

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

HEALTH CARE: Medical business/office

COMMERCE/TRADE: professional

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

foundation Concrete

walls Weatherboard

roof Shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Facing south onto Center Street, the circa 1840 Kirkpatrick Dental Office is a one-story, linear plan, three-by-two bay, Greek Revival structure clad in cypress clapboard and flushboard and crowned by a gable roof covered with cedar shingles. The temple-front building rests on stuccoed concrete-block piers infilled with latticework. The facade is highlighted by a portico featuring two fluted Ionic columns, two Doric box columns, and two Doric pilasters supporting a pediment. Four brick steps extend the width of the portico. The walls of the facade and the tympanum are finished with flushboard, and the roof is trimmed with a full molded entablature with denticulated frieze. The facade features a central single-leaf, two-panel door crowned by a three-light transom and framed by a Greek Revival frontispiece composed of panelled pilasters supporting a full entablature. On each side of the entrance is a floor-length, nine-over-nine, double-hung window surrounded by molded trim. The windows of the other elevations are nine-over-nine, double-hung sash, and all windows have louvred shutters.

The two-room interior features heart pine floors, wide baseboards, and plastered walls. The window and door surrounds in the front (south) room have battered, shouldered architrave trim while the surrounds in the rear room have plain moldings. A two-panel door connects the two rooms. There are no mantels, as the building was originally heated with stoves.

Shortly after the turn of the century a rear addition was made to the building, giving it a shotgun appearance. This addition was subsequently remodeled circa 1935, with a bathroom extending from the left wall. When the Kirkpatrick Dental Office was restored in 1990 for use as a law office, the rear addition--which had undergone extensive alterations and had no significant architectural features--was removed, returning the building to its original two-room configuration.

It is thought that the Kirkpatrick Dental Office may have originally been part of the Sharon Female Academy which was founded in Sharon, seven miles northwest of Canton, in 1837. In the 1850s several buildings in Sharon were moved to Canton on logs when the new railroad, which came through Canton in 1856, caused the town to flourish. This

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SECTION 7: DESCRIPTION

building is believed to have been moved about that time to a lot just off the courthouse square on East Peace Street, where it became the dental office of J. G. Kirkpatrick. In 1985 the building was threatened with demolition when the lot it occupied was sold for use as a parking lot. In order to save the building, it was moved approximately one and one-half blocks to East Center Street. Moved in one section, the integrity of the historic fabric was not compromised by the move. Although the integrity of location was lost by the move, the building retains integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling. The significance of the Kirkpatrick Dental Office was not undermined by the relocation because its significance was not and is not dependent on its site location--its significance is architectural.

The building is located on a wide, grassy lot, about one and one-half blocks from the courthouse square in an historic area of Canton that is both commercial and residential. The building's former location on East Peace Street was also in an area that was both commercial and residential. Center Street is one of the four streets bounding the courthouse square, the others being Peace, Liberty, and Union. The setting of the building and the building's relationship to the street are similar to the historic setting. The significance of the Kirkpatrick Dental Office was not undermined by the relocation; in fact, the integrity of setting at its Peace Street location was being infringed upon by new construction. The building relates very well to its new environment, and its architectural significance is clearly expressed here.

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SECTION 8: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is believed that the Kirkpatrick Dental Office was originally part of the Sharon Female Academy and was built circa 1840. In the 1850s the building was moved to Canton to a lot just off the courthouse square on East Peace Street. At that time it became the dental office of Dr. J. G. Kirkpatrick, who died during the Civil War. During the Reconstruction era, the building was used by Mr. Gilman as a school for young ladies. The building has been used for a number of purposes, such as a music studio, art gallery, residence, savings and loan, and beauty shop. In 1985, when the building was threatened with demolition, it was moved approximately one and one-half blocks to East Center Street. The building has recently been sensitively restored and is now being used as a law office.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Mead, Carol Lynn. The Land Between Two Rivers: Madison County, Mississippi. Canton, MS: Friends of the Madison County-Canton Public Library, 1987.
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property 0.606 acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

A lot in the City of Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, on the North side of East Center Street described as: Begin at SW corner of Lot #38 on the N side of East Center Street. Run N 240 ft. to a point. Run E parallel to Center Street 110 ft. to the W line of formerly-called Rucker property. Thence run S 240 ft. to Center Street, thence W along N margin of East Center Street to point of beginning, all according to the official map of the City of Canton prepared by George and Dunlap and appearing of record in the Office See continuation sheet of the Chancery Clerk, Madison County, Mississippi.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot on which the subject building is currently located.

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

- (1) Kirkpatrick Dental Office
- (2) Canton, Madison County, Mississippi
- (3) Catherine C. Wohner
- (4) February 1991
- (5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1--(6) Main (south) facade and west elevation, view to northeast

Photo 2--(6) Main (south) facade, view to north

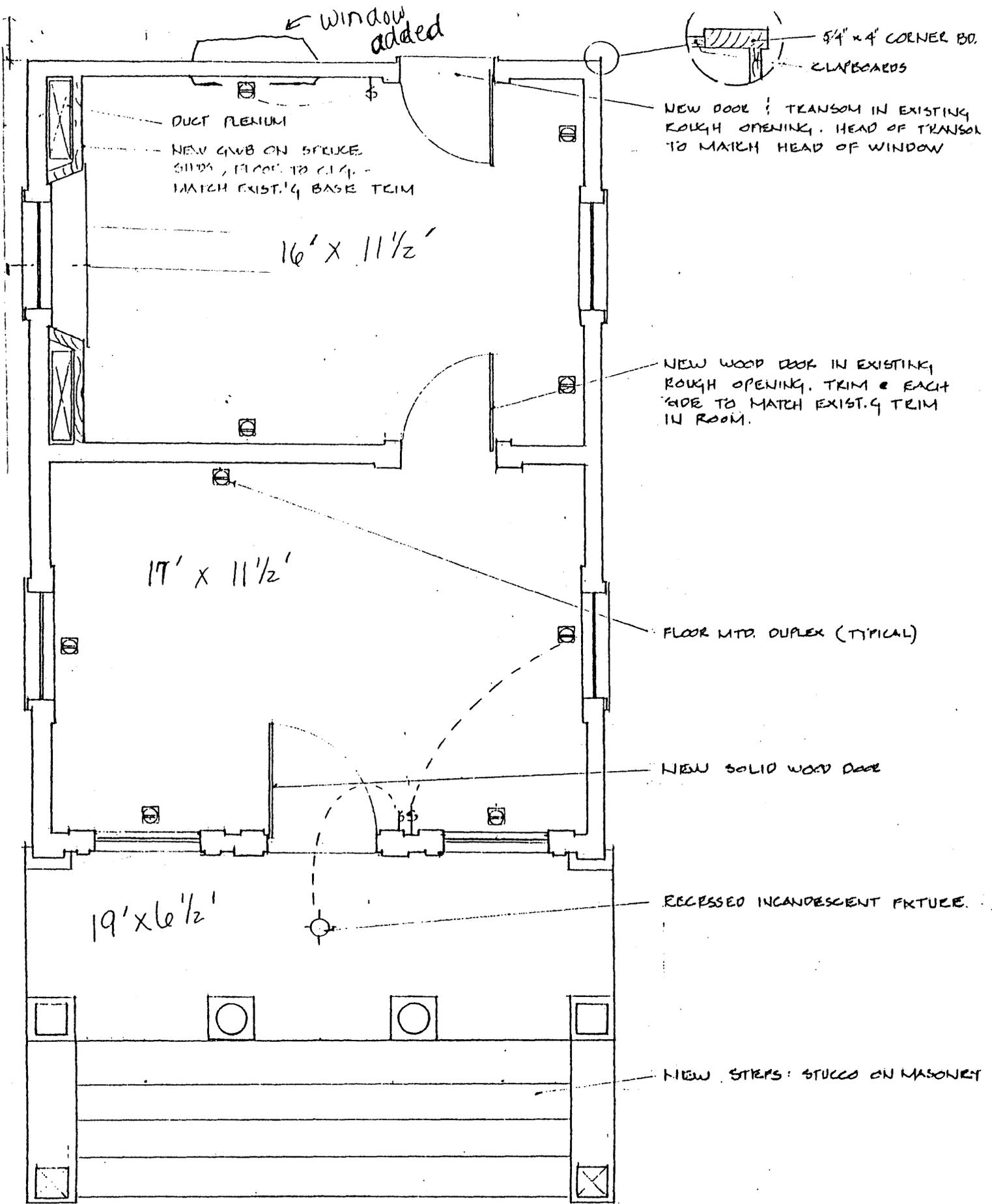
Photo 3--(6) Pediment detail of south facade, view to north

Photo 4--(6) Main entrance (south facade), view to north

Photo 5--(6) Rear (north) and east elevations, view to southwest

Photo 6--(6) Interior of front room, view to southeast

Photo 7--(6) Window detail in front room, view to east



FLOOR PLAN

KIRKPATRICK DENTAL OFFICE -
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1/4" = 1'-0"

