



Historic Sites Survey 151

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story, five bays by two, brick, painted white; arcaded ground floor fenestration has been enclosed. Central fanlight entrance has archivolt with egg-and-dart molding and an acanthus leaf console which serves as a keystone. Windows in the upper floor, which is half the height of the first floor, are short and coupled at the center bay. Hip roof with projecting eaves and paneled soffits. A three-bay section at the rear facade has segmental-arch openings at the first-floor level.

ALTERATIONS:

ADJUTANT BUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

The original spacious lawn to the south of this building and behind City Hall has been paved for parking.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

In 1910 the City of Meridian appointed a Library Commission, the president of which was I. Marks, one of the city's leading residents. Marks acquired a \$38,000 grant from the Carnegie Foundation, \$30,000 for the main library and \$8,000 for a branch for the black community. The City made an agreement with the Carnegie Foundation to annually provide a sum equal to one-tenth the amount of each portion of the building grant for support of the libraries. The Carnegie Library opened in 1913 and served as Meridian's public library until the new facility was constructed in 1967.

NAME: Meridian Museum of Art

STREET NO: 628 25th Ave.

TOWN/VIC: Meridian, Mississippi

COUNTY: Lauderdale

BLOCK/LOT: Ragsdale Block 91, lots 7 and 8

PRESENT OWNER: City of Meridian
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1430 Meridian

PRESENT USE: Art Museum

FORMER USE: Carnegie Library

DATE: 1912-1913

STYLE: Italianate elements

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE: Meridian Public Library

ENVIRONMENT: Commercial

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL x

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 91, lots 7 and 8.

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

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Meridian Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi

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Mississippi Department of Archives and History

628 25th Avenue.

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