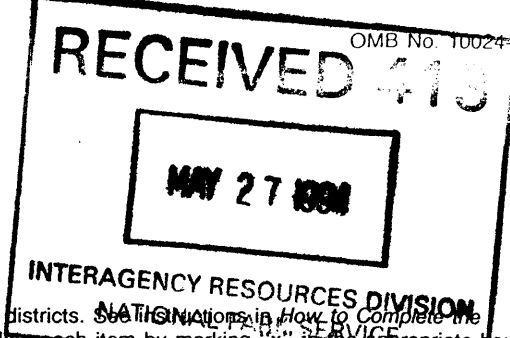


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See *Nominations in 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 Patterson, Charles, House

other names/site number Camelia Gardens

2. Location

street & number 506 South Union Street n/a  not for publication

city or town Natchez n/a  vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Adams code 1 zip code 39120

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 May 20, 1994  
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.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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:)

Elson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Entered in the National Register Date of Action 6/24/94

Charles Patterson House  
Name of Property

Adams County, Mississippi  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply) **Category of Property** (Check only one box)

- |                                             |                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local       | <input type="checkbox"/> district               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State       | <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal     | <input type="checkbox"/> structure              |
|                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)

n/a

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

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  
shingle

roof asbestos

other wooden porch

**Narrative Description**

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

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The Charles Patterson House is located in a late nineteenth-century suburban development just south of the grid plan of the old town of Natchez. The easterly facade of the house fronts onto South Union Street and the southern side elevation fronts onto Harrison Street. The two-story, frame, Queen Anne house rests upon brick foundation piers and is surmounted by a cross-gabled, asbestos-shingled roof pierced by one interior brick chimney with corbeled cap and clay chimney pots. An octagonal tower with bell-shaped roof and clapboard siding is embraced by the angle of the cross gable. A historic photograph, located after a recent restoration, documents shingle siding and an original elaborate finial on the tower, both of which are now missing.

The house is finished in clapboard except for the pedimented gable ends, which are covered in fish-scale shingles. The pedimented gable ends feature a tri-partite arrangement of windows set under a molded, peaked cap on the facade and a small louvered opening with triangular head on the northerly side elevation and westerly rear elevation. On the facade, the eaves of the gable-end deeply overhang the canted walls of a semi-octagonal bay which features paired sash with molded, peaked caps on the facade. A double-tiered porch extends from the canted corner of the bay and wraps around the octagonal tower. The porch features turned posts and a turned baluster railing but was once more elaborate with a spindle frieze, bracketed posts, and an unusual balustrade made up of spindles and panels. The existing railing was installed before World War II. A small, one-story porch, trimmed like the major porch of the facade, shelters two bays of floor-length windows on the southerly side elevation. A double-tiered porch, similarly trimmed, shelters a portion of the rear elevation. The horizontal divisions of both the front and rear double-tiered porches extend around the entire body of the house as a molded cornice, belt course, and baseboard.

All windows of the house are filled with one-over-one, double-hung sash and the unsheltered single window units are closed by louvered shutter blinds. The main entrance doorway is transomed and filled with double-leaf doors with glazed upper panels. The secondary entrances on the lower and upper facade are each transomed and filled with a single-leaf door with glazed upper panel.

The interior of the house exhibits outstanding integrity and is elaborately trimmed in millwork and hardware typical of the Queen Anne style. Almost all of the original millwork retains its original unpainted finish, and the wood of door and stair panels is curly pine. Door and window openings feature symmetrically molded surrounds with well detailed corner and plinth blocks. Doors are five-paneled and set beneath transoms, and almost all original brass hardware

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survives. Sliding, or pocket, doors separate both the entrance vestibule and dining room from the parlor and stair hall. The mantel pieces reflect classical motifs and most have over-mantel mirrors. The fire chambers retain their original tile surrounds, coal grates, and decorative cast-iron covers. All original brass lighting fixtures survive and combine both gas and electric lighting. The staircase is located in a generous stair hall that functions as a secondary parlor. It is entered in a short unrailed flight that extends in a northerly direction to an intermediate landing, where it turns to continue in a southerly straight flight to terminate in the second-story hallway. The stair features square paneled newels, spool-turned balusters, and a stringer decorated with small, applied wooden pyramids.

The only outbuilding is a two-story garage and guest house that was built in 1992.

**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.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1898

**Significant Dates**

1898

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation**

n/a

**Architect/Builder**

Bost, Robert E.

**Criteria Considerations**

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

Property is:

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

**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:

Historic Natchez Foundation



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The Patterson House is one of the most architecturally significant Queen Anne style residences in Natchez, Mississippi. This significance rests upon its high degree of architectural finish, its architectural integrity, its well documented history, and its association with local builder Robert E. Bost and the locally prominent Patterson family. The integrity of the house extends to the survival of the original lighting fixtures, plumbing fixtures, and hardware. Construction on the house began shortly after July 13, 1898, when the property was acquired by Charles V. Patterson for \$1,500 (Adams County Deed Book 3P:431). Charles Patterson and his wife, the former Bessie Rose, hired local builder Robert E. Bost to build the house at a cost of \$4,500 (Horace Patterson, son of Charles and Bessie Patterson, interviewed by Mary W. Miller, preservation director of the Historic Natchez Foundation, at Natchez, February 9, 1994).

Charles V. Patterson was a partner in Chamberlain and Patterson Staple and Fancy Dry Goods Store, which was established on Main Street in the nineteenth century by his father Samuel L. Patterson (Will Book 6:32). The National Register property Belvedere, a local Greek Revival landmark, was built in 1838 as the residence of the Samuel L. Patterson family (Belvedere, Adams County, National Register File, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson). Charles V. Patterson operated Chamberlain and Patterson until his death in 1908; his widow continued to reside in the house until her death in 1951 (Deed Book 6Q:125). The house remained in the Patterson family until 1990, when it was purchased and subsequently restored by Herbert and Marjo Miller.

Builder Robert E. Bost (1863-1946) came to Natchez from Florida about 1890 to participate in the construction of the non-extant Natchez Hotel, married Annie Davis from Natchez, and remained to establish a general contracting firm (*The Natchez Democrat*, October 14, 1926, and Bit Valentine, granddaughter of Robert E. Bost, interviewed by Mary W. Miller, preservation director of the Historic Natchez Foundation, at Natchez, February 9, 1994 and *The Daily Democrat* [Natchez], January 23, 1904, p. 7). Bost is documented as the contractor of at least thirty Natchez buildings, most built from plans supplied by the firm (Robert E. Bost, Research Files, Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez, Mississippi). The firm's buildings represented a variety of styles with the majority representing the Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, and Bungalow styles. For a brief time, Bost was in business with architect C. Sedgewick Moss, and the two collaborated on the construction of the 1921 First Baptist Church (*The Natchez Democrat*, January 5, 1921, p. 5).

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Patterson, Horace, son of Charles Patterson. Interviewed by Mary Warren Miller, preservation director of the Historic Natchez Foundation, at Natchez, Mississippi, February 9, 1994.

Valentine, Bit, granddaughter of Robert E. Bost. Interviewed by Mary Warren Miller, preservation director of the Historic Natchez Foundation, at Natchez, Mississippi, February 9, 1994.



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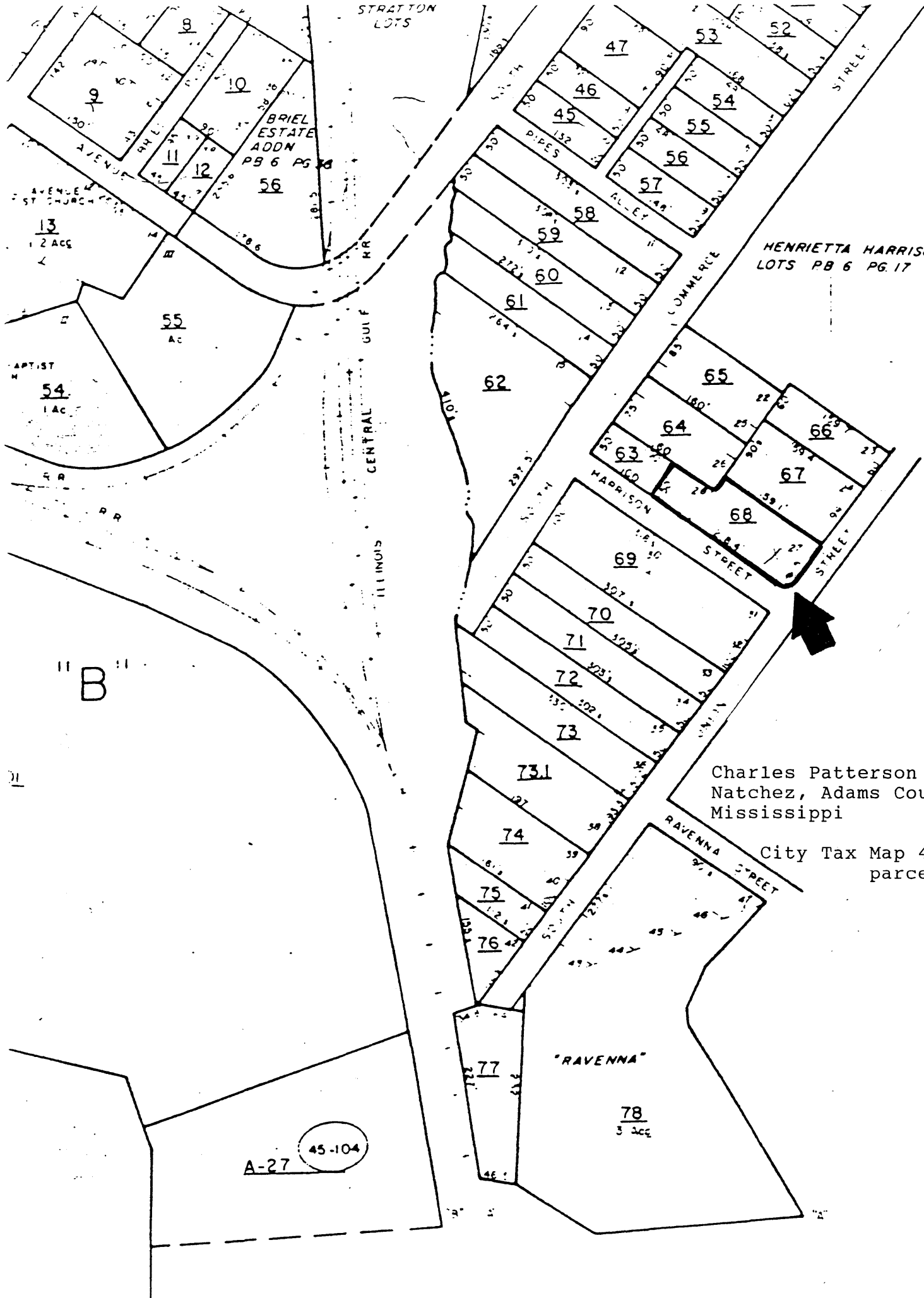
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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is delineated on attached Natchez City Tax Map 41-113, parcel 68. The property has a frontage of 73.5 feet along South Union Street and 218.4 feet along Harrison Street.

## VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

All of the nominated property was acquired by the Patterson family in 1898, when they bought a lot upon which to build their house. The lot is part of the Harrison property, which was subdivided into building lots in the nineteenth century.



STRATTON LOTS

BRIEL ESTATE  
ADDN  
PB 6 PG 14

HENRIETTA HARRISON  
LOTS PB 6 PG 17

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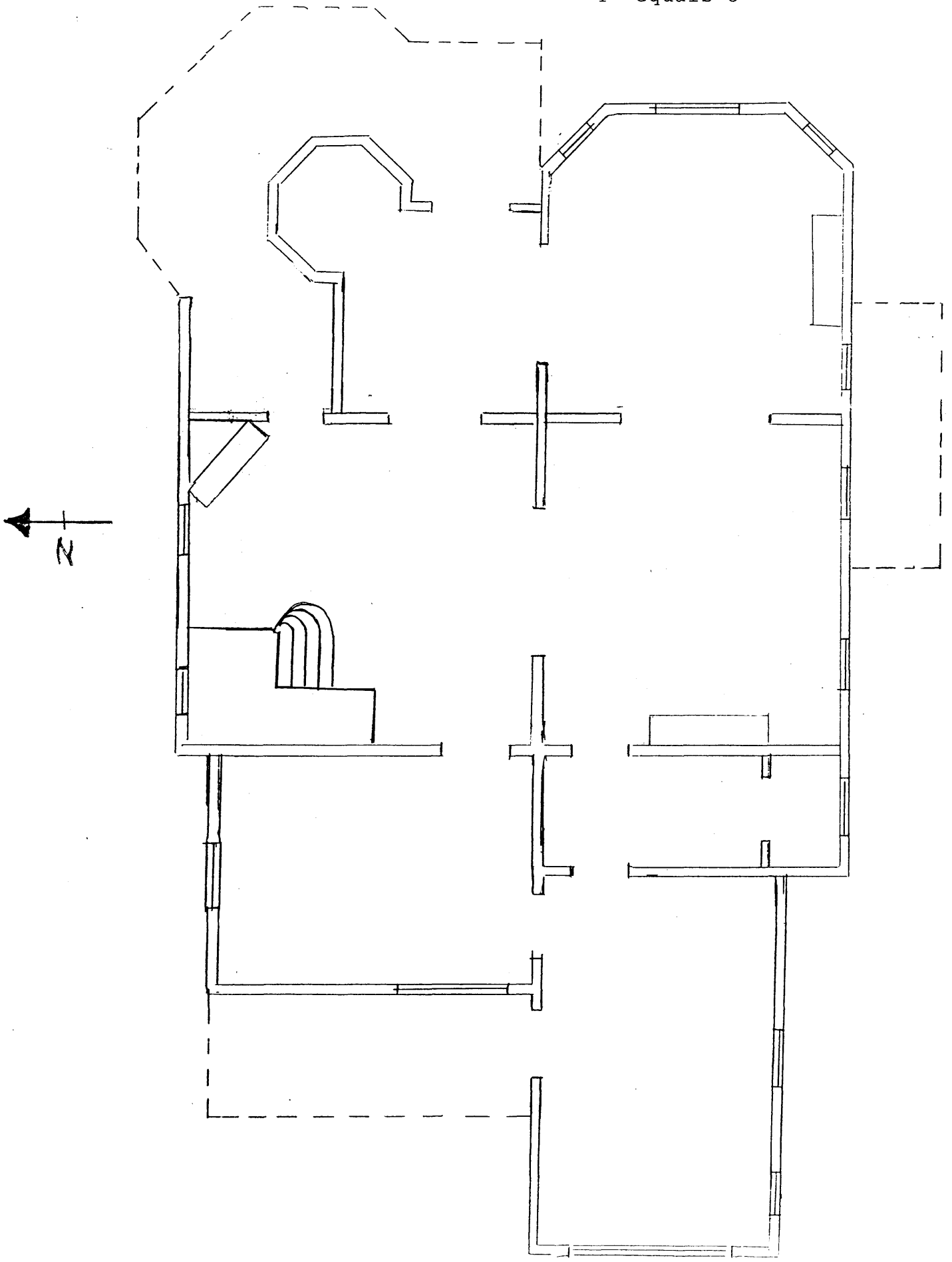
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parcel 68

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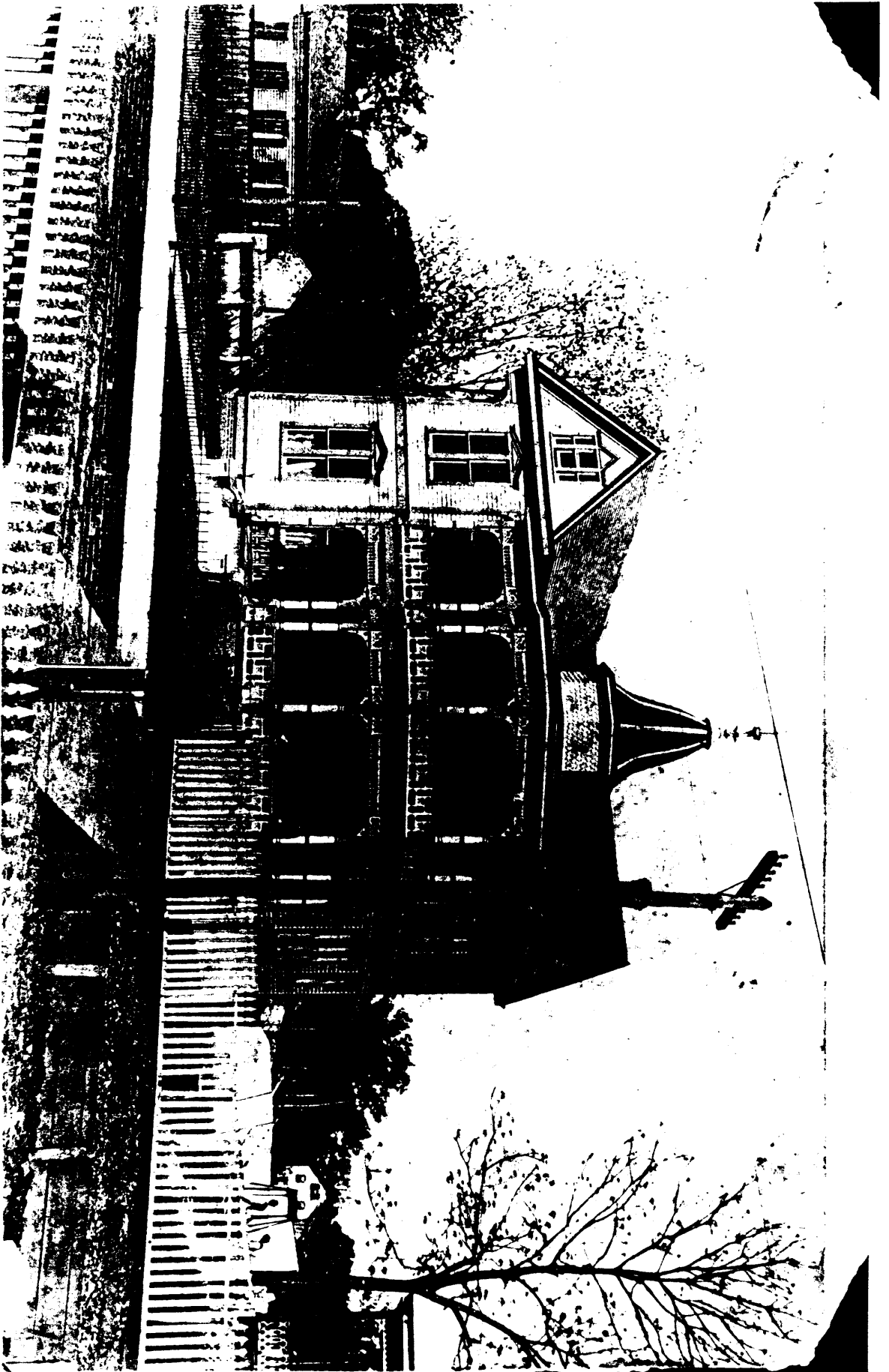
SEE MAP 41-114

Charles Patterson House  
Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

1" equals 8'



Ratterson, Charles, House  
Natchez, Adams Co., MS  
circa 1900



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The following information is the same for all photographs:

- (1) Patterson, Charles, House
- (2) Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi
- (3) Herbert Miller
- (4) April 1993
- (5) Historic Natchez Foundation

Photo 1--(6) Easterly facade, view to the west

Photo 2--(6) Southerly side elevation and westerly rear elevation, view to the northeast

Photo 3--(6) Main stair hall, view to the northwest

Photo 4--(6) Looking from the main stair hall into the entrance vestibule, view to the northeast

Photo 5--(6) Mantel piece of the main parlor, view to the south

Photo 6--(6) Eastern facade of new garage and guest house, view to the west