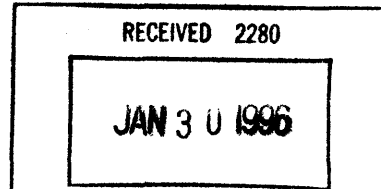


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in park department's *National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Copley, George Washington, House

other names/site number Copley Hill

2. Location

street & number 210 Copley Street N/A  not for publication

city or town Crystal Springs N/A  vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Copiah code 29 zip code 39059

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul January 23, 1996  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson A. Beal Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 3/1/96  
Entered in the National Register

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

\_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Historic and Architectural Resources of

Copiah County, Mississippi

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)

Queen Anne

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Metal roof cresting

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Copley, George Washington, House  
Name of Property

Copiah County, Mississippi  
County and State

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Brenda R. Crook, Architectural Historian

organization Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History date October 31, 1995

street & number P.O. Box 571 telephone (601) 359-6940

city or town Jackson state MS zip code 39205-0571

#### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

#### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

#### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brasher

street & number 210 Copley Street telephone (601) 892-5486

city or town Crystal Springs state MS zip code 39059

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1886

**Significant Dates**

1886

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Didlake, George W. and John

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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

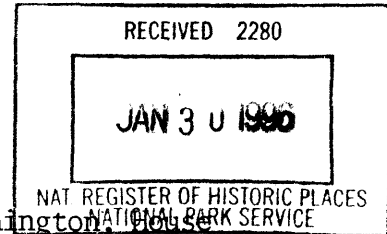
Name of repository:

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### 7. DESCRIPTION

Located on Copley Hill about three blocks southwest of Crystal Springs' downtown business district, the Copley House is a grand one-and-one-half story, Queen Anne style building constructed in 1886. Situated on an elevated parcel approximately three-quarters of an acre in size, the house faces east onto Copley Street, which runs east-west and was originally the driveway for the house. The picturesque frame building rests on a high brick foundation and is crowned by a steep hip roof with lower intersecting cross gables. The main facade is highlighted by a wraparound porch with ornate trim and a two-story octagonal tower with a steeply-pitched octagonal roof capped by a finial and trimmed with drop-pendant brackets. Metal cresting with pierced star and clover designs decorates the roof line, while the roof of the main facade is pierced by a small gabled dormer with a sunburst over the four-over-four, double-hung window and an ornate gable ornament in the peak of the gable.

On the north end of the main facade is a cutaway bay with four two-over-two, double-hung windows on the lower level and one four-over-four, double-hung window in the gable. The cutaway bay is decorated with corner brackets having drop pendants, and the gable has incomplete cornice returns, an ornate turned and jigsawed gable ornament, and vergeboard. The veranda extends from the cutaway bay and wraps around part of the south elevation; the porch originally spanned the entire south elevation, but circa 1940 it was partially enclosed with drop siding. The veranda features a wooden deck, balustrade with turned balusters, turned posts, corner brackets, and an elaborate sawn and turned frieze. Opening onto the porch, the main entrance is a single-leaf, ornately-carved, glazed door framed by single-light sidelights and transom. Windows in the tower are two-over-two, double-hung sash.

The north elevation also features a cutaway bay with detailing like the bay of the main facade. Window openings of this elevation are also two-over-two, double-hung sash, except for the window in the gable, which is a four-over-four, double-hung sash. A carport extends from the rear elevation.

The interior of the house is equally as impressive as the exterior. The center hall has a single-flight, open-string, Eastlake style staircase featuring unusual turned balusters, square panelled newel

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post with globe finial, panelled wall under the stair, and vertical beaded-board wainscoting on the stair wall opposite the balustrade. The ceilings of the hall, parlor, and dining room are trimmed with denticulated plaster cornices. The parlor is located in the first floor of the tower, and panelled pocket doors separate this room from the dining room. Both of these rooms have low-relief Adamesque plasterwork on the ceilings, and both retain their fine original gasoliers, that of the parlor being crystal while the one in the dining room is brass. The house retains its original Colonial Revival style mantelpieces with tile surrounds, fine millwork with ornate corner blocks, and original light fixtures throughout.

Two small noncontributing outbuildings are also located on the property: a concrete block, gable-front building and a corrugated metal, gable-front building.

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George Washington Copley House derives its significance from its architectural character (Criterion C), being an excellent example of the Spindlework mode of the Queen Anne style. The historic context, "Victorian Queen Anne Architecture in Mississippi," developed by Richard J. Cawthon of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (see also the section on residential resources in the MPS cover document, pages 54-61), was used to evaluate the Copley House. (The associated historic contexts developed in the MPS cover document and represented by this property include both "Copiah County's Development from the Post-Bellum Period to the End of World War II, 1866-1945" and "Development of Copiah County's Towns, 1823-1945.") The Copley House was determined to be of statewide significance because it well represents the distinctive characteristics of the Spindlework mode, possesses a high degree of craftsmanship, and retains a very high degree of integrity on both its exterior and interior. The house was built in 1886 by George W. Didlake and his brother, John Didlake, for prominent banker, George W. Copley.

The Didlake brothers are also believed to have constructed the Huber House (1893; NR 1994), the Augustus Lotterhos House (not extant), and the old high school on Jackson Street (not extant), all in Crystal Springs ("Copley House featured in DAR Tour of Homes," page 1). According to George W. Didlake's tombstone in the Crystal Springs Cemetery, he was born in Virginia in 1838 and died in 1893. No information about his brother John was located.

Both lathe-turned and jigsaw ornament are used extensively on the Copley House, including the turned posts and balusters and the jigsaw frieze of the veranda, the ornate gable ornaments, corner brackets on the cutaway bays, and the brackets trimming the tower roof. Another feature sometimes found on houses in the Spindlework mode and employed on the Copley House is the octagonal tower. Both the interior and exterior of the house retain a high degree of integrity, with alterations being limited to the partial enclosing of the south side elevation's porch circa 1940, making the area into a sunroom. This sympathetic alteration is not prominent or even noticeable from the street, and it is not detrimental to the overall integrity of the building. The interior exhibits such elaborate features as denticulated plaster cornices, low-relief Adamesque plasterwork on the parlor and dining room ceilings, original

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gasoliers, Colonial Revival mantelpieces with glazed tile hearths, an Eastlake stairway, wainscoting, pocket doors, and fine millwork.

George Washington Copley (1845-1937) was married to Miss Jane C. Gambrell (1842-1918) in Canton on February 16, 1875. He was president of the Crystal Springs Bank, served as a city alderman in 1905, was on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Chautauqua Assembly (1908), and was a trustee of the Crystal Springs Baptist Church. He lived the last ten years of his life in Raymond, Mississippi ("Outstanding Officials:" 33; Brasher; "George W. Copley Dies:" 1; The Weekly Mississippi Pilot: 5; Copley Tombstone).

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Weekly Mississippi Pilot [Jackson]. February 27, 1875, page 1.



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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

### Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 3, Square 28, according to the Stowell Map of the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, run thence south 1 degree 30 minutes west along the west line of Liberty Street for 131.5 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 1, of the John F. Tillman Subdivision of the City of Crystal Springs; thence run west along the north line of said Lot (1) for 157.0 feet to the northwest corner of said Lot (1); thence run south along the west line of said Lot (1) for 45.0 feet; thence run west for 80.0 feet to the east line of Brent Street; thence run north 1 degree 30 minutes east along the east line of Brent Street for 150.0 feet; thence run east for 45.0 feet; thence run north for 26.5 feet to the north line of Lot 3, Square 28; thence run east along the north line of Lot 3, Square 28 for 190.7 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 3, Square 28, this being the point of beginning.

### Boundary Justification:

Although the original parcel contained a large amount of acreage, the property being nominated is the lot presently associated with the house and two outbuildings.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

The following information is the same for all photographs:

- (1) Copley, George Washington, House
- (2) Crystal Springs, Copiah County, Mississippi
- (3) Brenda R. Crook
- (5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1--(4) December 6, 1995  
(6) Main (east) elevation, view to northwest

Photo 2--(4) December 6, 1995  
(6) Main (east) and north elevations, view to southwest

Photo 3--(4) December 6, 1995  
(6) Main entrance, view to west

Photo 4--(4) July 10, 1995  
(6) Stairway, view to southwest

Photo 5--(4) December 6, 1995  
(6) Parlor ceiling and original chandelier, view to east

Photo 6--(4) December 6, 1995  
(6) Dining room ceiling and original chandelier, view to southwest

Photo 7--(4) July 10, 1995  
(6) Mantelpiece in northeast front room, view to west