



**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

Fifteen-story skyscraper with setbacks; vertically aligned windows are straight-headed. Fire-resistant reinforced steel and concrete construction. "Massive granite base, surmounted by dark mingling shades of rough texture brick and trimmed out with assorted polychrome, dark red, gold and black glazed terra-cotta, which color scheme will form a striking but pleasing contrast."

**ALTERATIONS:**

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

**LANDSCAPE FEATURES:**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

The Threefoot Building is Meridian's tallest structure and was listed in the Guinness' Book of World Records. The building's architect, Frank Fort, placed third in the Chicago Tribune Tower competition. This is an outstanding and relatively rare example of this style and type in this region.

**NAME:** Threefoot Building

**STREET NO:** 601 - 22nd Avenue

**TOWN/VIC:** Meridian

**COUNTY:** Lauderdale

**BLOCK/LOT:** Ragsdale Block 84, lots 3, 4, 5

**PRESENT OWNER:** Greater Mississippi Life Insurance Co  
**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 2222 - Decatur, AL 35602

**PRESENT USE:** Office building

**FORMER USE:** Office building

**DATE:** 1929-1930

**STYLE:** Art Deco

**ARCH/BUILDER:** Frank Fort/Threefoot Realty Co.

**SOURCE OF DATE:** Advertising pamphlet

**ENVIRONMENT:** Commercial

**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE**

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL

STATE

NATIONAL

**PHOTOS**

**NEG. #**

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Ragsdale block 84-70' N and S by 125' E and W beginning 86 1/2' south of NE corner.

ACREAGE: Less than an acre

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FORM PREPARED BY:

DATE

Jody Cook

February, 1979

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*Meridian Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)*

THREEFOOT BUILDING

Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi

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January, 1979

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601 22nd Avenue.

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