

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

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1. Name

historic Craig/Flowers House  
and/or common The Manor House Inn and Club

2. Location

street & number 2011 Cherry Street N/A not for publication  
city, town Vicksburg N/A vicinity of [redacted]  
state Mississippi code 28 county Warren code 149

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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 type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Inn

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. John L. Bobb  
street & number Yucatan Plantation, Route 5, Box 221  
city, town Vicksburg X vicinity of state Mississippi

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk  
Warren County Courthouse  
street & number Cherry Street  
city, town Vicksburg state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 1984  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History  
city, town Jackson state Mississippi

## 7. Description

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

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

The Craig/Flowers House is an impressive three-story, 12,000 square foot Tudor Style residence, situated on its original 3-acre site.

The building is in excellent condition, with no known alterations to the original plans. Roughly U-shaped in plan, this asymmetrical building faces West on South Cherry Street. The multiple gabled slate roofs are punctured by large and small dormers and 5 brick chimneys. A large one-story gallery surrounds the house on the South and West sides, and has a flat roof (original drawings called for a second-floor terrace, which was never used as such). The front gallery and entrance area are articulated by brick pilasters and columns decorated with plaster inserts at the capital. A lesser shed roof porch extends along the southeast side of the building. Situated on a sloping site, The first floor level is approximately three feet above grade, with a full basement below. Exposed basement walls and first floor, as well as chimneys, are executed in red brick. The first floor also features a plaster decorative band all around at the height of the window heads.

The second floor and exposed attic walls are stucco panels between chestnut wood members running horizontally and vertically, with trim. The slate roof has carved and decorated wood fascias and sloped soffit with exposed, decorated framing. All flashing is copper.

Most windows on the rear and sides are double hung, one-over-one, with decorated wood frames. Windows are placed in sets of three, individually (as in dormers or other walls), or symmetrically flanking an exterior wall chimney, as in the east elevation of the master bedroom wing. Front elevation, second floor windows feature diagonal cross panes on upper half of double hung windows. 3 large bays on the first floor, one with curved glazing and door frames, all feature operable double fully-glazed doors with operable transoms and sidelights. Even the curved end bay doors are hinged.

Double solid panelled wood doors set in an ornate wood frame with inset decorated panels, symmetrical leaded glass sidelights and original copper screen doors make up the front entrance, which leads from the front entrance gallery to the formal interior vestibule. Over the stairs inside is found the three stained glass windows with the Craig family Crest. All interior ceilings are coved, and many first floor rooms feature expansive detailed plaster castings on the walls and ceilings. All interior floors are wood.

Interior details include ironwork floor registers in the formal rooms, brass stand-up radiators in the bedrooms, all-copper electrical wiring, servant's bells throughout the house, built-in silver safe, three-door refrigerator, plate warmer, wall sconce light fixtures and crystal chandelier, and a built-in fire hydrant and 100 foot hose.

Over the stair at the main hall, the stained glass window pictures a man on horseback with the family's motto: "J'ai bonne esperance", "I have good hope". He carries in his hand a broken spear.

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1904 Builder/Architect W. W. Knowles, Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Completed in 1906, the Craig/Flowers House is a highly individual architectural composition that can be classified as Tudor style, and is a practically intact example of a wealthy family's dream house in Vicksburg at the turn of the century.

In 1901 the Craig family purchased this parcel of land, which was the former Vick Estate, the settlement of one of the founding families of Vicksburg. (Deed book 96, page 283, Land Records, Chancery Clerk's Office, Warren County) The original building was torn down and the lumber used to construct three outbuildings on the site, two of which remain today: The Carriage House and the Servant's Quarters.

The main house was built from architectural plans of W.W. Knowles, an Architect from New York, dated June 5, 1905. It was built at a cost of \$60,000.00, a huge sum at that time. At that time it was as unusual as it is today. It contained many state-of-the-art details and conveniences, such as a three-door refrigerator, built-in silver safe, plate warmer, servants' bells, even an interior fire hydrant equipped with 100 feet of hose.

The house is significant for the high quality evident throughout the construction, the attention to detail, and the high level of craftsmanship exemplified by every view. This is one of the finest Tudor homes in the South. Both exterior and interior, this structure exemplifies the height of the arts and crafts approach to building construction. Everywhere the materials are carefully fitted together and detailed to provide ornament. The highly articulated framing on the front entrance gallery is carried throughout the building.

In addition to its architectural significance, the house enjoys a rare degree of landscape integrity: its walks, parterres, outbuildings have survived intact.

In June, 1928 the property was deeded to Ms. Flowers, daughter of Mr. Craig, who owned it until this year (Deed books 172:462 and (hh):630). The present owner plans to restore the building and use it as an Inn and Restaurant.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Architectural Drawings by W. W. Knowles, Architect, 1133 Broadway, N.Y., dated June 8th, 1905. Elevations and plans.

Sanborn Insurance Maps of Vicksburg dated April, 1902; May 1907; and December, 1913.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 3 acres (approx.)

Quadrangle name Vicksburg West, Miss.-La.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

1	5	6	9	9	6	6	0	3	5	8	0	0	6	5
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

C 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

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G 

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H 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The present property lines comprise the original site, including original outbuildings. Lot size 271x475. Land Records, Deed Book (HH), page 630, Chancery Clerk's Office, Warren County.

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

state N/A code county code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Maria C. Bargas, Architect A.I.A.

organization Private Architectural Firm date April 5, 1984

street & number 1011 DeSoto Street, P.O. Box 132 telephone (601) 875-6262

city or town Ocean Springs, state Mississippi 39564

## 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 June 22, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register of Historic Places.

*Alvina Byrne*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

8-2-84

date