FORM No. 10-300
REV. (9/77)
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME
HISTORIC
AND/OR COMMON
Newton West Church Street Historic District

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
W. Church St.
CITY. TOWN
Newton
STATE
Mississippi
VICINITY OF
CODE
28
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Third
COUNTY CODE
Newton 101

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
X DISTRICT
BUILDING(S)
PRIVATE
STRUCTURE
PUBLIC
SITE
PRIVATE
OBJECT
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
IN PROCESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES: RESTRICTED
YES: UNRESTRICTED
NO

OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH

STATUS
X OCCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS

PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
COMMUNICATIONS
EDUCATIONAL
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT
GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRIAL
MILITARY
TRANSPORTATION
OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME
NAME
STREET & NUMBER
Multiple Ownership
CITY. TOWN
STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Office of the Chancery Clerk
Newton County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 68
CITY. TOWN
Decatur
STATE
Mississippi 39327

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
Statewide Survey of Historic Sites
DATE
1979
FEDERAL
STATE
COUNTY
LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
CITY. TOWN
Jackson
STATE
Mississippi
### West Church Street Historic District, Newton, Mississippi

West Church Street Historic District, Newton, Mississippi's historic neighborhood, comprises thirty-one architecturally significant residences. These dwellings are situated on both sides of West Church Street, and the tree-lined level grade of the street provides cohesiveness for a district which maintains the scale and density of its 1900-1930 building period. North and south of the district are more modern houses; east and west boundaries are marked by industrial and strip development.

Development of the district is reflected stylistically by the one-, one-and-one-half-, and two-story residences. Asymmetrically massed, frame Colonial Revival dwellings were constructed after the turn of the century on large lots, frequently separated by wide open spaces. Vernacular cottages and bungalows introduced some brick construction and tile roofs, and illustrate the district's later growth. A number of open spaces were filled, some lots were subdivided, and the neighborhood gained a continuity and a more urban character in the 1920s.

All of the houses are well maintained, and beautifully landscaped yards and parklike spaces are numerous. The district's only intrusion, a ranch-style house on the western border, has a very minimal effect on the character of the district.

### Buildings in the District

The three-digit numbers beginning each entry refer to street addresses on West Church Street.

1. **315. Built 1911. Colonial Revival. 2-story 3-bay frame dwelling with hip roof and double-tiered front facade gallery; Ionic columns on upper gallery.**
2. **401. Ca. 1905. Bungalow. 1-story 3-bay frame dwelling with pyramidal roof, exposed rafter-tails, and front gallery with square columns on brick pedestals.**
3. **403. Ca. 1928. Bungalow. 1-1/2-story frame dwelling; cross gables have projecting eaves with brackets and half-timbering.**
4. **405. 1931. 1-1/2-story 3-bay frame dwelling; gable roof with eyelid dormers. Central projecting pavilion has brick round-arch entrance surmounted by gently pitched gable.**
5. **407. Marginal contribution; see below.**
6. **409. 1930. 1-1/2-story picturesquely massed brick residence combining elliptical flat- and round-arch fenestration and multiple gables. Small gabled entrance hood carried on brackets.**
7. **411. Marginal contribution; see below.**
4 - OWNER OF PROPERTY

Thomas D. Brand
607 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Mary Farrell Kee
601 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

R. W. Bounds, Sr.
505 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Mrs. C. M. Knowles
302 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

M. E. Brooks
410 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

James M. Landrum
Route 2, Box 15
Magee, Miss. 39111

Lucille S. Brown
602 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Henry G. Lewis, Jr.
502 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Albert B. Carr
611 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Cornelia Watts Logan
315 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

James L. Clark
600 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Eloise Majure
411 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Frederick C. Dundas
400 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Mrs. James Mayfield
308 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Monte W. Edwards
407 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

T. R. McGehee
507 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

John Robert Henry
404 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Thelma B. McMullan
700 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Mary Allen Hewlett
503 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

George S. Monroe II
408 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Bobby L. Hollingsworth
304 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Mamie H. Powe
504 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345
4 - OWNER OF PROPERTY

Elizabeth H. Robelot
405 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Sidney T. Roebuck
508 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Chester L. Stanford
409 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Maxwell H. Stewart
403 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Ronnie G. Thrash
401 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Stuart Tune
306 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Jennie Jenkins Turnage
510 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Grace Thompson Walton
500 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345

Mrs. M. E. Walton
501 West Church Street
Newton, Miss. 39345
### 7 - DESCRIPTION


11. **507. Ca. 1930. Bungalow. 1-story 3-bay frame bungalow with broad bracketed gables. Lower front facade gable supported by posts on brick pedestals covers an open porch.**

12. **601. Ca. 1905. Colonial Revival. 2-1/2-story 3-bay picturesquely massed frame residence with 1-story hip-roofed gallery along front and side (east) facades. 2-story projecting end pavilion has jerkinhead roof with small Palladian window below.**


14. **611. Intrusion; see below.**

15. **302. Ca. 1905. Colonial Revival. 1-story 5-bay frame dwelling with pyramidal roof and hip-roof front (south) and side (east) gallery. Pyramidal-roofed polygonal projecting end pavilion.**

16. **304. Ca. 1905. Colonial Revival. 1-1/2-story picturesquely massed frame residence with multigabled roof. Hip-roofed gallery across front (south) and side (east) facades; polygonal bay on projecting gable-ended pavilion.**

17. **306. Marginal contribution; see below.**

18. **308. Ca. 1905. Colonial Revival. 1-story 3-bay frame residence with pyramidal roof and Ionic-columned front (south) and side (west) gallery. Front doors have oval beveled glass, transoms, and side lights.**

19. **400. Ca. 1905. Colonial Revival. 1-story 4-bay picturesquely massed frame dwelling. Gallery on front (south) and side (east facades) carried on Doric columns. Gabled sections have fish-scale shingles.**


23. 410. Marginal contribution; see below.

24. 500. Ca. 1905. Colonial Revival. 1-1/2-story 4-bay gable-on-hip-roof frame residence. Gallery on front and side (east) facades has been screened; gabled end pavilion with polygonal bay.


27. 508. Marginal contribution; see below.


Buildings Which Marginally Contribute to Character of the District


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7 - DESCRIPTION

17. 306. Ca. 1905. 1-1/2-story 3-bay gable-roof frame dwelling; front porch altered and extended to form garage.


Intrusions

14. 611. 1-story 5-bay hip-roof ranch-style residence with carport in end (western) bay.

9 - MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


Meridian [Miss.] Public Library. Subject files on Newton County, Mississippi.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Subject files on Newton and Newton County, Mississippi.

Newton's West Church Street Historic District is an architecturally significant residential neighborhood that documents the prosperity of this small rural railroad center during the early part of the present century. Its well-preserved picturesque examples of the Colonial Revival, vernacular, and bungalow styles display a timely collection of dwellings in a neighborhood setting unequalled in east-central Mississippi.

Development of the West Church Street neighborhood corresponded with the growth of Newton's commercial district following completion of the New Orleans, Mobile, and Chicago railroad in 1905. As a junction for two railroad lines, Newton grew in importance as a commercial and social center and was the location of several new industries. The influx of population and economic prosperity ca. 1905 demanded residential expansion and the West Church Street blocks were platted at that time. One chronicle of the era recorded that "during this period, more than 100 residences, ranging in price from $700 to several thousand dollars, were erected, aggregating a sum of something like $125,000" (George W. Bellar, comp. and ed., Newton, Mississippi [Newton: C. E. Cunningham, 1913], p. 2). Many of Newton's prominent citizens erected outstanding Colonial Revival residences on West Church Street. They include houses of Horace H. Watts (no. 1), Dr. J. H. Brown (no. 29), C. E. Cunningham, owner and editor of the Newton Record and a president of the State Press Association (no. 9), and J. C. McClinton, merchandise broker (no. 12). Several of the houses are still owned by the original families, a factor that further strengthens the district's special continuity of time, place, and tradition.
9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12 acres
QUADRANGLE NAME Newton, Miss.
UTM REFERENCES

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
A 1,6 2,9,5 1,4,0 3,5 7,8 2,2,0 B 1,6 2,9,6 1,1,0 3,5 7,8 0,6,0
C 1,6 2,9,5 6,0,0 3,5 7,8 1,1,5 D 1,6 2,9 6 1,3,0 3,5 7,8 0,0,0
E F
G H

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
Irregularly shaped area enclosed by the red line on the official 1979 plat of the Town of Newton.

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

ORGANIZATION Mississippi Department of Archives and History
STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 571
CITY OR TOWN Jackson

State Historic Preservation Officer Certification
THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

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

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer
DATE November 2, 1979

FOR NPS USE ONLY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION
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500 block West Church Street, south side, looking east
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