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# Historic Sites Survey

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story, five-bay frame structure with flush board walls; constructed on an L-shape plan and raised on brick piers. Pediment over recessed entrance with double-leaf doors is supported by fluted Ionic pilasters which carry an entablature that bears the keystone of Masonry and insignia of the Shriners. Plain, architrave window moldings; corner pilasters; swags in frieze. Reception hall and banquet hall are interior features.

## ALTERATIONS:

## OUTBUILDINGS:

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Masonic Temple was constructed and owned jointly by three black fraternal lodges, and the success of the movement to build the Masonic Temple was due largely to the efforts of T. J. Wilson. The 1907 Guide of the Colored Community states that "this splendid home is not only a standing tribute to the business capacity and enterprise of the colored people of this city, but also a perpetual monument to their appreciation of and fidelity to the God-given laws and lessons taught by the code and creed of Masonry."

NAME: The Masonic Temple

STREET NO: 1220-26th Avenue

TOWN/VIC: Meridian

COUNTY: Lauderdale

BLOCK/LOT: Ragsdale Block 15, lot 7

PRESENT OWNER: T. J. Wilson Masonic Lodge #113

ADDRESS 1220-26th Ave. - Meridian, MS 39301

PRESENT USE: Masonic Lodge

FORMER USE: Masonic Lodge

DATE: 1903

STYLE:

ARCH/BUILDER: Krouse & Hutchisson

SOURCE OF DATE: Cornerstone

ENVIRONMENT: Residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL x

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Ragsdale block 15, lot 7.

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

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