



# Historic Sites Survey

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Depot is a one-story, rectangular building with irregular fenestration located immediately east of the railroad tracks. Building has gable roof with wide eaves and wide pent roofs on the gable ends. North gable end is four bay with centered two-over-two double-hung sash windows flanked by a pair of single doors with transoms. Fenestration on the track side of the ticket office includes two one-over-one double-hung sash, three single doors with transoms, a four-bay window and two freight doors located at the southern end freight loading/warehouse area. Fenestration on the eastern elevation is equally irregular. Present building differs from original construction which had hipped roof, jerkinhead dormer with stick-style accents, one chimney in the waiting room, and various stick-style elements.

## ALTERATIONS:

Roof changed after 1915.

## OUTBUILDINGS:

None

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Built on grassy median originally maintained by railroad and located between East and West Railroad Avenues.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Depot is a significant building within the context of Magnolia's historic resources. Built soon after the devastating Main Street fire of 1893, The Depot served as the city's transportation hub during its turn-of-the-century resort heyday. As the railroad was the link between New Orleans, Magnolia, and Jackson, The Depot was the real and symbolic entranceway. Architecturally, The Depot is a one-story, rectangular, sturdy and well-preserved building, which follows the waiting room/ticket office/warehouse floor plan of many other Mississippi depots. Although the building was altered after 1915, it still retains many turn-of-the-century picturesque features, such as the shingled-gable ends, the irregular fenestration (including a bay window) and the geometrically-placed transoms and upper sashes.

NAME: The Depot

STREET NO: 101 East Railroad Avenue

TOWN/VIC: Magnolia

COUNTY: Pike

BLOCK/LOT: 15

PRESENT OWNER: Thad Leggett III  
 ADDRESS: 205 East Myrtle Street  
 Magnolia, Mississippi 39652

PRESENT USE: Antique Store

FORMER USE: Railroad Depot

DATE: Ca. 1895

STYLE: Original style: Queen Anne/Stick Style  
 Present style: Modified Queen Anne

ARCH/BUILDER: Unknown

SOURCE OF DATE: Local knowledge, built after  
 fire of 1893

ENVIRONMENT: Located in the middle of "Main  
 Street"

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

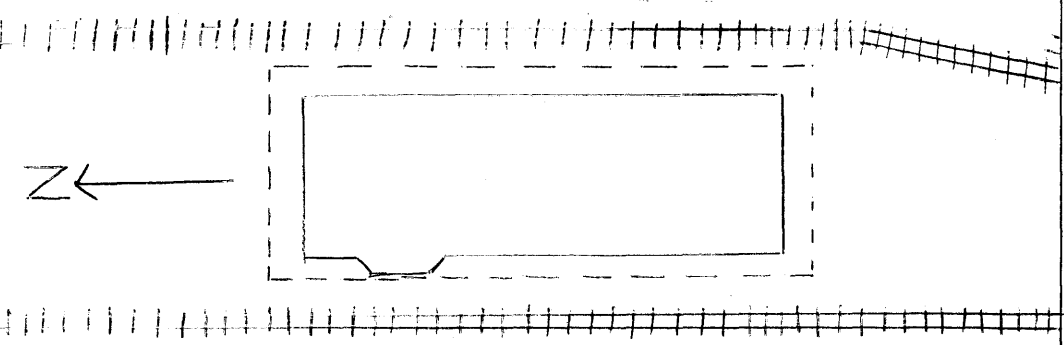
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SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:



PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

None

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Parcel No. 300107-A  
63 E.W. x 400 N.S. Block 15

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF: This UTM corresponds to site "P" on the quad map.

A	1 5	7 4 2 3 7 5	3 4 4 8 1 5 5
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
C			
B			
	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
D			

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The Depot, 101 East Railroad, view to the  
southwest

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