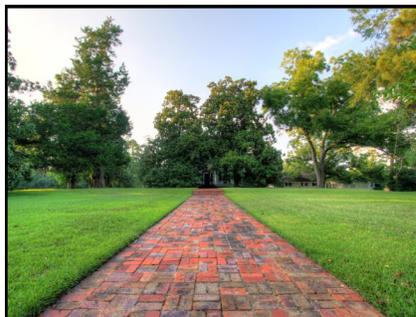


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8892 Gary Road,

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**PLANTATION HOUSE:** 4190 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, formal living room, formal dining room, formal library, grand staircase, updated kitchen, study, sunroom, master bedroom downstairs, 12 foot ceiling heights in formal rooms, 10 foot in the rest of the downstairs. Two outside porches off the house and in ground pool in the back of the house.

**GUEST HOUSE:** 1345 sq. ft., one bedroom, one bath, kitchen, large garden room/living area with an 18' vaulted ceiling.

**BARN:** 9,000 sq. ft. bar & entertainment area, laundry, full bath, 8 stalls and the upstairs has a 2,500 sq. ft. recreational area.



These are all flowers that grow on The Weatherbee at different times of the year!

# THE GROUNDS

**ACREAGE:** The land consists of beautiful rolling pastures that are fenced and manicured for horses or livestock. Mature Oaks are scattered among the pastures enhancing the picturesque beauty of the 17.5 acres. There is even a perfect location for a pond to be built.

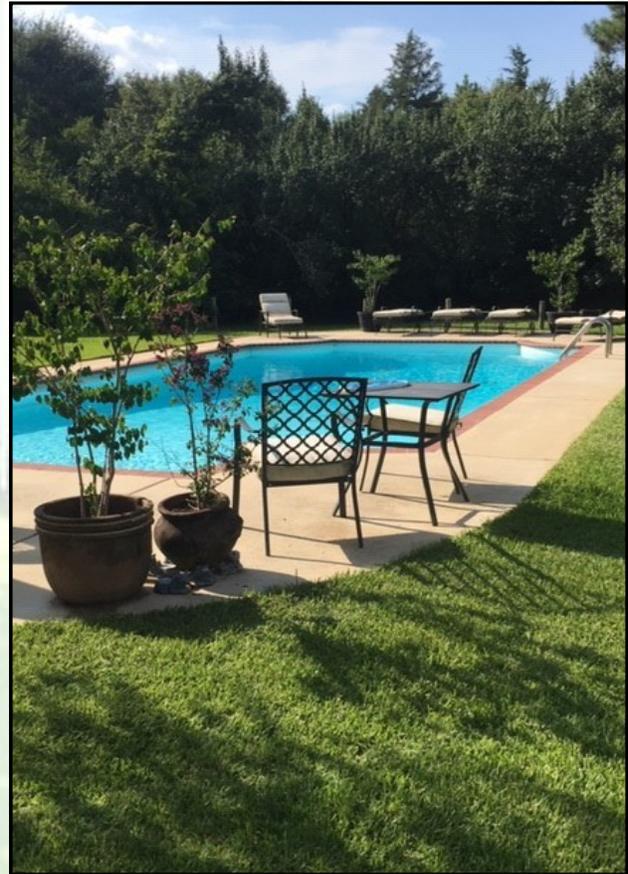
**TREES:** A mixture of many pecan trees and bradford pear trees, holly berries and red holly berries, cherry trees, muscadine grapes, blackberries, and one loquat tree.

**FLOWERS:** Fields of jonquils (or daffodils), both yellow and white day lilies, azaleas, (several colors), gardenias. Magnolias, saucer magnolia, red bud, crape myrtles, lobelia, purple iris, double bearded iris in several colors, antique roses, peace roses, hydrangea, tulips, giant black-eye susans, gladiolas, hyacinth, 4 different colors of amaryllis, forsythia, viburnum, asiatic lilies, sedum, clematis, Siberian iris, verbena, confederate jasmine and honey suckle.



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# THE GROUNDS



Large in ground pool and is in process of being renovated. The grounds are partially fenced for horses. There is a Victorian chicken coop, storage buildings, wood fencing, formal boxwood garden. Original hitching post.

# The WEATHERBEE

## Antebellum Plantation

### HISTORY

Weatherbee is the name of a large Antebellum home near Byram, Mississippi, and 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 a 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, 20 x 20, with fire places 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.

The house was enlarged by Reverend Jesse Woodall. He added an upper floor, a shallow room behind the Southwestern bedroom, and a shallow dining room, with fireplace, behind the large Southeast room or parlor. He also added stairs which open upon the front porch for access to 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 excavation for the swimming pool and garden. A grinding stone, grist stone, and large plow parts were found, in addition to broken china and arrow heads found in the garden site. In rooms where the ceilings have been lowered, and in the attic, original construction can be seen. There, the wide, rough boards, pegs, and hand-hewn timbers are still present.

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# The WEATHERBEE

## Antebellum Plantation

### History continued..

Rodney Henderson bought the property in the 1940's, and major renovations were made. Architectural drawings of that time reveal where walls were moved, and additions were made. The wide pine floor was covered with oak strips. Rough walls were painted and then papered. The walls were then covered with sheetrock. The dining room was enlarged, and its chimney completely removed. Bricks from the chimney were used to fashion a long walk. The stairs were enclosed. The roof was raised to allow three additional bedrooms upstairs. Plumbing was added. The rectangular columns across the front of the house were replaced by round ones. During this 1940 renovation, the carbide gas plant and the cistern fountain were covered with dirt.

The house, and the farm, spent the time of the last 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> 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 there 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 in Oxford. 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, removed some vintage servant quarters, along with other out buildings. Mr. Henderson's ownership was followed by that of 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 well 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. At that time, the large roof beams were exposed, and the building was converted into guest quarters.

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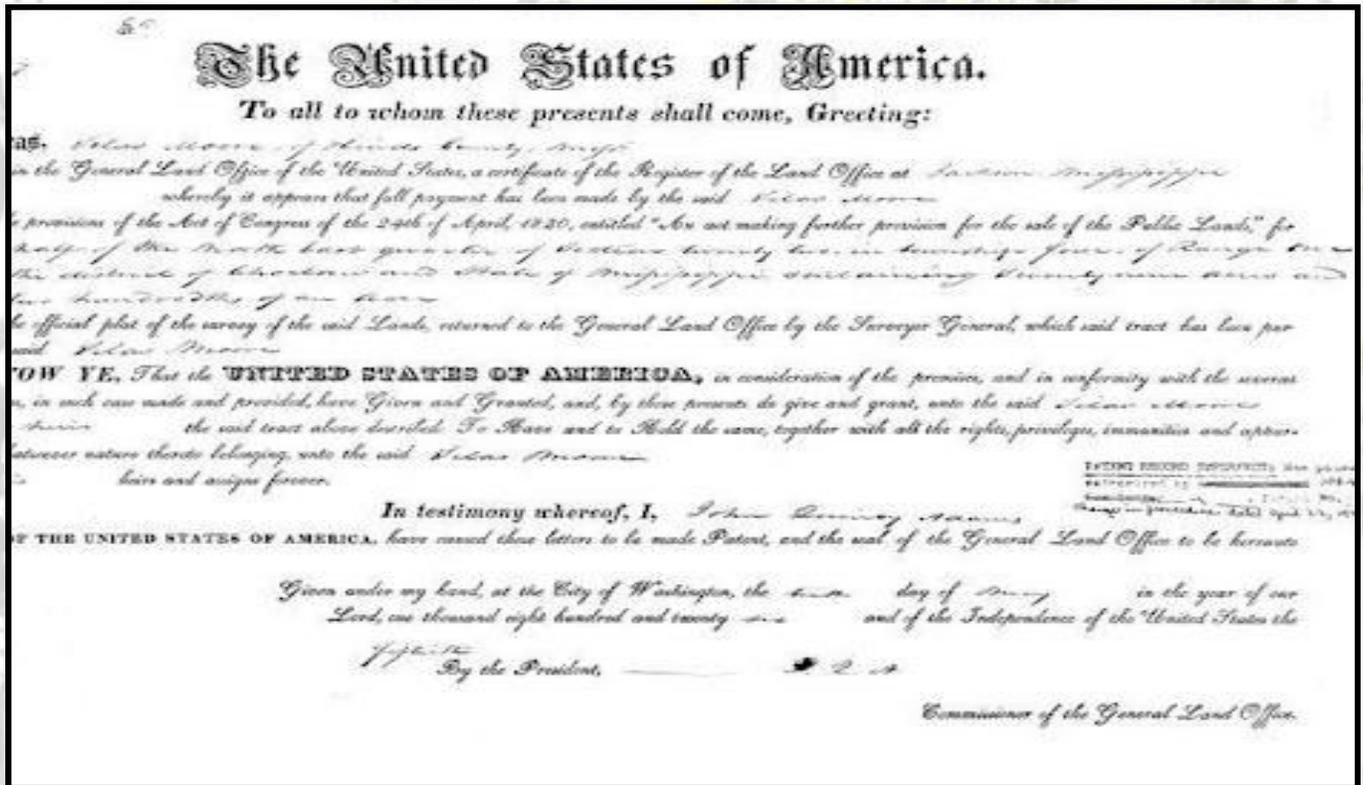
## Antebellum Plantation

### History continued...

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 business man, 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 its 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.

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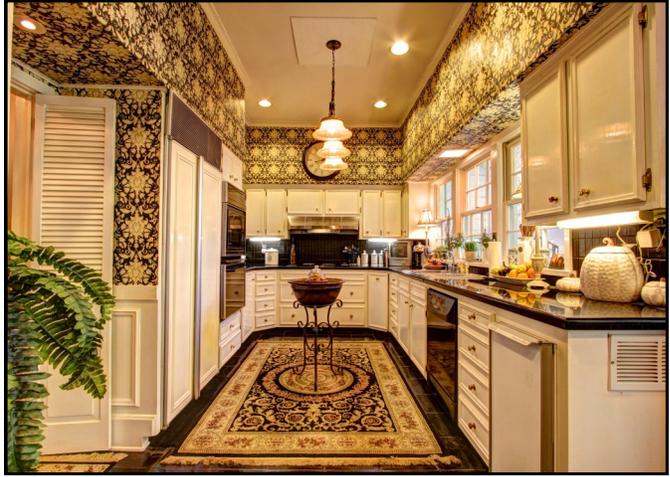


### The Original Land Patent

# FIRST FLOOR



**Dining room (13'7"x17'2") with wood floors, door to kitchen, double doors to parlor, single door to hallway, shutters, custom draperies and chandelier .**



**Updated kitchen (22'3"x11') with Sub-Zero refrigerator with icemaker, oven with microwave, triple sink with disposal, dishwasher, separate built in icemaker, granite countertops, wallpaper, banks of wooden paned windows, breakfast area with ceiling fan, shutters and door to east lawn, door to dining room, and a door to hall.**



**Formal Parlor (17'x17'2") Twelve foot ceilings with wood floors, fireplace, custom draperies, shutters and huge French crystal chandelier. Double doors to dining room and single door to entrance.**



**Study is 12'8" x 13" with wood floors, custom shutters, custom draperies and storage closet.**

# FIRST FLOOR



**Library (17'6"x17'1") with wood floors, wood burning fireplace and floor to ceiling built-in bookcases and cabinets with library ladder, custom draperies, crown mold, and other wood moldings.**



**Sunroom (23'4"x13") with paneled walls, ceiling fan, tiled floors. Walls of wood paneled windows with plantation shutters and doors, beautiful view of grounds and private patio.**



**Master bedroom downstairs (18'7"x13'2") with built-in bookshelves and cabinets, private patio, wood floors, closet, shutters, custom drapes, crystal chandelier with carved ceiling feature, and 10' ceilings.**



**There are two cozy outside sitting areas where you can relax and visit.**

# SECOND FLOOR

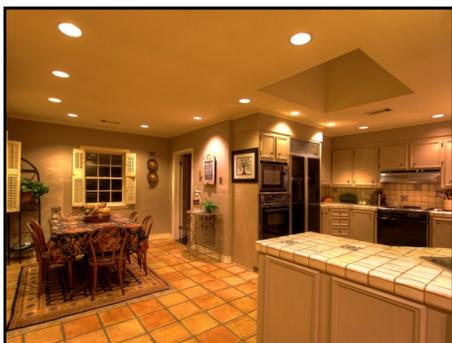
There are 3 guest rooms upstairs with custom draperies, wood floors in all three, one of these has carpet over wood floors. Two of the guest rooms are over-size. One has dressing room with large closet, mirrored wall, one has double closets. Smaller guest room has closet and entrance door going in to huge attic. Upstairs, there is also a sitting room with double storage closets, wood floors, custom draperies.



# GUEST HOUSE



The guest house is 1343 sq. ft. with a great room (31'2"x19'7") with large marble fireplace and huge vaulted ceiling, very tall beautiful oak and beveled glass entry door, huge soaring windows with view of grounds and custom linen venetian shades. Wonderful kitchen with double sink, tile counter tops, many built-in storage cabinets with pull-outs, kitchen size is (19'6"x18'2") with Sub-zero refrigerator icemaker, two ovens, one conventional or standard, dishwasher, disposal, trash compactor, wet bar with built-in icemaker and sink and tile floors. The bedroom (18'2"x11'8") has a separate bath, and shutters. Plus guest house has large circular drive with outside lighting and double carports on each side.



# BARN



**The Barn is 9000 sq. ft. with 8 stalls, many workrooms and storage rooms and sinks. Tavern room has fireplace, full bathroom, bar and built-ins. Barn upstairs is completely floored for huge recreation room with fireplace. Barn exterior is wood.**

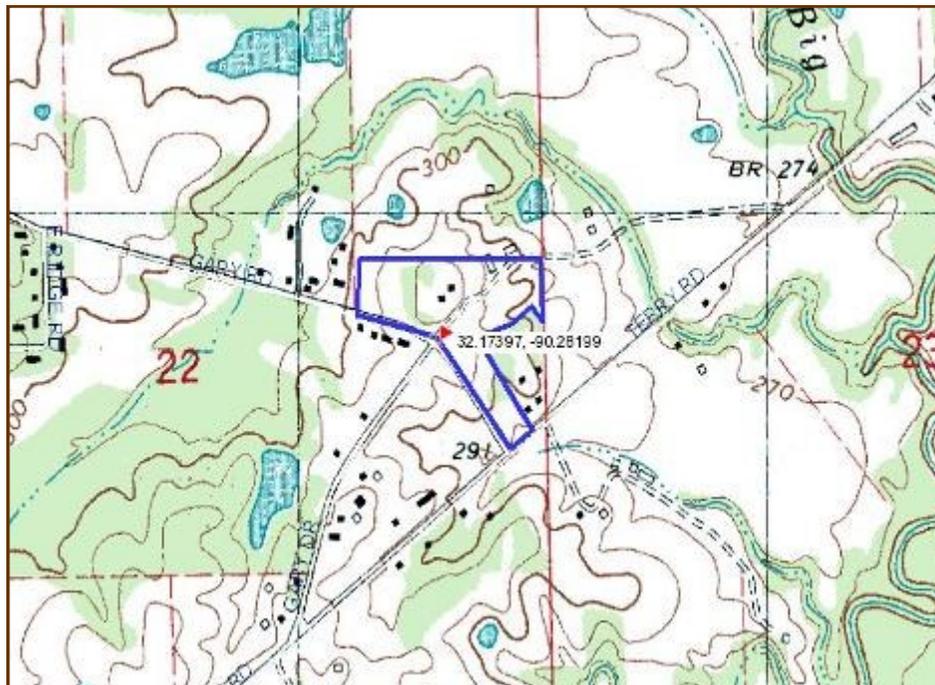


# CHRISTMAS at the WEATHERBEE





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