



Historic Sites Survey

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Frame, two-story, two-bay, side-hall plan with front gable roof facing south. Regular fenestration on both floors of main facade: a single door with transom and one six-over-six window. Double galleries, both with Eastlake ornamentation in the frieze. Front gable has rectangular louvered vent, decorative siding work, and bargeboard ornaments.

ALTERATIONS:

No exterior alterations; interior converted for residential use.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Modern recreation room and garage.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Flanked by and facing residences. Large tree in front of house. Smaller trees around sides.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Annex is both historically significant and architecturally unique in Magnolia. The building was constructed in the 1880s as an adjunct structure to the Excelsior Hotel. The Annex, as it was popularly called and historically remained, was the showplace for drummers residing at the Hotel. Since the destruction of Magnolia's great hotels, The Annex is the sole physical link with the city's illustrious resort past. Architecturally, The Annex is unique in Magnolia. The two-story, front-gabled building has a direct resemblance to many of the residences and business houses constructed in New Orleans during the turn-of-the-century. Because of the railroad ties between Magnolia and New Orleans, it is entirely possible that the building was constructed along the lines of a New Orleans blueprint. No other building in Magnolia, whether commercial or residential, was constructed along the lines of The Annex. Finally, The Annex has the distinction of being one of Mississippi's best Queen Anne commercial buildings.

NAME: The Annex

STREET NO: 225 Magnolia Street

TOWN/VIC: Magnolia

COUNTY: Pike

BLOCK/LOT: 10

PRESENT OWNER: Thomas Geoffrey Hodgson
 ADDRESS: 225 East Magnolia Street
 Magnolia, Mississippi 39652

PRESENT USE: Residence

FORMER USE: Annex/showroom to Excelsior Hotel

DATE: 1880s

STYLE: Queen Anne commercial

ARCH/BUILDER: Unknown

SOURCE OF DATE: Local speculation

ENVIRONMENT: Commercial/residential street

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

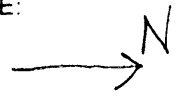
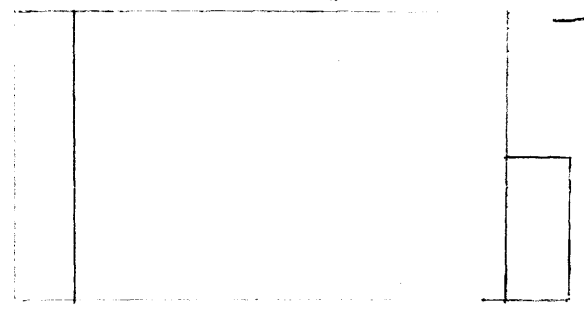
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SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

MAGNOLIA STREET



PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Excellent

TREATS:

None

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Parcel No. 300052
150 N.S. x 41.5 E.W. Block 10

ACREAGE: less than one acre

UTM REF: This UTM corresponds to site "T" on the quad map.

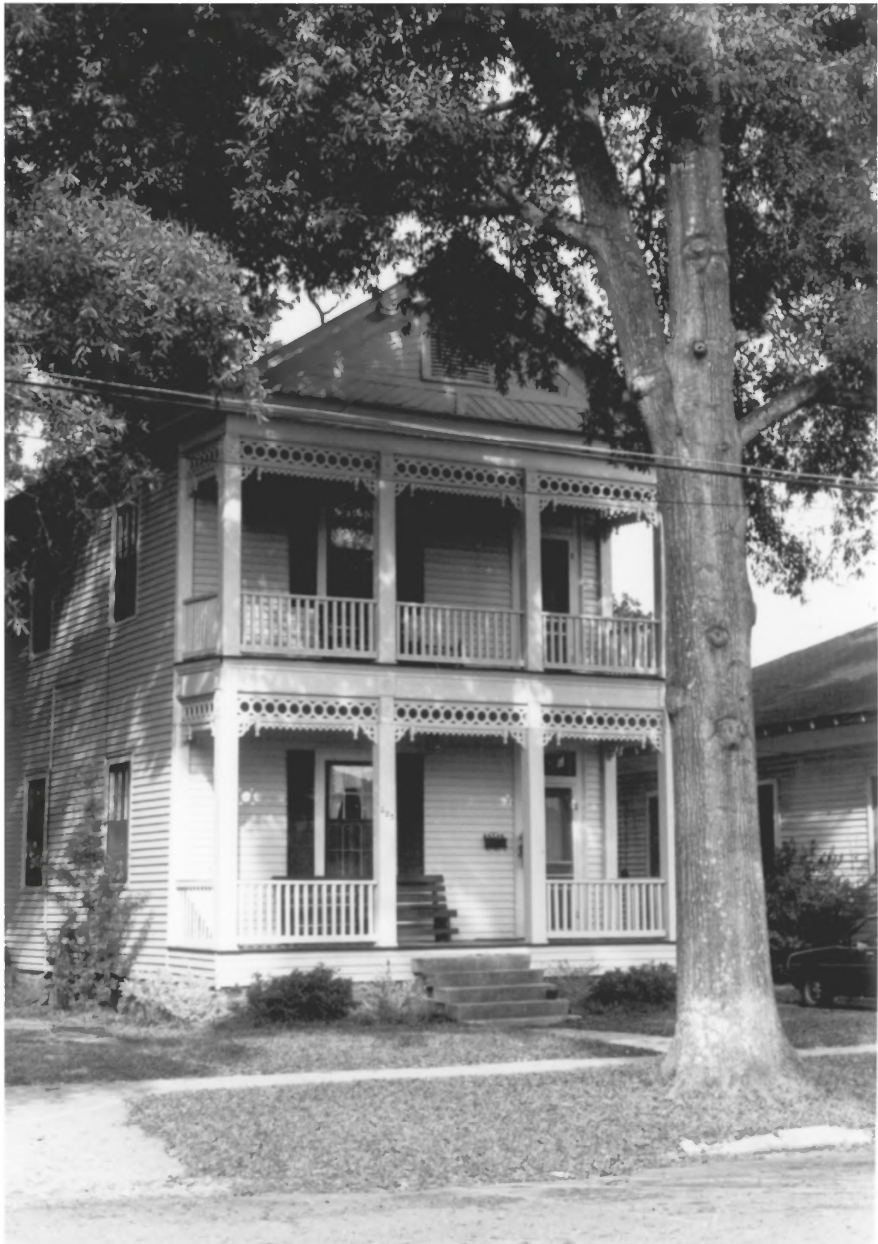
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The Annex, 225 East Magnolia, view to the
north

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