

Gillis House
Biloxi, Miss.

Harrison County

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REDUCED COPIES OF MEASURED DRAWINGS
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Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Mississippi		COUNTY Harrison	TOWN OR VICINITY Biloxi
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Gillis House			HABS NO. MS-154
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Vance-Gillis House			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 513 East Beach Boulevard			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1838		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built as a vacation house in a style which blends the Louisiana Creole of the late eighteenth century with elements of the contemporary Greek Revival.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) (See above)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) (See photo copies of original drawings) Wood frame construction. Hipped roof and floors framed in yellow pine. Eave framing all cypress. House set on brick piers.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Hipped roof, one and one-half stories, rectangular building, measuring approximately 78'6" x 62'6" from exterior lines of the gallery. Outbuildings.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Full perimeter gallery. Center entrance with transom and flanking Ionic columns and side lights. Original outbuildings variously listed as: servants' quarters, kitchen, garconiere, wine bottling room, ice house.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Center hall runs from South to North. The two rooms on each side of the hall are separated by small, closet-like rooms. Each of the four major rooms has a fireplace.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The Gillis House was moved from 806 West Beach Street to the present address to avoid demolition in connection with highway construction. The move was made between July and September 1977.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The State Department of Archives and History hold an easement in perpetuity on the present site. The condition of the house is excellent. It is open to the public.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The 40 page "Final Report on the Vance-Gillis House....Prepared by Nicholas H. Holmes, Jr. and Nancy N. Holmes, February, 1978" is included as a field record.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING IN NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register			
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