House

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2. Location

street & number 647 North State Street

city, town Jackson

N/A_ vicinity of

county Hinds

state Mizsissippi

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
district	public	<u> </u>	agriculture	museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	public <u>X</u> private	unoccupied	X commercial	park
structure	both	work in progress	educational	private residence
site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	entertainment	religious
object	in process	_¥_ yes: restricted	government	scientific
-	in process being considered	yes: unrestricted	industrial	transportation
	-	no	military	other:

4. Owner of Property

Joshua Green, Mrs. Winifred Green Cheney, Mrs. Ernestine W. Green, name Mrs. Louise Green Carlisle

street & number 154 Glenway Dr.

Jackson

city,	town	Jackson

N/A_ vicinity of

state Mississippi 39216

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk

street & number Chancery Court Building, 316 South President Street

city, town

state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

city, town Jackson

state Mississippi

7. Description

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Neoclassical style Garner Wynn Green House is one of the last surviving examples of fine turn-of-the-century mansions that once lined Jackson, Mississippi's premier residential address, North State Street. Built in the shadow of the 1903 State Capitol, this and several neighboring historic homes are a vivid reminder of the street's past splendour.

Designed by architect Emmett Hull, the two-story hipped roof frame house was built in 1910. The east facade richly displays the balance, dignity and exuberance characteristic of the Neoclassical style. Supported by paired, fluted Corinthian columns, the monumental pedimented portico dominates the facade. The entablature and cornice are enriched by large egg and dart moldings, bead and reel moldings, leaf ornaments, dentils and acanthus modillions. The distyle in antis entrance is surmounted by a balcony supported by four massive scrolled brackets with acorn-shaped pendants. Ionic columns, Doric pilasters and bead and reel moldings frame the beveledglass side lights and transom of the double door entrance.

The tracery of the fan-shaped lunette window in the pediment is reflected in the windows of the dormers that punctuate the roof of the facade. The short Doric columns that enhance the dormers echo those of the entrance below. Similar dormers are found on the north and south elevations, while the west elevation features a single large dormer with a double-arched opening.

French doors enriched with transoms and sidelights flank the portico. Above them, conceve spandrels are embellished with floral sprays and garlands. Bold quoins mark the corners of the facade. Dentils encircle the cornice line of the house as well as that of the front and rear porches. The red tile roof, pierced by four chimneys, complements the red tile front porch which replaced the original balustrated wooden porch in the 1920's.

The richly detailed interior disguises the simplicity of the home's straightforward, symmetrical floor plan. A spacious entrance hall narrows at the rear to accomodate the staircase and enters into a second dining room. On the north side of the house, running east to west, are a parlor, outside entry-way, bath, kitchen and rear gallery with stairs. On the south side there is a large library, dining room and open veranda.

A monumental staircase designed in a half-turn configuration dominates the entrance hall. At its base, the spindle front of the small settle reflects the triple baluster design of the stair rail. On the landing level, a double archway supported by a single Doric column and enriched with acanthus leaves invites the visitor into a small, quiet vestibule.

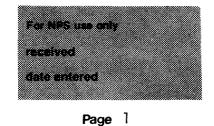
The parlour is divided from the entrance hall by a distyle in antis framed opening. Its fluted Ionic columns and Doric pilasters echo those on the facade. Egg and dart moldings, dentils and acanthus leaf modillions further enrich the entrance as well as the handsome mantlepiece. Here and throughout the ground floor, twelve foot high ceilings add to the spaciousness of the rooms.

Across the entrance hall from the parlor ten-panel double doors open into

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7. Description

the library. In contrast to the light, airy parlor, the detailing of the library and adjoining dining room is dark and dramatic. Heavy beams criss-cross the darkstained tongue-and-groove-panelled ceiling to form a pattern of large squares. The high mantel is enriched with modillions, fluted Ionic columns and garland wreathes. Matched settles with overhead bookcases flank the fireplace.

Double sliding doors connect the library and dining room, the ceiling of which follows the same lines found in the library, thus unifying the design of the two rooms. A six foot high dark-stained wainscot surmounted by a plate rail encircles the room. The massive mantelpiece complements the masculine linearity of the room's decor.

A large central hall, once lined with bookcases, dominates the second floor of the house. Four spacious sun-drenched corner bedrooms reflect the fine proportions of the rooms below. A sleeping porch adjoins the south bedroom, while a back staircase leads from the rear north bedroom. On the ease side, a small library opens through French doors onto the balcony of the facade.

Recently a contained fire damaged only the rear porch on the northwest side of the house and charred the exterior siding and staircase. Minor damage was done to the northwest corner of the attic and a patch of the ceiling below. Experts state that repairs can be made without damaging the architectural integrity of the structure. (See attached architect's statement.) All of the other significant features of the house are intact and in good condition.

8. Significance

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Specific dates	1910	Builder/Architect Emm	nett	Hull	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Garner Wynn Green House is significant as one of the few remaining fine Neoclassical structures in Jackson, for its being a part of a nucleus of historic houses reflecting Jackson's heritage in downtown Jackson and for its association with the Green family.

A distinguished pioneer family, the Greens have been pivotal in the history of Jackson for five generations. They are as vital in the social, civic, cultural, business, judicial and religious life of Jackson today as they were in 1835 when Joshua Green came to Mississippi from Maryland. Mr. Green established a bank, a drug house and a large cotton factory. He was instrumental in organizing the State Bankers Association and was its president.

His son, Marcellus Green, an eminent attorney, helped found the waterworks, Mississippi Compress and WareHouse Co. and the Jackson Fertilizer Co. (chemical manufacturing)⁴ A trustee of the Institute for the Blind and the state lunatic asylum, he was president of the commission to build a hospital for the Negro insane. He was the State Commissioner at the centennial celebration of the U.S, Constitution in 1887 in Philadelphia, PA and a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts of London, England. He served as Senior Warden of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (now Cathedral). He helped establish the first graded public schools in Jackson, serving as Board president 1893-96.

Marcellus Green's son, Garner Wynn Green, who built the house at 647 N. State St., was the acknowledged dean of Mississippi lawyers in his long, exceptional career, honored many times by his profession. A brilliant mind, Mr. Green rose to preeminence7 despite blindness during half of his seventy year practice, requiring a reader. Citing book and page from memory Garner Green played a leading part in developing the jurisprudence of Mississippi. He was a member of the original committee for writing the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. He had particular interests in the areas of continuing legal education and constitutional law. In religious life he was a vestryman of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, trustee of the Diocese of Mississippi and Chancellor of the Diocese of Mississippi 1941-65. His civic contributions included being attorney and counselor without compensation for the Old Ladies Home and a charter member of the Newcomen Society in North America. A major event in his home every Christmas was a party with personally selected gifts for all the children of the Baptist Orphanage.

Mr. Green's son, Joshua, with his brother-in-law, Reynolds S. Cheney, continues the family's excellent law firm. Joshua's wife and daughter, Myra and Lynn Green, are noted artists. Garner Green's daughter, Winifred Green Cheney (Mrs. Reynolds S. Cheney) is the author of nationally acclaimed cookbooks.

The Greens were one of five or six families who developed Jackson in the early 1830's. They continue now in a community of more than 300,000 to be a prime force whose contributions are regional and national. Footnotes are on the Continuation Sheet 2.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

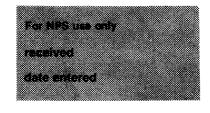
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