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# Historic Sites Survey

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story asymmetrical composition with pedimented gables; front veranda with corner conical-roofed turret, and tower with conical roof. Textured wall surfaces include horizontal siding, fish-scale shingles, and a shingled side facade area between the first and second floors. Balustraded front porch has turned balusters with center beads; porch turret frieze enriched with turned spindles. Multiple panel double-leaf front door topped by stain-glass transom, flanking stain glass picture window with paneled apron.

## ALTERATIONS:

## ADJUT BUILDINGS:

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Elson family was one of the earliest to settle in Meridian and evidently became prosperous enough to build a very outstanding house during the early period of Meridian history. L. C. and J. Elson are listed in the Meridian section of the 1879 Business Directory of Vicksburg as having a general merchandise store. L. C. Elson was a trustee of Meridian's first public school, which opened in 1885.

NAME: Elson-Dudley House

STREET NO: 1101 29th Avenue

TOWN/VIC: Meridian

COUNTY: Lauderdale

BLOCK/LOT: Ball's Survey block 11, lots 9, 10, 11

PRESENT OWNER: Col. Lawrence M. Dudley, Sr.

ADDRESS 1101 29th Avenue

PRESENT USE:

FORMER USE: Residence

DATE: Ca. 1885

STYLE: Eastlake

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE: Owner

ENVIRONMENT: Residential

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:

Ball's Survey block 11 - lots 10,11 and E 2/3 of lot 9.

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

JTM REF:

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	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
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ELSON-DUDLEY HOUSE

Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi

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*Meridian Multiple Resource Area  
(Partial Inventory)*

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