

The Weatherbee

circa 1840

\$1,299,000

A Piece of the Old South

14± Acres in Hinds County, MS

8892 Gary Rd, Byram, MS 39272



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This stunning property offers boundless potential: weddings, community events, family reunions, corporate retreats, or a historic homestead estate. The options are limitless!

Plantation Home: 4,190 sq. ft., four bedrooms, three baths, two fireplaces, formal living room, formal dining room, formal library, grand staircase, updated kitchen, study, sunroom, primary bedroom downstairs, 12-foot ceiling heights in formal rooms, 10-foot in the rest of the downstairs. Two outside porches off the house and an in-ground pool in the back of the house.

Guest House: 1,345 sq. ft., one bedroom, one bath, kitchen, large garden room/living area with an 18' vaulted ceiling.

Grounds: The property spans 14± acres and features stunning rolling pastures, partially fenced and groomed for horses or livestock. Dotted throughout these pastures are majestic mature Oaks, adding to the picturesque beauty of the landscape. Additionally, there's a large, in-ground pool, as well as a 9,000 sq. ft. barn, presenting endless possibilities.

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History

Weatherbee is the name of this large Antebellum home near Byram, Mississippi, 15 miles south of downtown Jackson. Her name was given to the house by Dr. and Mrs. William Frank Kliesch in honor of Mrs. Kliesch's mother, Mollie Elizabeth Weathersby Reid.

The house was built on land patented in 1828 by Silas Moore. It is situated on the old road to Jackson from points south. This old road was used as a public road until the 1930's when Highway 51 was built parallel to it. After passing the big house, the road crosses through the fields to Byram, thence Jackson.

Weatherbee was started as two large bedrooms, 20x20, with fireplaces facing each other and separated by a dog trot. The underpinnings of the house are large, rough timbers built upon piers. These piers are no longer visible from the yard. A chain wall of brick has been added, and soil has been pushed up to landscape the lawn.

Reverend Jesse Woodall enlarged the house. He added an upper floor, a shallow room behind the Southwestern bedroom, and a shallow dining room, with a fireplace, behind the large Southeast room or parlor. He also added stairs that open upon the front porch to access the upper story. At that time, the house measured 50 feet across and had large rectangular solid columns like three other old houses of the same vintage in that area. There was a separate kitchen, or kitchen wing, at that time. A cistern was located at the southeast corner of the long porch.

Weatherbee is on the highest point of land for one mile in all directions. Until a few years ago, there was a natural spring down the hill. It was dug out to form a cattle pond. An old well is located in the backyard. Old farming implements were dug up during the excavation for the swimming pool and garden. A grinding stone, grist stone, and large plow parts were found, in addition to broken china and arrowheads found in the garden site. The original construction can be seen in rooms where the ceilings have been lowered and in the attic. The wide, rough boards, pegs, and hand-hewn timbers are still present there.

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In the 1940's, Rodney Henderson acquired the property and initiated significant renovations. Architectural drawings from that era reveal the relocation of walls and adding new sections. The original wide pine floor underwent a transformation as oak strips were installed over it. The rough walls received a fresh paint coat before being wallpapered. To further enhance the interior, sheetrock was applied to cover the walls. One notable change was the expansion of the dining room, which involved completely removing its chimney. The bricks from the dismantled chimney were repurposed to create a long walkway. Additionally, the stairs were enclosed for a more cohesive appearance. The roof was raised to accommodate three extra bedrooms on the upper floor, necessitating the addition of plumbing. Another alteration involved the replacement of rectangular columns on the front of the house with round ones. Lastly, during this renovation, the carbide gas plant and the cistern fountain were discreetly concealed beneath a layer of dirt.

The house, and the farm, spent the time of the last 19th century and early 20th century recovering from the devastation of the Civil War. They were the center of a large farming operation owned by Mr. Harvey Lewis, who died in the southwest bedroom. This room now serves as the library.

Mr. Lewis' nephew, W. F. Lewis, lived in the house when he was first married. His oldest son is Dr. Harvey Lewis, Executive Vice Chancellor of the University of Mississippi. Mr. Harvey Lewis' widow sold the house and property to Mr. Rodney Henderson. Mr. Henderson operated a large cattle business, made additions to the barn, and removed some vintage servant quarters, along with other outbuildings. Mr. Henderson's ownership was followed by Mr. Minor Sumner, President of Mississippi Valley Gas. Mr. Sumner installed central air conditioning.

Dr. and Mrs. William Frank Kliesch purchased the house in 1969. They have added a large rose garden, which may be the largest private rose garden in Mississippi. Some of the roses remain, but many are gone. Both are physicians, and their middle son is a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado. In June 1982, the building containing the summer kitchen, maid's room, and garage was repaired. The large roof beams were exposed at that time, and the building was converted into guest quarters.

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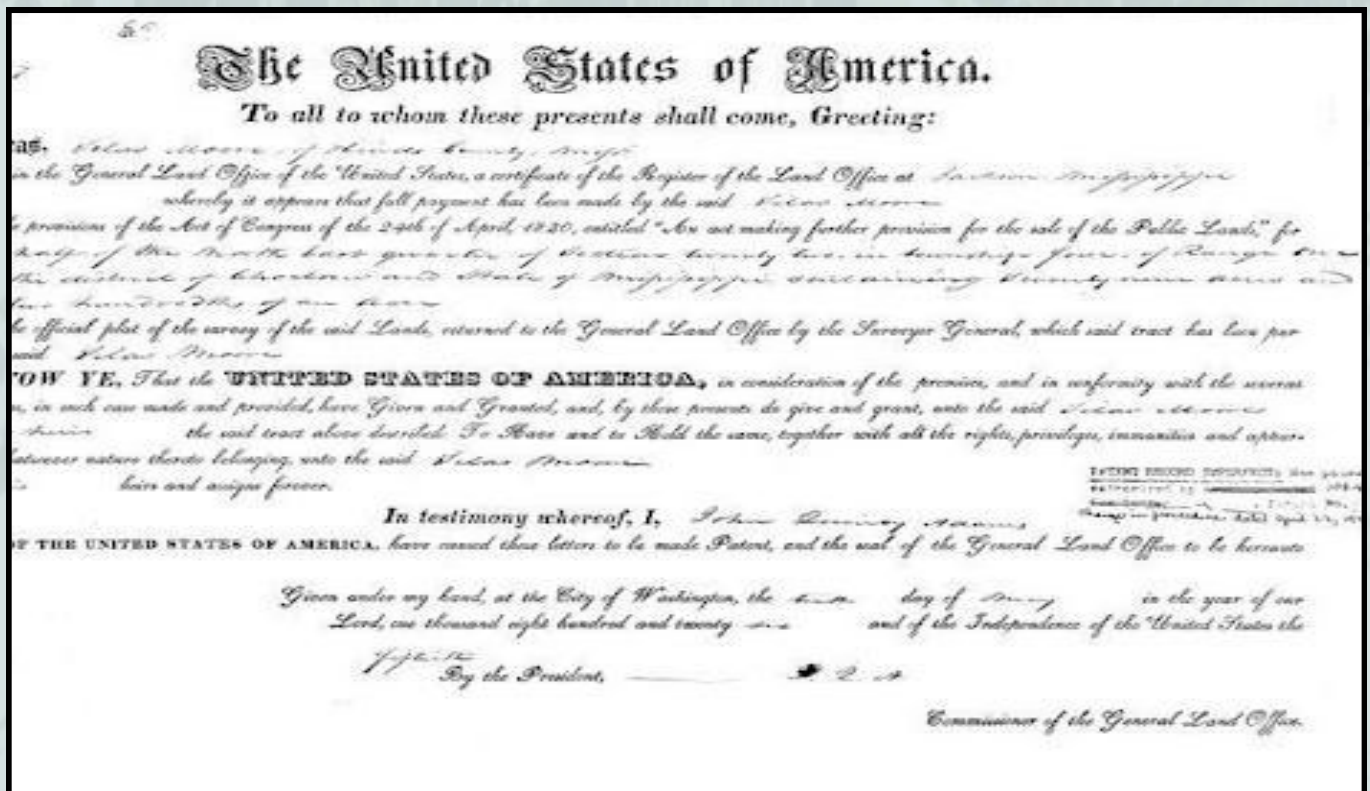
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Weatherbee is a large frame house, built prior to the Civil War and continuously inhabited for over 140 years. First, there was an early Mississippi religious leader and planter, then followed successful planters, a businessman, and an executive. It is presently occupied by a nice couple from Texas.

The house has changed with the times. It was first a pioneer dwelling. It is an architectural kaleidoscope of the history of Hinds County and the State of Mississippi. Its past and present have come together to reinforce what it has always been: a home where people have lived and loved, laughed and wept, and left their stamp upon it. It is truly a place of rare beauty.



The Original Land Patent

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The property features a spacious dining room measuring 13'7"x17'2", featuring elegant wood floors and convenient access to the kitchen through a door. Double doors connect it to the parlor, while a single door leads to the hallway. The dining room is adorned with shutters, custom draperies, and a captivating chandelier.

An updated 22'3"x11" kitchen presents a modern and functional space. It includes a Sub-Zero refrigerator with an ice maker, an oven with a microwave, a triple sink with a disposal unit, and a dishwasher. The kitchen is appointed with granite countertops, complemented by stylish wallpaper. Abundant natural light filters through banks of wooden paned windows, illuminating the breakfast area with a ceiling fan, shutters, and a door opening onto the east lawn. The kitchen also provides access to the dining room and a hallway.

The formal parlor measures 17'x17'2" and impresses with its twelve-foot ceilings and inviting wood floors. The fireplace is a focal point of the room, adding warmth and charm. Custom draperies, shutters, and a magnificent crystal chandelier enhance the parlor. Double doors connect it to the dining room, and a single door leads to the entrance.

A study measuring 12'8"x13" offers a dedicated space for work or relaxation. It features wood floors, custom shutters, and custom draperies. Additionally, a storage closet provides practicality and organization.



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The property offers a captivating library measuring 17'6"x17'1", with inviting wood floors. A wood-burning fireplace serves as a focal point, creating a cozy atmosphere. The library boasts floor-to-ceiling built-in bookcases and cabinets, complete with a convenient library ladder for easy access. Custom draperies, crown molding, and other wood moldings add to the refined ambiance of the space.

A 23'4"x13" sunroom provides a delightful retreat with paneled walls and tiled floors. The room has a ceiling fan to ensure comfort, and the walls are adorned with wood-paneled windows with plantation shutters. The sunroom offers abundant natural light and stunning views of the surrounding grounds. It also provides access to a private patio, further enhancing its appeal.

The primary bedroom on the ground floor measures 18'7"x13'2" and features built-in bookshelves and cabinets. A private patio offers a serene outdoor space. The primary bedroom features wood floors, a closet, shutters, and custom drapes. A striking crystal chandelier hangs from a carved ceiling feature, adding a touch of elegance. With its 10' ceilings, the room feels spacious and inviting.

Furthermore, the property has two cozy outside sitting areas, providing additional spaces for relaxation and socializing. These areas offer the perfect setting to unwind and enjoy the surroundings.



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The Guest House



The guest house is 1,343 sq. ft. with a great room (31'2"x19'7") with a large marble fireplace and huge vaulted ceiling, very tall beautiful oak and beveled glass entry door, huge soaring windows with a view of grounds. Wonderful kitchen with double sink, tile countertops, many built-in storage cabinets with pull-outs, a kitchen size is (19'6"x18'2") with two ovens, one conventional or standard, dishwasher, disposal, trash compactor, wet bar with and sink and tile floors. The bedroom (18'2"x11'8") has a separate bath and shutters. The guest house has a large circular drive with outside lighting and double carports on each side.

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Large, in-ground pool. The grounds are partially fenced for horses. There is storage buildings, wood fencing, formal boxwood garden. Original hitching post.



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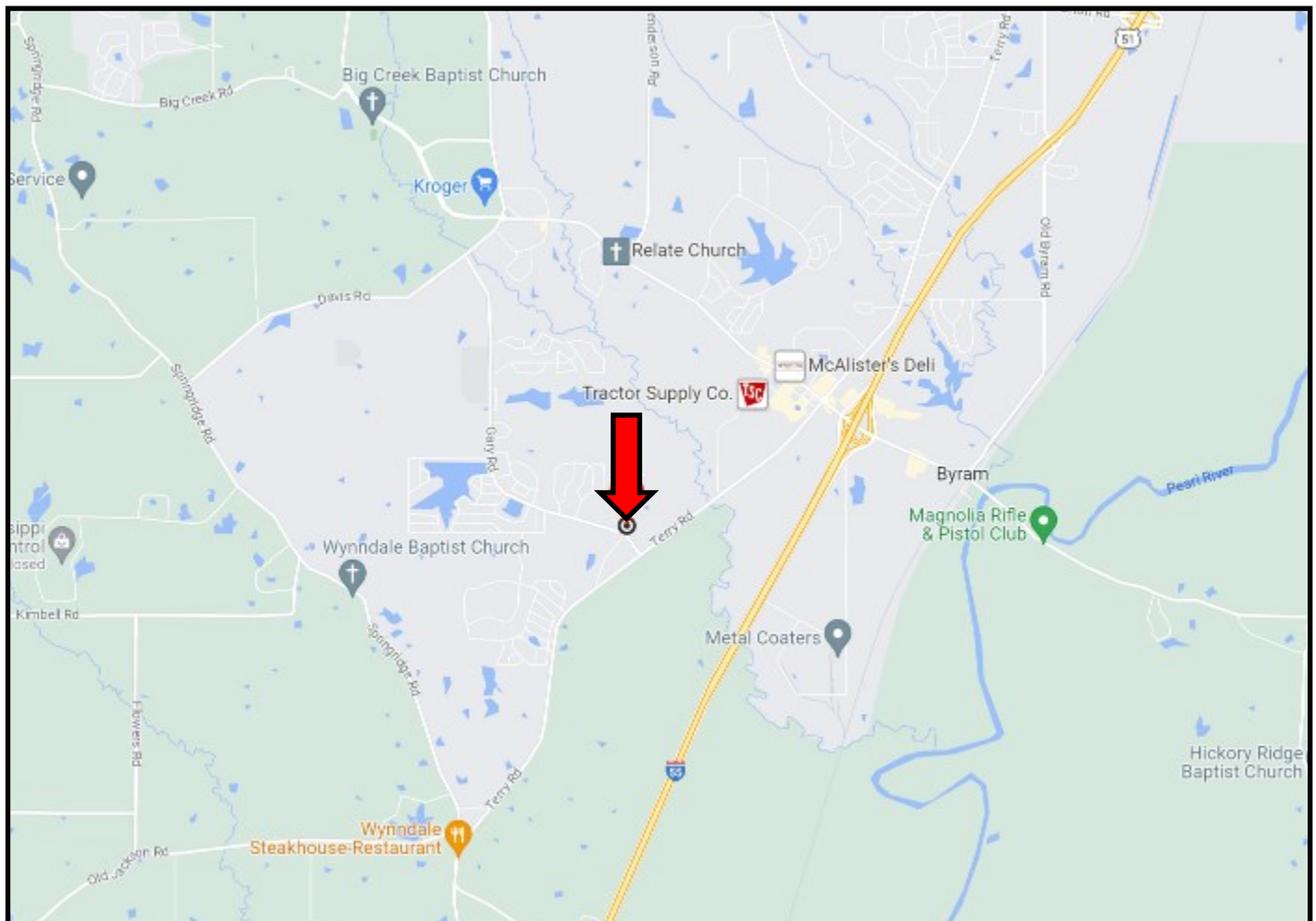
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Directional Map



DIRECTIONS FROM I-55 and Siwell Road in Byram, MS: Take exit 85 for Siwell Road towards Byram. Travel Siwell Road for .4 miles. Turn left onto Terry Road and travel 1.5 miles. Turn right on to Gary Road. After .2 miles the entrance to the home will be on your right.

GOOGLE MAP LINK

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