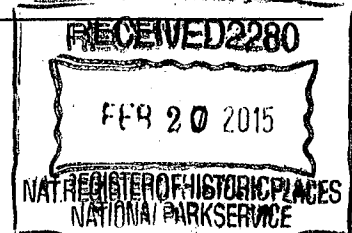


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**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Natchez On-Top-of-the-Hill Historic District  
(Boundary Increase No. 1)  
Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi



The purpose of this amendment is to increase the boundaries of the Natchez On-Top-of-the-Hill Historic District by adding two additional tax parcels. The two parcels abut one another and are contiguous to the eastern boundary of the district. The westernmost of the two parcels is vacant and the easternmost contains one contributing building. Both property owners support the amendment to include their properties in this small expansion of the district, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on September 17, 1979. The building that is proposed for inclusion within the district boundaries is a two-story frame residence that stylistically dates between 1860 and 1880. The formerly deteriorated residence has been substantially rehabilitated as a private residence.

**Section 1: Name of Property**

Natchez on Top of the Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase No. 1)

**Section 2: Location (of added property)**

1 East Franklin Street, Natchez Adams County, Mississippi 39120  
3 East Franklin Street, Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi 39120

**Section 5: Classification**Number of Resources Previously Listed (*original nomination and no previous amendments*)

615 Contributing

63 (non-contributing buildings)

Amendment No. 1: Add one contributing building  
Add one noncontributing vacant lot

**Section 7: Description (for added property)**

The Natchez On-Top-of-the-Hill Historic District incorporates the grid plan of the city that was laid out by the Spanish about 1790. The architectural character of the district is primarily 19<sup>th</sup>-century (60%) but is distinguished from adjoining 19<sup>th</sup>-century historic districts by its high concentration of pre-Civil War buildings (24%) and a substantial number of commercial and residential buildings dating to the immediate post-Civil War period. The architectural styles of the district include almost all the national styles associated with the period 1790 to 1979 and building types include commercial, civic, religious, and residential buildings. The boundary increase is being made

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to add to the district a contributing residential building located at 3 East Franklin Street that is architecturally significant and relates to other residential buildings within the historic district boundaries, particularly the houses located at 700, 702, and 704 State Street. These three houses were originally matching but only 702 State Street retains its original exterior character due to the removal of original porches at 700 and 704.

The house at 3 East Franklin Street was not originally included within the district boundaries due to a federal visit and suggestion to establish the boundaries to include the grid plan of the city and not to extend beyond the grid except to encompass pre-Civil War buildings adjacent to or near the boundaries of the grid plan. 3 East Franklin stands just beyond the eastern extremity and was judged to be post-Civil War. The house is not depicted on the 1864 "Map of the Defenses of Natchez" and does not appear on a Sanborn Insurance Map until 1946. The building was also in very deteriorated condition in 1979. Subsequent in-depth investigation undertaken as part of its recent rehabilitation has determined that the house was probably built between 1860 and 1880 and was relocated to the site between 1925 and 1946. Its original site is undetermined.

678. NC 1 East Franklin Street. Vacant lot.

679. C 3 East Franklin Street, built 1860-80. Two-story, three-bay frame house that rests upon short brick piers and is surmounted by a hipped roof. Whether or not the house originally had a one-story single-bay or full-width porch is debatable, but it had no porch after its relocation between 1925 and 1946. However, no evidence of flashing exists on the siding on the front wall or of mortise holes for a balustrade anywhere on the front wall.

The entrance doorway of the three-bay southerly façade is located in the westerly end bay of the first story and originally consisted of a single-leaf four-panel door set within a transom and sidelights over molded panels. Before its rehabilitation, this doorway had been pushed back into the stair hall to create a recessed entrance loggia and the original entrance door was missing. Windows are filled with original six-over-six, double-hung sash and were originally closed by louvered blinds.

Sanborn Insurance Maps document that the house was moved to its present site between 1925 and 1946 and stylistic evidence supports the date range. The brick and mortar of the supporting piers are consistent with this date range. So are architectural additions and alterations that indicate that the house was enlarged and updated once it arrived on the new site. The house was either immediately or shortly afterward converted into two apartments, one on each story. The 20<sup>th</sup>-century additions include a two-story porch on the easterly side elevation and a two-story rear addition that extends the depth of the house. Most of the windows in the rear addition match the windows in the original portion of the house and were obviously recycled from the original rear elevation when the rear addition was made and from the easterly side elevation, where original windows were converted into doors to provide access to the side porch addition.

The interior of the original portion of the house features a side hall plan with two rooms on the first story and three rooms on the second story. The staircase is a straight-run stair, which is entered at the rear of the side hall, and was later enclosed by a partition wall as part of the apartment conversion. Despite the very deteriorated condition of the house, the interior possesses a substantial amount of original architectural detail including original floors, doors, windows, molded window and door surrounds, baseboards, stair treads, and one original cast-iron manel piece.

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The rear addition (1925-46) of the house was in much poorer condition than the original portion due to its popularity with termites who were drawn to the poorer quality 20<sup>th</sup>-century pine which was routinely damp due to the poorly maintained kitchens and bathrooms located in the rear addition.

Section 8: Statement of Significance (for added property)

3 East Franklin Street is a locally significant example of a townhouse built between 1860 and 1880, a period when few houses were constructed due to the city's depressed economy during and immediately after the Civil War. Although very deteriorated before its rehabilitation, the house was also remarkably intact, with its original staircase and treads, one original cast-iron mantel piece, and most original millwork including most doors and windows and their molded surrounds. The original exterior siding was also in reusable condition. .

Little is known about the history of 3 Franklin Street, because it was moved to its site between 1925 and 1946. Attempts have been made to determine its original location but have not been successful. The 1925 Sanborn Map illustrates no similar house in the immediate vicinity of its current location. The house is part of a two-lot amendment that abuts the eastern edge of the Natchez on-top-of-the-Hill Historic District, which is being amended to include the two properties.

Section 10: Geographical Data

The acreage of the original nomination was calculated to be 222.1 square acres.

The acreage of the amendment area is .39 acre. Total acreage of the amended nomination is 222.49 acres

Note: The UTM References remain the same.

**Verbal Boundary Description:**

The property to be amended are described on the Adams County Tax Maps as parcels 13 and 14 on Map 41-114A :

Commencing at a point 128 feet west of the northeastern corner of North Martin Luther King Street and East Franklin Street and extending easterly 142.5 feet along the northern side of East Franklin Street; then northerly for a distance of 143 feet; then westerly 141.5 feet; then southerly 106.5 feet to the point of beginning.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary delineates the vacant lot at 1 East Franklin Street and the lot containing the house at 3 East Franklin Street. These two lots comprise the two-lot amendment that abuts the eastern edge of the Natchez On-Top-of-the-Hill Historic District.

Section 11: Form Prepared By:

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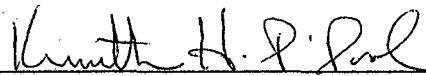
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Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page 4**State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ statewide X local  
Applicable National Register Criteria:   A    B    X C    D  
Kenneth H. P'Pool  
Deputy State Historic Preservation OfficerFEB. 10, 2015  
Date**Photographs**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

**Photo Log**

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City or Vicinity: Natchez

County: Adams State: Mississippi

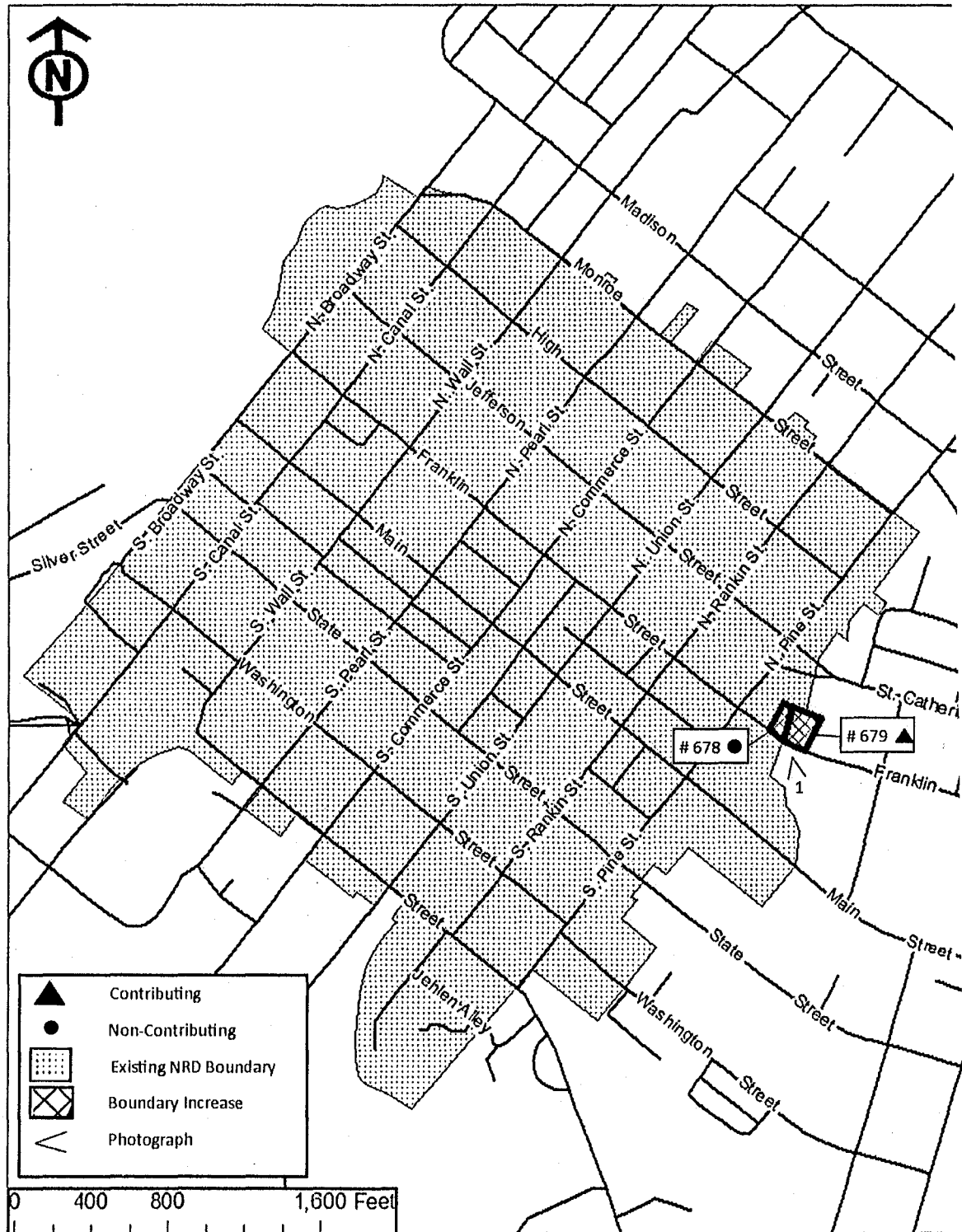
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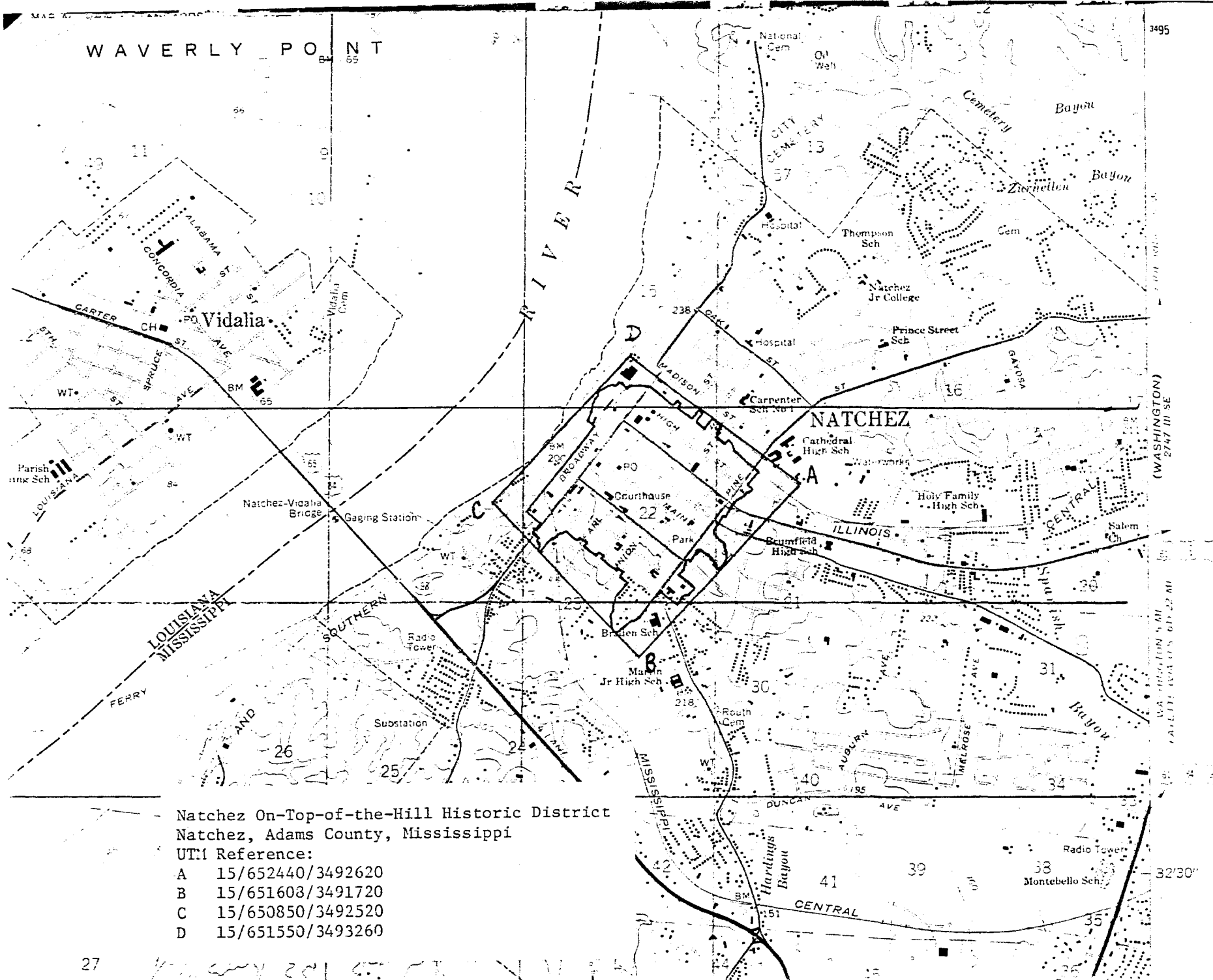
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# Natchez On Top of the Hill Historic District Boundary Increase





Natchez On-Top-of-the-Hill Historic District  
Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi

UTM Reference:

- A 15/652440/3492620
- B 15/651608/3491720
- C 15/650850/3492520
- D 15/651550/3493260

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Natchez On-Top-of-the-Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase)

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Adams

DATE RECEIVED: 2/20/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/17/15  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/01/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/07/15  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000129

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 4.6.15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in  
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Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

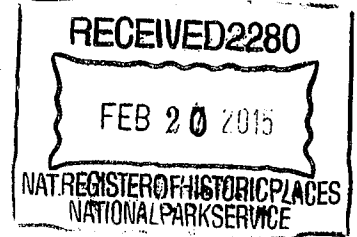








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February 12, 2015

Mr. Paul Loether  
Program Director, National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1201 Eye Street, NW (2280)  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

We are pleased to enclose the nomination form and supporting documents to nominate the following properties to the National Register of Historic Places:

Natchez-on-Top-of-the-Hill Amendment No. 1, Natchez, Adams County

We trust you will find the enclosed materials in order and will let us hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Blount".

Katie Blount  
State Historic Preservation Officer

By: William M. Gatlin

National Register Coordinator