

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi
COUNTY: Adams
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
House on Ellicott's Hill / Connelly's Tavern

AND/OR HISTORIC:
James Moore House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
North Canal Street at Jefferson Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Natchez

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
4

STATE: Mississippi CODE: 28 COUNTY: Adams CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Natchez Garden Club

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 537

CITY OR TOWN:
Natchez

STATE: Mississippi CODE: 28

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Office of the Chancery Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
Adams County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Natchez

STATE: Mississippi CODE: 28

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey (9 sheets , 2 photos)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1934 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Division of Prints and Photographs

STREET AND NUMBER:
Library of Congress

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Part, if not all, of the house dates from 1800 when James Moore, merchant, owned the property. The plan of the Moore house is usually associated with Louisiana; there are no halls and each room opens directly outdoors. There are two stories, the lower, of brick, has very plain interior treatment; the upper, wood-framed and clapboarded, has well-detailed wood mantels, cornices, and door trim. The central room facing the river has a domical recess in the ceiling for hanging a chandelier. (The Waterford crystal example now there is undoubtedly finer than the original.) The surrounding rooms have slightly vaulted ceilings, disguising their low height. The central roofline is a steep gable between the chimneys at each end of the central room; the surrounding roof is of a lower pitch. The steep bluff site faces the Mississippi River. The two-story gallery on the river side is high above Canal Street while the upper story is at grade level at the rear where it is reached by bridges across a dry moat.

Because the south end of the house is at the original lot boundary, there has been speculation that the south rooms were added after the adjacent property came under the same ownership in 1851. The architectural evidence gives meagre support to this theory.

Restored in 1935-36 by architect Richard Koch for the Natchez Garden Club, the restoration primarily involved rebuilding collapsing masonry, removing nonoriginal partitions, repairing carpentry and plasterwork, and restoring the fine wood trim recorded by HABS in 1934.

At the time of the restoration, it was believed that this was Connelly's Tavern, an establishment of importance in the history and legend of Natchez. Subsequent research indicates that this was not the tavern site. It has also been associated with Andrew Ellicott's raising of the American flag at Natchez in February 1797, an event that must have occurred very near, but before the house was erected. In the years between 1816 and 1936, it saw use as a physician's house and office, a part of J. R. Gilreath's school (the site has also been called Gilreath's Hill), and a tenement.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1800

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the first structures to be built after the Spanish laid out a new town on the Natchez bluff, this house was built by James Moore who acquired the property in 1797. Although Natchez was a frontier outpost at the time, it was also the first capital of Mississippi Territory after 1798. While Moore's house cannot compare to contemporary work in Philadelphia or Richmond, neither would they compare to London or Paris. The best available craftsmen worked on the house on Ellicott's Hill and favorably influenced the architectural tastes of a vast, developing area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"	31° 33' 45 ¹ / ₂ "	91° 24' 13 ¹ / ₂ "		
NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1¹/₂ acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Dr. Goeldner, Architect, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historic and Architectural Surveys,
National Park Service** DATE: **1/10/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1100 L Street NW.

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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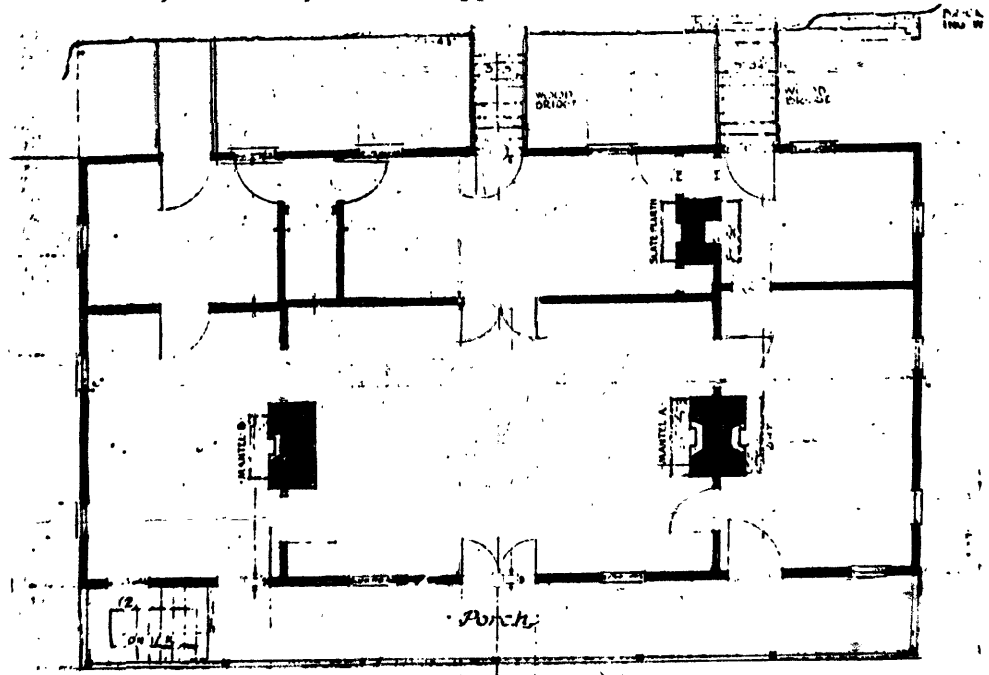
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(Number all entries) 7. Description
House on Ellicott's Hill, Natchez, Mississippi

Second
Floor
Plan



First
Floor
Plan

