

## MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF GREENVILLE

## BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name: King Street Historic District

Address: W. Commerce St. - 423-507; King St. - 107-116; Milner St.- 505-603;  
Oliver St. - 116.

Acreage: 4

Verbal Boundary: See enclosed scaled map.

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	B-16/535/020-3521/400	E-16/534/920-3521/340
	C-16/535/120-3521/240	F-16/534/920-3521/440

Statement of Significance:

Criterion C - Architecture:

The King Street Historic District is significant for its concentration of residential architecture ranging from c 1845 to c 1930. Some of the houses including the Newman-Wright House (c 1845) and several late 19th century vernacular cottages exhibit some detailing and overall form which was a part of the much earlier Federal period building tradition. Other architectural styles exhibited are good examples of Queen Anne and Greek Revival cottages as well as early 20th century Bungalows.

Description:

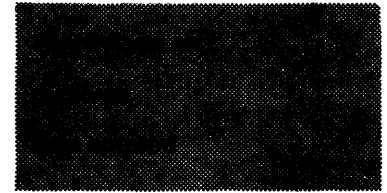
The King Street Historic District is situated on the south side of W. Commerce St. around the intersection of King and Milner Streets. Most of the buildings (c 1845 to c 1930) are modest middle-income dwellings situated close to the street on small lots. Architectural styles include Queen Anne, Greek Revival and Bungalow with numerous vernacular examples. All the houses are of single story frame construction except for the Newman-Wright House (c 1845) which is two-story on a raised basement with a large double gallery across the front. The vernacular houses are all similar in basic design with each having a rectangular center block, a gable roof flanked on either end by early 19th century style, stuccoed, brick chimneys with flaired bases and stacks which are slightly recessed away from the roof gables.

Historical Summary:

The houses located in this district have for the most part been rental houses, the exception being the houses facing on to West Commerce Street and the Joe Kern House (#10) located on the corner of King and Milner Streets. Joe Kern owned a livery stable and a coal yard at the turn of the century and owned two of the houses in the district, one of which was the residence of his brother Herman Kern. Mrs. Fannie Kern, Joe Kern's widow, lived in the Kern House until her death. the J. F. Richardson House (#1) is located near the site of the old Confederate Hospital which burned in 1895. The Searcy family lived in the house on the west corner of Commerce Street and King Street (#2) and the scored stucco house (#4) facing West Commerce Street was erected in 1888 and was occupied by a Smith family. The house was later occupied by a daughter and her husband Ira Knox.

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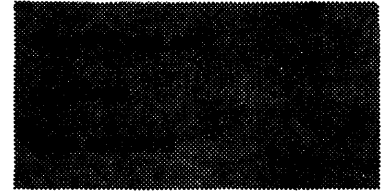
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BUILDINGS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE KING STREET DISTRICT

1. 507 W. Commerce St.: c 1915; one story frame, gable roof w/ cross gable center dormer, flat roofed porch across entire facade supported by paired chamfered columns, two stuccoed end chimneys. Roll 5, Neg. 7.
2. 503 W. Commerce St.: c 1900; one story frame, gable roof w/ cross gable end extension, wrap-around porch w/ chamfered columns. Roll 5, Neg. 6.
3. 431 W. Commerce St.: c 1900; one story frame, gable roof w/ projecting cross gable octagonal end bay, shed roofed porch across entire facade supported by square columns. Roll 5, Neg. 4.
4. 423 W. Commerce St.: 1888; one story ell-shaped scored stucco, steep hipped roof, hip roofed porch with square columns and scroll sawed brackets and bannister, windows are slightly arched w/ projecting hoods. Roll 5, Neg. 3.
5. 108 King St.: c 1900; one story frame, gable roof w/ cross gable end extension, low hip roofed porch w/ square columns. Roll 20, Neg. 13.
7. 109 King St.: c 1890; one story frame, gable roof, hip roofed porch supported by square columns, two exterior end chimneys partially demolished, old building style belies later construction. Roll 20, Neg. 12.
8. 112 King St.: c 1920; Bungalow, one story frame hipped roof w/ cross gable roofed porch supported by tapered square columns on brick piers. Roll 20, Neg. 14.
9. 116 King St.: c 1900; one story ell-shaped frame, gable roof w/ projecting cross gable bay, wrap-around hipped metal roofed porch with slender turned columns. Roll 20, Neg. 15.
11. 511 Milner St.: c 1860; one story frame, hipped roof, hip roofed portico supported by square columns, double stuccoed end chimneys, facade altered w/ Victorian leaded transom and sidelights around central entry. Roll 20, Neg. 17.
12. 507 Milner St.: c 1920; Bungalow, one story frame, gable roof w/ extension over porch supported by square columns on brick piers, side carport addition. Roll 20, Neg. 18.
15. 116 Oliver St.: c 1850; two story frame, gable roof, two story double gallery across entire facade, exterior scored stucco chimneys on either gable end. Roll 20, Neg. 21.

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16. 506 Milner St.: c 1900; one story frame, gable roof w/ projecting cross gable end bay, shed roofed porch supported by square columns, entry has transom and sidelights. Roll 20, Neg. 22.
17. 603 Milner St.: c 1890; one story frame, gable roof, shed roofed porch w/ square columns, exterior stuccoed end chimneys. Roll 20, Neg. 23 and 24.
18. 430 W. Commerce St.: c 1910; one story frame, hipped roof, low hip roofed porch across entire facade supported by square columns, central entry has transom and sidelights. Roll 20, Neg. 25.
19. 500 W. Commerce St.: c 1910; one story frame, pyramidal roof, cross gable portico supported by paired round columns, triple windows flanking either side of central entry. Roll 20, Neg. 26.

BUILDINGS WHICH CONDITIONALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE KING STREET DISTRICT

6. 107 King St.: c 1890; one story frame partially covered w/ asbestos siding, gable roof, shed roofed porch w/ square columns, two exterior chimneys (one partially demolished) with flaired bases, old building style belies later construction date. Roll 20, Neg. 16.
10. 514 Milner St.: c 1890; one story asbestos siding, gable roof w/ cross gable attic vent, wrap-around hip roofed porch supported by slender square columns on brick piers. Roll 20, Neg. 16.
13. 505 Milner St.: c 1920; Bungalow, one story asbestos siding, gable roof w/ extension over screened porch supported by square columns on brick piers. Roll 20, Neg. 19.
14. 501 Milner St. (Ray House): c 1890; one-and-a-half-story asbestos siding, gable roof w/ cross gable attic vent dormer, low hipped front porch w/ chamfered columns w/ scroll sawed brackets. Roll 20, Neg. 20.