### **United States Department of the Interior** National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 82004895

Date Listed: August 30, 1982

Property Name: Canton Courthouse Square Historic District

County: Madison

State: Mississippi

none Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

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December 30, 2004 Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section7. Description

The buildings at 3342 and 3344 Liberty Street (formerly 124 and 128 North Liberty Street, respectively) are hereby changed to contributing resources to reflect the recent removal of a nonhistoric metal slipcover that obscured their historic features. The buildings now display their historic features and contribute to the significance of the district.

The Mississippi State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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

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

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historic Cant	on Courthouse	Square	Histor	ric Distric	t	
and/or common	same as above					
2. Loca	tion					
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**Representation in Existing Surveys** 6.

title Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined elegible? \_ \_ yes \_X no

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depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson

# 7. Description

#### Condition

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#### **Check one**

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

Check one

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X unaltered

Canton (pop. 10,503) is located in central Mississippi approximately 23 miles north of the state capital of Jackson. The town is on a wooded and relatively level site surrounded primarily by open farmland. The proposed Canton Courthouse Square Historic District comprises the commercially developed center of the community. The district is bounded on the east and south by the town's oldest residential sections and on the west and north by mixed commercial and residential areas.

The grounds of the courthouse square are crossed by concrete paths and are casually landscaped with several large oaks and magnolias. Encircling the perimeter of the square is a cast iron fence erected in 1858 and manufactured by T. T. Baker of Cincinnati. The ca. 1857 Greek Revival courthouse occupies the center of the square and is the visual focus of the district.

A majority of the buildings facing the square are simple turn-of-the-century commercial vernacular structures of one to two stories. However, their architectural character is enlivened by electic cornices, pediments, and window caps of galvanized metal. The remaining buildings are good local examples of the Italianate, Second Renaissance Revival, and Neoclassical Revival styles.

Of the fifty-two buildings in the historic district all are in relatively good structural condition, and only nine do not contribute architecturally to the district. All but one of the structures are of brick, and most retain their original architectural integrity.

The facades of the buildings around the square are flush with the concrete sidewalks which were originally laid in 1911. The streets in the district were not paved until the 1920's and are currently asphalt.

An architectural survey of the area covered by the Canton Courthouse Square Historic District was conducted during the spring and summer of 1980 by Lloyd Ostby, architectural historian, Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Research was done in the Department Library, the Madison County Public Library, and the Madison County Courthouse to determine the historic boundaries and significance of the district. Each building was then inspected and researched to establish its importance in the district. Interviews with property owners in the district and local historians supplemented the above-described research.

Boundaries of the proposed historic district have been delineated to include only those properties which physically border on the courthouse square. Although the courthouse square area is surrounded by several properties which may also be National Register eligible, the differing scale and nature of most of the structures in the adjacent areas, the increased number of intrusions found there, and the lack of visual association of these areas with the square make them inappropriate for inclusion in the Canton Courthouse Square Historic District.

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#### Inventory of Buildings in the District

The number for each building is keyed into the accompanying map. The historical name of a building is listed in parenthesis. The current occupant of each building is listed at the end of each description.

Contributing structures (C) are significant in the historic and architectural development . of the district, possess compatible design elements, and maintain the scale, use, and texture of the district. Marginal structures (M) are potentially contributing buildings of very recent historical or architectural significance or are buildings with historical facades that have been considerably, but not irreparably, altered. Non-contributing structures (N) disrupt the scale and texture of the district or have little or not historic or architectural significance.

- Madison County Courthouse. Ca. 1857. Greek Revival. Joseph Willis, Architect. Two-story seven-by-three-bay brick; low pitched roof with parapet; large central cupola with lantern; colossal tetrastyle Doric porticos on east and west facades; colossal Doric distyle in antis entrances on north and south facades with large tablet panels above; colossal pilasters divide bays on all facades; twelve-over-twelve windows. (C)
- 2. Chancery Clerk's Office. Ca. 1940. Vernacular. One-story nine-by thirteen-bay concrete; raised basement; flat roof. (N)
- 3. 102 W. Center. Ca. 1880. Italianate. Two-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof with parapet; oval attic vents; two-over-two windows with hood moulds; corner quoins. First story altered. James Restaurant. (C)
- 4. 108 W. Center. Ca. 1880. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick, vertical metal siding; flat roof; plate-glass windows on first story; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Hudson Pharmacy. (M)
- 5. 114 W. Center. Ca. 1940. Commercial vernacular. One-story two-bay brick and Cararra glass; flat roof; plate-glass windows. Robert L. and Beverly Goza, Attys. (N)
- 6. 118 W. Center. Ca. 1950. Commercial vernacular. One-story two-bay brick; flat roof; plate-glass windows; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Sandwich Shop. (N)
- 7. 124 W. Center. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay brick and wooden shingles; flat roof; wood-shingled shed porch over sidewalk. Golden's. (N)
- 8. 130-134 W. Center. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story five-bay brick; flat roof; metal shed porch over sidewalk; second story lost in 1976 tornado. Holiman's Sales and Service (130), Vacant (134).

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- 9. 140 W. Center. Ca. 1960. Commercial vernacular. One-story two-bay brick; flat roof; porch over sidewalk with flared roof. Axtell's. (M)
- 10. 146 W. Center (Canton Theater). Ca. 1940. Commercial vernacular. Three-story fivebay stuccoed brick; flat roof; hexagonal window on third floor; large theater marque. Vacant. (C)
- 11. 150 W. Center. Ca. 1930. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay wood; flat roof; shed awning over sidewalk. Holden's TV. (C)
- 12. 158 W. Center (Sulm's). Ca. 1904 Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof; metal porch over sidewalk; roof of original two-story porch also missing. Sulm's. (C)
- 13. 164 W. Center. Ca. 1970. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay brick; flat roof; front pent roof. Merle's Wigs. (M)
- 14. 168-174 W. Center. Ca. 1900. Italianate. Two-story five-bay brick; flat roof; twoover-two windows with hood moulds. Gulf Finance Loans (168), Canton Jaycees (170), Johnston's T.V. Service (174). (C)
- 15. 178 W. Center. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story two-bay brick and wood shingles; flat roof; galvanized metal cornice. Tower Loan. (M)
- 16. 184 W. Center (Spot Cash Store). Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story twobay brick; flat roof; galvanized metal cornice. Northside Package Store. (C)
- 17. 200-210 W. Center (Wohner's Corner; Molony's). Ca. 1896. Commercial vernacular. Two-story six-by-eleven-bay brick; flat roof with parpet; metal cornice; metal porch over sidewalk. Goodwill Industries (200); L.L. Maloney General Merchandise (204); White Rose Cleaners (210). (C)
- 18. 102-114 N. Liberty. Ca. 1890. Italianate. Two-story nine-by-nine-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; facade divided into three sections by quoins; attic vents; hood moulds over second-story windows (hood moulds removed from three windows of central section); metal shed awnings over sidewalk. Salvation Army (102), Money Mart (108), Life of Georgia (114), Haven Radio and TV (114). (C)
- 118-122 N. Liberty. Ca. 1890. Italianate. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; attic vents; over-sized casket forms canopy over second-story windows; two-over-two windows on second story; metal shed awning over sidewalk. Noble Insurance (118), Collins Wohner, Atty. (120), Josephine Hood, Atty. (122). (C)

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- 20. 124 and 128 N. Liberty. Ca. 1890. Commercial vernacular. Two-story five-bay brick with vertical metal siding; flat roof; large plate-glass windows on first story; flat metal awning over sidewalk. A. Saab Department Store. (N)
- 21. 132-138 N. Liberty. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story seven-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; four-over-four windows on second story; hood moulds over second story windows; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Kenwin Shop (132), CIT Finance (138). (C)
- 22. 146 N. Liberty. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick and stucco; flat roof with parapet; first-story brick arcade. John Christopher, Atty. (M)
- 23. 148 N. Liberty. Ca. 1930. Commercial vernacular. Two-story seven-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Sterling. (C)
- 24. 158 N. Liberty. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof; metal shed awning over sidewalk. Second story altered by plastering over windows. Vacant. (M)
- 25. 164 N. Liberty. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Three-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof; second-story windows with semi-circular arches; flat metal awning over sidewalk. First story altered. Roberts Insurance. (C)
- 26. 168 N. Liberty. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick covered with vertical metal siding; flat roof; large plate-glass windows on first story. Shelby Smith's Home Auto. (N)
- 27. 172-178 N. Liberty. Ca. 1920. Commercial vernacular. Two-story six-bay brick; flat roof with stepped parapet. Radio Shack (172), Morgan's Fabric Center (178). (C)
- 28. 202 N. Liberty. Ca. 1978. Late Georgian Revival. One-story four-by-four-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; arcaded fenestration; corner entrance. Citizen's Bank. (N)
- 29. 103 S. Liberty (First National Bank). Ca. 1893. Commercial vernacular. Two-story four-by-four-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; metal cornice; corner entrance and pediment. Mississippi Bank. (C)
- 30. 103-109 W. Peace (Levy Bldg.). Ca. 1930. Commercial vernacular. Two-story four-byfour-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; double one-over-one windows on second story. Apparel Shop (103); Central Mississippi Legal Services (107); Mighty Quick Loans (109) (C)

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- 31. 115 W. Peace. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof; second-story windows covered over; large plate-glass windows on first story flat metal awning over sidewalk. Buttross. (M)
- 32. 119 W. Peace. Ca. 1910. Victorian Romanesque. One-and-a-half-story two-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; two large arched windows on first story. Canton Bank annex. (C)
- 33. 127 W. Peace (Canton Bank). Ca. 1920. Neo-classical Revival. Two-story three-bay ashlar; flat roof with parapet and central cartouche; distyle in antis facade; tripartite windows. Canton Bank. (C)
- 34. 133 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story two-bay brick; flat roof; corbel course. First story altered. Canton Bank Loan Department. (C)
- 35. 137 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story one-bay brick; flat roof with parapet; metal cornice; rectangular attic vent. First story altered. Merle Norman Cosmetics. (M)
- 36. 141 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Eclectic. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and central semi-circular pediment; hood moulds over second-story windows. First story altered. Smart Shoes. (C)
- 37. 145 W. Peace. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay brick with vertical metal siding; flat roof with metal cornice; large plate-glass windows. Western Auto. (M)
- 151 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story two-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice; flat lintels over second story windows. First story altered. Western Auto. (C)
- 39. 155 W. Peace. Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. One-story three-bay brick with vertical metal siding on top half; flat roof with metal cornice; large plate-glass windows. Altered. Cato. (M)
- 40. 159 and 163 W. Peace (E & A Hesdorffer). Ca. 1906. Eclectic. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and central pediment; Palladian window on second story; metal shed awning over sidewalk. May's Food Market (159); Vacant (163). (C)
- 41. 165 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof with pediment; semi-circular arches over second-story windows. First story altered. Easy Finance Company. (C)

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- 42. 169 and 171 W. Peace. Ca. 1890. Eclectic. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and pediment; second-story metal window caps; metal balconet. Lyle Cotton Co. (169); Mosby's Drug Store (171). (C)
- 43. 175 W. Peace. Ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. One-story eight-by-eight bay brick with modern metal siding; flat roof; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Ben Franklin. (N)
- 44. 203 W. Peace (Iupe's). Ca. 1900. Eclectic. Two-story five-by-six-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and corner pediment; second-story metal window caps; corner entrance; flat metal awning over sidewalk. Iupe's Fiar. (C)
- 45. 101 N. Union. Ca. 1850; altered ca. 1900. Commercial vernacular. Three-story threeby-ten-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof with brackets and metal cornice; semi-circular arches over second and third-story windows with pronounced keystones and archivolt trim. First story altered. Gowdy's Jewelers. (C)
- 46. 107 N. Union (Perlinsky's). Ca. 1910. Commercial vernacular. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with parapet and pediment; large second-story central window with segmental arch. Perlinsky's. (C)
- 47. 111 N. Union (N. K. Baldwin). Ca. 1890. Eclectic. Two-story three-bay brick; flat roof with metal cornice and central pediment; metal window caps over second-story windows; flat metal awning over sidewalk. H & W Discount Groceries. (C)
- 48. 115 and 119 N. Union. Ca. 1890. Commercial vernacular. Two-story four-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof with parapet. Altered. 115 (upstairs, vacant); 119 Sherwin Williams (M)
- 49. 123 and 127 N. Union. Ca. 1890. Commercial vernacular. Two-story seven-bay wood; flat roof with wooden cornice and brackets; six-over-nine windows on second story. First story altered. Canton Bakery (123); Su-Perl Florest (127). (C)
- 50. 133-147 N. Union (Conwell/Trolio Hotel). Ca. 1869. Commercial vernacular. Twostory thirteen-bay stuccoed brick; flat roof; pilaster strips divide facade into three sections; four-over four windows with metal pediments over windows of end sections. Original third story burned. First story altered. Color Tyme TV Rental (133); Chandler O'Cain Barber Shop (137); Frances Parke Antiques (141); Joe W. Terry, M.D. (147). (C)
- 51. 157 N. Union. Ca. 1960. Commercial vernacular. One-story six-bay continuous-glass and brick. Noble's Drug Store. (N)

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#### 7 - DESCRIPTION

52. 175 N. Union (Post Office). Ca. 1910. Second Renaissance Revival. Two-story fivebay stucco; flat roof with parapet; stone frontispiece entrance. Post Office. (C)

# 8. Significance

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Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture X architecture art X commerce communications		science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater
Specific dates	N/A	Builder/Architect N/A	

#### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Along with the commercial centers of Oxford and Holly Springs, the Canton Courthouse Square Historic District is one of the finest architectural groupings in Mississippi of a central courthouse and square surrounded on four sides by commercial buildings. The architectural significance of the district is the result of an outstanding Greek Revival courthouse and the consistent quality and variety of an almost continuous , turn-of-the-century streetscape around the square. The courthouse square was laid out in the 1830's when the site of Canton was chosen in 1834 as the location for a permanent seat for Madison County.

Among the seven pre-Civil War courthouses remaining in Mississippi, the Canton courthouse is exemplary in its basically unaltered condition and use of major Greek Revival elements. This architectural integrity is evident in the Doric order of the tetrastyle porticos and the distyle in antis entrances, in the central cupola and lantern, and in the proportions and details of the second-story courtroom.

Exceptional among Mississippi courthouse squares is the wide range of materials and designs in the cornices, fenestration, and wall surfaces of the commercial buildings as well as the relatively few instances of major changes to these details. This diversity and good state of preservation are shown in the eclecticism of the metal cornice and window caps of Mosby's Drug Store (171 W. Peace), in the simplicity of the wooden building of the Canton Bakery (123 N. Union), and in the monumentality of the distyle in antis stone facade of the Canton Bank (127 W. Peace).

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# **10. Geographical Data**

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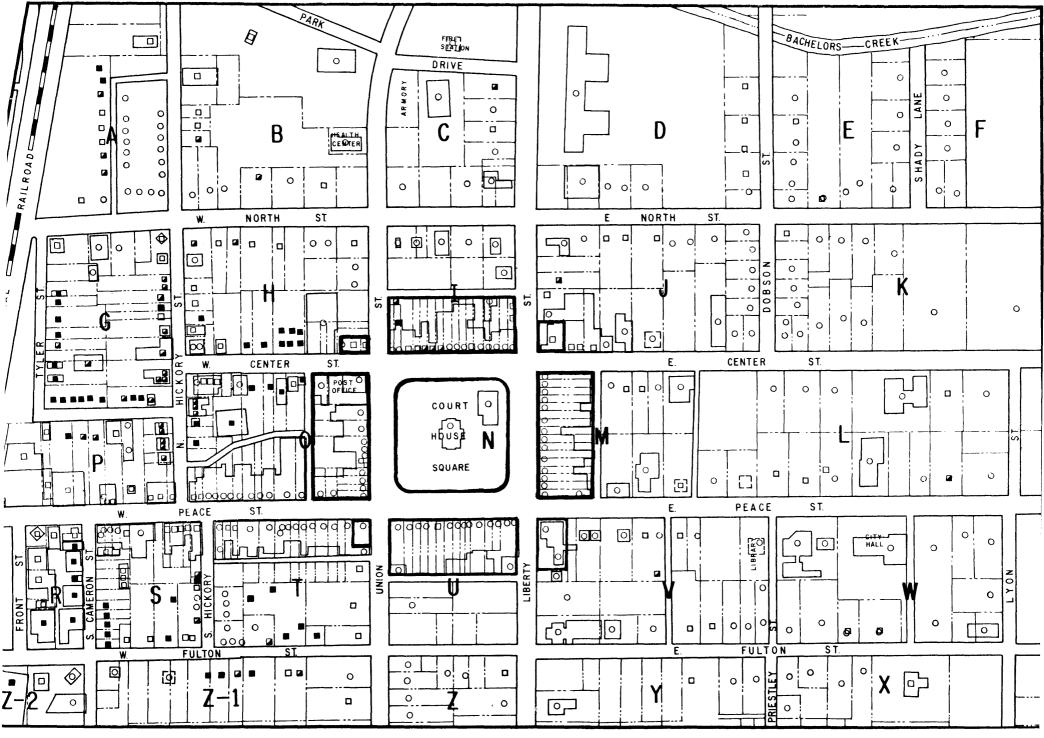
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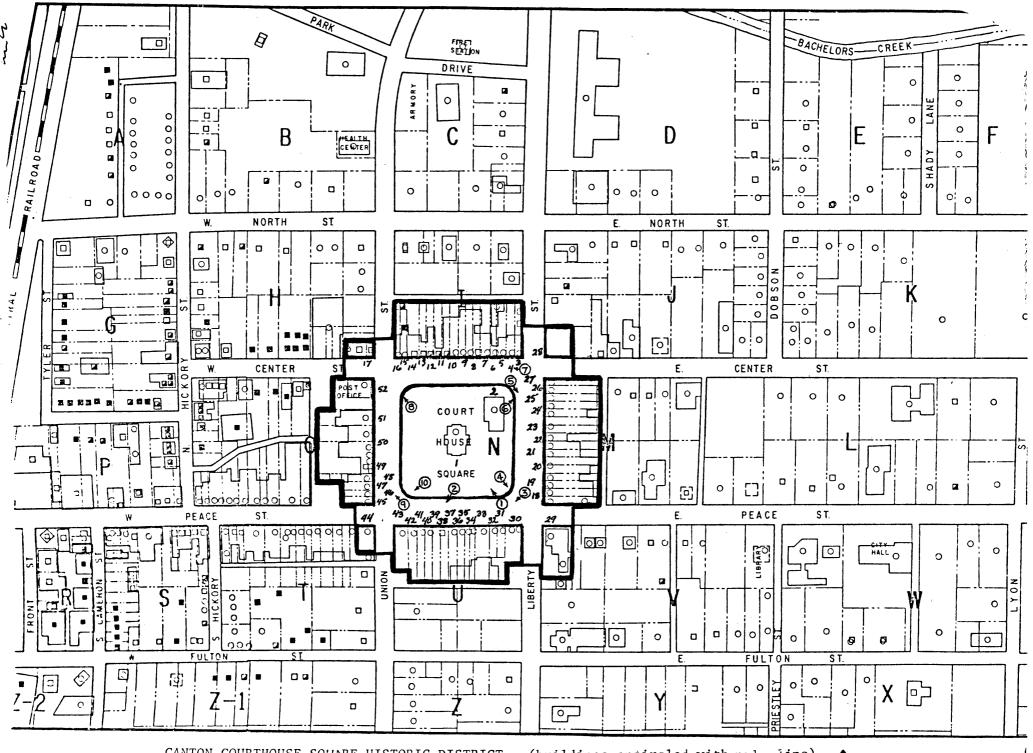
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CANTON COURTHOUSE SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT (b)

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CANTON COURTHOUSE SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT (buildings encircled with red line)



Canton Courthouse Square Historic District Canton, Mississippi Lloyd Ostby October 1980 Mississippi Department of Archives and History Madison County Courthouse South elevation, facing north.

#### Photo 1.



Canton Courthouse Square Historic District Canton. Mississippi Llovd Ostby October 1980 Mississippi Department of Archives and History Peace Street View to the southwest



Canton Courthouse Square Historic District Canton, Mississippi Lloyd Ostby October 1980 Mississippi Department of Archives and History Peace Street View to the southwest



Canton Courthouse Square Historic District Canton, Mississippi Lloyd Ostby October 1980 Mississippi Department of Archives and History Intersection of Peace and Liberty View to the southeast



- Canton Courthouse Square Historic District Canton, Mississippi
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- Mississippi Department of Archives
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- Liberty Street
- View to the southeast
- Photo 5



Canton Courthouse Square Historic District Canton, Mississippi Lloyd Ostby October 1980 Mississippi Department of Archives and History Intersection of Liberty and Center View to the northeast



- Canton Courthouse Square Historic District Canton, Mississippi
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