

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PORT GIBSON HERITAGE TRUST

The attorney for the Trust has requested that we do an inventory of the historic property in Port Gibson and insure that we have identified all properties that MIGHT be eligible for listing in the National Register. We are asking all of our members to help by identifying any houses, structures, or other property that might meet the criteria for inclusion on the National Register and **that are not already** registered or within one of the Historic Districts.

Criteria for Evaluation (from the National Historic Register Website):

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, [and are normally over 50 years old,] and:

- A.** That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B.** That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- C.** That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D.** That have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Other considerations:

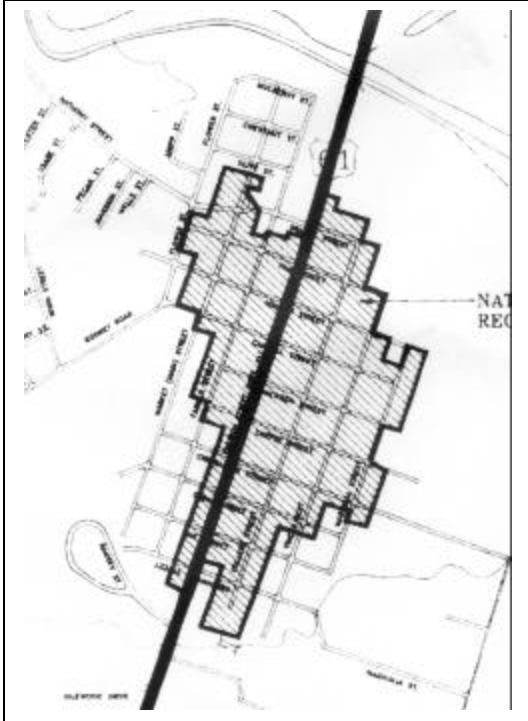
- a.** A religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance; or
- b.** A building or structure removed from its original location but which is primarily significant for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event; or
- c.** A birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no appropriate site or building directly associated with his or her productive life; or
- d.** A cemetery which derives its primary importance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events; or
- e.** A reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived; or
- f.** A property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own exceptional significance; or
- g.** A property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance.

If you feel you know of a property that may meet any of these criteria and that is not already listed in the Historic Register either individually or as part of a Historic District, please let the Trust know by calling Terry Merritt at 601-437-5434; or by email at dollmaker@bellsouth.net; or by mail at PO Box 751, Port Gibson, MS 39150. A list of current Historic Register Properties is on the reverse of this letter.

National Historic Register Properties In Port Gibson, MS

Historic Districts

Market Street-Suburb St. Mary Historic District



This map shows the boundaries of the Market Street-Suburb St. Mary Historic District. If in doubt, submit the property. We will be able to tell if it has already been registered.

Drake Hill Historic District

Chamberlain-Hunt Academy Historic District

Individual Listings

Chinquopin
Catholic Cemetery
Claremont
Collina
Golden West Cemetery
Idlewild
Jewish Cemetery
McGregor
Old Brickyard Place
Old Depot
Port Gibson Oil Works
Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
Van Dorn House
Wintergreen Cemetery