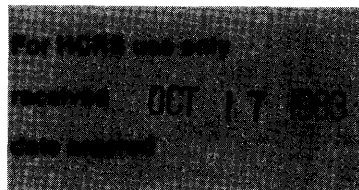


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**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 George Webb House

and/or common same as above

**2. Location** E of Old Zion Hill Rd.

~~East of Old Zion Hill Road about two miles northwest~~

street & number of Liberty

N/A not for publication

city, town Liberty vic.

vicinity of ~~Washington District~~

state Mississippi

code 28

county Amite

code 5

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tumey

street & number Rt. 1, Box 131

city, town Liberty

vicinity of

state Mississippi 39645

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk  
Amite County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Liberty

state Mississippi 39645

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Historic Resources of Amite County has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  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 type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>NA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Located east of Old Zion Hill Road northwest of Liberty, Mississippi, the George Webb House is a one-story, frame Greek Revival plantation residence set upon brick foundation piers. The steeply pitched, pyramidal roof is pierced by two interior brick chimneys, and the house is encircled on all four sides by an undercut gallery. The gallery cornice is supported by molded box columns, which are linked by an unusual Amite County railing composed of a paneled footrail, molded handrail, and intermediate diagonal boards which form X's. The westerly facade and easterly rear elevation are five bays wide with each of the side elevations being four bays wide. The facade and rear elevations are identical with a center-bay doorway flanked by floor-length windows, and the side elevations are also matching with each bay containing a floor-length window. All window openings, which have molded architrave surrounds, are filled with nine-over-six, double-hung sash and are closed by original shutter blinds. All elevations are finished in horizontal matched boards with an unmolded base having a single fascia. Both the facade and rear elevation feature frontispiece entrance doorways with a full molded entablature supported by pilasters. The single-leaf, molded, four-panel doors are set within transoms and sidelights set over molded panels, and the doorway jambs are also paneled and molded.

The interior plan is a double-pile plan with central passage. All windows have molded architrave surrounds with two fascias, the bases are molded with two fascias, the doors are four-paneled and molded, and the mantel pieces are all wooden and pilastered. Each of the doorway openings from the central passage is transomed. The millwork of the northerly two rooms features shouldered architraves, and the hallway and northern front room are adorned with elaborate plaster cornices. The integrity of the George Webb House is outstanding. The original interior decorative scheme is intact and features white plaster walls and white millwork except for the mantel pieces and lower fascias of the baseboards which are painted black. The exterior of the house was painted white with green shutters and has never been repainted.

A one-story gabled-roof frame addition extends from the southeast corner of the house. Constructed in the early twentieth century, this wing contains a kitchen, dining room, and bath. A gabled-roof frame barn, probably constructed in the nineteenth century, is located to the northeast about 200 feet behind the house.

## 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1858 **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The George Webb House is one of the most architecturally significant buildings in Amite County and one of Mississippi's most unique residential expressions of the vernacular Greek Revival Style. The West Indian character of early Lower Mississippi Valley architecture has survived in the form of the house which features a pyramidal roof sheltering a wide veranda, or gallery, which is cut under the slopes of the roof and completely encircles the house. The house is an excellent example of the adaptation of a nationally popular architectural style to the subtropical climate of Mississippi. The house derives further distinction from its interior plaster ornamentation, from its outstanding integrity, and from its long history of family ownership. The cornices of the front parlor and central hall represent one of the two finest examples of ornamental plaster in the county. The house retains both its original interior and exterior finishes and has been well maintained by the same family throughout the twentieth century.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Mary W. Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation. Inspection of George Webb House, April 1982.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 6 acres

Quadrangle name Liberty, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

**UMT References**

A 

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B 

Zone			Easting				Northing						

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H 

Zone			Easting				Northing						

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property forms a four-sided figure with the northern and southern boundary lines parallel and forming right angles with the eastern boundary line. The northern, southern, and eastern boundary lines are equidistant and 600 feet from the peak of the pyramidal roof. The western boundary line is formed by the western side of

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries** Zion Hill Church Road.

state NA code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/preservation consultant

organization Historic Natchez Foundation

date July 13, 1983

street & number P. O. Box 1761

telephone (601) 442-2500

city or town Natchez

state Mississippi 39120

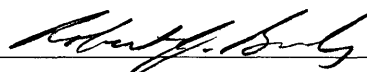
# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 4, 1983

For HCRS use only

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

Entered in the National Register

date 11/17/83

Keeper of the National Register

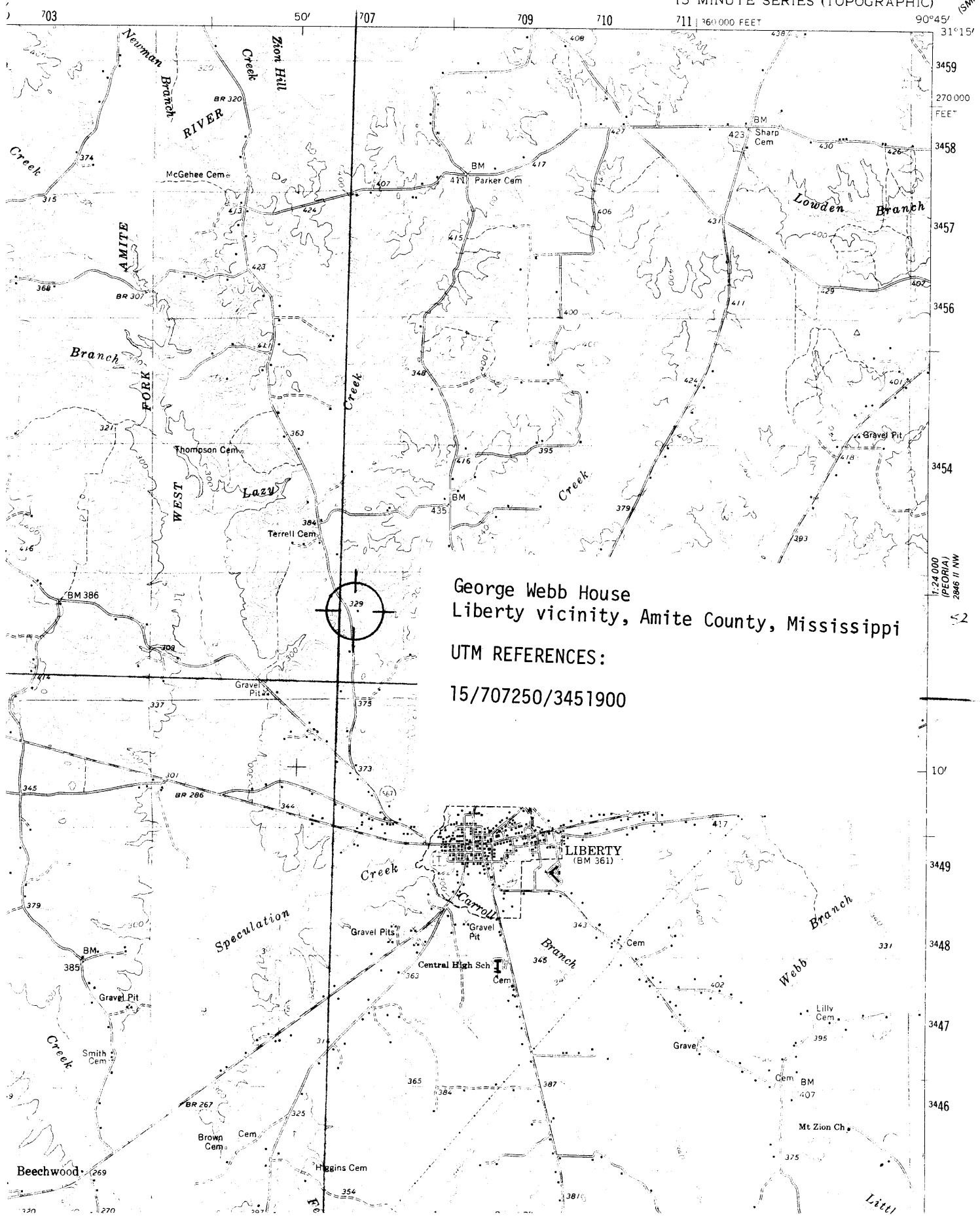
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

LIBERTY QUADRANGLE  
MISSISSIPPI-AMITE CO.  
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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1:24 000  
(SMITHDALE)



George Webb House  
Liberty vicinity, Amite County, Mississippi

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