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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Carrollton Historic District consists of seventy-one commercial and residential buildings on and adjacent to the original forty-acre site of the town that was laid out in a grid around a central court square. The architectural continuity of the district, which includes fifty-two structures built before 1905, and ten built between 1905 and 1945, is enhanced by the cohesiveness provided by the terrain of the town's wooded setting. Located on the downgrade of a gently sloping hill which forms the southern visual boundary for the district, the eastern edge is defined by the deep ravine of Tan Yard Branch, while the boundaries to the west and northwest are visually checked by bluffs and woods. Modern residential development marks the northern and southwestern limits of the district. The residential development along the main access roads to the district from the south is interspersed with older structures, but this area does not exhibit the integrity of the town proper.

Architecturally, the district reflects a late-nineteenth-century community, since the majority of the residential and commercial structures stand in a remarkably complete state of preservation. Only a half-dozen structures remain from the town's antebellum period, an era apparently dominated by log construction, and these structures have mostly been remodeled or incorporated into later buildings. Of the nine one-and two-story brick, commercial row buildings that line the west side of the 600 block and the west and east sides of the 700 block of Lexington Street, all but one retain their original or early storefronts, with most being examples of the three-bay, cast-iron frame variety. A single, frame commercial duplex, built during the second quarter of the nineteenth century and representative of those that once lined Courthouse Square on the north and south, remains.

The one-and two-story residential structures located on casually landscaped lots are all frame, as are two of the four churches in the district. Scattered throughout the district are individualistic regional examples of the three major architectural styles that dominated Carrollton in the years between 1870 and 1805. Most conservative is the 1870s late-Grecian variation, characterized by a singlebay portico carried by octagonal columns. More current are the distinctive, eclectically detailed houses of the 1870s attributed to James Clark Harris (architect-builder of Stanhope, ca. 1874, and the 1876 Courthouse). Each house is a highly individualistic, picturesque composition lavishly embellished with an abundance of fine millwork. Houses from the 1890s and 1900s are more representative of the national trends, being asymmetrically massed and featuring decorative sawn trim on the verandas and in the gable ends.

The integrity of the district is disturbed by only four stylistically incompatible intrusions, two of which are located on the edge of the district. Only one, the Red Bird Service Station, is adjacent to Courthouse Square. The majority of the post-World War II structures, while not being architecturally distinguished, are contributory by echoing the material, scale, and rhythm of the older neighboring structures. 1-

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Inventory of Buildings in District

- 1. Helm House (Stonewall Street). Pre-1859. 1874. One-and-one-half story vernacular frame dwelling incorporating earlier, single-story Greek Revival structure. Elaborately detailed with eclectic-style millwork dating from 1874 remodeling. Impressive assemblage of outbuildings. Attributed to James Clark Harris.
- 2. Lizzie Porter House (503 Pelham Street). Ca. 1927. Modest, one-story, frame hip-roofed shotgun house with inset gallery. Fair condition.

Mulvihill-Porter Tenement (202 Jackson Street). Ca. 1890. One-story, six-bay, frame vernacular duplex set on high, brick-pier foundation. Inset gallery. Fair condition.

- 3. Brewer House (602 Pelham Street). Ca. 1900. Modest, one-story, frame vernacular dwelling with simple, shed-roofed porch sheltering the two entrances. Area under porch set in flush siding.
- 4. Tursten-Ruscoe House (604 Pelham Street). Ca. 1887. One-and-one-halfstory, picturesquely massed frame dwelling with millwork-trimmed veranda around northwest corner of facade. Vacant. Deteriorating condition.
- 5. Old Methodist Parsonage (MacDougal Street). Ca. 1875. 1895. One-story frame dwelling remodeled to present appearance ca. 1895 by James Norquit. Gable ends and porch richly detailed with decorative millwork.
- 6. Carrollton United Methodist Church (501 Green Street). 1885. 1976. Frame ecclesiastical structure set gable end to the street. Lancet windows with stained glass glazing. Richly detailed steeple with pressed-metal spire set on roof ridge. Lower, one-story wing added to northern side in 1976.
- 7. Merrill House (504 Green Street). Ca. 1870. Ca. 1900. One-story frame unusually massed, vernacular dwelling incorporating earlier two-bay commercial structure with central interior chimney. Shed and Englishstyle barn survive.
- 8. Buckland-Brownrigg House (600 Green Street). Ca. 1900. One-story, vernacular frame dwelling with gabled end pavilion and decorative, millwork trim on gable ends and veranda.
- 9. Matthews-Hansbrough House (602 Green Street). Ca. 1935. One-story frame bungalow with broad central cross gable. Side carport carried on battered

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piers set on high brick pedestals. Front porch enclosed by double-hung windows of varied sizes.

- 10. Carrollton Presbyterian Church (604 Green Street). 1897. Richly detailed frame, ecclesiastical structure with one off-center steeple, set gable end to street. Lancet windows glazed with stained glass.
- 11. Carroll County Jail (705 Green Street). 1890. 1962. Two-story, brick cruciform structure with distinctive brickwork embellishments. Segmentally arched window openings. Second level divided into iron-barred cells. Enlarged new, one-story wings to west and north. Wings are intrusions.
- 12. Duncan-Marshall House (804 Green Street). Ca. 1900. Boxy two-story, frame Colonial Revival dwelling with coupled one-over-one sash windows and Tuscancolumned veranda around three sides of house. Handsome interior woodwork.
- 13. Chatham House (500 Lexington Street). Ca. 1897. One-story, picturesquely massed and detailed, frame, German-sided dwelling. Original gallery updated in bungaloid style. Southern end heavily remodeled but facade contributory.
- 14. Stanhope (503 Lexington Street). 1874. One-story, frame, richly accented Italianate villa with shallow, hip-roofed tower centered over central bay. Single-bay, flat-roofed portico carried on square columns. Ornamental window hoods. James Harris, architect-builder. Rear ells.
- 15. Merrill's Store (Jackson Street). Ca. 1860. Two-story, common-bond brick, gable-roofed commercial structure. High parapet with corbeled brickwork. Corbeled cornice steps. Storefront composed of three pairs of double-leaf doors with glazed upper panels. Corrugated metal awning carried on plain brackets and chamfered posts.
- 16. Carroll County Courthouse: Carrollton (Courthouse Square). 1877-1878. Symmetrical two-story, hip-roofed brick structure. Stuccoed. Open central cross halls on first level and large courtroom on second level. North wing added ca. 1935. Unaltered.
- 17. Commercial Duplex (601, 603 Lexington Street). Ca. 1900. One-story, brick commercial duplex with corbeled brickwork in parapet. Plate glass storefronts with central, recessed entrances set in iron frame carried by slender, octagonal, cast-iron columns and an open guilloche band. Corrugated metal awning carried on simple wooden brackets and chamfered posts.

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- 18. Horne-Tardy Stores (605, 607, 609 Lexington Street). Ca. 1925. One-story, brick commercial triplex. Corbeled brick parapet. Plate glass storefronts set in plain iron frame carried by iron posts.
- 19. Commercial Duplex (611, 613 Lexington Street). Ca. 1900. One-story, brick commercial duplex with deep corbeled brickwork crowning parapet. Plate glass storefronts with central recessed entrances set in iron frames carried by decorated, cast-iron pilasters.
- 20. Black & Boykin Law Office (615 Lexington Street). Ca. 1920. One-story, plain brick commercial structure. Plate glass storefront with central entrance set in metal frame.
- 21. Livery Stable & Yard (Rear 600 block Lexington Street). Ca. 1889. Frame, balloon-frame barn, set gable end to street. Clerestory range above shedroofed sides. Stalls still intact. Metal-sheathing on southern and western elevations earlier than vertical siding on northern and eastern elevations. Small, gable-ended barn to south.
- 22. Ray's Corner (701, 703 Lexington Street). Ca. 1896. Two-story, six-bay, brick commercial duplex with highly decorative corbeled-brickwork parapet. Splayed flat arches over six-over-six sash windows of second level. Southern unit retains original storefront set in iron frame carried by slender, fluted, cast-iron columns. Northern unit altered. Early one-story wing added to rear of northern unit.
- 23. Bingham Stores (707, 709 Lexington Street). Ca. 1897. Two-story, fourbay, brick commercial duplex with deep, corbeled brickwork cornice. Central entrance doors of both original storefronts altered. Overhanging, enclosed porch added to second level of 709.
- 24. Masonic Hall (715 Lexington Street). 1899. Two-story, three-bay-byfive-bay vernacular frame structure set gable end to street. First level shop entrances sheltered by plain, hip-roofed porch originally carried on turned posts.

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- 25. J. J. Gee & Sons Store (700, 702 Lexington Street). 1902. Two-story, six-bay, brick commercial duplex with segmental arches over lower sash windows of second level. Corbeled brickwork cornice. Original storefronts with central recessed entrances set in iron frame supported by slender, cast-iron, octagonal columns. Original interior fixtures.
- 26. Peoples Bank Building (704 Lexington Street). Ca. 1890. Two-story, two bay, brick commercial structure with deep, corbeled-brickwork parapet. Circular-headed fenestration. Served as bank since 1902. Original tellers' cages and safe.
- 27. Conservative Office (706 Lexington Street). Ca. 1902. One story, brick three-bay commercial structure with decorative brickwork parapet. Recessed entrance storefront set in cast iron frame. Metal awning carried on simple wooden brackets.
- Gee Barns (712-714 Lexington Street). Ca. 1920. Two, one-story, frame, corrugated metal-sheathed banrs. Replaced earlier dwelling that burned ca. 1910. Contributory.
- 29. Tidwell House (800 Lexington Street). Ca. 1875. One-story, three-bay, frame Greek Revival dwelling with coupled windows set in pedimented architrave. Single-bay portico carried on octagonal columns. Restoration work in progress.
- 30. Vance House (801 Lexington Street). Ca. 1895. Two-story, asymmetrically massed, vernacular frame dwelling with two-story, octagonal bay on projecting end pavilion.
- 31. Oury House (500 Greenville Street). Ca. 1870s. One-story, five-bay frame dwelling with late-nineteenth-century millwork porch sheltering facade. Exterior end chimneys removed.
- 32. Peavy House (802 Greenville Street). Antebellum, ca. 1870-1900. Modest, one-and-one-half-story frame, two-room dwelling with central chimney and gallery around three sides of house (partially enclosed). Lattice-sheathed well house, smokehouse, and barn.
- 33. C. J. Gee House (701 College Street). Ca. 1920. Rambling, two-story frame dwelling. Present bungaloid style house incorporates earlier one-story dwelling. Prominent, hilltop site. Contributory.

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- 34. Montgomery House (901 College Street). 1952. Plain, one-story, frame dwelling with one-bay, pedimented entrance porch.
- 35. Somerville House (905 College Street). Ca. 1890s. 1901. One-and-onehalf-story, asymmetrically massed, Queen Anne-style frame dwelling with sweeping Colonial Revival gallery sheltering facade. Richly appointed interior dates from 1901 enlargement and remodeling of house.
- 36. Ricketts House (900 College Street). Ca. 1938. One-story, modest Colonial Revival frame dwelling that replaced burned late-nineteenth-century house. Unaltered. Contributory.
- 37. Pillow-Holman House (904 College Street). Ca. 1875. Simple, three-bay, frame Greek Revival dwelling with single-bay pedimented portico carried on octagonal columns on front and southern elevations.
- 38. The Oaks (West side College Street). Ca. 1850. 1875. One-and two-story, L-shaped, frame dwelling with single bay, giant-order, octagonal-columned portico on eastern facade and simpler, single-story portico at cross hall on northern elevation.
- 39. Baugh House (East side, College Street Extended). Ca. 1875. One-story, frame Greek Revival dwelling with single-bay, pedimented portico carried on square columns.
- 40. Telephone Switching Building (200 W. Jackson Street). Ca. 1965. Simple, abestos-sided, gable-roofed structure. Small pedimented entrance hood carried on plain brackets.
- 41. Oury-Herbert House (203 W. Jackson Street). Ca. 1900. One-story, frame, vernacular dwelling with gabled end pavilion. Heavily remodeled. Porch posts replaced. Contributory.
- 42. Episcopal Rectory (301 E. Washington Street). 1889. One-story, frame vernacular dwelling with gabled end pavilion. Inset gallery carried on square columns. Some decorative millwork trim survives.
- 43. Grace Episcopal Church (north side, E. Washington Street). 1884. Distinctively styled early-English Gothic Revival brick ecclesiastical structure. Gable ends sheathed with vertical siding. Oversized, "Stick-Style" gable pieces. Picturesquely detailed, off-center bell tower.

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- 44. Hart House (201 E. Washington Street). 1889. Boxy, picturesquely massed, two-story frame dwelling sheathed with German siding. New wing.
- 45. Hart-Huff House (204 E. Washington Street). Ca. 1920. One-story, frame, hip-roofed bungalow with inset gallery and typical, bungaloid-style frontispiece and windows.
- 46. Marshall Office Building (107-111 E. Washington Street). 1946. 1965. Onestory, block and frame commercial duplex built on site of deteriorated frame structures. Contributory.
- 47. J. Z. George Law Office (103-105 E. Washington Street). Antebellum. Onestory, frame commercial duplex. Facade set in flush siding. Central entrance of western unit sheletered by single-bay portico carried on square columns. Eastern unit pediment carried on simple brackets.
- 48. Loving-Bingham House (106 W. Washington Street). Ca. 1875. Two-story, five-bay, frame vernacular dwelling with distinctive, Italianate-inspired detailing. Double-tiered gallery carried by octagonal columns. Arched frontispiece and window surrounds on first level of facade.
- 49. Captain Ray Home (110 W. Washington Street). Ca. 1830. Ca. 1875. Twostory, five-bay, frame dwelling with earlier single-story ell to rear. Distinctive, double-tiered, full-facade gallery with eclectic-styled millwork. Att^wibuted to James Clark Harris.
- 50. Bingham-Sanders House (112 W. Washington Street). Ca. 1875. Picturesquely massed and detailed, two-story, frame dwelling. Double-tiered gallery with distinctive Eastlake-style balustrade. Exterior end chimneys.
- 51. John S. Ray House (107 W. Washington Street). Ca. 1935. One-story, brick veneer bungalow with offset projecting gable forming porch. Unaltered.
- 52. Carrollton Baptist Church (111 W. Washington Street). 1894. Brick, ecclesastical structure with off-center steeple, set gable end to street. Stuccoed caps on faces of flat buttresses and over lancet-shaped fenestration. Stained-glass glazing in principal windows. Ca. 1898 one-story, frame parsonage.

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- 53. Hamilton-Beckwith House (116 W. Washington Street). 1903. One-story picturesquely massed vernacular frame dwelling. Tuscan-columned veranda. Decorative, sawn trim in gable ends.
- 54. Smith House (118 W. Washington Street). Ca. 1895. Boxy, two-story, frame vernacular dwelling with gabled end pavilion. Simple, hip-roofed porch accented with pierced corner brackets.
- 55. House (120 W. Washington Street). Ca. 1895. Unusually massed, hip-and gable-roofed, one-story, vernacular frame dwelling. Contributory.
- 56. Judge Stevens House (122 W. Washington Street). Ca. 1898. Picturesquely massed, one-story, frame dwelling. Front and side gallery. Gable ends sheathed with variety of decorative sidings. Gable pieces.
- 57. Seven Gables (Hafner Street). Ca. 1850. Ca. 1895. Two-story, frame dwelling enlarged and remodeled in late-Gothic Revival style in latenineteenth century.
- 58. Sanders-Norquist House/Hayne Hall (210 Peavy Street). Ca. 1840. Ca. 1875. Two-story, three-bay, single-pile dwelling with exterior end stepped-shoulder chimney. Fenestration altered and portico added ca. 1875. Shed-roofed rear ell.
- 59. Williams-Johnson House (209 Peavy Street). Ca. 1894. Two-story, five-bay frame vernacular dwelling with exterior end stepped-shoulder chimneys. Enclosed porch added.
- 60. Stevens House Tenements (802, 804 College Street, 211 Peavy Street). Ca. 1900. Three one-story, four-bay frame vernacular dwellings with shedroofed porches. Fair condition.
- 61. Willie Chandler's Cabin (205 Hafner Street). Ca. 1900. Modest, one-story, three-bay, one-room frame dwelling with inset gallery sheltering facade. Board and batten siding. Representative of once-frequent local form. Fair condition.
- 62. Wayside (209 Hafner Street). 1902. One-story, five-bay, picturesquely detailed frame dwelling with gabled end pavilion.

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63. Shackelford-Sullivan House (208 Hafner Street). Ca. 1875. Ca. 1895. Ca. 1920. Rambling, one-story, frame house that incorporates typical threebay, late-Greek Revival dwelling. Heavily remodeled. Front gallery enclosed.

Stylistically Incompatible Intrusions

- 64. Carroll Academy (907 College Street). 1940. Ca. 1950. 1970. Threebuilding complex built on site of 1846 Female Academy: (1) one-story, brick-veneer, four-room facility, which was originally wing to 1918 brick, two-story high school (demolished ca. 1962); (2) one-story, frame structure covered with asbestos siding; (3) metal, prefabricated structure, which is intrusion.
- 65. Gowdy House (600 Green Street). 1973. Two-story "modern" frame house with mock-Mansard roof. Design syndicated in <u>Better Homes</u> and <u>Gardens</u>. Intrusion.
- 66. Red Bird Service Station (617 Lexington Street). Ca. 1964. One-story, three-bay service station. Set diagonally to corner. Cinder block. Intrusion.

8 - SIGNIFICANCE

and in available services. Many of the small, specialized mercantile operations that once occupied the modest wooden buildings that frame Courthouse Square became obsolete and disappeared, as have the structures that housed them. Remarkably, few new buildings have been built in their place, leaving the town, whose population has decreased from the 1910 peak to about 250 inhabitants, smaller but with a nonetheless intact architectural fabric. Carrollton was content to exist with what it had and continues to function within that heritage today.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Carrollton, Mississippi, is a remarkably complete and well-preserved example of a prosperous, small, rural county seat and trading center. Retaining much of its turn-of-the-century appearance, the town possesses one of the most significant and unaltered assemblages of pre-twentieth-century architecture in central Mississippi. Several of the residential buildings were reportedly done by James Clark Harris, the imaginative designer-builder of Malmaison, the Carroll County home of Greenwood LeFlore (1800-1865), state legislator and chief of the Choctaw Indians. Merrill's Store and the J. Z. George Law Office were individually entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

The relatively small number of stylistically incompatible intrusions within the district, the high quality and unaltered appearance of the architecture, and the survival of building types representative of all phases of the economic and social development and functioning of the community, blend with the varied topography of the wooded setting to give the area an architectural and historical continuity.

Established in 1834 as one of the two county seats of Carroll County, which was created by legislative act in 1833 from lands ceded by the Choctaw Indians, Carrollton was laid out on a forty-acre site on the south side of Big Sand Creek. During the antebellum period the small community grew as the mercantile and governmental center for the surrounding agricultural region. It was, however, the prosperity and subsequent expansion of the last quarter of the nineteenth century that is reflected in the character of the town, since Carrollton evolved into a major commercial and social center for the area as well as a residential community attractive to Delta planters who wished to escape the mosquito-infested lowland. Despite being bypassed in 1889 by the Columbus and Greenville Railroad Company, which opted to locate one mile above the town on the north side of Big Sand Creek, the courthouse town continued to thrive, peaking with a population of 608 in 1910. The location of the railroad in the newer community of North Carrollton reduced the need for expansion and modernization in Carrollton, insuring at an early date its preservation.

With the advent of hard-surfaced roads and the increased use of the automobile after World War I, Carrollton gradually declined both in population

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Addendum

10 - VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All undivided lots and the 75 foot wide strip north of the northern edge of McDougal Street across lots 105, 109, and 127, the property at 800 Lexington Street which includes parts of lots 39 and 32, and the easternmost 225 feet of lot 167 in the irregularly shaped area enclosed by the red line on the official 1900 plat of Carrollton (see enclosed map).

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