

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions on how to complete the 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 McNair, Dr., House

other names/site number Carter, Jeff, House

2. Location

street & number 116 E. Church St.

N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Quitman

N/A ☐ vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Clarke

code 023 zip code 39355

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. D'Arcy
Signature of certifying official/Title

APRIL 14, 1994
Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

h Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

- ☐ 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:) _____

Self R. Lusk

5/20/94

McNair, Dr. House
Name of Property

Clarke County, MS
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 | 1 | buildings |
| | | sites |
| | | structures |
| | | objects |
| 1 | 1 | 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

Historic Resources in Clarke County, Ms

0

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 tin

other wooden porch

Narrative Description

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

PLEASE SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS

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Dr. McNair House

The Dr. McNair House at 116 E. Church Street in Quitman is an example of the Rectilinear mode of the Queen Anne style. This one-and-one-half story, three bay wide, frame house rests on brick piers with brick infill. Its steep pyramidal roof is clad in tin and is accented by several gables and two interior, corbelled brick chimneys. The front facade features a wraparound porch with turned posts and alterations such as a frame parapet wall and metal corner brackets. In the front porch area is a single-leaf door with a transom and sidelights that is flanked by large 1/1 double hung sash windows. The main roof is pierced by two gables on the front elevation. On the east (side) elevation the porch is screened in and a carport extends off of it. Above the porch, a gable punctuates the main roof. At the rear of the elevation is a sunroom with a bank of casement windows.

The house is located on a large, tree-shaded lot on a residential street near downtown Quitman. In the northwest corner of the lot, near the street, is a small, brick, commercial building that has no historical association with the Dr. McNair House. It is being counted as a noncontributing element because no information was found to determine its architectural or historical significance.

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

c. 1890

Significant Dates

c. 1890

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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:

McNair, Dr. House
Name of Property

Clarke County, MS
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2.16 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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| 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 37 | 03 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 45 | 9 | 70 |
| | Zone | | Easting | | | | Northing | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Zone | | Easting | | | | Northing | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |

☐ 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 Susan M. Enzweiler/Private Consultant
organization N/A date 15 August 1993
street & number 448 Julia St., Apt. 308 telephone (504) 523-0558
city or town New Orleans state LA zip code 70130

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 Mrs. Maude Carter Gavin
street & number P.O. Box 43 telephone unknown
city or town Quitman state MS zip code 39355

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The Dr. McNair House, constructed c. 1890, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. Located in Quitman, the house is a significant articulation of the Rectilinear mode of the Queen Anne style and retains a high degree of architectural integrity. Judged within the local context of Clarke County, the house is important both for its architecture and as a symbol of the prosperity and progress that came to the county's towns through industrialization.

Queen Anne architecture is best understood as a "movement containing several related but divergent stylistic modes" rather than a distinct style. The major shared attributes of Victorian Queen Anne architecture are:

- an informal, asymmetrical plan
- a steeply pitched roof with elaborately designed chimneys, often displaying a tower or cupola
- wall surfaces with a variety of textures
- an eclectic variety of design details (excluding Gothic or Italianate). The character of the design elements is the chief differentiation between the five modes of the style (Cawthon 1991:3).

Richard J. Cawthon, chief architectural historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, identified five modes of the Queen Anne style that were constructed in the United States. In Mississippi, the most popular modes were the Rectilinear mode, the Spindlework mode and the Free Classical mode. The house on the west side of Old Mill Creek Road is a locally significant illustration of the Rectilinear mode. According to Cawthon, "The Rectilinear mode . . . was typical of the earlier wooden buildings of the Queen Anne style. Distinguished from later modes by its straight lines and relatively restrained use of carved, jigsawed, or lathe-turned wooden detailing . . . the Rectilinear mode . . . emphasizes surface texture and decorative detailing" (Cawthon 1991:3-4).

In Mississippi the majority of Queen Anne buildings are single-family residences and generally appear in one of two basic plans. The first is a large house of two or two-and-one-half stories with asymmetrical massing. The second is a smaller, one-story cottage with a central block from which a gabled wing extends asymmetrically from one side of the front facade and a porch spans the rest of the

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elevation. Its design elements are often less ornate and its floor plan simpler than those of the larger houses (Cawthon 1991:5-6).

The Queen Anne style dominated residential architecture in this country from circa 1885 to 1905. Its era of popularity roughly corresponded to the period 1880 to 1914 when political and economic leadership in Mississippi was in the hands of a newly empowered urban elite. The power of the state's antebellum planter class was usurped in the late nineteenth century by an educated upper middle class that was town-based. This change occurred as Mississippi's economy became more industrialized. Members of this class often chose the Queen Anne style when constructing their new homes. Thus, a Queen Anne house came to symbolize the wealth and power of the new elite. Because the state's newfound prosperity was urban-based, most Queen Anne houses are found in the towns rather than in the rural areas (Cawthon 1991:1, 8; Federal Writers Project 1938:150-152 & Bettersworth II 1973:632).

Clarke County experienced steady growth and increased prosperity during the period 1880 to 1914 because of the lumber and the textile industries plus the construction of the New Orleans and Northeastern Railroad. These industries and the railroad had a great impact on community development in the county. The textile industry spawned a whole new town known as Stonewall which grew steadily during the late 1800s. Enterprise and Quitman grew in population and prestige because of their lumber mills. The railroad's route along the west bank of the Chickasawhay River revitalized West Enterprise.

There were three Queen Anne style houses in the Rectilinear mode that were identified in Clarke County. The house on Old Mill Creek Road and the W. W. Wyatt House are located in West Enterprise and the Dr. McNair House is in Quitman. All of these houses are vernacular interpretations of the Rectilinear mode and representative of how that mode of the Queen Anne style was articulated in Clarke County. The Dr. McNair House has sustained some unsympathetic alterations to its wraparound porch but retains enough architectural integrity in terms of the porch configuration, the asymmetrical massing of the house and extant original design elements such as turned posts, the frontispiece and the tin-clad roof to be eligible for the National Register. The house was the only example of the Rectilinear mode identified in Quitman.

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In the late nineteenth century, Dr. McNair owned the entire block in Quitman that was bordered by Church, Ferrill, Water and Carlson Streets. His house and a little office building he had constructed on this site burned down and he then built the house that is standing today. After Dr. McNair died, his wife continued to live in the house for a number of years. Jeff Carter, a Quitman businessman who owned a wholesale grocery and a general merchandise store, purchased the house around 1927. His daughter, Maude Carter Gavin, still resides there (Maude Carter Gavin interview, 12 May 1993).

In summary, the Dr. McNair House is a locally significant vernacular articulation of the Rectilinear mode of the Queen Anne style of architecture. Furthermore, the house symbolizes how the social and economic changes sweeping Clarke County in the late nineteenth century impacted the community of Quitman.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Parcel No. 99-02D-18-02.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: The boundaries described above encompass the area presently associated with the Dr. McNair House. According to Maude Carter Gavin, Dr. McNair owned the entire block bordered by Church Street, Ferrill Avenue, Water Street, and Carlson Avenue. Over the years, however, lots were subdivided from the block and sold off.

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Date Listed

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94000513 Buckley, Judge John L., House
94000514 Carter, Benjamin H., House
94000511 Clarke County Courthouse and Confederate Monument
✓ 94000510 East Enterprise Historic District *Substantive Review*
94000509 Ferrill, Capt. C. C., House
94000538 House at 200 East Franklin Street
94000508 House on Old Mill Creek Road
94000507 Kirkland, J. K., General Merchandise Store
94000506 Moore, Noah, House

✓ 94000500 McNair, Dr., House *OWNER OBJECTION*
94000505 Quitman Depot *Substantive Review*
94000504 Shubuta Methodist Episcopal Church, South *Determined Not for Review*
✓ 94000503 Stonewall Mill Village Historic District *Substantive Review*
94000502 Williams, Jim, House
94000501 Wyatt, W. W., House

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: OWNER OBJECTION

PROPERTY McNair, Dr., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Clarke County MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Clarke

DATE RECEIVED: 4/19/94 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/03/94
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000500

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: Y PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 5/20/94 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Dr. McNair House is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C (Architecture). The modest wood-frame house is a well-preserved example of vernacular Queen Anne style design in Clarke County. The c.1890 residence reflects the growing prosperity of the county during the late nineteenth century.

RECOM./CRITERIA DETERMINED Eligible UNDER CRITERION C
REVIEWER PAUL R. LUSIGNAH
DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN
DATE 5/20/94

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



1. Dr. McNair House
2. Quitman, Clarke Co., MS
3. Susan M. Enzweiler
4. May 12, 1993
5. MS Dept. of Archives + History, HP Division
6. View to south
7. Photo 37 of 12

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500324

MRS. MAUDE CARTER GAVIN
PO BOX 43
QUITMAN, MS 39355

January 12, 1994

MS Department of Archives and History
Kenneth H. P'Pool
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
PO Box 571
Jackson, MS 39205-0571

Dear Mr. P'Pool:

I received a letter from you recently requesting that my home be put on the National Register of Historic Places. I am the sole owner of this home which was the Dr. McNair House located at 116 East Church Street, Quitman, MS. I am writing this letter and I am requesting that you do not consider my home to be put on the National Register. Below you will find the notarized statement that your letter requested that I submit before the hearing on this matter.

Sincerely,

Maude C. Gavin
Maude C. Gavin

I, Maude Carter Gavin, sole owner of the house located at 116 East Church Street, Quitman, MS, object to the listing of my home in the National Register of Historic Places.

Maude C. Gavin

Maude C. Gavin

Wanda M. Rhodes

Notary Public

My Commission Expires January 29, 1995

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY McNair, Dr., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Clarke County MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Clarke

DATE RECEIVED: 9/25/09 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/09/09
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/24/09 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/08/09
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000500

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT___RETURN___REJECT___DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Removal
of
Owner Objection*

**Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places**

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



September 2, 2009

Mr. H.T. Holmes
State Preservation Officer
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
P.O. Box 571
Jackson, MS 39205-0571

Dear Mr. Holmes:

This letter is to inform you that the Dr. McNair – Gavin House is owned by Historic Clarke County, Inc. Historic Clarke County has purchased the house to use as a museum. Historic Clarke County not only has no objection to listing the house on the historical register, but requests the eligibility.

Sincerely,

James N. Potuk
President, Historic Clarke County

State of Mississippi
County of Clarke

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this 2nd day of September 2009, within my jurisdiction, the within named JAMES N. POTUK, who acknowledged that he executed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:
My Commission Expires September 28, 2010

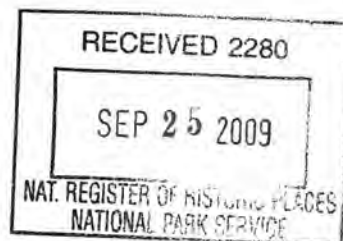


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September 24, 2009

Mr. James Gabbert
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street NW (2280)
Washington, D.C., 20005

*New #
09000895*



116 Church St

Quitman

Re: McNair, Doctor, House, Clarke County, Mississippi, 94000500

Dear Mr. Gabbert:

The Doctor McNair House, Clarke County, Mississippi was submitted for a Determination of Eligibility in 1994 based on an owner objection. The DOE was issued May 20, 1994.

Historic Clarke County, Inc., has since acquired the property and no longer objects to listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A notarized letter from the Mr. James N. Potuk, President, Historic Clarke County, requesting the house be listed is enclosed.

Please let me know if you require any additional documentation to enter the property on the National Register.

Sincerely,
William M. Gatlin
William M. Gatlin
National Register Coordinator

Enclosures

