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New Albany Historic District
Union County, Mississippi

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96001266

Date Listed: 11/01/96

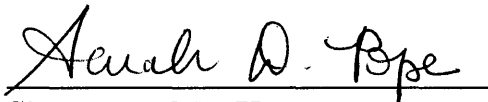
Property Name: New Albany Downtown Historic District

County: Union

State: MS

Multiple Name: N/A

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

11/6/02

Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

This amendment was initiated by the Technical Preservation Services Branch, Heritage Preservation Services Division of the National Park Service and the Mississippi SHPO for completion of a Part 1 Historic Preservation Certification Application.

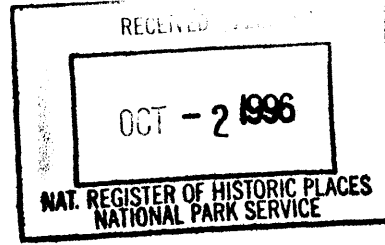
The National Register concurs with the Mississippi SHPO that 122 W. Bankhead contributes to this district. This amendment hereby counts 122 W. Bankhead as a contributing resource to the New Albany Downtown Historic District, Union County, Mississippi. Built during the period of significance, 122 W. Bankhead is comparable to other buildings in the district in regard to massing, scale, materials, design and workmanship.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name New Albany Downtown Historic District

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number East and West Bankhead, Railroad, & Main N/A not for publication

city or town New Albany N/A vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Union code 145 zip code 38652

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Edson H. Beall 24 Sept 1996
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Officer
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

11.1.96

Entered in the
National Register

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
42	17	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
42	17	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

- COMMERCE: business
- COMMERCE: financial institution
- GOVERNMENT: city hall, post office
- GOVERNMENT: government office
- COMMERCE: specialty store
- SOCIAL: meeting hall

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

- COMMERCE: business
- GOVERNMENT: city hall
- GOVERNMENT: police station, post ofc.
- GOVERNMENT: government office
- COMMERCE: speciality store
- COMMERCE: business

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

- Commercial Style
- Art Deco
- Neo-Classical
- Colonial Revival
- Craftsman Commercial

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

- foundation brick, concrete
- walls brick, concrete block
- frame
- roof metal, built-up, asphalt
- other metal and plastic canopies and facing

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
removed from its original location.
a birthplace or grave.
a cemetery.
a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
a commemorative property.
less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Architecture

Period of Significance

1890 - 1946

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository:

New Albany Downtown Historic District
Name of Property

Union/MS
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 10 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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3	1 6	3 1 5 8 4 0	3 81 8 7 6 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	1 6	3 1 5 3 2 0	3 8 1 8 3 6 0

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joan Embree

organization Preservation Consultant date 5/28/1996, rev. 6/27/96

street & number 1364 Lake Valley Road telephone (601) 324-0410

city or town Starkville state MS zip code 39759

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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DESCRIPTION

The historic business district of New Albany, county seat of Union County, is a commercial district of mostly early-to-mid-20th century buildings located at the center of town. Included in this district are most of the remaining commercial and governmental structures from the most active and important growth period in the city's history, 1890-1946. Commercial density and historic weight are heaviest on East and West Bankhead, near where the former Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio Railroad tracks cross this main shopping and business street and just south of the former St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad tracks.

About 10 acres in size, the district is a bent-rectangle-shaped area extending from the Tallahatchie River Bridge on the west up a gentle rise toward the center and angling toward the Union County Courthouse and the New Albany Post Office at the eastern commercial edge. Residential neighborhoods abut the commercial area on its northeast, eastern, and southern edges. The gentle incline from the river continues through these neighborhoods and past a handsome 19th and 20th century cemetery on East Bankhead (State Highway 178) near its intersection with State Highway 15. In addition to its intersecting railroads (currently the Kansas City Southern and the Burlington-Northern/Santa Fe), New Albany is bordered by north-south Highway 15 (from the Tennessee border through Ripley, New Albany, Houston, and to south of Philadelphia), east-west Highway 30 (from east of Booneville to Oxford), and Federal Highway 78, which has been removed from Bankhead Street and rebuilt as a four-lane highway just southwest of town.

District buildings are primarily brick and rectangularly-massed, with concealed shed or flat roofs behind parapets raised at the front for sign or design purposes. With the exceptions of two three-story buildings, the former Masonic Hall (111 West Bankhead) and Hamilton Hardware (130 West Bankhead), structures are one or two stories tall. Several of the buildings incorporate two or three storefronts, with dividing walls between exterior walls. Almost all of the storefronts have been altered by the placement of aluminum and glass, mid-to-late 20th century door and window systems. No original canopies survive. With the exception of the Courthouse square, the Post Office lawn and the two modern banks at its east end, the district has no formal landscaping.

A Historic Resource Survey conducted in the downtown New Albany area in March, 1996 found that of the 60 buildings included in the district, 42 (71 percent) were Contributing and 17 (29 percent) were Non-Contributing. The Union County Courthouse is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The ages of the district buildings, in broad terms, are: late 19th and early 20th century - 12, or 19 percent; early to-mid-20th century, 32, or 55 percent; and late 20th century, 15, or 24 percent. These categories were determined by photographs and Sanborn insurance maps.

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Architectural styles represented in the proposed district are representative of the changing tastes and aspirations of their owners. Most prevalent are the Mid-20th-Century-Commercial style buildings with stepped or flattened parapets and two-dimensional brick design details -- 20, or 35 percent. About 10, or 18 percent, preserve some exterior evidence of Late-19th-to-Early-20th Century origins in layered brick cornices and window surrounds. Several early-to-mid-century styles have important examples in New Albany, but in limited numbers.

These styles include: Craftsman Commercial, 2; Colonial Revival, 1; Neo-Classical, 2 (counting the Courthouse); and a Colonial/Craftsman. One of the surveyed buildings, the remaining former gas station on East Bankhead, is listed as "No Style" because of its severe alterations. And 15 buildings, or 25 percent of the total are listed as "Modern" in style. This category covers a multitude of recent commercial variations.

Most of the district's non-contributing buildings date from after the 1946 end date for district significance. Though several of them have similar massing and exterior materials, they are clearly mid-to-late 20th century in details like windows, storefronts, and other fittings. While they are post-historic in style, they are compatible with the historic fabric of the district and do not detract. A few of these modern buildings, however, are completely out of sympathy with the established character of downtown and can be considered intrusions.

District Inventory

Fifty-nine (59) properties in and near the central business core of New Albany were included in this nomination. Included in the district, but not surveyed, is the 1909 New Albany County Courthouse on a block among East Bankhead, Camp, Main, and Court streets, the only building in town already listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The list of district properties is organized alphabetically, by street, and by increasing numbers on each street. East and West Bankhead are listed separately because they originated as separate streets -- Cotton, at the east, and Mill, at the west. Each entry begins with the street address of the resource, followed by its status within the proposed historic district, the district number assigned to it, an estimated or documented date for its construction, and a brief physical description of the resource.

Buildings within a proposed district are designated as Contributing (C), Non-Contributing (NC), or Previously Listed (PL). Contributing buildings to a National Register Historic District are those which: are more than 50 years old; retain enough of their original physical integrity to be considered examples of the times and styles in which they were built; and contribute to the fabric and feeling of the era they represent. Non-Contributing buildings are those which: are not yet 50 years old; are so different or so modern as to become "intrusions" on the district's historic character; or have been altered so that they no longer are recognizable as representatives of the time period for which the district is being recognized.

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|---|-----|----|---------|---|
| 1 | 100 | C | 1917 | Two-story brick, Early 20th C. Commercial style building, (built as the Henderson Building, to house Henderson Drug Store) rectangularly massed, has 6-bay upper facade, all windows in segmental brick arches, and two 3-bay first floor storefronts (WDW,DPI3) plus a door in an original entry surround in a clipped corner with round-arched entry porch. |
| 2 | 105 | NC | 1950-70 | One-story, brick-veneered, trapezoidal Modern commercial building with 2-bay facade (PI,D/D,PI). Fenestration is aluminum and glass. |
| 3 | 106 | NC | 1920-40 | Two-story, rectangularly-massed former gas station with second story at street level. Completely renovated. Facade is now 2 bay - door and window are new. Parapet and facade are vinyl-clad. |
| 4 | 107 | NC | 1959 | Two-story, rectangularly-massed, brick-veneered Modern commercial building with 3 bays downstairs for 3 commercial spaces, four 4-pane aluminum and glass windows upstairs. |
| 5 | 110 | C | 1937 | Old City Hall. Two-story concrete, Art Deco style former City Hall with 3-bay facade, entry on second floor at Bankhead Street level, is rectangularly-massed, has a flat roof, concrete entry, walk, and stair to first level. Listed as a State Landmark. Built through the Works Progress Administration. |
| 6 | 112 | NC | 1980-90 | Two-story Modern, steel and concrete Union Planter's Bank with scored, exposed aggregate exterior and "ribs" between window bays, is rectangularly massed, with entry through east and west "wings," drive-through shelter on south. |
| 7 | 113 | NC | 1980-96 | One-story frame, shed-roofed, rectangularly-massed office building has wide board-and-batten exterior and matching canopy over 3-bay facade (W,D,W). |

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| 8 | 116 | PL | 1909 | Union County Courthouse. Two-and-a-half story, Neo-Classical, brick and concrete courthouse facing East Bankhead, with secondary entrances on Court and Camp streets and a rear exit to modern associated structures to the south. |
| 9 | 117 | C | By 1913 | Set of 4 one-story "Cotton Row" shopfronts in rectangularly-massed brick commercial building. Fronts retain wood and glass fenestration and cast iron pilasters. Continuous parapet and canopy have been modernized. |
| 10 | 125 | C | 1947 | Cine Theater. One-story brick theater with entry lobby in narrow, angled section, auditorium to rear on high brick foundation. Parapet has rectangular pillar covered by black glass at left, flat parapet with Art Deco brick design. Marquee covers sidewalk. |
| 11 | 131 | C | 1947 | One-story, rectangularly-massed Mid-20th C. style building with yellow brick veneer facing. Facade is 5 bay, all windows and doors are aluminum and glass except right entry -- wood and glass, recessed. |
| 12 | 133 | NC | 1969 | Two-story, flat-roofed, rectangularly-massed, Modern Classical style Bank of New Albany, of concrete and steel with brick veneer exterior. Facade is 3-bay (Windows, Entry, Windows). Projecting entry portico is supported on round columns with molded caps and bases. Windows flanking and above double entry doors are multi-light. Entry surround has hood-molded architrave, pilasters. Classical frieze bands building below roofline. |

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13 135 C 1936

Post Office. One-story, rectangularly-massed, brick Colonial Revival style Post Office with classical cupola centered on side-gabled roof and numerous classical details on its 5-bay facade. Two 12/12 DH windows flank the central entrance at either side. Architraves on the windows and entry doors have heavy molded hoods. Entry doors are new, but in original surround with "fanlight" transom, in-antis Doric columns supporting the hooded architrave. Completed in 1936 by the WPA. Louis A. Simon listed as architect.

BANKHEAD STREET, WEST

14 100 C c.1896

(former) **Bank of New Albany.** Two-story, yellow brick, rectangular Craftsman/Colonial Commercial building on south side of main town intersection. Facade is 3 bay on both levels. Upstairs windows are 12/1 Craftsman. Street level plates and doors are replacements. Entry doors are centered under a pedimented gable with flat pilasters.

15 101 C 1921

(former) **Bank of Commerce building (now City Hall).** Two-story, Neo-Classical, brick, rectangularly-massed building. Facade is 3 bay (W,D,W) on both street level and second (W,W,W). Upper (original) windows are 3 fixed vertical lights over 9-light casements, in wood frames. The facade is centered, recessed, and divided into 3 bays by in-antis classical pilasters. Street elevations on south and west are stuccoed, scored to look like ashlar, and have Neo-Classical floral swag details at frieze level.

16 102 C c.1896

Two-story brick commercial building, rectangularly-massed, has 3-bay facade on both levels. Parapet is simple, with concrete edge, patterned brick panel. Upstairs windows are 4/1 DH in wood frames. Storefront is modern.

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| 17 | 103 | C | c.1900 | One-story brick, rectangular commercial building has a few Mid-20th C. concrete details on parapet, new storefront and facade covering. |
| 18 | 104 | C | c.1900 | One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building with new storefront, has stepped parapet with concrete coping and patterned brick center panel, and false pilasters in patterned brick at corners. |
| 19 | 105 | C | c.1910 | One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building divided into 2 storefronts. Right (E) half is covered with panels in aluminum frame. Left half has Mid-20th C. Commercial style facade with Art Deco inset details, original storefront with wood-framed plates and door. |
| 20 | 106 | C | c.1910 | One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building with few details has new storefront, gable-roofed entry shelter with board-and-batten siding. |
| 21 | 108 | C | c.1910 | One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building has stepped pediment with concrete coping, aluminum hanging canopy, 3 bays under large overlights. Storefront is new, aluminum and glass. |
| 22 | 109 | C | c.1900 | One-plus-story brick commercial building, rectangularly massed, has flat parapet with concrete coping, patterned brick top. Storefront is new, overlights covered. |
| 23 | 110 | C. | c.1900 | One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building has pedimented parapet with concrete coping and details above deteriorated fiberglass or plastic facing. Storefront is new. |

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| 24 | 111 | C | 1903 | <p>Masonic Hall. Three-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building has new storefront with exception of original door to former third-story Masonic Hall at left. Second level has three windows, upper has two sets of double windows -- all are replacements. Parapet has corbelled cornice, recessed panels, surviving cast iron details. Some original 2/2 double-hung windows in segmentally-arched openings survive on side and rear elevations.</p> |
| 25 | 112- | C | c.1900 | <p>Set of three brick, rectangularly-massed, two-story stores with a common facade. Straight pediment has concrete coping, raised faux pilasters at corners. New windows and storefronts both upstairs and down.</p> |
| 26 | 115 | C | c.1900 | <p>One-plus-story brick commercial building is rectangularly-massed, has Deco-era facade that includes detailed brick "checkerboard" effect below pediment with side columns, raked central section with centered flat top. Storefront is new.</p> |
| 27 | 117 | C | c.1900 | <p>One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building with stepped parapet, concrete coping and side "pilasters" has new storefront. West elevation is on walkway from alley to Bankhead Street.</p> |
| 28 | 119 | NC | c.1910 | <p>One-and-a-half story brick commercial building, rectangularly massed, has shallow upper floor lighted by aluminum and glass casement windows and new storefront and rough finish downstairs.</p> |
| 29 | 120 | C | c.1900 | <p>Two-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building has flat parapet and plain concrete coping, new storefront, and 3 wood-framed upstairs windows.</p> |
| 30 | 121 | NC | 1940-60 | <p>One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building appears to be Mid-to-Late 20th C. Commercial. Flat parapet has shallow brick cornice with ventilation slits. New storefront is covered with metal "beadboard."</p> |

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| 31 | 122 | NC | c.1910 | Two-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building with yellow brick veneer on facade, all original details removed. Second story windows are metal, multi-light. Storefront is new. |
| 32 | 123 | NC | c.1950 | Two-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building from mid to late 20th century. All fenestration is new. |
| 33 | 124 | NC | c.1910 | Wide-two-part, brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building, two-and-a-half stories tall, has remodeled facade with new wood and glass storefront and copper-covered canopy. |
| 34 | 125 | NC | c.1956 | Two-story block, rectangularly-massed commercial building with Late 20th C, facade has marble plaque centered above upper windows marking site of A.W. Ragett's tin shop. |
| 35 | 127 | C | c.1907 | Two-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building has re-worked facade with pedimented parapet finished with concrete coping and decorative brick signage area with concrete accents. All fenestration is new. Facade and canopy are board-and-batten design. |
| 36 | 129 | C | c.1929 | One-story brick, wide, rectangularly-massed commercial building has wood and glass storefront, brick pilasters separating its bays. The parapet is stepped, with concrete coping, has a decorative brick panel. |
| 37 | 130 | C | 1903/1934 | Hamilton Hardware. Two-storefront, brick, rectangularly-massed Hamilton Hardware building -- left side is 3-story, right is 2-story -- with continuous 1934 facade re-make. Three-story section has Mid-20th C. storefront, two-story has replacement. |
| 38 | 131 | C | 1930-50 | One-story, rectangularly-massed commercial building has mid-20th C. details, parapet with raised flat center section with concrete coping, patterned brick rectangle in signage area, side "pilasters." |

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| 39 | 133 | C | c.1930 | Two-story brick commercial building, rectangularly-massed, with most Mid-20th C. construction details removed or covered. New windows on upper level, new storefront below. Contributes marginally. |
| 40 | 134 | NC | c.1907 | One-story, small, narrow storefront with new yellow brick facing and new windows obliterating original details. Overlights filled in. |
| 41 | 136 | C | c.1910 | One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building with new storefront has overlights. West side of building has old "Coca-Cola" sign under plaster from now-demolished neighboring building. |
| 42 | 137 | C | c.1920 | One-story brick, narrow storefront, rectangularly-massed, has patterned brickwork and concrete coping on parapet. Storefront is new. |
| 43 | 139 | C | c.1920 | One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building with 3-part facade has storefronts flanking a central section with garage doors. Fenestration is still wood-framed. Small storefront plates have overlights. |
| 44 | 141 | NC | c.1990 | Narrow, wide, one-story, concrete-block office building is set back from street for parking, has shallow porch. Exterior is faux board-and-batten. |
| 45 | 142 | NC | c.1970 | One-story, rectangularly-massed, concrete block commercial building with brick veneer exterior has hipped roof, projecting central entry porch on reeded metal columns. |
| 46 | 144 | NC | 1950-70 | One-story, concrete block, brick-veneered former gas station with open pump area is now used for two commercial enterprises. |

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47 145 C 1930-50 One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building with foundation at lower than street grade has 8-bay facade, parapet with centered "step" detail.

48 145B NC c.1980 One-story, rectangularly-massed, concrete block commercial building has aluminum and glass storefront, hanging canopy.

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49 109 NC c.1970 One-story, rectangularly-massed frame or block former library, now courthouse annex, has 5-bay facade (W,W,W,Entry,W). Roof is side-gabled, with front-gabled entry feature. Fenestration is aluminum and glass.

50 111 C 1939 **Union County Jail.** Two-story, rectangularly-massed, Art Deco style jail built by Federal Emergency Administration. Facade is 5-bay (W,W,W,D,W.) Windows are metal-framed, multi-light. Metal grids are incorporated into cell window openings instead of bars.

MAIN STREET, WEST

51 101 C c.1938 Two-story brick, Art-Deco style commercial building with angled wing at west. Storefront on first level is continuous glass plates in aluminum frames, with a door and 3 plates in the angled section. Distinctive details include yellow brick bands under denticulated concrete cornice, with matching bands above and below upper windows and a triple band above storefront.

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MCGILL STREET

52 103 C 1928 (former) **Coca-Cola Bottling Plant**. One-story brick and concrete former bottling plant and grocery warehouse in Mid-20th-Century Commercial Craftsman Style. Facade incorporates three storefronts: west has pedimented parapet with "1928" in circle at crest, recessed niches for ceramic Coke bottles (now missing) flanking stuccoed sign area; second and third storefronts have wood and glass fenestration.

RAILROAD AVENUE, NORTH

53 100 C 1885-1915 Two-story brick, trapezoidally-massed Early 20th C. Commercial style building at main town intersection. Storefront is new, aluminum and glass. New, Mid-20th C. facing alters original facade, has stepped parapet with concrete coping.

54 100 C 1890-1910 One-story brick, rectangularly-massed commercial building with closed-off storefront has detailed brick cornice, is stucco-covered. Sanborn Map lists as "Bank" in 1904.

55 108 C 1885-1915 Two-story brick, rectangularly-massed Early 20th C. Commercial style building has remodeled storefront -- 3-bay on both levels. Upstairs windows are 4/4 DH, wood-framed, in segmental-arched openings. Brick details in parapet similar to 110 N. Railroad.

56 110 C 1890-1915 Two-story brick, rectangularly-massed Early 20th C. Commercial style building, with 3-bay facade on both levels. Street level has new storefront. Upstairs windows are wood-covered, in segmental-arched openings. Parapet has projecting corbelled brick details.

57 112 C 1890-1910 Two-story, rectangularly-massed, brick commercial building with re-made facade featuring Art Deco concrete details. A 1-story-plus addition has been made on the north side. Storefront altered, 4 bays separated with glass-block pilasters.

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RAILROAD AVENUE, NORTH

58 201 C c.1930

One-story brick and concrete, rectangularly-massed former Studebaker showroom and garage in Mid-20th Century Commercial Craftsman style. Facade has showroom at left (Plate,D,Plate) and garage at right. East and south elevations are interspersed by patterned brick pilasters rising above the flat roof line.

RAILROAD AVENUE, SOUTH

59 102 C c.1934

Two-story brick, rectangularly-massed, former telephone exchange building with facade entry at level with street and GM&O tracks. Three-bay facade (W,D,D) has wood-framed windows, wood and glass doors, tile-edged parapet. Drive-through incorporated into first floor level at rear.

60 104 C c.1934

Two-story brick, rectangularly-massed office building. Mid-20th C. Commercial style. Has wood-frame windows, 3-bay facade facing Railroad Avenue and GM&O tracks, and doors on bottom level toward Main Street.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The New Albany Downtown Historic District is significant to the city of New Albany and to Union County because it contains the most important local collection of business, financial, and governmental buildings that are important physical expressions of the growth and development of the town between the late 19th century (1890) and the close of the World War II era (1946). Throughout those 56 years, New Albany grew and prospered in its role as the governmental seat of Union County, as a "crossroads" for train and road travel, and as an investment center for venture capitalists. The business district buildings reflect not only the history of town development, but the architectural tastes of the professional, business, and government leaders who saw them built and tended them over the years. Remarkably, it is the Depression and World-War-II era architectural styles that predominate in today's downtown.

Founded in 1840, as a community associated with a Tallahatchie River mill site operated by Moses Collins, New Albany was incorporated by 1850. The town remained very small up to and through the Civil War, and those buildings that made up the early town, located on what is now Main Street, were lost in fires during the war and after. When the town was re-built, in the Reconstruction era and later, the primary sites were located on Mill Street, now Bankhead. (New Albany, pp. 4-5)

New Albany became the county seat when Union County was formed, in 1870, from portions of Tippah, Pontotoc, and Lee counties. The first courthouse, on the west end of Cotton St. (now East Bankhead), was superseded in 1872 by a two-story brick version in the current location. But even by 1880 the town's population had only reached 250, according to federal census records. It took the community's involvement in recruiting railroads to make New Albany flourish. By the late 1880s, a pair of rail lines crossed just north of the main commercial street, and New Albany's real growth years began.

The east-west railroad began as the Kansas City, Memphis, and Birmingham. The north-south road, the Gulf and Ship Island, was built by a company headed by W.C. Falkner, a Ripley resident who apparently saw New Albany's development potential and put his money behind it. (His grandson, the writer William Faulkner, was born in New Albany in 1897.) The rail lines were completed in 1886 and 1887, respectively. Their effect on town was almost immediate. The population more than doubled (to 548) by 1890, then nearly doubled again (to 1032) by 1900. The KCM&B eventually became part of the St Louis and San Francisco Railroad. The Gulf and Ship Island went through several mergers and reorganizations to become the Gulf, Mobile, and Northern in 1917. It became the Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio in 1940.

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The earliest surviving buildings in downtown New Albany appear to be from this late 19th century burst of activity. Buildings facing west on North Railroad Avenue, and some facing north on West Bankhead, show evidence of late 19th century building design and practice in their parapets and window surrounds. (100-118 North Railroad.) But the surviving "face" of new Albany, the historic era best represented in today's commercial structures, is the early through mid 20th century. The density of the downtown buildings remains heaviest at and near the intersection of Bankhead and Railroad, a late-19th century development choice. The architectural style of the area is predominantly Art Deco and Mid-20th Century Commercial style.

The development of the Downtown business area can be charted with much more certainty from 1904 through 1925, when a series of maps published by the Sanborn Map Company of New York City documents the changes. Maps available for 1904, 1907, 1913, and 1925 show the growth outward from the main intersection and record the construction and alteration of much of the core's brick-and-mortar fabric. The year 1921 can serve as the date that current downtown New Albany began to appear. In that year, the current City Hall (100 West Bankhead), built as the Bank of Commerce, replaced earlier commercial structures associated with three incarnations of the Rainey Hotel (now the site of the public parking lot behind City Hall). Its sophisticated Neo-Classical style set the tone for new construction and alteration of existing fabric that was to continue through the Great Depression and into the mid 1940s.

Bankhead Street was given its current name when it was incorporated into the national highway system as Bankhead Highway, part of a route between Memphis, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia. The increasing importance of highway transportation, added to New Albany's well-established railroad lines, pushed New Albany's prosperity further into the 20th century. The ornate facades of the turn-of-the-century buildings were first outnumbered by increasingly simple Mid-20th Century Commercial Style buildings, and then remade or covered with Art Deco or Craftsman Commercial brickwork and revised window and storefront systems.

Perhaps the primary example of how New Albany has changed and yet remained recognizable is the three-story Hamilton Hardware building at 130 West Bankhead. Built by 1904 (date of the first available Sanborn Map), an early incarnation is pictured in 1918 on page 54 of Union County History. Its current facade was applied in 1934, when a second story was added to the Ford Agency and furniture store businesses next door and the building redone in Art Deco style. (Robertson Interview)

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This mid-30s renovation, accomplished in the depths of the Great Depression, appears indicative of the town's ability to prosper even in bad times. T.H. Hamilton, the owner of Hamilton Hardware and a City Alderman, was apparently typical of mid-20th century New Albany civic leaders. In addition to tending to their own businesses, the city fathers and entrepreneurs managed to bring in federal funding during the Depression years for: repairs to the 1909 Union County Courthouse (1932-33); the replacement of the wooden Tallahatchie River Bridge with a concrete bridge in 1929; the upgrading of many city streets; the improvement of water, sewer, and drainage systems Throughout the early and mid 30's); and the construction, in Art Deco, Colonial Revival, and other modern styles, of a new City Hall (110 East Bankhead -- 1937), a new Jail (111 East Main St. -- 1939), a new Post Office (135 East Bankhead -- 1936), and at least one new school. (New Albany City Minute books, 1930-41, New Albany City Hall)

These civic and commercial buildings form the core of New Albany's historic business district. The record of their construction and adaptation over most of the first half of the century is the legacy of New Albany in 1996.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries of the New Albany Business District, located in the City of New Albany, Union County, Mississippi, run as follows:

From the center of the intersection of West Main Street and West Bankhead Street, proceed north along the east side of Main (?) to the rear lot lines of the buildings facing south on West Bankhead. Turn east on these lot lines and proceed east along the southern edge of the alley adjacent to the Burlington/Northern and Santa Fe tracks until directly south of the west property line of the former Coca-Cola Bottling Plant at 107 McGill. Turn north, crossing the tracks and running along the western property line. Then turn east until reaching the rear property line of the former Studebaker showroom at 201 North Railroad. Turn north and then east at the property line of the showroom, and then south at the west side of North Railroad across the B.N. & S.F. Turn east again at the rear of New Albany City Hall and include the remaining buildings on North Railroad Avenue south of the tracks. Continue along the rear lot lines of properties facing south on East Bankhead until past the U.S. Post Office lot at 135 East Bankhead. Turn south at the center line of Camp Street and proceed south past the Courthouse square. From the center of the intersection of Camp Street and East Main Street, turn west and proceed in a westerly direction including properties facing south on East Main. Continue this westerly direction until the western edge of the property line of 101 West Main (Union Furniture) is reached. Then run north to the rear property lines of resources facing north on West Bankhead and turn west to include all of these north-facing properties including the former gas station at 142 West Main. Proceed north along the center line of West Main to the point of beginning.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

This boundary encloses an area containing a large concentration of contributing buildings with some non-contributing buildings distributed along the outer edges and among them. Wherever possible, the boundary follows rear lot lines so that properties on both sides of the streets are included. The boundary excludes industrial properties west and north of the district, residential buildings on the east and south edges, and additional non-contributing commercial properties West Main Street.

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- (3) Joan Embree
- (4) March, 1996
- (5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History



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