

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16).

1. Name of Property

historic name N/A other names/site number Turnage House

2. Location

street & number Turnage Road N/A not for publication city, town Montpelier vicinity state Mississippi code MS county Clay code 25 zip code 39754

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Clay County Multiple Resource Area Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: Kenneth H. P. Pool Date: SEPT. 19, 1991 Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: entered in the National Register. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:) Entered in the National Register: 11/15/91 Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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)

Other: double-pen dogtrot

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick piers

walls wood: board and batten

roof corrugated metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Turnage House is a one story, frame, side-gabled "dogtrot" structure with a two-room rear ell and substantial front and rear porches.

The facade of the house is three bay (window, opening, window). The windows are 4/4 double hung sash, in plain frames. The exterior covering of the house is board and batten siding. The corrugated metal roof is pierced by a stacked chimney serving the right pen and middle room of the ell. (See Photos # 1 & 3.)

Doors open into the dogtrot from all four rooms. Some are plank, like the one on the rear shed addition of the left pen. (See Photo # 4.) Others are a common early 20th century type with one light over a paneled bottom. The shed roofed front porch runs full length across the house. The rear porch extends from the rear of the open passageway to the end of the ell. Porch floors are flush boards. Those in the dogtrot are tongue-and-groove. A narrow, plank, straight-run stair from the back of the dogtrot allows access to the open upstairs space, an attic. (See Photo # 2.)

Alterations to the house include: replacement of some brick foundation piers with concrete block piers, covering of leaking upstairs windows, addition of a shed roofed bathroom to the rear of the left pen (and some aluminum siding on its exterior), and paneling with modern wood products on interior walls. The "front room" mantel is original. (See Photo # 5.)

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1907

Significant Dates

1907

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Turnage dogtrot is locally significant as the best remaining example in Clay County of the early 20th century double-pen dogtrot house.

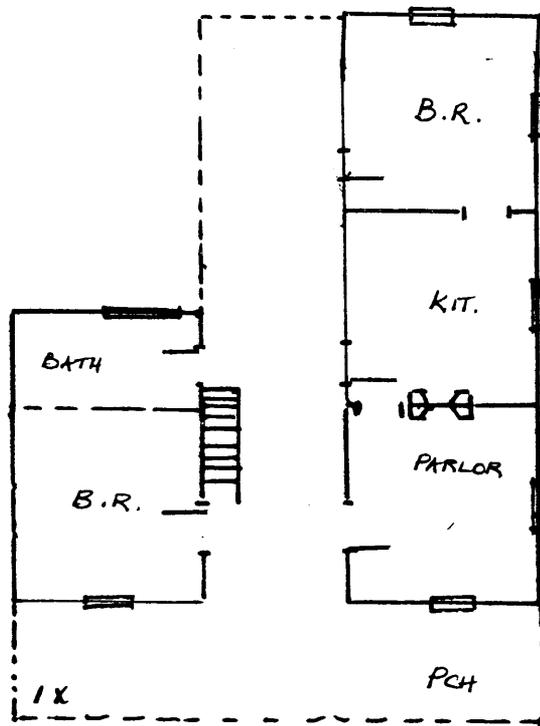
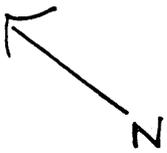
As mentioned in the Residential Resources section of the Historic Context statement, plain, vernacular house forms were the residences of choice from the time the land was opened for white settlement up into the first third of the 20th century. Indeed, the simple early vernacular forms have been superseded in recent years only by the technology that produces kit or packaged houses which can be delivered to a site and erected quickly.

Built in 1907 by Clay County farmer Virgil Reid as the center of his small homestead operation, it has been occupied since 1915 by members of the Turnage family, who first rented, then bought the house in the 1940s. The house is modest in scale, style, and fittings, but outstanding in integrity. The Turnage sisters who have maintained the house since the 1940s have kept it dry, unpainted and almost unchanged on the exterior, though they have altered the interior in traditional 20th century ways. The Turnage dogtrot is the only one remaining with upstairs access located between the pens in the covered passageway. A narrow, steep wooden stair serves the attic, windowed at each end, which once was the children's sleeping loft.

See continuation sheet

TURNAGE HOUSE

NOT TO SCALE



TURNAGE ROAD