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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Harbor Square Historic District
Name of Property
Harrison County, Mississippi
County and State
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

Section number 8 Page 1

Amendment to National Register Nomination for Purposes of Delisting the Harbor Square Historic District, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi

The Harbor Square Historic District, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 13, 1985. The twenty-six acre historic district contained sixty-three resources. Twelve resources were designated as Pivotal, thirty-two as Contributing, twelve as Marginal and seven as Non-contributing. The district represented a substantial portion of the city's original central business district. The Period of Significance was listed as "1900-___."

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast, causing widespread damage. The Harbor Square Historic District suffered extensive damage, with thirteen buildings demolished in the aftermath of the storm. Following the hurricane, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History identified a potential historic district in downtown Gulfport which included the resources that survived Hurricane Katrina as well as additional resources outside the original boundaries of the existing Harbor Square Historic District.

An intensive survey in the summer of 2011 confirmed that the boundaries of the historic district should be expanded to include additional resources that contribute to the development and growth of the commercial heart of Gulfport. The resources in the existing district were reassessed. Since the original nomination, the manner of describing resources, e.g. Pivotal, Marginal, etc., has been changed. The new survey established that seven resources previously described as Marginal should be considered Contributing; three described as Marginal should be Noncontributing; eleven described as Pivotal should be considered as Contributing; five considered Contributing should be considered Noncontributing; one considered Noncontributing should be considered Contributing. Based on the survey and additional research, the Period of Significance should be refined 1903-1961.

Due to all these significant changes in the fabric of the historic district which adversely effect integrity, rather than amend the existing district, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, in consultation with local officials, determined it would be better to seek to delist the twenty-six year old district and submit a new nomination that better reflects the current condition of the resources in Gulfport. A new nomination for the Gulfport Harbor Square Commercial Historic District will be submitted contemporaneously with this amendment.

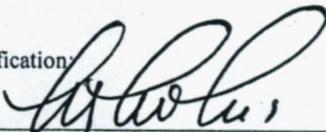
Therefore, we respectfully request the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places delist the Harbor Square Historic District.

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1. Name

historic N/A

and/or common Harbor Square Historic District

2. Location

street & number Multiple Addresses—See inventory in physical description ^{NA} not for publication

city, town Gulfport N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi code 28 county Harrison code 47

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership

street & number Multiple Addresses

city, town Multiple Addresses N/A vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 1801 - 23rd Avenue

city, town Gulfport state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Gulfport Architectural Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Harbor Square Development Corporation

city, town Gulfport state Mississippi

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6 - REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Statewide Survey of Historic Sites
1973 - 1980, Inclusive X state
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Jackson, Mississippi

7 - DESCRIPTION - INVENTORY OF BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT

Individual resources within the Harbor Square Historic District are evaluated according to the following rating system:

1. Pivotal buildings qualify for listing in the National Register of Historic Places by reasons of individual architectural and/or historical significance.
2. Contributing buildings are essential to the district's sense of place and sustain the architectural and historical significance of the district.
3. Marginal buildings do not presently contribute to the architectural significance of the district, but by their scale, material, or setting do not overly compromise the integrity of the district. Marginal buildings include those historical buildings which have been remodeled to such a degree that their architectural character has been seriously compromised. Restoration of original features could cause these buildings to become contributing. Marginal buildings also include deteriorated buildings that contribute to the district but whose condition is so deteriorated that their future is uncertain.
4. Non-contributing buildings do not contribute to the historical character of the district, but, because they are compatible to the contributing historic buildings in scale, mass, materials, and setting, they do not detract from the visual cohesiveness of the district.
5. Intrusive buildings by their scale, materials, condition, or setting severely disrupt the cohesion of the Historic District.

INVENTORY OF BUILDINGS WITHIN THE HARBOR SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

1. Gulf South Building (Gulf & Ship Island Railroad Office Building), 2605 - 13th Street. Three-story, ten-bay, stone: trefoil windows on third floor; pilasters; molded cornice with low parapet. Covered by false metal facade, original building intact. 1903. Contributing.

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located midway between Biloxi and Pass Christian, Gulfport is one of Mississippi's larger cities with a population of 39,676. As laid out in the 1890's, downtown Gulfport's streets formed a simple grid pattern with a north-south, east-west orientation. The streets and avenues were quite broad, ranging from 80 feet to 120 feet. A local newspaper took note of this fact in 1901 and reported that "the streets and avenues of the city are very broad, affording ample space for sidewalks, traffic and for intervening grass plots, so that there is ample scope for street adornment."

The town's original central business district was located basically as it is today. It is bounded on the north by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, on the south by U. S. Highway 90 which parallels the Mississippi Sound, on the east by 22nd Avenue, and on the west by 31st Avenue. (The Harbor Square Historic District is roughly bounded by the L & N Railroad on the north, 13th Street on the south, 27th Avenue on the west, and 23rd Avenue on the east). Both the Central Business District, generally, and the Harbor Square Historic District, specifically, are now bisected by U. S. Highway 49 (25th Avenue), a major north-south highway between Jackson, the capital of Mississippi, and the Gulf Coast. In the 1920's, many businesses began locating on U. S. Highway 49 north of the Central Business District and new construction has continued to the present along this important road. This early growth north of the L & N Railroad together with the fact that Gulfport is bounded on the south by the Mississippi Sound, has enabled Gulfport's Central Business District to retain much of the small town ambience it possessed over half a century ago.

With most of its early commercial buildings of wood and insubstantial construction, early downtown Gulfport had the appearance of a frontier town. All of the clapboard structures, as well as the frame houses which were interspersed among them, are gone and have been replaced by more recent buildings. The Gulfport Record reported that in 1902 not a single brick commercial building existed in Gulfport, but "today (July 9, 1904) there are twenty-six in all, having twenty-five feet frontage each, averaging one-hundred feet in depth, and are one to three stories in height." In 1905, a LeMars, Iowa newspaper commented on Gulfport's "large, substantial brick and stone business blocks."

Since the central business district is flanked by railroads on the north and on the west, most of this early "substantial" construction occurred immediately west of 25th Avenue (U. S. Highway 49) in a two-block area between 13th and 14th Streets. Construction then moved eastward in the 1920's and 1930's. An entire block of buildings between 26th and 27th Avenues and 14th Street and the L & N Railroad was destroyed in the late 1970's to make way for a parking garage, a small park, and an office building complex.

The Harbor Square Historic District occupies the heart of the previously described Central Business District. While its buildings are primarily commercial, the Gulfport City Hall and one church building are included within its boundaries. Brick is by far the most common building material, though some stone construction is present. Few of the buildings have undergone major alterations, though, beginning in the 1950's, fronts of many of the buildings were remodeled or covered with false metal facades. Despite the loss of some business to a large enclosed shopping mall in Biloxi, Gulfport's Central Business District remains relatively active. Most of the buildings within the Harbor Square Historic District are currently occupied and serve a retail use. The majority of the remainder of the buildings serve as offices. There is currently no active rehabilitation program within the District, though many of the buildings are in relatively good condition. The Harbor Square Development Corporation, a non-profit organization, chartered in 1979, to assist the city with downtown revitalization, is encouraging property owners to rehabilitate buildings to the standards established by the Secretary of the Interior.

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2. Barber Hardware, 2610 - 13th Street. Two-story, three-bay, brick: cast iron pilasters; terra cotta string course and cartouche; embossed tin ceiling on interior. 1919. Contributing.
3. Jo Fran Building, 1302 - 1306 27th Avenue. One-story, false stone. Three storefronts. Rebuilt 1950's. Shares common facade with building #4. Ca. 1925. Marginal.
4. Karl's Jewelry, 1308 - 27th Avenue. Two-story, two-bay, false stone. Shares common facade with building #3. Ca. 1930. Marginal.
5. N. & F. Hewes Building, 1310 - 27th Avenue. Four-story, eight-bay, brick: arched two over two windows with keystones on second and third stories. 1903. Contributing.
6. J. C. Clower Furniture Company Annex, 1312 - 27th Avenue. Two-story, two-bay, brick: stone lintels over windows; terra cotta string course; dentil course; quoins. Ca. 1905. Contributing.
7. 49 Trading Post, 1316 - 27th Avenue. One-story, two-bay stuccoed brick. 1928. Contributing.
8. Evans Used Furniture, 1318 - 1320 27th Avenue. One story, two-bay, stuccoed brick: stepped parapet; dentil course; transom windows still exposed on one of two rebuilt storefronts. Ca. 1925. Contributing.
9. O'Neal Building, 2615 - 2615 14th Street. Three-story, six-by-two bay, stuccoed brick: terra cotta string courses; pilasters; dentil course. 1912. Contributing.
10. M. Salloum's Department Store, 2601 - 14th Street. Two-story, six-by-four bay, brick: concrete sills, hood molds, and architrave; galvanized metal cornice; marquee. Venetian Gothic. 1903. Pivotal.
11. J. C. Clower Furniture Company, 1317 - 26th Avenue. Two-and-one-half story, five-bay, brick: concrete sills, hood molds and architrave; galvanized metal cornice; marquee Venetian Gothic. 1903. Pivotal.
12. Old First National Bank Building 1301 - 1311 26th Avenue. Two story, eight-by-three bay, brick: flat roof with parapet; concrete window sills and molding; architrave; galvanized metal cornice. Six storefronts. Beaux Arts. 1903. Pivotal.

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13. Store, 2602 - 2608 13th Street. Two-story, three-bay brick: flat roof with parapet; concrete sills, hoodmolds, and architrave; galvanized metal cornice; marquee. Three storefronts; Venetian Gothic. 1903. Pivotal.
14. Vacant Building, 1304 - 26th Avenue. Two-story, six-bay, brick: flat roof with low parapet; galvanized metal cornice; arched one-over-one windows. Ca. 1900. Pivotal.
15. Woolworth Store, 1306 - 26th Avenue. Two-story, stuccoed brick: flat roof with parapet; terra-cotta panels on parapet of north building; four-over-two windows with transoms on south building, one-over-one windows on north building. Ca. 1920. Contributing.
16. Paramount Theatre, 1312 - 26th Avenue. Two-and-one half story, brick: flat roof with parapet; decorative stone courses; central cartouche; casement windows; marquee. Ca. 1920. Contributing.
17. Gulf Coast Fitness Center, 1316 - 26th Avenue. Two-story, two-bay, stuccoed brick: five arched windows on second story. Ca. 1925. Contributing.
18. Old Jones Bros. Drug Company Building, 2511 - 2517 14th Street. Two-story, brick: molded terra cotta fascia; quoins; pilasters. Ca. 1905. Contributing.
19. Hewes Building, 2505 - 14th Street. Five-story, four-bay, brick: flat roof with parapet; galvanized metal cornice; concrete quoins, lintels, sills, and string course. Commercial Georgian Revival. Ca. 1905. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places on 10/7/82. Pivotal.
20. M. Salloum's Toggery, 2501 - 14th Street. Two-story, seven-by-four bay, brick: flat roof with parapet and galvanized metal cornice; concrete quoins, lintels, sills, and string course; two-over-one windows. Commercial Georgian Revival. Ca. 1905. Pivotal.
21. Household Finance, 1315 - 25th Avenue. Two-story brick. Covered by modern glass and false metal facade. Ca. 1930. Marginal.
22. Krogstad Law Offices, 1313 - 25th Avenue. Two-story, two-bay brick: molded cornice pilasters; modern enclosed balcony on second floor. Ca. 1920. Contributing.

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23. Sun Coast Travel, 1307 - 1311 25th Avenue. One-story, brick: door openings on either end; molded terra cotta parapet and cartouches. Ca. 1925. Contributing.

24. Old State Bank of Gulfport Building, 2500 - 13th Street. Three and one-half story, four-by-three bay, brick: concrete parapet, frieze, architrave, capitals, pilaster and sills; galvanized metal cornices. Metal siding above marquee. Beaux Arts. Ca. 1909. Pivotal.

25. Laverne's, 2502 - 13th Street. One-story, two-bay, brick: molded parapet; pilasters Modern enlarged storefront. Ca. 1930. Contributing.

2500
14th St.
26. Old Hancock Bank, One Hancock Plaza. Eight story brick and ashlar; flat roof with parapet; seventh floor balcony with blind arcade; entrance with columns in antis. Street clock on corner of building. Neo-classical. 1928. Pivotal.

27. Hewes-Martin Building, 1413 - 1415 25th Avenue. Two-story, eight-bay, brick: decorative string courses; "frontispiece" entrance with pediment. Two storefronts. Ca. 1925. Contributing.

28. Bargain Annex, 1417 - 25th Avenue. One-story, three-bay, brick. Ca. 1930. Contributing.

29. Sand Theatre, 1410 - 25th Avenue. Two-story, two-bay, brick: dentil course; flat roof with parapet. Ca. 1925. Contributing.

30. Ideal Shop, 2424 - 14th Street. One-story, stuccoed brick: flat roof with parapet. 1925. Contributing.

2416 -
31. Saddle Horn, ~~2410~~ - 2418 14th Street. One-story, two-bay, brick. Two storefronts. False metal facade. Marginal.

2410 -
32. Tux & Tails, ~~2416~~ - 2412 14th Street. Two-story, three-bay, painted brick: stepped parapet; concrete sills and lintels; transom over each of three sets of triple windows. 1920. Contributing.

33. Franke, Rainey, and Salloum, Attorneys-at-Law, 2408 - 14th Street. One-story, brick. 1970's. Non-contributing.

34. Austin's, 2406 - 14th Street. One story, two-bay, stuccoed brick. False metal facade. Marginal.

35. Northrop Building, 2404 - 14th Street. Two-story, five by seven-bay, brick: terra cotta parapet coping; dentil course. 1922. Contributing.

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36. Ellis Salloum's, 1411 - 24th Avenue. Two-story brick. Rebuilt brick facade. Ca. 1930. Marginal.
37. South Central Bell, 1415 - 24th Avenue. Two-story, three-bay brick: six over six, flat-arched windows with keystones; round-arched concrete door opening; Ca. 1925. Contributing.
38. Dixie Press, 1417 - 24th Avenue. One-story, two-bay, stuccoed brick: mission tile shingle roof. Ca. 1930. Contributing.
39. Shannon Waller, Jr., Law Offices, 1421 - 1423 24th Avenue. One-story, two-bay brick. Non-contributing.
40. O'Neal Bonding Company, 1425 - 24th Avenue. One-story, two-bay brick. Non-contributing.
41. Raiford L. Pittman, Attorney-at-Law, 1503 - 24th Avenue. One-story, two-bay brick. Non-contributing.
42. Vacant building 1507 - 24th Avenue. One-story, brick. Non-contributing.
43. Earl A. Owen Building, 1509 - 24th Avenue. One-story, two-bay, brick. Non-contributing.
44. Gulf South Insurance and Mortgage, 1511 - 1513 24th Avenue. One-story, two-bay stuccoed brick. Two storefronts. Ca. 1935. Non-contributing.
45. Gulfport City Hall, 2309 - 15th Street. Two-story, stuccoed brick: gable roof; galvanized metal cornice; six-over-six windows with transoms; two story portico with colossal columns; side and rear pavilions. Colonial Revival. 1906. Pivotal.
46. First United Methodist Church, 2301 - 15th Street. Two-story, brick and ashlar: high basement; flat roof with parapet and dome; entrance colonnade; side pavilions; stained glass windows and large interior dome; entrance steps with cheek blocks and lamps. Beaux Arts. 1912. Pivotal.
47. City Hall Annex, 1410 - 24th Avenue. Two-story, four-bay, stuccoed brick: terra cotta parapet coping; large rectangular terra cotta panel in parapet bordered with egg-and-dart. Ca. ~~1930~~. Contributing.

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48. Hatten Building, 2314 - 14th Street. Three-story, brick: flat roof; rounded corners; smooth wall finish. Art Moderne. Ca. 1940. Contributing.
49. Security Savings (Markham Hotel), 2301 - 14th Street. Eight-story, ashlar and stuccoed brick: terra cotta cartouche in pediment and terra cotta string courses; glassed in ballroom on top; wood molding in lobby with modillions and dentil course. 1926. Contributing.
50. Helen's Coffee Shop, 2313 - 14th Street. Two-story, two-bay, stuccoed brick: flat roof with parapet. Ca. 1930. Contributing.
51. Abstract Building, 2317 - 14th Street. Three-story, two-bay, brick: three story side and front addition. 1910. Marginal.
52. Vacant Service Station, 2321 - 14th Street. One-story, stuccoed brick: Spanish tile roof. Ca. 1935. Contributing.
53. Dollar General Store, 2401 - 14th Street. Two-story, five-bay brick: pilasters; two sets of triple flat-arched windows on second floor with keystones; two sets of double windows framed with terra cotta; single arched window in center; unadorned parapet. Ca. 1905. Contributing.
54. A. G. Edwards, 2409 - 14th Street. One-story, brick. Modern remodeled facade. Ca. 1925. Marginal.
55. Besse Jewelry, 2413 - 14th Street. One-story, two-bay, brick: flat roof with parapet; dentil course. Ca. 1925. Contributing.
56. Clay's Office Supply, 2417 - 14th Street. One-story, brick. Modern stucco facade. Marginal.
57. Huber Jewelers, 2419 - 14th Street. Two-story, two-bay, brick: two three over one windows on second story; flat roof with parapet. Ca. 1920. Contributing.
58. Anderson's, 2421 - 14th Street. Two-story, two-bay, brick. Modern glass facade. Ca. 1920. Marginal.
59. Store, 2423 - 2425 14th Street. One-story, brick. Two storefronts: one side has two transom windows above awning; other storefront covered by modern clapboard. Ca. 1925. Marginal.

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- 60. Triplett-Day, 2429 - 14th Street. One-story, brick. Covered by modern cast concrete facade. Ca. 1910. Marginal.
- 61. Coast Hardware, 1314 - 25th Avenue. Two-story, brick: flat roof with parapet; terra cotta coping on parapet. Ca. 1915. Contributing.
- 62. Hewes Brothers, 1310 - 25th Avenue. Two-story brick: terra cotta parapet coping and cartouche. Ca. 1915. Contributing.
- 63. The Depot (L & N Railroad Station), 1419 - 27th Avenue. One-story, brick: L-shaped; hip roof with six-foot overhang: flat roof with parapet on central section; galvanized metal cornice and terra cotta lintels on central section. Ca. 1904. Pivotal.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF BUILDINGS IN HARBOR SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

12	11	Pivotal	17%
32	23	Contributing	52%
12		Marginal	19%
7		Non-	
		Contributing	11%
0		Intrusions	0%
<hr/>		63	TOTAL Number of Buildings

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		
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Specific dates N/A Builder/Architect N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Harbor Square Historic District represents a substantial portion of the City of Gulfport's original central business district. As such, it is an enclave of well preserved commercial architecture dating from the turn of the century through the mid-1930's. In this way it provides a visual record of the development of Gulfport's downtown literally from its first days. Although many buildings have been altered, very few have been lost; hence, the Harbor Square Historic District retains in scale and appearance much of its original character.

Unlike other towns along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Gulfport is a twentieth century city whose beginnings are that of a railroad town. In 1854 the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad obtained a charter to build a road from Jackson to the Gulf Coast. The Civil War and its aftermath, however, caused the railroad to be abandoned until the 1880's when William H. Hardy (the founder of Hattiesburg, Mississippi) assumed control of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad and selected the site of present-day Gulfport as its southern terminus. The land on which downtown Gulfport is located was purchased from the Soria family for five dollars an acre in 1884 and platted and subdivided into streets and lots by the Union Investment Company. Since Gulfport was the location on the Mississippi Sound where the deep water of the Gulf of Mexico made its nearest approach to the mainland, Hardy envisioned the new city as a great lumber harbor for South Mississippi's yellow pine. By 1886 thirty-six and one-half miles of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad had been built southward from Hattiesburg, which was seventy miles north of Gulfport. The Union Investment Company lacked sufficient funds for further progress on the railroad, however, and bondholders brought suit against the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad in 1892.

Northern capital was soon lured to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, because of the abundance of the long leaf pine and the recognition of Gulfport's potential as an import and export city. The new town's attraction lay in the fact that a natural channel extended from its shore to the offshore barrier islands. Also, the site of Gulfport was equidistant (i.e., seventy miles) from the large port cities of New Orleans and Mobile. Further, navigation to and from Gulfport was accomplished with greater facility than either Mobile or New Orleans, where ships had to negotiate troublesome bays and rivers.

The individual most responsible for the growth of Gulfport, which was incorporated as a town in 1898 and made the seat of Harrison County Government in 1902, was Joseph T. Jones, an easterner whose Bradford Construction Company picked up the reins of the financially troubled Gulf and Ship Island Railroad in 1895. Jones spearheaded the completion of the railroad from the Gulf Coast to Jackson by 1900 and set about with drive and capital to change the face of early Gulfport. He oversaw improvements to the harbor and the construction of a channel extending six miles south of Gulfport. The channel, twenty-four feet deep and three-hundred feet wide, enabled larger ships to sail directly into Gulfport, thus enhancing the exportation of lumber. Because of this fact, 293,000,000 feet of lumber was shipped from Gulfport by 1906, making it the largest lumber export city in the United States. The depletion of South Mississippi's yellow pine would end Gulfport's role in the world lumber industry by the time of American's entry into World War I, and by 1927 only 15,000,000 feet of lumber would be exported from the town's port. By that time, however, Gulfport's direct link to deep water and its proximity to South American ports made it a

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leading importer of perishable fruits, as it is today.

It was during this economic boom period extending until World War I that Gulfport established itself as the Gulf Coast's leading center for commerce and trade. It was also during this period that the most significant architectural resources of the harbor Square Historic District were constructed. In 1902, the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad Office Building was built. Today hidden behind a false metal facade, this three-story Renaissance Revival Building is one of downtown Gulfport's finer commercial structures. In 1903, the so-called Durham Buildings were constructed - a square of brick commercial structures between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets and Twenty-Sixth and Twenty-Seventh Avenues. Together the Durham Buildings provide much of the architectural character of the Harbor Square Historic District. Three of the buildings - the J. C. Clower Furniture Company, M. Salloum's Department Store, and the building at 2602 - 13th Street - are excellent examples of the Venetian Gothic style. Another of the buildings, the Old First National Bank Building, is a fine Beaux Arts structure. Other notable structures among the district's original buildings are: N. & F. Hewes Building (1903); L & N Railroad Station (1904); Hewes Building (1905); Salloum's Toggery (Ca. 1905); and, Old State Bank Building (Ca. 1909). With the exception of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad Office Building, none of the aforementioned structures have undergone major alterations. Because of this fact, much of the architectural significance of the Harbor Square Historic District is retained.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 26 acres

Quadrangle name Gulfport South, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification The Harbor Square Historic District includes the following property as laid out in the original survey of Gulfport contained in the records of the Chancery Clerk of Harrison County, Mississippi: Lots 1-14, Block 159; Lots 13-24, Block 181; Lots 1-8 and 35-36, Block 180; Lots 1-24, Block 177; Lots 1-24, Block 178;

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert J. Bailey

organization Preservation Consultant date December 6, 1984

street & number 914 Wanda Place telephone (601) 868-7157

city or town Gulfport state Mississippi

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 Kenneth H. P. Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date June 25, 1985

For NPS use only

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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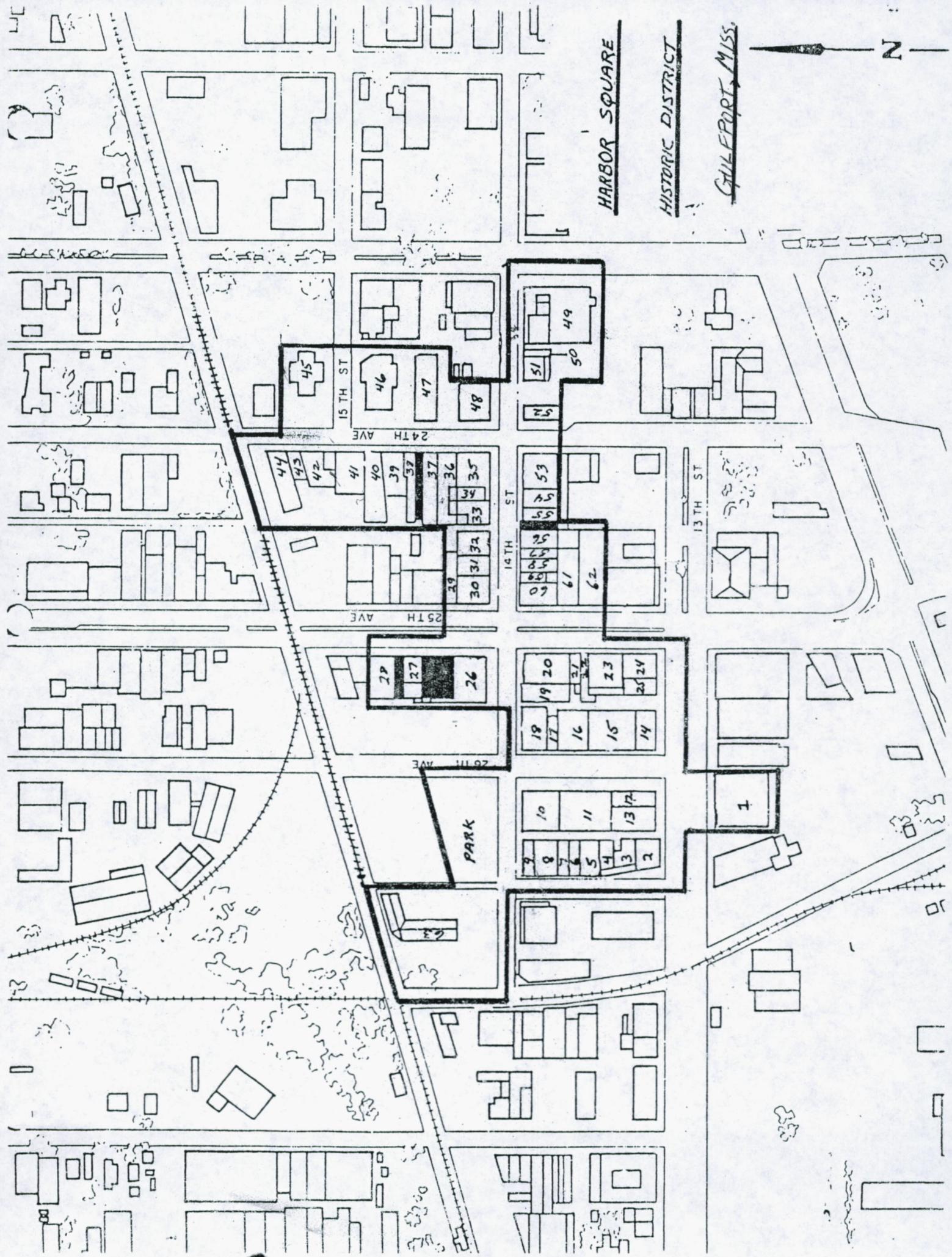
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HARBOR SQUARE

HISTORIC DISTRICT

GULFPORT, MISS.



15 TH ST

24 TH AVE

25 TH AVE

14 TH ST

13 TH ST

26 TH AVE

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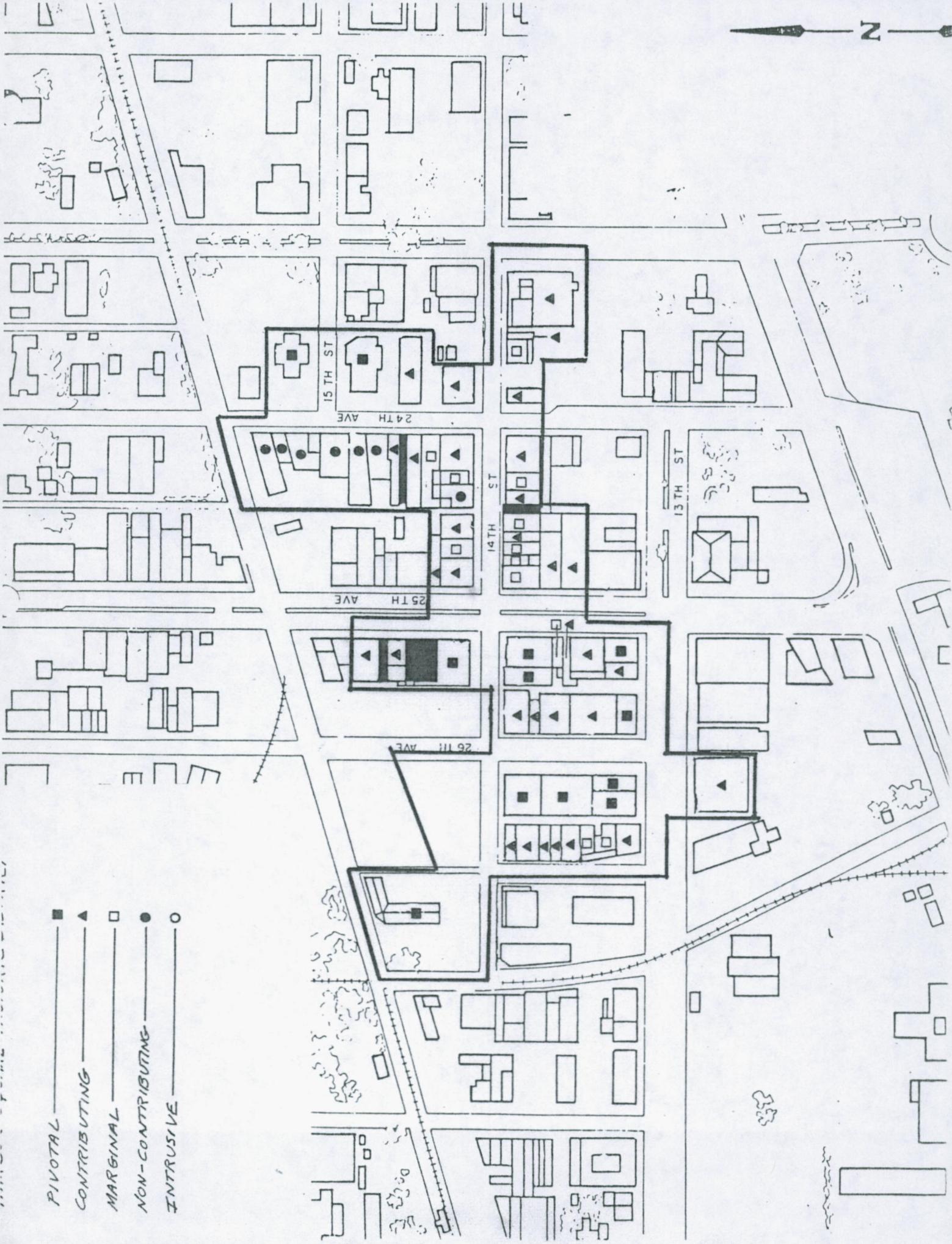
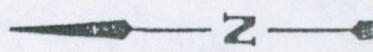
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BARBER HARDWARE (#2)

Harbor Square Historic District
Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi

Barber Hardware (#2),
View from the West

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N. & F. HEWES BUILDING (#5),
VIEW FROM THE WEST

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N. & F. Hewes Building (#5),
View from the West

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J. C. CLOWER FURNITURE CO. ANNEX (#6),

VIEW FROM THE WEST

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J. C. Clower Furniture Co. Annex (#6),
View from the West

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O'Neal Building (#9),
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O'Neal Building (#9),
View from the Northwest

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M. Salloum's Dept. Store (#10),

View from the East

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M. Salloum's Dept. Store (#10),
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J. C. CLOWER FURNITURE CO. (#11)

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J. C. Clower Furniture Co., (#11)
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OLD FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING (#12),

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Old First National Bank Building (#12),
View from the South

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Store, 2602-2608 - 13th Street (#13),
View from the South

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VACANT BUILDING, 1304 - 26TH AVENUE (#14),

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Vacant Building, 1304 - 26th Avenue (#14),
View from the West

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Paramount Theatre (#16), View from the West

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HEWES BROS.
DRY GOODS. CLOTHING. SHOES. HATS

Delta Computer Systems

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HEALTH
FOODS

GULF
COAST
GYM



OLD JONES BROS. DRUG CO. (#18),
Harbor Square Historic District
Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi

Old Jones Brothers Drug Co. (#18),
View from the Northwest

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Hewes Building (#19)
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Hewes Building (#19),
View from the Northeast

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SALLOUM'S TOGGERY (#20)
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Salloum's Toggery (#20),
View from Northeast

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Laurence's
SHIRT & HAT

Hand
SEWING
MART

SUN COAST TRAVEL



OLD STATE BANK OF GULFPORT (#24)

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Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi

Old State Bank of Gulfport (#24),
View from the Southeast

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OLD HANCOCK BANK BUILDING (#26),
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Old Hancock Bank Building (#26),
View from the South

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HAWES-MARTIN BUILDING (#27)

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Hewes-Martin Building (#27),
View from East

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Harbor Square Historic District
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Northrop Building (#35),
View from the Southeast

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GULFPORT CITY HALL (#45),

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Gulfport City Hall (#45),
View from the Southeast

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (#46),

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First United Methodist Church (#46),
View from the Northwest

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DOLLAR GENERAL STORES

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Sale

Dollar General Store (#53),

Harbor Square Historic District
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Dollar General Store (#53),
View from the North

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THE DEPOT

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The Depot (#63),
View from the South

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LOOKING TOWARD WEST SIDE OF 26TH
STREET.
Harbor Square Historic District
Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi

Looking toward West side of 26th Avenue
from corner of 14th Street, Buildings #10,
11 and 12.

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LOOKING TOWARD EAST SIDE OF 26TH AVENUE
FROM CORNER OF 13TH STREET.

Harbor Square Historic District
Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi

Looking toward East side of 26th Avenue
from corner of 13th Street.
Buildings #14, 15, and 16.

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LOOKING TOWARD SOUTH SIDE
Harbor Square Historic District
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25th Avenue.

Looking toward South side of Fourteenth
Street from corner of 25th Avenue

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