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1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, Buildings at 110—122 East Commerce Street, reference number 88000138 was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 02/22/1988, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of 03/04/1988. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

9/8/2008
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic N/A

and/or common Buildings at 110-122 E. Commerce Street

2. Location

street & number 110-122 E. Commerce Street N/A not for publication

city, town Aberdeen N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi code 28 county Monroe code 095

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Owners

street & number N/A

city, town N/A vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chancery Clerk Building

street & number 201 W. Commerce St.

city, town Aberdeen state MS 39730

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This is a small district consisting of a row of seven commercial buildings, all dating from about 1880 and about 1910. All are of masonry construction: six are brick and one is brick faced with rough-faced concrete blocks. Four are two stories in height and three are one-story. They are located in the center of the north side of the 100 block of East Commerce Street, facing south-southwest. The buildings at the eastern and western ends of the block were excluded from the district because they were built after the period of significance.

All seven buildings are rated as contributing elements of the district. Five of these have had their architectural character partially obscured or impaired by the installation of modern storefronts, but retain enough of their character to contribute to the sense of time and place of the district and to the appreciation of Aberdeen's commercial growth around the turn of the century. The other two buildings have greater integrity. The building at 114 E. Commerce was rehabilitated in 1985 and has retained or regained its appearance from the period of significance. The Watkins Store at 122 E. Commerce has retained its integrity to a very high degree on the interior as well as the exterior, and is the most intact commercial building of the 1885 to 1918 period in Aberdeen.

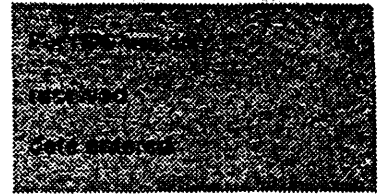
(See also the description for the Aberdeen Commercial Buildings Thematic Group.)

Inventory of Buildings

1. 110 E. Commerce: McDuffie Pharmacy. Two-story brick commercial building built circa 1880. Upper facade has Commercial Romanesque character with four round-arched two-over-two windows capped with stepped arches. The building originally had a pressed-metal cornice which has been removed. Storefront is modern, but transom may survive behind signage. (Contributing)
2. 112 E. Commerce: Panetta's (clothiers). Two-story brick building erected in 1887. Upper facade has Commercial Romanesque character similar to 110 E. Commerce, but windows have been covered. Originally had an elaborate metal cornice which has been removed. Storefront is modern, but transom may survive behind signage. (Contributing)
3. 114 E. Commerce: Craig Building (J.F.P. Building). Two-story brick commercial building erected or extensively remodeled circa 1910. Upper facade has three round-arched windows capped with stepped arches. A metal cornice has apparently been removed. (The date at the top is apparently incorrect.) Storefront includes paneled wooden aprons under the display windows and an

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intact prism glass transom. The cast iron pilasters flanking the storefront were made in Aberdeen by the Enderlin & Beromio Foundry. This building underwent a rehabilitation in 1985.
(Contributing)

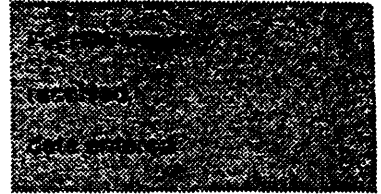
4. 116 E. Commerce: Pat's (clothiers). One-story brick building, one of a now-broken row erected about 1893. A semicircular crest has been removed. The storefront is modern, with metal panels covering what survives of the lower facade. (Contributing)
5. 118 E. Commerce: Cosco/Walden Hardware. Two-story building with rough-faced concrete block facade erected about 1908. The cornice has been stripped and the windows have been covered up. The storefront is modern. (Contributing)
6. 120 E. Commerce: Kenwin (clothiers). One-story brick building, one of a row erected about 1893. The storefront is modern, with metal panels covering what survives of the lower facade.
(Contributing)
7. 122 E. Commerce: G. H. Watkins Store. One-story brick commercial building, part of a row of four buildings erected about 1893. The entire original facade remains, with a storefront consisting of a wooden double-leaf door flanked by large single-pane shop windows. Beneath the windows are paneled wood aprons. The whole storefront is surmounted by a wood-framed, eight-light transom. The store also has an exceptionally intact interior, including turn-of-the-century shelving. The Watkins Store is the most intact commercial building of the 1880 to 1918 period remaining in Aberdeen. (Pivotaly contributing)

Contributing Elements
7 buildings

Noncontributing Elements
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of the same plan dimensions. (The date visible at the top of the building is thus apparently incorrect, although the existing building could be an enlargement or partial rebuilding of the older structure.) This building, which has recently been rehabilitated, features a fine early-twentieth-century prism-glass transom and cast-iron pilasters on its storefront. The pilasters are notable because they were cast in Aberdeen by the Enderlin and Beromio Foundry.