

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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## 1. Name

historic N/A

and/or common Myrtle Street Historic District

## 2. Location

~~100 block of West Myrtle Street~~ between  
street & number North Clark Street and North Prewitt Street, N/A not for publication

city, town Magnolia N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi code 28 county Pike code 113

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership

street & number

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Location of Legal Description

Office of the Chancery Clerk  
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pike County Courthouse

street & number Bay Street

city, town Magnolia state Mississippi

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date November, 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi

# 7. Description

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Composed of five houses and one church, the Myrtle Street Historic District is a cohesive block of late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century architecture located amid the encroaching redevelopment of the historic resources of Magnolia. Bordered on its eastern side by State Highway 51 (North Clark Street) and on its western side by the rambling structures of the Magnolia Elementary School, the district is a well preserved and secure bastion within the neighborhood's recent commercial, residential, and educational construction.

Myrtle Street is a two-lane paved avenue with a proliferation of trees providing continuity between the opposite sides. Lots on Myrtle Street are smaller than in Southtown, and residences were constructed closer together. Each residence, however, has a spacious front or corner yard.

## Inventory

All buildings contribute to the District.

### North Clark Street

1. 225. (Presbyterian Church of Magnolia). Located on a corner lot facing east, the Presbyterian Church of Magnolia is a one-story, T-shaped structure with a two-story tower and steeple erected at the northeast corner. The broad cross-gable roofline contrasts with the steeply-pitched, Gothic-arched, irregularly-placed bays. Main entrance, a single door, is through the tower. 1881.

### West Myrtle Street

2. 102. (Belle Maison). Two-and-a-half-story, Queen Anne house on residential corner facing south. Two-story, beehive capped tower on southeast corner. Main entrance is centered paired doors with upper-glass panels and transom. Fenestration throughout building is irregular, mainly one-over-one, double-hung sash. Facade has a truncated hipped-roof porch with slender columns and balusters, and the roof provides a balustraded balcony on the second floor. Secondary facade on North Clark has one-story, three-bay enclosed porch with truncated hipped roof, also providing a second-story balustraded balcony. This room has secondary, single-door entrance. Two interior chimneys. 1902.
3. 135. (Andrews House). One-story, irregularly-massed and fenestrated, turn-of-the-century dwelling facing north. Facade is seven-bay including centered single-leaf door main entrance and a gable-roofed polygonal pavilion at the northwest corner. Irregularly colonnaded porch along entire front facade. Ca. 1905.
4. 140. (Frith House). One-story, five-bay, turn-of-the-century, Greek Revival-inspired house with gable roof and wide porch delineated by six slender round posts. Shingled central gable has rectangular window and decorative woodwork. Main entrance is central double door with transom. Completed fenestration are four six-over-nine floor-to-ceiling windows. Two interior chimneys. Ca. 1900.

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7 - DESCRIPTION

- 5. 145. (Cunsen House). One-story, irregularly massed, turn-of-the-century dwelling facing north on corner lot. Moderately pitched hipped roof interrupted by irregularly introduced gables including a gable-roofed, three-bay polygonal pavilion at the northwest corner. Main entrance is a central single door with transom. One floor-to-ceiling window on northeast corner. Secondary entrance on eastern facade is single door with transom. L-shaped porch with slender columns. One interior chimney. Ca. 1900.
- 6. 150. (Owens House). One-story, irregularly massed, turn-of-the-century house facing south on corner lot. Central hipped roof with two projecting front gables. Irregularly shaped porch along most of southern and eastern facade features conical roof at southwest corner. Five-bay facade with central door with transom and sidelights. Porte-cochere on western (secondary) facade. Paired interior chimneys removed. Similar to individually nominated Carraway House, 420 North Clark. Ca. 1905.

10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone 15

L	Easting	742155	M	Easting	742105
	Northing	3448500		Northing	3448405
N	Easting	741990	O	Easting	742035
	Northing	3448455		Northing	3448550

Verbal Boundary Description:

The Myrtle Street Historic District boundary begins at the point of intersection of the northern right-of-way of East Myrtle Street and the western right-of-way for North Clark Street. From there the boundary runs northward 150 feet, and then turns westward 400 feet to a point on the eastern right-of-way of North Prewitt Street. From thence, the boundary line runs southward 360 feet, with the eastern right-of-way of North Prewitt Street, crossing West Myrtle Street. From this point, the boundary line extends eastward 400 feet to the intersection with the western right-of-way of North Clark Street, and from there, extends northward 210 feet, crossing West Myrtle Street and returning to the point of beginning.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** N/A                      **Builder/Architect** N/A

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Myrtle Street Historic District is significant within the Historic Resources of Magnolia as the best example of a cohesive middle-class residential block as it existed in turn-of-the-century Magnolia. The district's largely unaltered residences and church reflect the less affluent citizenry and less exuberant construction within Magnolia's northern section, and as such are an important contrast to the grandiose development in Southtown.

While the Myrtle Street Historic District is located in the earliest settled area of Magnolia, this particular area was not developed until the construction of the Presbyterian Church of Magnolia in 1881. The church, oriented to the already developed North Clark Street, is a substantial part of the Myrtle Street block and is one of two extant nineteenth-century churches in Magnolia.

The residences of Myrtle Street, constructed approximately within a five-year period, are significant for both their architectural individuality and cohesiveness within their neighborhood setting. Belle Maison is the finest example of Queen Anne architecture on both Myrtle Street and within the vicinity. The Owens House, built along a plan similar to the Carraway House a block down on North Clark Street, exhibits Queen Anne elements, while the Firth House blends a one-story, five-bay Greek Revival massing with decorative woodwork and shingles.

The Cunsen and Andrews House are less academic and more eclectic, and their sturdy, substantial massing and subdued use of decorative details belie the unpretentiousness of the houses of Magnolia's middle class.

More than any other block in Magnolia, the Myrtle Street Historic District suggests the familial solidarity of a small-town, turn-of-the-century neighborhood. The overall cohesiveness and well-preserved condition of the Myrtle Street Historic District is unsurpassed in Magnolia.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Smith, Lourette. Magnolia Through the Years. Magnolia, Miss.: Traditional Printing, 1977.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 2.5 acres

Quadrangle name McComb South, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

See attached continuation sheet

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

C 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

D 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

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Zone	Easting			Northing			

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Zone	Easting			Northing			

H 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date May 12, 1983

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city or town Jackson

state Mississippi

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Kenneth H. P. Pool*

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date Aug. 23, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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PREWITT						
CLARK		(HIGHWAY 51)				
CHERRY	(HIGHWAY 48)					
W. RAILROAD				(MAIN ST.)		
E. RAILROAD				(MAIN ST.)		

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MYRTLE STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
AND INDIVIDUAL BUILDINGS

↻ reflect angle of photo views

