

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Merrill-Maley House

and/or common same

## 2. Location

street & number 739 North State Street N/A not for publication

city, town Jackson N/A vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Mississippi code 28 county Hinds code 049

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Robert H. Canizaro, et al.

street & number 733 North State Street

city, town Jackson N/A vicinity of state Mississippi

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hinds County Chancery Court Building

street & number 316 South President Street

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moveddate N/A

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Two-and-a-half-story frame residential structure located in mixed-use neighborhood in Jackson, Mississippi. Symmetrical, three-bay composition with central portico, giant order Corinthian columns and pilasters supporting an entablature and ballustrade. Tile roof with hipped dormers. Original three-part windows altered 1945 by commercial show-room bays on the first level. Entrance with glazed, double-leaf door, side lights and transom. Single-bay balcony supported by brackets. Center-hall plan, irregular single pile with rear service ell. Altered, yet restorable interior integrity.

The Merrill-Maley House is located on an 80 feet wide by 160 feet deep mid-block on the west side of North State Street approximately six blocks north of Capitol Street and the Old Capitol Building. The site is bordered along State Street on the south by a small two-story office building, on the north by a full depth one-story doctors' building. An eight-story modern hotel is directly across the street. The Merrill-Maley House with the large live oak tree in the front yard forms a delightful counterpoint to this context.

The most dominant features of this two-story, wood frame, clapboard, Colonial Revival home are six Corinthian columns which support a portico centered in the facade. As the simple entablature returns to the body of the house, it is supported by a pair of pilasters matching the columns. Under this portico is the main entry which consists of full glazed double doors surrounded by side lights and transom with diamond pattern glass. Above the main entry is a small projecting balcony carried on four large brackets. This balcony is accessible by a full-glazed door flanked by double-hung side lights. The impact of this grand portico is diluted by single-story bays added in 1945 which flank the portico extending from the original facade to the line of the portico. These bays occupy the area which was originally a raised verandah extending the full width of the front facade. The porch was enclosed with a handsome turned balustrade which has been preserved and reinstalled atop the more recent construction. The windows of the addition also appear to have been reused from the original structure. These consist of a square light topped by a transom of diamond mullioned glass and double-hung side lights with top sections divided into diamond lights similar to the transom. The side lights are typical of all windows in the front portion of the house. Above the additions are two slightly projecting wide bay windows glazed in typical fashion. Below these windows are organically patterned carved wood panels. The hipped roof of this house is made from green glazed tile with exuberant tile finials at the top of the hips and above the numerous projecting hipped dormers. Three small symmetrically placed dormers grace the facade. The sides and rear facades are less elaborate in their detail but consistent in their reference. A continuous entablature is supported at the corners by simple pilasters. The deep eave above the entablature is decorated with evenly spaced brackets.

Entry to the house is through a large center stair hall. The stair rises along the south wall to a landing at about eight feet above the floor, a wide balcony across the back wall leads to a shorter run of stairs, now removed, which returned along the opposite wall to the second level. A broad brick fireplace with simple wood mantel is located below the landing opposite the entry. The fireplace is flanked by windows in walls which return to the north and south walls at a 45-degree angle. Above the fireplace at the balcony level is a window punched through the center of the chimney. The entry hall opens on either side by way of wide openings framed by large scale simply

## 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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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1907 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Merrill-Maley House is a site significant to the architectural history of Jackson, Mississippi (criteria C). It is a fine example of the Colonial Revival style characterized by the lavish use of giant order columns, overscaled and elaborately decorated fenestration, symmetrical composition and prominent roof. The popularity of the Colonial Revival style in the early twentieth century coincided with an era of unprecedented prosperity in Jackson which was developing into Mississippi's most important commercial center. Large and impressive Colonial Revival mansions characterized the architecture of State Street and reflected the wealth, taste and nostalgia of those who flourished in the pre-Depression economy. In the 1950s and 1960s, however, many of these expensive and old-fashion dwellings gave way to an expanding business district and were destroyed at an alarming rate. Of those to survive, the Merrill-Maley House is among the best in terms of integrity and excellence of original design.

The history of the Merrill-Maley House closely parallels the history of the street it faces. The lots along North State Street were subdivided beginning at the turn of the twentieth century. The land on which this house is located was subdivided in 1905. It was bought in 1907 by Philip S. Merrill, manager of the George B. Merrill & Bros. Lumber Company, who built a house for his family and their attendants. Lumbering was a mainstay of the early-twentieth-century economy in Mississippi. It is not surprising, therefore, that the second owner, Charles E. Maley, was also a lumberman. Maley migrated from his family home in Evansville, Indiana, to Jackson by way of Yazoo City, Mississippi, in pursuit of his trade. Mr. Maley's fortunes and those of his business, the Henry Maley Lumber Company, began to fall along with the prestige of North State Street. When he was forced to sell the house, it was bought by Mrs. Lucille Henderson, wife of a prominent Jackson physician, Dr. W. F. Henderson. Dr. Henderson was head of the Radiology Department at Mississippi Baptist Hospital. By the 1940s, the most desirable residential areas had moved away from the center of the city to the north. Commercial structures had begun to encroach on the once grand residential boulevard. Mrs. Henderson, upon her husband's death in the late 1930s, converted the lower floor of the house to a women's clothing shop. The family continued to live on the upper floor. During World War II, the house was the location of the Town Club, a social club catering to servicemen. In 1945, the Merrill-Maley House was converted into seven small apartments.

The structure remained an apartment building for the next thirty years, while many of the surrounding houses were demolished to make way for commercial structures. The house has gradually fallen into disrepair making the upper floor uninhabitable. The current owners have rented the building to an antique dealer who uses the ground floor as a showroom. The value of the property has again begun to rise as commercial property, due to the proximity to the Central Business District. The current owners believe that the Merrill-Maley House can become an economically viable property while serving as a reminder of the grand history that this house and street have seen. Alternative uses for the house including hotel, restaurant, and office facilities are being investigated.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Jackson City Directories 1910, 1914, 1916, 1928, 1935, 1942, 1945, 1948, 1953.

Hurt, Marshall, Half A Century With Jackson, 1889-1939 (Jackson: State National Bank, 1939).

## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Jackson, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

A parcel of land situated in lot 13 of Institute Survey J.N., according to the plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 1, at page 34.

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

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

name/title David H. Sachs, Architect

organization Canizaro Trigiani Architects date September, 1981

street & number 733 North State Street telephone (601) 948-7337

city or town Jackson 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Robert J. Smith*

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date March 15, 1982

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

Entered in the National Register

date 4/29/82

for *Delores Byer*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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### 7 - DESCRIPTION

detailed pilasters carrying a sympathetic pediment. Both openings have been modified to some degree. The cross axis is reinforced by matching openings framing a fire-place nook in the south parlor and a projecting window seat in the north parlor. Above the window seat is a series of diamond mullioned casement windows flanked by oval windows containing a bisected diamond pattern. The brick fireplace with wood mantel in the south parlor is simple but impressive in its scale and proportion.

A wing extending behind the north parlor is less elaborately detailed and must have contained service functions. This wing, as well as the entire upper floor, has been substantially altered in the conversion to use as an apartment house. In this conversion, the rear wing was extended and another two-story wing was added behind the south parlor opposite the existing wing. The materials and scale of these additions are in harmony with the original house.

### 9 - MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McCain, William D. The Story of Jackson; A History of the Capital of Mississippi, 1821-1951. (Jackson: J. F. Hyer Publishing Company, 1953).

Interviews With: Miss Charlotte Capers - Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Mrs. Claude Maley - Daughter-in-law of C. E. Maley.

Mr. Jesse Stubbs - Butler to the Maley Family.

Mrs. W. K. Hellmers - Daughter of Lucille Henderson.



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Merrill-Maley House

739 North State Street

Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi

Credit: Robert T. Canizaro

733 North State Street

Jackson, Mississippi 39201

March, 1982

View of east (facade) elevation, from  
southeast

Photo 1 of 4







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Entrance portico, from east

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Side (south) and rear (west) elevations,  
from southwest

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Side (north) elevation, from northwest

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