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1. Nam	ie			
historic N/A				
and/or common	Myrtle Street His	storic District		
2. Loca	ation	SCOTAC DISCIFICE		
street & number	100 block of West North Clark Street	Myrtle Street between And North Prewitt	37 / 4	_ not for publication
	gnolia	N/A vicinity of		
state Missis	ssippi code	e 28 county	Pike	code 113
3. Clas	sification			
Category X district building(s) structure site object	Ownership public X private both Public Acquisition in process N/A being considered	Status X occupied Unoccupied Work in progress Accessible X yes: restricted Unoccupied Work in progress Accessible Work in progress	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park X private residence X religious scientific transportation other:
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street & number	Bay Street			
city, town	Magnolia		state	Mississippi
6. Rep	resentation	in Existing	Surveys	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
title Statewide	Survey of Historic	Sites has this pro	pperty been determined elig	ible? yes X no
date Novemb	per, 1981		federal _X state	county local
depository for su	rvey records Mississ	ippi Department of	Archives and History	
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7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one		
X excellent	deteriorated	unaltered	_X_ original site	,	
X good	ruins	_X_ altered	moved date	N/A	
X fair	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, Gothicarched, 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 balustrated 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

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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 prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 X 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture architecture art commerce communications			landscape architecture law literature military music philosophy politics/government	religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	N/A	Builder/Architect N	I/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 electic, 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.

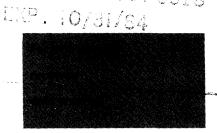
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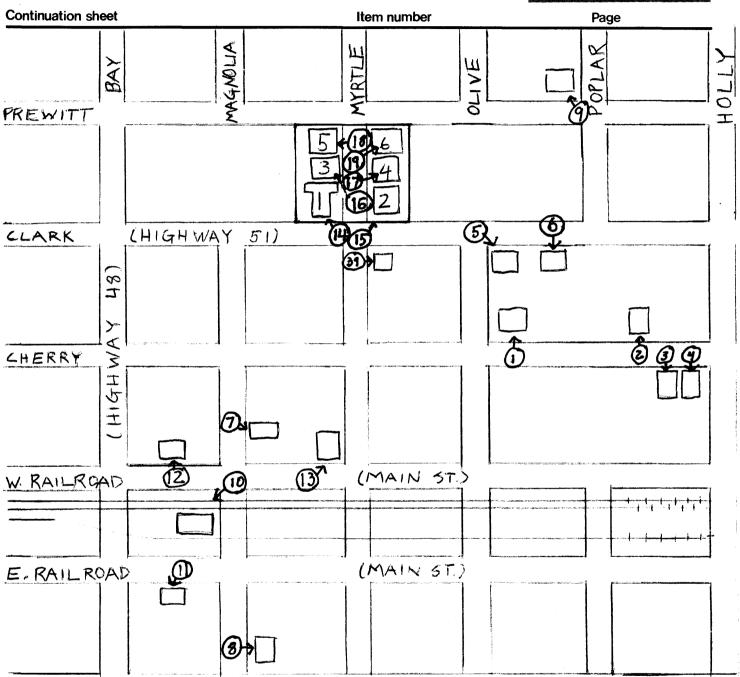
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street &	number P. O. Box	571	tele	ephone (601) 354-7326
city or to	own Jackson		sta	te Mississippi
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