

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Yates-Flora House

and/or common Flora Residence

2. Location

street & number 100 North Wayne Street N/A not for publication

city, town Macon N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Mississippi code 28 county Noxubee code 103

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ernest Gray Flora Jr. and Norma Bradshaw Flora

street & number P.O. Box 392

city, town Macon N/A vicinity of state Mississippi

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Noxubee County Courthouse

street & number Court Square

city, town Macon state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

1. HABS
title 2. Noxubee County Survey--Mississippi has this property been determined eligible? _ yes no

Department of Archives and History
date 1. 1936 (photographs only) 1.X federal 2.X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records 1. Library of Congress
2. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town 1. Washington, D.C. state
2. Jackson, Ms.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This structure's salient feature is its four-columned, two-story, full-width, Doric portico (west elevation) with wide intercolumnations. In its original form the building was almost square, consisting of frame construction covered with clapboards and resting on brick piers. A small half-octagon entry pavilion with baseless Doric columns and with shuttered bays projects from the north facade and is an unusual and particularly significant feature. Originally (See 19th Century photograph) an octagonal cupola stood atop the building's low-pitched pyramidal roof, surrounded by four stuccoed-brick chimneys which still remain. Alterations and additions to the rear (east) of the structure now incorporate a modern kitchen, living room, bathrooms, etc. and a sun room to the south.

The four Doric columns of the portico rest on stuccoed brick bases and support a surprisingly simple entablature above. The west facade behind the portico columns shows central doorways with sidelights at each floor, flanked by shuttered windows of similar proportions and also having sidelights to each side. A balcony resting on cast-iron brackets in a leaves-and-tendrils pattern and enclosed by a cast-iron handrail in a grapes-and-grapeleaves pattern extends across almost the entire facade.

The original plan consisted of a central hallway with double parlors to either side. This hallway includes a stairway with turned balusters and heavy turned newel, a plaster ceiling medalion, and a deep plaster crown moulding. The front parlors to either side are reached by wide bi-fold doors. The right-side parlor features a marble mantle, ceiling rosette in plaster, and deep plaster crown moulding; the opposite parlor is much simpler with wooden mantle and without crown mouldings. The rear parlors are also restrained in their ornamentation.

The additions behind the original block are appropriately isolated from the original construction.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates *built c.1868 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Greek Revival Style flourished nationally and in the South from about 1820 to 1860. With the Civil War and the end of the slave-powered plantation system, the economy of the southern states could no longer support the cost of enormous neo-classical buildings.

This structure is an apparent exception; it is significant for the high quality of its Greek Revival Style design and for its extraordinarily late date of construction for the use of this style in Mississippi. According to Danelle Yates, whose family owned the house from 1906 until 1961 (Deed Bk. 83, p. 266), the structure was built by John Lee Williams in 1868. However, no documentary evidence has been found to verify this claim. E. V. Yates, father of Danelle and owner of the house during most of the 20th century, was a major landowner in Macon, one of the town's leading citizens, and a President of the Merchants and Farmers Bank.

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Noxubee County Survey, p. 12; This date is apparently based upon local attribution-- See Statement of Significance above.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- Helen Kerr Kempe. The Pelican Guide to Old Homes of Mississippi. Gretna; Pelican Publishing Co., 1977, p.7.
- Mary Wallace Crocker. Historic Architecture in Mississippi. Jackson, Mississippi: University Press of Mississippi, c.1973.
- Interview of Danelle Yates by Ernest G. Flora, Jr. (1961)

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 4.3 acres

Quadrangle name Macon

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

A portion of fractional block forty beginning at the northeast corner of Wayne and 8th Streets and extending east 300 feet then north 200 feet then west 300 feet, then south 200 feet to the point of origin.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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date 7/31/82

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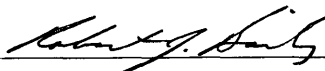
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 25, 1982

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

Entered in the National Register date 12/2/82


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration