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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Hughes-Clark House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 221 Poindexter Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Fayette

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi

code 28

county Jefferson

code 063

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

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. Albert Johnson

street & number P.O. Box 243

city, town Fayette

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi 39069

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number P.O. Box 145

city, town Fayette

state Mississippi 39069

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title none

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date N/A

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A

state N/A

## 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>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

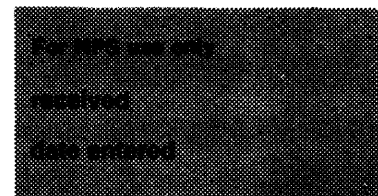
The Hughes-Clark House is situated on a prominent hill on the northeast corner of Poindexter and Gilchrest streets in downtown Fayette. The two-story, L-shaped, frame Greek Revival house rests upon brick foundation piers and is surmounted by two gable roofs that intersect at the angle of the L to form a hip roof. The roof is pierced by two inside-end brick chimneys and one interior brick chimney. A molded cornice extends across the southerly facade and westerly side elevation and is carried around a two-story pedimented portico which shelters the three central bays of the five-bay facade. The portico is supported by giant-order fluted columns linked on the second-story level by rectangular-sectioned balusters. These columns, which are missing their original capitals, were installed in a ca. 1916 remodeling. Originally, the house was fronted by a double-tiered portico supported by Grecian Doric columns, with the end columns echoed on the front wall by surviving pilasters. The pilasters frame the sheltered portion of the facade which is finished in typical regional fashion with horizontal matched boards. Only the windows sheltered by the portico have molded architrave surrounds, but all windows of the house are filled with replacement four-over-four, double-hung sash installed as part of the ca. 1916 remodeling. The windows that open onto the portico and onto the rear, L-shaped two-story porch are set above original moveable panels, or jibs. Matching center-bay doorways with Grecian frontispieces provide access into the interior from both the first and second-story levels of the portico. These doorways feature full entablatures supported by battered pilasters which frame sidelights over molded panels and a single-leaf entry door. The entablature is topped by a transom with molded surround and corner blocks. Transom and sidelights exhibit the rectilinear division characteristic of the 1330's and 40's. The single-leaf door of the first-story entrance has been altered by the installation of an upper glass panel, but the second-story door, like other original doors of the house, has eight molded panels.

The L-shaped house interior can be described as a single-pile plan, two rooms wide, with a central hallway and rear ell consisting of one large room on the first story and two smaller rooms on the upper level. The two-story, L-shaped rear gallery has been enclosed on the upper level and partially enclosed on the lower level. The stairway to the second story is entered on the western wall of the center hall in a short open flight. The stair cuts through the back wall of the house and continues in a straight flight to terminate in the second-story gallery. Although the stair detailing has been altered in the entrance hall where it is entered, the stairway retains a significant, original turned newel post on the upper gallery level. Original trim from the Greek Revival period survives in the eastern first-story room and throughout the second story. In addition to eight-panel doors, surviving interior trim from the Greek Revival period includes door and window surrounds with symmetrical molding and corner blocks, molded bases with two fascias, and molded panels beneath the windows. Interior features dating to the early twentieth-century (1916) remodeling include the installation of double-leaf glazed

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doors between the hall and western front room, the replacement of the wall dividing the western front room and rear ell with a screen of early twentieth century bookshelves and columns, and the installation of early twentieth-century mantel pieces throughout the house. The northernmost room of the rear ell, the present kitchen, was added to the house about 1900 or earlier. No original outbuildings survive.

# 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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** ca. 1838–1840 **Builder/Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Hughes-Clark House is prominently sited on an elevated corner lot and is the most imposing residence in downtown Fayette. Despite early twentieth-century alterations, the house is architecturally significant as one of the earliest and more finely finished Greek Revival residences in Jefferson County. The two-story L-shaped form of the house is very unusual and echoes the form of the earlier ca. 1830 Van Dorn House in neighboring Claiborne County. The two-story pedimented portico is original except for the ca. 1916 two-story fluted columns, which probably replace a double-tiered arrangement of wooden Doric columns that are still reflected in the original pilasters that enclose the sheltered portion of the facade. Surviving original details include the frontispiece entrances on both levels of the facade, the rear doorways, the exterior window trim, staircase newel, interior doorway and window trim, and molded fixed and moveable panels (jibs) beneath the windows. Features of the 1916 remodeling include the portico columns, four-over-four window sash, mantel pieces, and screen of battered box columns and book shelves dividing the parlor and original dining room. The house was probably built shortly after 1838, when the property was acquired by Phillip Hughes. In 1841, it was described as "being that frame dwelling now occupied by said Hughes as a dwelling house", (Jefferson County Deed Book E, p. 168). In the 1840's, the house was owned by Charles Clark (Deed Book E, p. 168 and Deed Book G, p. 300), who was a state representative from Jefferson County and later Governor of Mississippi during the Civil War.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Jefferson County, Mississippi. Chancery Clerk. Deed Books E, G.

Miller, Mary W., Miller Preservation Services. Inspection of the Hughes-Clark House, August 1986.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 acre more or less

Quadrangle name Fayette, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UTM References

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1	5	6	8	3	8	4	0	3	5	0	9	8	6	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Verbal boundary description and justification Lot #1 in square #1 of plan of Fayette, Mississippi. Bordered on the south by Poindexter Street (State Highway 28), on the west by Gilchrest Street, on the North by Meade Street, and on the east by land that belonged to the Fayette Female Academy.

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Warren Miller/preservation consultant

organization Miller Preservation Services

date March 30, 1987

street & number 506 High Street

telephone (601) 442-9786

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Kenneth H. P. Pool*

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date June 17, 1987

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

*J. Melores Byer*  
Keeper of the National Register

Inscribed in the  
National Register

date

8/3/87

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration