



Historic Sites Survey

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story brick commercial building facing east to railroad tracks. Hipped roof has small hipped roof skylight centered near the parapet. Storefront consists of six bays with two recessed double-leaf entrances balanced by plate glass windows, with a glazed door in the southern-most bay for entrance to the second story. Second story has four evenly-spaced floor-to-ceiling windows with segmental relieving arches. The building is surmounted by a centrally curved parapet featuring decorative brick panels and corbeled brackets and the centered insignia "Norwood Building." A modern sign running the length of the building hangs from a between-floor canopy. Wide cast iron pilasters which articulate the bays on first-story facade are marked, "Livermore Foundary and Machine Co., Memphis, Tenn."

ALTERATIONS:

None

OUTBUILDINGS:

None

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Part of nine-building block constituting West Main Street; faces railroad park.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Norwood/TWL Building is one of Magnolia's most significant Main Street buildings, and it is one of the city's pair of two-story, largely-unaltered landmark commercial buildings. The storefront is unique in the community for its highly-decorated cast iron pilasters and is notable for its unaltered fenestration. The centrally curved parapet above the second story exhibits the most sophisticated decorative brickwork in Magnolia. Finally, the skylight centered on the roof is unique to Magnolia's commercial buildings.

NAME: Norwood/TWL Building

STREET NO: 131 West Railroad Avenue

TOWN/VIC: Magnolia

COUNTY: Pike

BLOCK/LOT: 14

PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. James Weedy
 ADDRESS 515 North Clark Street
 Magnolia, Mississippi 39652

PRESENT USE: Variety store

FORMER USE: General store/offices

DATE: 1897

STYLE: Commercial

ARCH/BUILDER: Unknown

SOURCE OF DATE: Building plate

ENVIRONMENT: "Main Street" commercial

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

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