SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 80002284          Date Listed: 4/23/80

Columbus Central Commercial
Historic District
Property Name

Lowndes MISSISSIPPI
County State

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.

Amended Items in Nomination:

This nomination is amended to change the status of the following properties from contributing to non/contributing:

419 Main Street (Inventory No. 37 in nomination, currently Back Stage Music)--the historic facade, dating from 1930, has lost its marble facing, shaped parapet, and voussoir and keystone second floor window treatment;

109 5th Street South (Inventory No. 180, currently Jean Ann's Ladies Apparel Store)--the facade has been altered by the covering of the second story with cement asbestos panels, by the removal of the architectural glass facing of the first floor, and by the relocation of the entrance.

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  National Register property file
  Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)
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Columbus Central Commercial
Historic District
Property Name

Lowndes   MISSISSIPPI
County   State

N/A
Multiple Name

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Amended Items in Nomination:

This nomination is amended to change the status of the following property from contributing to non/contributing:

414 Main Street (Inventory No. 14 in nomination)--the building was gutted by a previous owner, leaving only the party walls, the front elevation, and portions of the back wall. Because of this extensive loss of historic fabric, the building can no longer contribute to the historic character and significance of the district.

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### 1 NAME

**HISTORIC**

AND/OR COMMON

Columbus Central Commercial Historic District

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### 2 LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

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**NAME**

Multiple Ownership

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### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**

Office of the Chancery Clerk  
Lowndes County Courthouse

**STREET & NUMBER**

501 2nd Avenue North

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### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE**

Some individual buildings are listed in the following  
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Mississippi Department of Archives and History

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Situated on a geological formation known as Pleasant Ridge overlooking the Tombigbee River, the Columbus Central Commercial Historic District contains over 170 architecturally and/or historically significant buildings. The proposed district is located at the point where Jackson's Military Road crossed the Tombigbee River -- a factor which greatly contributed to its early settlement and development. In addition to the numerous 19th and early 20th century structures located in the downtown area, the district's association with its past is further enhanced by the fact that the present street plan preserves the original grid design laid out by a legislative commission in 1821. The streets were laid out with varying right-of-ways; Main Street, the widest at one hundred twenty feet, Market Street (now 5th Street) at eighty feet, Washington Street (now 2nd Avenue South) at eighty feet, and others varying from sixty to forty feet in width.

The historical focal point of Columbus' commercial area was (and still is) centered on an axis formed by Main Street and 5th Street, although the commercial sector has expanded in subsequent years to include many former residences, most of which have been adapted to commercial use. The proposed commercial historic district possessed a high degree of continuity in both scale and architecture, and the majority of its buildings reflect historically and architecturally the period of greatest growth for the downtown area, the years between 1870 and 1920. Brick is by far the most common building material employed, but a sprinkling of stone and frame construction can also be found. The long rows of commercial structures along Main Street and 5th Street primarily mirror the heyday of the commercial Italianate period of the late 19th century with the buildings which were replaced or remodeled in the 20th century illustrating a decreased use of architectural ornament and an increased emphasis on functionalism. The most obvious visual contrast within the district is that of density of land use and activity, with the area of most intense density radiating from the central axis and gradually decreasing in density toward the extremes of the commercial enclave. Naturally, the tallest of the older buildings were located on or very near the central axis, a tradition which has normally been observed even by newer construction. Juxtaposing 19th and 20th century buildings within the proposed district produce a dynamic contrast between the past and present and create a unique perspective of the city's historical pattern of growth.

The Columbus Central Commercial Historic District is bordered on the south, the northeast, and the northwest by three residential districts -- the South Columbus Historic District (nominated to the National Register in June, 1979), the proposed North Columbus Historic District, and the proposed Factory Hill-Frog Bottom-Burns Bottom Historic District. These viable residential neighborhoods which surround the downtown area still tend to intermingle dwellings with commercial structures at the points where the two areas coalesce, as they have from the early years of Columbus' development. Most residential structures which are located on lots contiguous with commercial property have been converted to offices, forming a visual buffer zone between the areas of intense commercial development and the residential areas, which usually lie just across the street from the newly adapted offices. Since the former residences which now serve commercial purposes are considered by the community to be part of the commercial sector, proposed district boundaries have been delineated to conform with present land use as well as historical development patterns.
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1 NAME
HISTORIC
- Columbus Central Commercial Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
U.S. 82 and U.S. 45

CITY, TOWN
Columbus

STATE
Mississippi

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
X DISTRICT

OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
PRIVATE

STATUS
X OCCUPIED
X UNOCCUPIED
X WORK IN PROGRESS

PRESENT USE
X AgriculturEx Museum
X Commercial
X Educational
X Religious
X Entertainment
X Government
X Industrial
X Transportation
X Military
X Other

PUBLIC ACQUISITION
IN PROCESS

ACCESSIBLE
X YES: RESTRICTED
X YES: UNRESTRICTED

X NO

ACCESSIBLE

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
See continuation sheets

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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CITY, TOWN
Columbus

STATE
Mississippi

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Statewide Survey of Historic Sites

DATE
1973 -- 1979, inclusive

DEPOSITORY FOR
Survey Records
Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN
Jackson

STATE
Mississippi
Situated on a geological formation known as Pleasant Ridge overlooking the Tombigbee River, the Columbus Central Commercial Historic District contains more than 170 architecturally and/or historically significant buildings. The proposed district is located at the point where Jackson's Military Road crossed the Tombigbee River, a factor which greatly contributed to the area's early settlement and development. In addition to the numerous nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century structures located in downtown Columbus, the district's association with its past is further strengthened by the fact that the present street plan preserves the original grid design laid out by a legislative commission in 1821.

Proposed district boundaries have been delineated to conform with present land use as well as historic development patterns. The historic focal point of the commercial area was (and still is) centered on an axis formed by Main Street and 5th Street, although the commercial sector has expanded over the years to include many former residences, several of which have been adapted to commercial use. The downtown area today, as in its early years of development, is surrounded by viable residential neighborhoods which tend to intermingle dwellings with commercial structures at points where the two areas coalesce. Juxtaposed nineteenth- and twentieth-century buildings within the proposed historic district produce a dynamic contrast between past and present and create a unique perspective of the city's historic pattern of growth.

Inventory of Buildings in District

Buildings in the district have been classified as Contributing, Marginal, and Intrusion. Contributing buildings possess architectural and/or historical qualities adding to the significance of the district. Marginal buildings do not possess architectural or historical significance but their design is such as to be compatible with the older buildings, therefore not detracting from the district's architectural integrity. Intrusions do in varying degrees detract from the district's architectural integrity.

Buildings are Contributing except as noted.

1. Tuesday's [dance hall], 200 Main St. One-story four-bay brick: central garage-door opening; former auto-repair garage. Ca. 1940s.


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P. O. Box 1242
Columbus, MS 39701

2. James M. & Velma T. Trotter
P. O. Box 942
Columbus, MS 39701

3. George Jerden
Birchley Road
Columbus, MS 39701

4. See #3

5. T. A. McGahey Estate
P. O. Drawer 791
Columbus, MS 39701

6. See #5

7. See #5

P. O. Box 327
Columbus, MS 39701

9. Columbus Lodge SF & AM
c/o Glen Spitler
144 Beach Street
Columbus, MS 39701

10. See #5

11. C. A. Herndon
404 Main Street
Columbus, MS 39701

12. E. E. Frates
408 Main Street
Columbus, MS 39701

13. Mrs. J. D. Shields
17 Ridge Road
Concord, N. H. 03301

14. Mike Kerby, Jr.
Box 104
Columbus, MS 39701

15. Mrs. Robert S. Caldwell
1011 2nd Avenue North
Columbus, MS 39701

16. S. L. Thomasson, Jr.,
P. O. Box 1247
Columbus, MS 39701

17. Shirley Newsom
Army-Navy Dept. Store
420 Main Street
Columbus, MS 39701

18. Melvin Friedman
1700 Keswick Drive
Norfolk, VA 23518

c/o Paul Schneider
33 North Lasalle Street
Room 1927
Chicago, IL 60602

20. Birney Imes
P. O. Box 511
Columbus, MS 39701

21. See #20

22. Post Master
U. S. Post Office
534 Main Street
Columbus, MS 39701
23. First Methodist Episcopal Church  
P. O. Box 133  
Columbus, MS 39701

24. President  
Merchants & Farmers Bank  
624 Main Street  
Columbus, MS 39701

25. President  
First Columbus National Bank  
P. O. Box 231  
Columbus, MS 39701

26. U-Haul Co. of Mississippi  
U-Haul International  
P. O. Box 21501  
Phoenix, AZ 85036

27. Edmonson 66 Oil Co.  
2108 Hwy 82 East  
Columbus, MS 39701

28. Mrs. W. E. Roberts  
301 Main Street  
Columbus, MS 39701

29. Fred Harrison  
P. O. Box 869  
Columbus, MS 39701

30. Bill Brumley  
313 Main Street  
Columbus, MS 39701

31. Gilmer Motel Asso. LTD  
321 Main Street  
Columbus, MS 39701

32. Malco Cinema  
c/o Joe Keifer, Regional Manager  
219 Alabama Street  
Columbus, MS 39701

33. See #19

34. Bettie R. Linz  
948 Rollingwood Road  
Highland Park, IL 60035

35. See #8

36. Mrs. Katerine Searcy  
Mississippi Loan  
1016 2nd Avenue North 7 #19  
Columbus, MS 39701

37. See #8

38. Atwell C. Andrews  
P. O. Box 742  
Columbus, MS 39701

P. O. Box 449  
Columbus, MS 39701

107 Newbell Road  
Columbus, MS 39701

41. See #5

42. See #19

43. See #19

44. See #25

45. Union Lodge 35 100F  
c/o Tommy Morris  
P. O. Box 2304  
Columbus, MS 39701

46. Mayor, City of Columbus  
City Hall  
525 Main Street  
Columbus, MS 39701
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624 2nd Avenue North  
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49. See #48

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51. President  
National Bank of Commerce  
803 Main Street  
Columbus, MS 39701

52. Fred L. Foreman  
204 2nd Avenue North  
Columbus, MS 39701

53. Mrs. Irma B. King  
206 2nd Avenue North  
Columbus, MS 39701

54. Henry & Mary Richardson  
212 2nd Avenue North  
Columbus, MS 39701

55. See #54

56. See #54

57. Mrs. J. W. Pogue  
c/o Mrs. Charlie Gavin  
216 3rd Street North  
Columbus, MS 39701

58. W. V. West, Kenneth West &  
W. N. Haggard  
913 Tallaha Drive  
Columbus, MS 39701

59. See #47

60. Miss Bettie Jordan  
P. O. Box 449  
Columbus, MS 39701

61. John H. Holloman Estate  
P. O. Box 1102  
Columbus, MS 39701

62. Ben Owen  
(See Continuation Page 1  
P. O. Box 1001  
Columbus, MS 39701

63. Joe O. Sams, Jr.  
514 2nd Avenue North  
Columbus, MS 39701

64. Barristers Land Co.  
516 2nd Avenue North  
Columbus, MS 39701

65. Frank M. Leigh Trust  
2733 Wyngate Road, N. W.  
Atlanta, GA 30305

66. See #39

67. See #47

68. Mrs. Sarah L. Vaiden  
612 2nd Avenue North  
Columbus, MS 39701

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70. Radio Columbus, Inc.  
702 2nd Avenue North  
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71. Mildred K. Arnett  
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212 3rd Street South
Columbus, MS 39701

96. See #5

97. Kenneth R. Ropp
3210 Wisteria Drive
Columbus, MS 39701

98. Columbus Cable TV Corp.
P. O. Box 583
Columbus, MS 39701

99. Mrs. W. M. Bell
214 7th Street South
Columbus, MS 39701

100. Oleta W. Parker
P. O. Box 486
Columbus, MS 39701

101. See #100

102. See #48

103. See #48

104. George S. Hazard, et al.
916 College Street
Columbus, MS 39701

105. Corbell Oil Co., Inc.
Hwy 45 North
Columbus, MS 39701

106. J. Rigg Vaughn
703 2nd Avenue South
Columbus, MS 39701

107. Ken B. Fowler
P. O. Box 725
Kosciusko, MS 39090

P. O. Box 724
Columbus, MS 39701

109. Carney Realty Co.
116 5th Street North
Columbus, MS 39701

110. Thomas L. Hogan, Sr.
295 Pilewood Circle
Gulfport, MS

111. See #110

112. Brookshire Dairy Products
Box 1391
Columbus, MS 39701

113. See #112

114. See #112

P. O. Box 526
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117. Robert Lancaster
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151. Sadie B. Kerby
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153. Mrs. Lucille W. Stephenson
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154. J. H. Rodger
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155. Patsy M. McGahey
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156. Maurice S. Rubel
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1115 Park Circle
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158. Mary D. Smith & Frances Owen
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1718 Forest Hill Drive
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161. Kimble Crossley
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163. Princess Properties, Inc.
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164. Jimelu Wood
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165. Mrs. T. E. Patton
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166. M. L. Rosenzweig
504 6th Street North
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168. John M. Kaye
416 7th Street North
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169. Columbus Tool & Supply Co.
P. O. Drawer 564
Columbus, MS 39701

170. Mrs. Irene Marfield
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171. See #34

172. W. E. McClure
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173. Mrs. A. B. Kidder
c/o Mrs. Maurice Hemot
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176. Robert Engelhardt &
Leon Freeman
Old West Point Road
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177. Pentecostal Church of God
c/o Perkins O. Lawrence
324 5th Street South
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178. E. N. Beard
c/o Ruth's
P. O. Box 1081
Columbus, MS 39701

179. Jane W. & Roger W. Pryor
Pryor's Women's Wear Store
107 5th Street South
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180. Mrs. Frances F. Wilkins
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182. Merchants & Farmers Bank
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184. Mrs. Cecile Andrews
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187. W. C. Sullivan
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188. Louise H. Kaye, et al.
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189. E. L. Kuykendal
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190. John D. & Richard L. Laws
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195. Mrs. Edwina Lipscomb
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196. Clara S. Small
417 South College
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197. The Professional Center, Inc.
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198. Mrs. W. H. Crowe
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199. Carolyn B. Beard & Merry B. Newton
317 7th Street North
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200. W. E. Bearden, Jr.
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201. James A. Walters
401 7th Street North
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202. Carter & Jolley
P. O. Box 981
Columbus, MS 39701

203. Woodrow Neves & Mary Roberts
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204. The Presbyterian Church PCA
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206. First Baptist Church
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S. D. Lee Home & Property
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212. Thomas C. Harvey
610 2nd Street South
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213. Archie B. & Nina O. Gault
210 8th Street North
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214. M. S. Proffitt
1204 11th Avenue North
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211 9th Street North  
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| 222.        | Ted G. Hardin  
215 9th Street North  
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| *62.        | Philip Dean  
P. O. Box 295  
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7. The Style Shop and partly vacant, 318 Main St. One-story six-bay brick: corbeled cornice; vacant half has original wood-and-glass storefront; storefront of half covered by vertical-board siding. Ca. 1920.

8. Aetna Financial Services, 322 Main St. Two-story four-bay brick: segmental-arch windows; corbeled cornice; aluminum facade on first-story level. Ca. 1880.


16. The Furniture Center, 418 Main St. Two-story six-bay stuccoed brick: flat-arch windows; dentiled and corbeled masonry cornice; paneled parapet; enameled steel facades at present being removed. Ca. 1870.

17. Army-Navy Department Store, 420 Main St. Two-story three-bay brick: cast-iron pilastered storefront; molded brick panels; bracketed cast-iron cornice. Ca. 1870.
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### 18. Andrews Shoes, 422 Main St.

### 19. The Globe Credit Store, 424 Main St.
- Two-story three-bay brick: wooden storefront; central skylight window; corbeled cornice. Ca. 1880.

### 20. The Commercial Dispatch Advertising Office and WCBI Radio, 512 Main St.

### 21. The Commercial Dispatch, 516 Main St.
- Two-story six-bay stuccoed masonry: half of building has original cast-iron pilastered storefront, other half aluminum storefront; corbeled cornice. Ca. 1880.

### 22. U. S. Post Office, 524 Main St.
- Greek Revival. Two-story five-bay brick: English bond brick; central two-story recessed stuccoed portico supported by two square pilasters and two fluted Doric columns; gauged voussoirs on first-story windows; hip roof; square central belvedere. 1938.

### 23. First Methodist Church, 602 Main St.
- Romanesque Revival. Gable-roof brick sanctuary; round-arch windows with double lights; central square bell tower capped by octagon belvedere with needle-spire roof; corner buttresses on building and tower. 1860-18

### 24. Intrusion (see below).

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### 29. Elks Lodge, now used as offices, 309 Main St.
- Italianate. Two-story three-bay brick: hip-roof; segmental-arch windows and entrance; central round-arch window with hood mold; heavy bracketed cornice; full-width one-story verandah supported by rusticated brick pillars and Ionic columns; corner porch turret with low conical roof and finial. 1901.

### 30. Brumley's Sporting Goods and partly vacant, 313-317 Main St.
- One-story five-bay brick; aluminum, glass, and board-and-batten storefront sheltered by cantilevered shed roof; two-story two-bay section with shaped parapet. Ca. 1940.
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31. Marginal (see below).

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33. Columbus Electronics, 409 Main St. Two-story brick: glass and aluminum storefront applied facade covering three flat-arch windows and a shaped parapet. Ca. 1880.


35. Shank's Photo Service and CIT Loans, 413 Main St. Two-story four-bay brick: segmental-arch windows; corbeled cornice. Ca. 1800.

36. Main Street Hardware, 415-417 Main St. Two-story seven-bay brick: segmental-arch windows with hood molds; corbeled cornice. Ca. 1880.

37. First Industrial Loans, 419 Main St. Two-story three-bay brick: facade faced with marble; window openings have radiating voussoirs with keystone; shaped parapet. Ca. 1880. Facade ca. 1930.


41. McGahey Building [offices], 427 Main St. Late Renaissance Revival. Five-story five-bay brick: double-windowed bays separated by vertical brick bands; tall first story; rusticated sixth story with entresol windows; projecting cornice. 1905-1910.

42. McLellan Store [five-and-dime], 501 Main St. One-story three-by-two-bay stuccoed masonry; chamfered corner containing entrance; paneled walls; simple parapet. Ca. 1930.

43. First Columbus National Bank Building, now used as offices, 509 Main St. Late Renaissance Revival. Four-story (remodeled from six stories following a 1919 fire) three-bay brick: double-windowed bays; tall first story faced with stone; upper story bays defined by four three-story brick pilasters; building now covered by applied metal facade. 1905-1910.
Marginal (see below).

45. Odd Fellows Union Lodge Building {offices}, 515-523 Main St. Late Renaissance Revival. Three-story six-bay brick: tall first story faced in stone; paired bay in upper stories defined by four brick pilasters with stone capitals and bases; modillioned metal cornice; central roof parapet flanked by balustrades. 1906.

46. City Hall, 525 Main St. Georgian Revival. Two-story five-by-five-bay brick and stone: first story of rusticated ashlar stone with alternating round-arch and flat arch openings; second story of brick with flat-arch openings have radiating stone voussoirs; central, pedimented, three-bay pavilion with central stone balcony supported by consoles; truncated hip-roof. 1903.

Marginal (see below).

48. Intrusion (see below).


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52. 204 2nd Ave. N. One-story cross-gable-roof frame residence: clapboard siding; extended gable front; gable returns; shed-roof porch. 1915.

53. 206 2nd Ave. N. One-story cross-gable-roof frame residence; clapboard siding; extended gable front; gable returns; shed-roof porch now enclosed. 1915.

54. 208 2nd Ave. N. One-story gable-roof frame residence: clapboard siding; gable-front orientation; shed-roof side addition; full-width hip-roof porch. 1900-1905.


56. 212 2nd Ave. N. One-story gable-roof frame residence: clapboard siding; gable returns; hip-roof verandah. Ca. 1885.
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63. Joe Sams, Jr., attorney, 514 2nd Ave. N. Two-story five-bay brick: segmental-arch doors and windows on first story; flat-arch windows on second story; corbeled cornice. 1850s.


65. Leigh Building [offices], 524 2nd Ave. N. Two-story five-bay brick: flat-arch openings with wooden lintels. 1850s.

66. Marginal (see below).

67. Young Men's Christian Association, 602 Ave. N. Federal Revival. Three-story nine-bay brick: flat-arch windows; double-leaf entrances framed in recessed arches; two-story three-bay flat-roof portico supported by continuous square columns; gable roof with parapets; rusticated brick quoins. 1930.

68. 612 2nd Ave. N. Two-story gable-roof frame residence: clapboard siding; flat-arch windows; segmental-arch entrance with transom; one-story full-width porch supported by chamfered posts. Ca. 1845.
69. The Fourth Estate [residence], 642 2nd Ave. N. Colonial Revival. Two-story hipinjaed brick residence: flat-arch windows with stone lintels and sill; central two-story flat-roof portico supported by two pairs of continuous Ionic columns; frontispiece entrance and balcony; heavy modillioned cornice. 1905.

70. WMBC/WJWF Radio and Muzak Company, 702 2nd Ave. N. Renaissance Revival. Two-story low-hip-roof frame former residence: flush board siding; pedimented window heads; central Palladian window with hood mold on second story; cornice brackets; full width one-story verandah supported by chamfered posts. 1870s.


72. Marginal (see below).


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80. Intrusion (see below).


82. 725 2nd Ave. N. Greek Revival. One-story hip-roof frame residence: clapboard siding; frontispiece entrance; three-bay square-columned portico with pedimented central section. Ca. 1840s.
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83. Marginal (see below).

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86. Steighner and Colom, attorneys, 406 3rd Ave. N. Greek Revival. Two-story gable-brick former residence: flat-arch windows; central two-story pedimented portico supported by continuous square columns; frontispiece entrance; balcony. Ca. 1835

87. Offices, 408 3rd Ave. N. Greek Revival. One-story gable-roof frame former residence; clapboard siding; gable-front orientation; undercut gallery supported by square columns. Ca. 1915.


89. Taynor [residence], 806 3rd Ave. N. Greek Revival. Two-story hip-roof frame residence: clapboard siding; full-width undercut gallery with continuous square columns; frontispiece entrance; balcony in central bay; one-story rear ell. 1854


91. 816 3rd Ave. N. Queen Anne. One-and-a-half-story gable-on-hip-roof frame residence; extended-gable front with chamfered corners; encircling verandah with bracketed turned posts. 1900-1905.

92. Franklin Academy Elementary School, 501 3rd Ave. N. Colonial Revival. Two-and-a-half-story multi-hip roof brick: flanking pavilions central two-story pedimented portico supported on continuous Tuscan columns; rusticated brick quoins; square central tower with octagonal cupola; Magnolia Bowl football stadium located behind the school.

93. Sims and Sims, attorneys, 809 3rd Ave. N. Italianate. One-story cross-gable-roof frame former residence: clapboard siding; extended-gable front with octagonal bay window; gable brackets; porch with curvilinear frieze supported by bracketed octagonal colonettes. 1870s.

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two-story three-bay pedimented portico supported by square rusticated brick column
second-story gallery; modillioned cornice. Ca. 1915.

110. 518 2nd Ave. S. Italian Villa. Two-story low-pitch-gable-roof brick residence:
central two-story tower pavilion; segmental-arched entrance with hood mold; balco
gable returns; cornice and gable brackets; side porches (now enclosed) with chamj
and bracketed posts. 1870s.

111. Intrusion (see below).

openings on first floor; flat-arch openings on second floor. Ca. 1885.


separated by brick pilasters; blocks rusticated with rock-faced surface. Ca. 19;


116. Columbus B & B Supply Company, 610 2nd Ave. S. Two two-story three-bay brick
buildings joined to form one business: one has flat-arch windows and plain corn:
the other has segmental-arch windows and corbeled cornice; flat-roof metal awning

117. Northeast Mississippi Production Credit Association, Robert Lancaster, attorney,
Oliver Mitchell, consulting engineer, 618 2nd Ave. S. One-story brick: central
gable-roof section with Colonial frontispiece entrance; projecting flat-roof
pavilions with flat-arch windows set in recessed arches. Ca. 1938.

118. Marginal (see below).

119. 519 3rd Ave. S. Two-story hip-roof brick residence: central two-story pavilion
with round-arch entrance on first-story and glass-enclosed conservatory on secon
story; one-story porch supported by square rusticated columns. 1900-1905

120. Columbus Municipal Federal Credit Union, 523 3rd Ave. S. One-story multigable-on
hip-roof frame former residence: extended front and side gables with chamfered
corners encircling verandah supported by fluted Doric columns connected by arches:
spandrels filled with milled tracery; building partially brick veneered. 1900-1

121. Brookshire's Dairy Plant Office, 609 3rd Ave. S. One-and-a-half-story multigable-on-hip-roof frame former residence: full-width verandah supported by tapered
square columns on brick plinths. Ca. 1915.
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139. The Getaway Arcade, 113 5th St. N. Two-story three-bay brick: cast-iron-column storefront; flat-arch windows; dentiled cornice; second story covered by aluminum siding. Ca. 1880.


143. Vacant, 121-123 5th St. N. One-story brick: applied metal facade above storefront. Ca. 1940.

144. Stockman Supply Company, 125 5th St. N. One-story brick: wooden storefront; paneled wall surface; shaped parapet. Ca. 1940.

145. Ritz Cafe, 127 5th St. N. One-story brick: wooden storefront; paneled wall surface; stepped parapet. Ca. 1940.


147. Vacant [formerly a gas station], 205 5th St. N. Art Moderne. One-story flat-roof stuccoed masonry: rounded corners; smooth wall finish; streamlined horizontal moldings. Ca. 1940.


149. Vacant, 209 5th St. N. Two-story four-bay brick: canopy-roof over door; flat-arch windows with wooden lintels; stepped parapet. Ca. 1850.

150. Threadgill and Smith, attorneys, 215 5th St. N. Two two-story three-bay brick buildings joined to form one office: one has flat-arch windows with splayed wood lintels and carved keystones; the other has segmental-arch openings with raised brick relieving arches; both buildings have stepped parapets. Ca. 1850s.
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151. 225 5th St. N. Greek Revival. Two-story gable-roof stuccoed brick: first- and second-story frontispiece entrances with transoms and side lights; full-width one-story verandah with roof balustrade, supported by square columns on stuccoed-mass plinths; rear additions. Ca. 1835. Additions ca. 1900.

152. Lots to Love Shop [pet shop], 112 5th St. N. Two-story three-bay brick: arcaded entrance; applied aluminum screen covering second-story windows. Ca. 1880.


156. Downtown Lounge and Grill, 120 5th St. N. Two-story three-bay brick: flat-arch windows with stone lintels; corbeled cornice with brick dentils. Ca. 1930.


160. Intrusion (see below).


162. Vacant, 112 5th St. S. Two-story four-bay brick: flat-arch windows; second story faced with rusticated rockface stone; stone belt course; wide overhanging metal cornice with modillions and frieze ornaments. Ca. 1880. Facade ca. 1915.

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164. Scottie Stores, 116 5th St. S. Two-story three-bay brick: segmental-arch windows with stone keystone; pattern formed by soldier-course brick; stone belt course; stepped parapet. Ca. 1900.

165. Sarah Ann Women's Apparel, 118 5th St. S. Two-story four-bay brick: segmental-arch windows; bays separated by brick pilasters on second-story level; pilasters support a wide heavily ornamented frieze with corbeled cornice. Ca. 1880.


169. Banks Electronics, 204 5th St. S. Three-story four-bay brick: cast-iron pilastered storefront; segmental-arch windows with window heads on second story; flat-arch windows with window heads on third story; overhanging bracketed metal cornice. Ca. 1880.

170. Banks Warehouse, 206 5th St. S. Three-story four-bay brick: flat-arch windows with pedimented window heads on second story; third story entresol windows; bays separated by vertical brick bands with corbeled stops; molded brick string course bracketed metal cornice. 1900-1905.

171. Consumers Credit and Wigs, 208 5th St. S. Two-story four-bay brick: facade facing with rusticated stone; flat-arch windows; metal cornice. 1905-1910.

172. McClure Furniture Store, 210 5th St. S. Two-story seven-bay brick: cast-iron pilastered storefront; second-story windows in-filled; round attic windows with cast-iron grills; string course of molded brick; bracketed metal cornice. 1900-1905.

173. Livingston's Flower Basket, 214 5th St. S. Two-story four-bay brick: cast-iron pilastered storefront; corbeled wall panel; bracketed metal cornice. 1895-1900.

174. Columbus Optical Dispensary and Barry's Jewelry, 216-218 5th St. S. Two-story seven-bay cinder block: cinder block rusticated and vermiculated to resemble ashlar stone; flat-arch windows; corbeled cornice. 1905-1910.

175. Liberty Loan Company, Salvage Shoe Store, and Ned Hardin Appliances, 220-224 5th S. Two-story ten-bay cinder block: cinder block rusticated and vermiculated to
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resemble ashlar stone; belt course; corbeled cornice. 1905-1910.

176. Marginal (see below).

177. First Pentecostal Church of God, 324 5th St. S. Late Gothic Revival. Gable-roof brick sanctuary; lancet windows; wall buttresses. 1946.


179. Pryor's Women's Wear Store, 107 5th St. S. Two-story two-bay brick: belt course with brick dentils; flat-arch windows with ornamental iron balconies; cloth awning shelter storefront. Ca. 1885.


181. Merchants & Farmers Bank, 111 5th St. S. Richardsonian Romanesque. Two-story: bay stone: two monumental round-arch openings with rock-faced keystone and alternating smooth-faced and rock-faced voussoirs; round-arch windows in recessed area supported by Ionic columns on second story; massive stone cornice with arcaded roof balustrade. 1903.

182. Three Sisters Women's Apparel, 113 5th St. S. Two-story four-bay brick: segmental-arch windows; bays separated by brick pilasters; corbeled cornice. Ca. 1870.


187. Shop and Save, 125 5th St. S. Three-story seven-bay brick: segmental-arch and round-arch openings with hood molds; pilasters divides facade into three sections; corbeled belt course with brick dentils; corbeled and dentiled frieze with metal cornice. 1895-1900.

189. Steve's Cafe, Princess Theater, and partly vacant, 215-217-219 5th S. S. Two-story fourteen-bay brick: first story faced with tile; stone belt course; flat-arch windows with hood mold and molded imposts course; stone cornice; stepped parapet 1924.

190. Laws Drugs, 221 5th St. S. Two-story three-bay brick: round-arch entrance flanked by flat-arch windows with stone hood molds; segmental-arch second story windows with stone hood molds; rock-faced stone quoins; flat-roof awning. 1900-1905.


192. Marginal (see below).

193. City fire department headquarters, 115 6th St. N. Romanesque Revival. Two-story four-bay brick: round-arch windows with pronounced archivolt trim; three garage door openings; metal cornice. 1903.


195. 223 6th St. N. Queen Anne. One-and-a-half-story multigable-on-hip-roof frame residence: clapboard siding; fish-scale shingles in a gable area; extend front side gables with bracketed chamfered corners; encircling verandah supported by bracketed and chamfered posts. 1885-1890.

196. 216 6th St. S. One-story multigable-on-hip-roof frame residence: twin extended front gables with recessed central porch; porch supported by bracketed octagonal colonnettes; jigsaw-cutout balustrade; frontispiece entrance with transom and sidelights. 1850s.

197. Intrusion (see below).

198. Elsie's Beauty Shoppe, 315 7th St. N. One- and two-story multigable-roof frame former residence: gable returns; gable brackets; two-story addition. Ca. 1900 Addition ca. 1925.

199. Beard's Traditions Interior Design, 317 7th St. N. Two-story multigable-on-hip-roof frame former residence: clapboard siding; two-story gable-roof central
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pavilion; jigsaw-cutout vergeboards; full-width one-story verandah with roof balustrade; verandah supported on paired Doric columns. Ca. 1890.

200. Intrusion (see below).

201. Intrusion (see below).

202. Intrusion (see below).

203. 415 7th St. N. Queen Anne. One-story multigable-on-hip-roof frame residence: asbestos siding; extended gable front with chamfered corners; projecting front porch supported on Ionic columns. Ca. 1900.


205. 112 7th St. N. Queen Anne. Two-story multigable-on-hip-roof brick residence: extended front and side gables; pedimented gables; variant of Palladian window gable; encircling verandah supported on Doric columns. 1905.

206. First Baptist Church. 202 7th St. N. Victorian Gothic. Cross-gable-roof brick sanctuary: facade flanked by square buttressed towers of differing heights; lancet arch windows with intersecting tracery; arcaded loggia entrance; two-story Late Gothic Revival addition. 1908. Addition 1930.

207. Columbus-Lowndes County Public Library, 314 7th St. N. Greek Revival. Two-story five-by-seven-bay brick: two-story central pedimented portico supported on continuous Doric columns; flat-arch windows; bays separated by brick pilasters; frieze ornamented with triglyphs, metopes, and guttae. 1972.


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210. Intrusion (see below).

211. 202 8th St. N. One-story multigable-on-hip-roof frame residence: twin front gables; gable returns; shed-roof porch supported on bracketed and turned posts. 1900-1905.

212. Thomas Harvey, attorney, and Samuel Kaye, architect, 206 8th St. N. Greek Revival One-story hip-roof raised cottage: brick raised basement; frame main floor with clapboard siding; frontispiece entrance with transom and side lights; full-width flat-roof portico supported on paneled square columns. 1850s.

213. 210 8th St. N. One-story gable-roof frame residence: shiplap siding; flat-roof central portico supported by square posts. Ca. 1945.


215. Intrusion (see below).

216. Intrusion (see below).

217. 327 Military Road. One-and-a-half-story multigable-roof brick residence: full-width portico supported by square columns; exposed purlins and struts. Ca. 1920.

218. 118 8th St. S. One-and-a-half-story gable-roof frame residence: frontispiece entrance with transom and side lights; full-width flat-roof portico supported by square columns. Ca. 1940.


220. 209 9th St. N. Late Gothic. One-and-a-half-story multigable-roof brick residence: steeply pitched front gable with one slope belcast to accommodate a porch; basket arch openings with stone keystones. Ca. 1930.

221. 211 9th St. N. One-story multigable-roof frame residence: extended gable front with bay window; shed-roof porch supported by ornamental iron piers. Ca. 1940.

222. Intrusion (see below).

223. Intrusion (see below).
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44. City of Columbus, offices, 513 Main St. Two-story: facade consists of vertical panels of glass and enameled steel. Ca. 1965.


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27. Riverhill 66 Service Station, 299 Main St. One-story flat-roof concrete-block-and-glass construction: two garage bays. 1950s.


48. One-Hour Martinizing Service [dry cleaners], 611 Main St. One-story brick. 1967.


76. 500 & 600 Cab Company, 403 2nd Ave. N. One-story flat-roof cinder block: wooden shed on side of building. Ca. 1940.


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201. James Walters, attorney, 401 7th St. N. One-story hip-roof brick: undercut galleries supported by Tuscan columns. 1968.


223. City water tank, behind fire department headquarters (no. 194), 115 6th St. N. Cylindrical metal tank supported on quadruped stilts; height of six-story building. Ca. 1945.
The Columbus Central Commercial Historic District occupies the oldest developed section of Columbus and contains an assemblage of buildings both architecturally and historically significant to the development of the city. Although it has experienced the pressures of modernization and decentralization in recent years, the area remains the political, commercial, civic, religious, and educational center of Columbus and still maintains a strong link to the past.

By 1821, when the Mississippi legislature appointed a commission to survey the town, Columbus was already a thriving frontier settlement which had been steadily growing since the arrival of its first white settler, Thomas Moore, in 1817. The town was laid out on a regular grid of blocks with the grid oriented approximately eight degrees west of due north so that 1st Street South would parallel the Tombigbee River. The blocks were charted 330 feet square, with ten lots in each block (Samuel H. Kaye, Downtown Development Plan, Columbus, Mississippi [Columbus: Samuel H. Kaye, 1976], p. 11). When Columbus was incorporated in 1822 it boasted the first free public school in Mississippi, Era Academy, still in operation as an elementary school. Location of the town on sixteen section land, which was leased to fund public education, provided revenue for establishment of the academy on 3rd Avenue North within the proposed district (William L. Lipscomb, A History of Columbus, Mississippi [Birmingham, Ala.: Dispatch Printing Co., 1909], p. 26-27).

Initially the principal growth of commercial buildings took place along Main Street at the top of the ridge overlooking the Tombigbee River (between present 3rd and 5th Streets but by 1870 the business section had expanded to produce a densely commercial area along an axis formed by Market Street (5th Street) and Main Street. In 1830 the political importance of Columbus was significantly enhanced when Lowndes County was formed from part of Monroe County and Columbus was selected as the county seat of the newly created county. The first courthouse, built in 1834, was replaced on the original site by a Greek Revival building in 1847. This latter structure was remodeled in 1901 to reflect eclectic tastes and again in 1976 to accommodate modern office needs. During the Civil War Columbus served as a temporary state capital, in 1863 and 1865, with the House of Representatives assemble in the courthouse and the Senate in the adjacent Christian Church (demolished 1968). Many of Columbus' churches and public buildings were used as hospitals after the Battle of Shiloh (Kaye, pp. 11-13). In addition to the courthouse, other significant buildings from the antebellum period include Lawyers Row (1840-1860) across from the courthouse, the row of townhouses west of the courthouse (1850s), a two-story brick warehouse on 2nd Avenue North at 3rd Street (1850s), and the First United Methodist Church (1860) on Main Street.
8 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Commercial construction flourished during the late 1880s and accelerated in the first decade of the twentieth century during a period of extraordinary prosperity in the community (Kaye, p. 13). While the majority of these principal district buildings were designed in the Commercial Italianate and Renaissance Revival styles, significant examples of Victorian Gothic, Victorian Romanesque, and Beaux Arts styles were also constructed. Notable buildings from this era include the old Elks Club (ca. 1900), the Masonic Lodge (1902), City Hall (1903), Merchants and Farmers Bank (1903), the old National Bank of Commerce building (ca. 1910), the Fire Station (1903), the Odd Fellows building (1906), and the First Baptist Church (1908). During the decade at least six downtown buildings were designed by noted Chattanooga architect R. H. Hunt. The 1924 Princess Theater (which was owned and operated by Ed Kuykendall, former president of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America) and the main post office (1938) are finer examples of construction which took place between 1920 and 1940, during a period of slackening growth.

As the commercial area grew it expanded to encompass many surrounding residential structures. Several of these houses have been sensitively adapted for use as offices. The most significant former residence is the Blewett-Harrison-Lee House (1847), which was the home of Gen. Stephen D. Lee, C.S.A., (entered on the National Register in 1971). The building, which at one time was used as a school, now serves as a museum of local history.

Downtown domination of the commercial community climaxed about 1947, with a total of 220 business establishments, and has slowly declined since (Kaye, p. 13), with contemporary influences of automobile-oriented commercialism having caused the major focus of the business community to follow the course of strip development along Main Street east of the old downtown area. Most new construction has been characterized by postmodern design or spurious neo-revival styles incongruous to the older architecture. Many older structures were remodeled in the 1950s and '60s by the addition of aluminum or enameled steel panels to the facades. However, many Columbus merchants have begun removing the false facades as they come to recognize the aesthetic value of the original architecture.
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intersection of 7th Street North and 5th Avenue North; then turning westward following 5th Avenue North to the intersection of 5th Street North. The line then turns southward on 5th Street North and runs to the center line of 3rd Avenue North, where it turns westward and continues one block to the intersection of 3rd Avenue North and 4th Street North. From this point the boundary runs southward along 4th Street North to the intersection of 2nd Avenue North. Following 2nd Avenue North westward to the center line of 2nd Street North the line turns southward, crossing Main Street to 2nd Street South to a point even with the south property line of 200 Main Street. From this point the boundary runs eastward along the south property line of 200 Main Street to its point of intersection with the south property line of 102 3rd Street South. It then runs eastward following the south property line of 102 3rd Street South to the center line of Street South, turns southward and continues to the intersection of 3rd Street South and 2nd Avenue South. Running eastward along 2nd Avenue South to the center line of 3rd Street South, the boundary turns again southward. At the intersection of 3rd Street South with the south property line of 400 2nd Avenue South, the line turns eastward and runs to a line even with the east property line of 400 2nd Avenue South. Running southward from this point, the boundary continues across 3rd Avenue South, following the west property lines of 304-308 5th Street South and 413 4th Avenue South to the center...
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line of 4th Avenue South. Turning eastward the boundary proceeds to a point even with the east property line of 301 5th Street South and turns northward along that line, returning to the center line of 3rd Avenue South. The boundary proceeds eastward along 3rd Avenue South to a point even with the east property line of 609 3rd Avenue South. Continuing with the east and the south property lines of 609 3rd Avenue South, 618 2nd Avenue South, and 624 2nd Avenue South, the boundary follows a zig-zag route to the center line of 7th Street South. The line then turns northward to the intersection of 7th Street South and 2nd Avenue South, where it turns eastward and runs to the intersection of 2nd Avenue South and 8th Street South. Turning northward, the line continues along 8th Street North to the center line of Main Street and turns again eastward. Proceeding eastward on Main Street to the intersection of 9th Street North, the boundary line turns northward and continues along the center line of 9th Street North three blocks to the point of origin at the intersection of 9th Street North and 4th Avenue North.
One of the houses on tour during the second annual Historic Preservation and Restoration Seminar March 2-4 will be Liberty Hall, antebellum home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. "Monk" Fowler.

This house was built about 1835 by William Ethelbert Ervin who came here as a young man with his parents and several younger brothers and sisters from Sumter, S. C. He was the oldest member of the family and was the only one who built his house east of the Tombigbee River. The others built west of the river in the prairie section.

When the house was built, it was with the intention of adding a wing on each side. Originally it consisted of four bedrooms and two halls upstairs, two bedrooms, parlor, dining room, two halls, and a front porch with four columns downstairs. All of the furniture for the parlor, a rosewood piano, one large marble-top table, sofa, and six straight-back chairs, was ordered from A. H. Gale & Co. in New York.

William Ervin later built downstairs another hall, a dining room, kitchen, kitchen porch and a pantry between the dining room and kitchen. He engaged an artist to paint a series of oil paintings around the dining room walls and also around the dining room hall. The paintings in the hall were never completed because the artist was called away because of an emergency in his family. Ervin had made plans to build another wing on the other side of the house, but the War Between the States broke out and his plans were never carried out.

A two-room house in the yard served as a kitchen and room for the cook. In the back yard there was also a large smoke house, and some little distance from that a one-room school house. Nearer the smoke house was a large storage house about 25' x 33'. Leading out from the back yard was a lot and barn with stalls for various farm animals.

Ervin was a devout Christian and he gave some land near New Hope and had built on it a Methodist Church. Also, nearby he built a church for negroes. Both of these churches are still standing.

After his home was completed Mr. Ervin returned to Sumter, South Carolina and married his childhood sweetheart, Sarah McGee Kennedy. When she came here as a bride, she brought with her a number of bulbs and landscaped the front yard with many kinds of flowers—irises, snowdrops, rose bushes, jonquils, etc. The front yard was surrounded by a white picket fence. On each side of the front walk were large English boxwood.

As did many of the early pioneers, Ervin selected a plot not too far from the house for a family cemetery. He and his wife, his parents, his oldest son and quite a few other members of the Ervin family are buried in the 1920's the house was struck by a cyclone and the premises surrounding it were completely destroyed. All of the out-lying buildings were blown away and the beautiful old trees and English boxwood in the yard were uprooted. As a result of this the site was ruined and the house was moved about a quarter of a mile to its present location. The house was moved by mules that pulled it on rolling logs. Several members lived in the house while it was being moved.

This house is one of the few antebellum homes that is still owned by descendants of the original builder and owner, William Ervin's oldest son, Dr. F. H. Ervin, after serving all during the Civil War returned here and took over the place. His oldest daughter, Sara Frances Ervin, married James Trooper Armstrong, and their daughter, Sara, married Samuel Hilary Livingston. Their daughter, Sarah, married W. S. (Monk) Fowler and they are presently living in Liberty Hall.

The Historic Preservation and Restoration Seminar will include free slide talks Thursday, March 2 and Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday morning, March 4, at 9:30 a.m. All sessions will be held at the First United Methodist Church and the public is invited to attend. The tour of homes will be held Saturday afternoon, March 4 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and there will be a $3 charge for the tour. Other homes on tour include the Victorian residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jones and the turn-of-the-century home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hazard.

The Seminar is sponsored by Historic Columbus Inc. and the Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce.
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400 block of Main Street, Fashion Clothing and WACR Radio (10), White Auto Store (11), Frates Knit and Stitch Shop (12), Caldwell Carpet (13), Vacant (14), Personal Finance Co. and Christian Bookstore (15), The Furniture Center (16), view from the northwest Columbus Central Commercial Historic District Columbus, Mississippi
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Odd Fellows Union Lodge Building (45) and City Water Tank (223) in background, view from the south

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"Lawyer's Row," 500 block of 2nd Avenue North, (159, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, and 66), view from the northwest
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Brookshire's Dairy Plant Office (121) and 600 Block of 3rd Avenue South, view from the east showing district boundary and division of commercial and residential areas
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Cox Building (122) and 400 Block of 4th Avenue South, view from the west showing district boundary and division of commercial and residential areas
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100 Block of 5th Street North, (41, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, and 146), view from the northeast
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Eggers Department Store (188), view from the northwest
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112 7th Street North (205), view from the west
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First Baptist Church (206), 202 7th Street North, view from the southwest
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Blewett-Harrison-Lee House (208), 316 7th Street North, view from the southwest
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300 - 400 block of 7th Street North, (199, 200, 201, and 203), view from the northeast
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206 8th Street North (212), view from the southwest
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Intersection of Military Road and 4th Avenue North, 326 Military Road (216) and 327 Military Road (217), view from the northeast.
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Bridal Room and Guy's Formal Wear (219), view from the southeast
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LIBERTY HALL - Circa 1830, owned by descendants of the original builder, William Ethelbert Ervin. The house contains rare portraits by Peale, Sully, and Healy and unique builtin wood panels with painted French landscapes. Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. "Monk" Fowler. Rt. 4, Armstrong Road.