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7 - DESCRIPTION

Main Street Historic District

Main Street Historic District contains a linear row of one-story vernacular dwellings located on the south side and toward the western end of Main Street. The district contains two Creole cottages and three shotgun cottages dating from the last quarter of the nineteenth century, and one Bungalow-style cottage of ca. 1920 construction. All are one-story dwellings and, with the exception of the Bungalow, which is clad with stucco, all are frame. Gable roofs predominate. The low scale and vernacular character of these dwellings contrasts sharply with the modern commercial development just west and north of the district.

Inventory of Buildings in the District

ABBREVIATIONS:

P = Primary Significance. Building retains its architectural integrity and is a key element of the streetscape.

C = Contributing. Building's appearance does not detract from the streetscape. Compatible in terms of material and scale.

M = Marginal. Building has some detracting features but not enough to be considered intrusive or maintains the scale and incompatible alterations are reversible.

I = Intrusive. Building has been altered to such a degree that the original character is irretrievably obscured and/or scale and materials are incompatible.

1. Residence (528 Main St.). Ca. 1875. 1-story 2x3-bay shotgun cottage with L. Continuous porch on two sides. Bracketed porch posts and stickwork balustrade. Gable-on-hip roof. Doors with round-arched lights. (P)
2. Residence (532 Main St.). Ca. 1880. 1-story 4x2-bay Creole cottage with gable roof, undercut gallery and central chimney. Entrances middle bays. (P)
3. Residence (534 Main St.). Ca. 1880. 1-story 4x2-bay Creole cottage with gable roof, undercut gallery, and bracketed posts, which have been altered so they now rest on a brick half-wall. Entrances with transoms are located in middle bays. Central chimney. (C)

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- 4. Residence (538 Main St.). Ca. 1920. Bungalow style. 1-story stucco house with front-gable orientation and undercut gallery supported on three pairs of pyramidal box columns resting on raised stuccoed piers. The front gable is bracketed with half-timber treatment in the pediment. (P)
- 5. Residence (540 Main St.). Ca. 1895. 1-story 2x3-bay shotgun cottage with front-gable orientation and undercut gallery. Porch supported on posts with balustrade and valance, which is turned and scalloped. Front gable contains square double light and is denticulated with partial returns. (P)
- 6. Residence (542 Main St.). Ca. 1895. 1-story 2x3-bay shotgun cottage with front-gable orientation and undercut gallery. Bracketed posts, scalloped valance, denticulated front-gable frieze with partial returns. Square front-gable window with curved facing. (P)

8 - SIGNIFICANCE

Main Street Historic District

Main Street Historic District possesses outstanding examples of vernacular shotgun and Creole house types dating from the last quarter of the nineteenth century. While what may be considered Creole cottages--one-story gable-roofed houses with undercut galleries, two entrances onto the porch, and a four-bay facade--can be found throughout Mississippi, the Creole cottages represented in this district are the classic type with central chimneys, which evolved from the French building tradition and are found in Mississippi only along the coast. Buildings within the district maintain much of their original architectural detailing and serve as a visual record of what this section of Main Street looked like in the late 1800s, when Main Street was the principal thoroughfare leading west to the Pearl River and New Orleans.

10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM REFERENCES

Zone 16 E 274660
N 3355910

Verbal Boundary Description: The Main Street Historic District is a rectangular-shaped area comprising approximately one acre. District boundaries correspond with the boundary outlined on the city plap map (6)

MAP # 6
MAIN ST.
HISTORIC DISTRICT

