

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name:
other names/site number: Downtown Booneville Historic District

2. Location

street & number: roughly bounded by Church, College, Court, First, Hotel, Main, Market, and Mill Streets
city or town: Booneville vicinity _____ not for publication _____
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Prentiss code: 117 zip code: 38829

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.)

Kimeth H. P. Paul _____ SEPT. 21, 1998
Signature of certifying official _____ Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or 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 or other official _____ Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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 _____ 11.5.98
Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private, Public / local **Number of Resources within Property:**
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property:	District	Contributing 32	Noncontributing 16	buildings sites structures out buildings Total
		32	16	

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:	AGRICULTURAL/storage COMMERCE/business COMMERCE/department store COMMERCE/financial institution COMMERCE/professional COMMERCE/restaurant COMMERCE/specialty store COMMERCE/warehouse GOVERNMENT/correctionalfacility GOVERNMENT/courthouse GOVERNMENT/post office HEALTH CARE/doctor's office RECREATIONAL/theatre SOCIAL/meeting hall TRANSPORTAION/rail related TRANSPORTAION/road related	Current Functions:	AGRICULTURAL/storage COMMERCE/business COMMERCE/department store COMMERCE/financial institution COMMERCE/professional COMMERCE/specialty store COMMERCE/warehouse GOVERNMENT/correctional facility GOVERNMENT/courthouse GOVERNMENT/gover. office HEALTH CARE/medical office SOCIAL/meeting hall TRANSPORTAION/road related
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7. Description

Architectural Classification(s):

Italianate Colonial Revival
Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials:

foundation: BRICK CONCRETE
roof: BUILT-UP ASPHALT METAL/tin METAL/aluminum
walls: BRICK STUCCO
other: METAL/cast iron

Narrative Description:

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** 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.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance
ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE
COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance
c. 1890 to 1948

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

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

Significant Dates

1890 1939
1922 1948
1925

Significant Person(s)

Cultural Affiliation(s)

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance: See continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet.

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:

Ms. Dept. of Archives & History
Mississippi State University Small
Town Center at School of Architecture

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 10 acres

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
A	16	356520	3835820	C	16	356940	3835790
B	16	356720	3835990	D	16	356770	3835600

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town:	Starkville					

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(s)

name:	Multiple	telephone:	
street & number:		zip code:	
city or town:		state:	

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Narrative Description

The proposed Downtown Booneville Historic District is composed of forty-eight buildings that encompass Main Street and surrounding streets in the historic downtown of Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi. The district is roughly bounded by Court Street and the Courthouse Square on the East, Market Street on the West, the railroad on the South, and First and Church Streets to the North. The district's character is primarily commercial, but it does contain some government buildings; the Prentiss County Courthouse and Old Jail, and the Prentiss County Chancellery Clerk Office.

The buildings of the Booneville historic commercial districts were constructed between a period of c. 1890 to 1948. The oldest and most embellished building in the district are along Main Street, including the (old)Post Office at 100 North Main Street [Inventory #23] (Colonial Revival), the Prentiss County Courthouse at 101 North Main Street [Inventory #24] (Mediterranean Revival), the Masonic Lodge at 104 North Main Street [Inventory #26], the building at 101 South Main Street [Inventory #28], the building at 106 South Main Street [Inventory #34] (Italianate), and the Booneville Hardware Store at 112 South Main Street [Inventory #35] (Italianate). Church, College and Market Streets successfully grew with Main Street during this period. The Mobile & Ohio Railroad Depot at 100 West Church Street, [Inventory #3] (Late 19th Century Railroad Depot) was a major contributor to the downtown due to the communication and the passenger station. The warehouse at 101 East Church Street, [Inventory #2] and the Ashcroft Feeds Store [Inventory #1] were offspring of the railroad.

Booneville's downtown area creates an urban attitude. College, Main, and Market Streets possess a wider and grander venue, while Church, First and Court Streets seem less spacious and less grand. Smaller alleys cut through some blocks and tend to be less elegant. In the late 19th century and until around 1910, the streets of Booneville were constructed of bare earth. The streets were not paved with asphalt until the 1920's. The generously wide sidewalks can be seen in pictures that date back to 1917 that line the blocks of the downtown area. The alleyways either are covered in asphalt or have an exposed concrete base. The wide variety of awning types and construction of the various stores provide cover from the elements. The topography of the town varies from flat to slightly sloped to larger grade changes that drop off from Main Street and roll eastwards to the railroad tracks affecting Church and College Streets. The Courthouse Square provides the only vegetation and green spaces in the downtown while little vegetation is seen elsewhere.

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Lots are generally long, narrow, rectangular spaces as is common to most downtown areas, but a few lots, such as the Booneville Hardware Store, are double the width of most lots. Store facades range from twenty-three feet wide at the building at 214 West Market Street [Inventory #48] to fifty feet wide at the Booneville Hardware Store [Inventory #35]. The facades of all buildings are set back from the streets by the width of the front sidewalks.

An inventory of the proposed district is as follows. Thirty-two of the buildings contained within the district contribute to its architectural and historical character; their contributing character is identified with the notation (C). Sixteen buildings in the district do not contribute to its architectural and historical character, usually due to recent alterations that destroyed or severely altered the building's historic features. These non-contributing buildings are identified with the notation (NC). Some of these non-contributing buildings have received alterations that may be reversible, and these receive the additional notation "Potentially eligible if restored." There are no buildings in the district previously listed on the National Register. Buildings are arranged in alphanumeric order by street name and address.

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTIES

Church Street

01 (C) 100 East Church Street
c. 1920

Single story, brick building has a large bay door just off center to the right with a suspended flat metal canopy above. A twenty-pane, fixed glass window is on each side of the bay door. A typical single entry is to the far left of the left window, accessible by a raised concrete slab. On the left facing facade, there is a covered loading/storage porch in close proximity to the railroad tracks.

02 (C) 101 East Church Street
c. 1920

Two story, wood post and beam building is clad in clapboard, wooden, weatherboard siding. Street facade has two large bay doors (a larger one to the right and a smaller one to the left) with a projecting, shed-roofed entry-way in between. Entry bay has a centered single doorway with a one-over-one double hung window on either side. Shed-roofed wings have been added to each of the longer sides of the building and there are two-over-two fixed windows paired symmetrically across the clerestories above the wings, along each side of the building, in the original wall.

03 (C) 100 West Church Street M & O Railroad Depot
c. 1890

Single story depot is supported partially by brick bearing walls and partially by brick piers. The front facade is covered in wood board-and-batton siding and has a centered single door entry with a large fifteen-pane fixed window on each side. An asphalt shingled hip roof covers the building. (Photo #1)

04 (NC) 101 West Church Street
c. 1943

Single story, brick building with single door asymmetrically recessed entry with two double sets of six-over-six double hung windows on right side. Vertically clad wooden weatherboard siding. Asymmetrical gable roof covered with asphalt shingle overhangs storefront above aluminum awning.

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05 (NC) 103 West Church Street
c. 1943

Single story, brick building with single door central recessed entry with twelve- pane fixed display windows with wooden shutters on either side. Vertically clad wooden weatherboard siding. Pent asphalt roofed awning.

06 (C) 203, 205, 209 West Church Street
c. 1948

Single story, brick building houses three separate commercial spaces divided into thirds. Starting right, single door entry with two large display windows to the left. Center and left portions have single door entries to the left with two large display windows to the right.

07 (C) 305, 307 West Church Street
c. 1910

Single story, building with two separate single door entries to the extreme edges of the facade with large display windows to the interior with three brick widths separating the interior display windows from one another. Aluminum awning above the entry and display windows covers entire facade. (Photo# 2)

08 (C) 309, 311 West Church Street
c. 1910

There are two sides to this single story brick building. East elevation: a single door symmetrically spaced entry with large display windows to either side. Aluminum awning above the entry and windows wraps around building from edge to edge. North elevation: two pairs of one-over-one double hung windows are symmetrically spaced. One small rectangular ventilation grille is centered over each window.

09 (C) 313 West Church Street
c. 1924

Single story, brick building. A single door, symmetrically spaced entry with large display windows to either side. Wooden shutters are on the extreme edges of the display windows. A five-light transom above the entry and display windows has been covered by an aluminum awning that spans the entire facade.

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10 (C) 315 West Church Street
c. 1943

Single story, brick building. A single door, symmetrical entry with large display windows to either side. A five-light transom above the display windows has been covered by an aluminum awning above that almost spans the entire facade, except for two brick lengths.

11 (C) 317, 319 West Church Street
c. 1924

This has two businesses in one building. (L-R) A single story brick building with a double door flush symmetrical entry with large display windows to either side. Appears to have had a transom above but are now covered. Aluminum awning above. The right side of the building is chamfered not once, but twice as it wraps around to the side alley. Chamfer one has a large opening with a single side door entry with a single transom above. Chamfer two has a large display window with a horizontal division of a single pane lower and a five pane above. A drip shelf for shedding rain away from the window rests at the division. Facade along the alley has a single door, recessed, asymmetrically spaced entry with aluminum awning above. Two smaller windows above and to either side of awning are spaced symmetrically. Single service door at rear of facade. (Photo# 3)

College Street

12 (NC) 101, 103 East College Street
c. 1925, re-facaded c.1980

North elevation: Single story, brick building with single door central entry with large display windows divided into four equal parts. On each side, separated two door widths of brick. Separate cloth awnings cover entry and large display windows. *East elevation:* Two small fixed window openings symmetrically spaced with rear single door entry to left.

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13 (NC) 104 East College Street
1980's

Single story, metal building with multi-colored brick veneer. Front facade is arranged as follows: a recessed double door entry to far left with a set of fixed display windows to the right. A larger display window with metal mullions is centered while a smaller display window is symmetrically spaced to the far right.

14 (NC) 105 East College Street
c. 1924, re-bricked facade 1978-1979

Single story, brick building with large single door entry symmetrically spaced. Two large display windows to the left of entry with wooden shutters. One large display window to the right of entry with wooden shutters. Two other large display windows with wood shutters symmetrically spaced to the right of window previously mentioned. Brick cornice has a 7-course corbelled parapet that completes the upper wall.
*** Brick has been veneered over original facade and could be potentially eligible if restored.

15 (C) 106 East College Street
c. 1910

One story, brick building has a recessed bay to the left with two bays of large display windows to the right. Three bays symmetrically divided by two metal pilasters. Brick cornice has a 7-course corbelled parapet that spans across the entire facade. Ventilation grilles are placed above each end bay of the facade. (Photo #4)

16 (NC) 107 East College Street
c. 1970

Single story, brick building with single door entry asymmetrically spaced. A single large display window is placed to the left of entry. Covering the building is an asphalt shingled hip roof.

17 (C) 108 East College Street
c. 1910

One story, brick building has a central entry bay consisting of a single door and glass side lights with large display windows to either side. Two metal pilasters divide the bays symmetrically. Simple decorative cornice spans across the entire facade. Ventilation grilles are placed above each end bay of the facade.

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18 (C) 112 East College Street
c. 1900

One story, brick building has a central double door recessed entry with large single-pane display windows on either side. An aluminum awning and a brick cornice has a 7-course corbelled parapet that spans across the entire width of the facade. The brick at the bottom of the wall appears to have been recently replaced.

19 (C) 114 East College Street (old) Sutherland Building
c. 1924

Four story, brick building has a single door entry recessed and offset to the left and has three large display windows to the right that almost covers entire width of facade at first floor level. A flat aluminum overhang covers the transom areas above the display windows. Second floor has three symmetrically spaced one-over-one double hung windows, while the third and fourth floors have four symmetrically spaced one-over-one double hung windows. (Photo# 5)

20 (C) 116, 118, 120 East College Street
c. 1890

Two story, brick building houses three separate commercial spaces. The right third of the building is different than the left two-thirds. There are two separate single door, recessed, centered entries to the left with aluminum awning covering that entire side just below the transom with eight covered windows. The right side has an offset single door entry to the left with a large area divided into a six-pane window display area to the right. On the second floor, symmetrically spaced, are six, six-over-six double hung windows in segmented arched openings. Each window has a ventilation grille centered above. Above that is a seven course corbelled parapet that completes the upper wall. (Photo# 6)

21 (C) 122 East College Street
c. 1890

Two story, brick building, on a corner lot, has a central single door recessed entry with two double fifteen-pane fixed windows side-by-side for a large display area to either side of the entry. Centered symmetrically above entry are three, six-over-six double hung windows. Above that is a seven course corbelled parapet that completes the upper wall. The facade has been rebricked within the last ten years, but the West elevation is intact with corbelled string courses and segmental-arched windows. (Photo# 7)

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24 (C) 101 North Main Street Prentiss County Courthouse
c. 1925

Built in 1925 following the destruction by fire of its predecessor, this courthouse-- composed of a three story central block with hipped tile roof and five bay recessed arcaded loggia and flanked by two story, flat roofed wings-- is a fine example of Late Mediterranean Revival design. The courthouse has a primary facade facing northwest. The brick walls are enhanced by banded rustication along the outer sides of the loggia, the corner quoins, and projecting block on the southwest. The arches of the loggia are also rusticated, and are supported by brick piers faced with pilasters. The third story of the central block is expressed on the exterior as a narrow attic band with small windows and ornamental panels tucked under the broad overhanging eaves of the roof. (Photo# 10)

25 (NC) 103 North Main Street Prentiss County Jail
c. 1910

One story, brick building located on the East corner of the Courthouse Square. A double door recessed entry to left side of recessed facade with large single pane side lights to either side with transom above entry. Entry faces Southwest. To the left of entry is a covered storage area surrounded by a hurricane fence. To the right of entry, there are two, one-over-one, double hung windows symmetrically spaced. Building covered by built up roof.

26 (C) 104 North Main Street Masonic Lodge
c. 1890

Two story, brick building has a central, double door entry with transoms above and one large display window to either side. A wood frame asphalt shingled canopy spans the entire facade just under the second story windows. Two one-over-one double hung windows are symmetrically placed on the second floor of the main facade. West elevation: first floor has three segmented arched windows spaced symmetrically. A rear, single entry door, is off the covered porch, while a single door lies within the opening for rear window on the floor level. The second floor has four segmented arched windows spaced symmetrically and are boarded up. A boarded single door is located near the rear on the left of the facade on the second floor. (Photo# 11)

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27 (NC) 100 South Main Street
c. 1998

Single story, brick building with double door main entry recessed from the corner of Main and Church Street. Two sets of small display windows with flat arches and keystones are to either side of the entry. Two round columns are parallel to the entry and frame the view of the entry. Quoins decorate the corners. Three (six-over-six) fixed windows with fan lights are symmetrically spaced on both Main and Church Street facades. Dentil molding trims the roof line of the asphalt shingled Mansard roof. Radial dormers with six-over-six fixed windows with fan lights are symmetrically spaced, with four on Church Street and five on Main Street.

28 (C) 101 South Main Street
c. 1924

Two story, brick building has two store fronts, and a two-story frame porch spans both. Left storefront has a single door, recessed, central entry with large display windows to either side. Three cast iron pilasters on the right side entry divide its first floor facade into four separate parts as follows: to the far left is a metal frame glass door, a smaller display window to the right side of the door, a wooden door with glass windows, and a larger display window to the far right. A wood deck spans across the entire facade above transom. Second floor has a set of two (one-over-one) double hung windows set in a segmented arched opening and a single door on the interior side of the windows, is centered above the entry to each entry below. A covered porch with asphalt hipped roof covers the entire facade. (Photo# 12)

29 (C) 104 South Main Street
1890's, storefront alterations, c.1980's

Two story, brick building is covered on the first floor with "lumberyard colonial" detailing of the 1980's. Also on the first floor is a central, single door, recessed entry with beveled walls that have a single eight pane, window centered, and two large display twenty-four pane windows are located on either side of the entry. Second floor has two large semicircular arched openings symmetrically spaced in the facade. The five course corbelled cornice is still visible. A pent wood-shingled awning spans the width of the facade.

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- 30 (NC) 105 South Main Street
c. 1924, metal slipcover, c.1960's

Two story, brick building has three entries, each paired with a twenty-four pane fixed window; each set features the window to the left and the door to the right. First floor facade has a veneer of brick covering the actual structural wall. A pent wood shingled awning spans the width of the facade. Second floor facade has four (one-over-one) double hung windows spaced symmetrically. Upper facade covered with vertical aluminum slip cover.

***Potentially eligible if slipcover is removed.

- 31 (C) 106 South Main Street
c. 1890's

Two story, brick building with a single door, recessed, central entry with large display windows to either side and transoms above. Cast iron pilasters frame the entrance. Aluminum awning spans across entire width of facade. Second floor has three symmetrically spaced segmented arched openings with one-over-one double hung windows inset. A two course, dog tooth brick cornice and a seven course corbelled parapet decorate the upper wall. (Photo# 13)

- 32 (NC) 108 South Main Street
c. 1890's, facade re-bricked, c. 1980's

Two story, brick building with double door, central, recessed entry with large display windows to either side. Windows appear to be set on recently added metal frames (c. 1970?), A veneer of brick on the second floor of facade also appears recently added. First floor facade suggests that cast iron pilasters may somehow be obscured within the wall. A suspended flat metal canopy extends across the entire width of the facade. ***At this time, it is not known if brick has been veneered or if original facade is intact underneath.

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33 (C) 109, 111 South Main Street
c. 1924

Two story, brick building has two separate businesses. Business to the left has a central entry with large display windows to either side, all of which are flanked on each side by cast iron pilasters. Second floor facade above has two pairs of one-over-one double hung windows inside segmentally arched openings. Business to the right has a paired display window to the far right and two, separate doors on the left. Second floor facade has two, one-over-one, double hung windows inside segmentally arched openings. An aluminum pent awning spans the entire facade. A seven course corbelled cornice finishes the top of the facade. (Photo# 14)

34 (C) 110 South Main Street
c. 1890's

Three story, brick building with a single-leaf-door, recessed, central entry with large display windows on each side with transom above. Iron pilasters frame the central entry. The second and third floors each have a set of two, symmetrically spaced, nine-over-nine, double hung windows, all of which are placed within segmentally arched openings. The facade is covered in stucco which has been etched with false joints to imitate large stone; the stucco is peeling off somewhat.

35 (C) 112 South Main Street Booneville Hardware Store
c. 1902

Three story, brick building contains one of Booneville's oldest businesses. It has four brick pilasters that extend up about one and a half stories and divide that portion of the facade into three equal parts. Smaller cast iron pilasters are set just inside the end pilasters, while each of the two inside pilasters has cast iron pilasters on either side. The entrance is recessed between the two middle brick pilasters, in the central bay. It consists of two doors with splayed walls to either side. A set of two large display windows is on either side of the entrance bay. The second floor of the facade consists of three symmetrically spaced sets of one-over-one double hung windows inside semicircular arched reveals. The third floor of the facade consists of five symmetrically spaced two-over-two double hung windows set in segmentally arched openings. (Photo# 15)

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36 (C) 113 South Main Street
c. 1900

Single story, brick building with a centrally located recessed entry with large display windows to either side, with transom above each window. A pent aluminum awning spans across the entire facade. The masonry is exposed but painted from the ground up to the sixth brick course, and the remainder of the facade is covered in stucco over brick.

Market Street

37 (C) 200, 202 East Market Street
c. 1890's

200 and 202 East Market Street is comprised of two separate businesses in a two story brick building. On the first floor, each entry is a single door to the left, with a large display window and single transom to the right. A pent aluminum awning covers the storefront to the left. The second floor has three symmetrically spaced, three-over-one, double hung windows with rectangular ventilation grilles over the end windows.

38 (C) 201 East Market Street
c. 1920

Two story, brick building has a recessed corner entry at the left edge of its facade. A large display window is centered in the first floor facade, and an aluminum awning begins at the far right edge of the display window and wraps around the corner to cover the entry. There are two symmetrically spaced two-over-two double hung windows on the second floor with rectangular ventilation grilles centered above each window. (Photo# 16)

39 (NC) 203 East Market Street
c. 1910, aluminum slipcover, c.1960's

Two story, brick building has a double door entry to the far right and has a pair of large display windows that spans much of the remainder of the first floor facade. The exterior of the first floor facade and the awning spanning the entire width of the facade are covered in wood split-shake shingles. The entire second floor facade is covered in vertical aluminum slip covers.

***Potentially eligible if slipcover is removed.

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- 40 (NC) 205 East Market Street
c. 1910, aluminum slipcover, c.1960

Two story, brick building has a double door recessed entry to the far right of the first floor facade, and a set of three large display windows across the remainder of the facade. A flat aluminum overhang spans the entire width of the facade just over the door and windows. Horizontal, aluminum slip cover covers the entire second floor facade.

***Potentially eligible if slipcover is removed.

- 41 (C) 206 East Market Street
c. 1890's

Two story, brick building has a centrally located, recessed single door entry with large display windows on either side. An aluminum overhang spans the entire facade, set directly over the transom area. On the second floor of the facade, there are three sets of symmetrically spaced one-over-one double hung windows.

- 42 (NC) 207 East Market Street
c. 1910, aluminum slipcover, c.1960's

Two story, brick building has a centrally located, recessed, double-door entry with large display windows to either side. An aluminum overhang spans the entire facade over the doors and display windows above the transom. Vertical aluminum slip covers on the entire second-story facade. Interior space maintains its original detailing.

***Potentially eligible if slipcover is removed.

- 43 (C) 208 East Market Street
c. 1890's

Two story, brick building has a centrally located, recessed, single door entry with large display windows on either side. An aluminum overhang spans the entire facade. The second floor has four symmetrically spaced one-over-one double hung windows.
(Photo# 17)

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44 (NC) 209 East Market Street
c. 1910

This was once a two story brick building; and, although the internal structure was destroyed and has been completely removed, the facade is relatively intact. There is a centrally located double door entry. There is space on each side of the entry for large display windows, or for some wall material. An aluminum overhang spans across the width of the facade and the upper portion of the facade is covered with a vertical aluminum slipcover.

45 (C) 210, 212 East Market Street
c. 1890's

Two story, brick building houses two separate businesses. Each business has a set of double doors, centered and recessed, with a large display window on either side. A wood framed awning spans the entire width of the facade and is covered with wood shake shingles. Four, one-over-one, double hung windows in segmented-arched openings are centered in the facade. Two-course dog tooth cornice lies above the windows. (Photo# 18)

46 (NC) 211 East Market Street
c. 1910, facade covered c.1970's

Two story, brick building had a single-door-with-side-light, centered, flush entry with paired, large, fixed-glass, display windows to either side. An aluminum overhang spans the width of the facade. The original brick has been covered with a random course of rubble-stone veneer.

47 (NC) 213 East Market Street
c. 1910, facade altered 1972

Two story combination stone and mortar front facade has a central bay with neo-classical elements. Paired giant order columns stand on either side of the central entry. A set of French double doors centered on the end bays with giant order columns anchoring the end bays. Fifteen pane fixed windows are centered above the French doors. The North elevation, facing Main Street, has six roman arched openings with twenty pane, factory sash style windows, asymmetrically spaced. There is also a set of double metal egress doors that are asymmetrically placed. An aluminum overhang covers the egress doors and a side window.

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48 (C) 214 and 216 East Market Street
c. 1890's

Two story, brick building with a centrally located, recessed, single door entry and large display windows with transoms above either side. The first floor facade has been overlaid with wood, tongue and groove paneling, and the second floor has been covered with a Perma-stone (TM) veneer. Three, one-over-one, double hung windows are set into three, asymmetrically spaced, segmented arched opening. A wood-post-and-beam, asphalt shingled awning spans the entire width of the facade. On north elevation, seven pairs of one-over-one double hung windows symmetrically spaced are covered with aluminum awnings. (Photo# 19)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Downtown Booneville Historic District is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its local significance in the areas of community planning & development and commerce, and under Criterion C in the area of architecture. Booneville's downtown buildings form a locally significant and well-preserved collection of commercial and governmental buildings, thus providing visual evidence of the growth of Prentiss County and Booneville, its county seat and largest town. All contributing buildings in the district were built between 1890 and 1948, fifty years before this nomination.

The minutes of the Twelfth County Administration of Old Tishomingo County, dated December 1860, state that "Booneville, a new town on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, had been growing rapidly."¹ In 1861, Booneville became incorporated. Shortly thereafter, the War Between the States placed Booneville in the middle of the battles between the Confederate and Union armies. Although Booneville did not contain any military installations, plants for making munitions or military supplies, it did have a key component to the war, the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. Most of the buildings from this period of development in Booneville were wood-frame structures, and did not survive.

In 1870, Booneville was named the county seat for Prentiss County. The governing bodies of Booneville and Prentiss County worked on a "cooperative plan of official service"² (both county and local government had been incorporated as one for this time period) from 1870 to 1894. The first Prentiss County Courthouse was constructed in 1872.³ Three government buildings (the courthouse and jail) were built on the Courthouse Square, while the old post office was built west of the courthouse. Attorneys' and accountants' offices, commercial businesses, civic institutions, and transportation buildings were erected on the south and southwest sides of the Courthouse Square. Originally, College Street was known as Front Street⁴ because it fronted the northern side of the railroad, running on the southern side of the Courthouse Square. The most significant street for its architectural character is Main Street. Market Street has maintained most of its architectural significance while Church Street is the least architecturally significant of the three streets.

Like most of the South, Booneville spent the years of reconstruction surviving with limited resources. By the end of the 1890's, Booneville had regained enough stability

¹ Prentiss County Historical Association, *History of Prentiss County, Mississippi*, Curtis Media: Dallas, Texas, p.6

² *History of Prentiss County, Mississippi*, p.21

³ *History of Prentiss County, Mississippi*, p.6

⁴ Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1904.

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that merchants were comfortable investing in the construction of brick buildings. Eleven buildings remain from this period (1890-1910). The Booneville Hardware Store [Inventory # 35], located on the corner of Main and Market Streets, is one of the oldest and most prominent buildings in Booneville. The building burned in 1899 and was rebuilt in 1902.⁵ This was one of the first buildings to anchor the downtown district with a commercial specialty store for building and construction materials. Another building of this period is the Cox & Blythe Drugs [Inventory # 21]. It was one of the first significant buildings on the corner of College and Market Streets. This was one of the first dry goods and clothing store near the railroad.⁶ One of the last buildings of this period, erected in 1904, is the Memorial Hall for Molly Allen. This building housed a theater on the first floor and a Masonic Lodge [Inventory # 26]⁷ on the second floor. This was the first public gathering area for socializing and entertainment. Later, other organizations developed such as, the Order of the Eastern Star, United Daughters of the Confederacy, American Legion, and the Boy Scouts of America. Booneville continued to grow through the first decades of the 20th century. In 1905 the courthouse was enlarged and in 1910 the majority of Booneville's downtown buildings were built, with fourteen significant buildings still remaining⁸.

The first electric street lights were installed downtown in 1922. It was not until 1925 that commercial, government, industrial and transportation buildings and most residences had electricity as well.⁹ By 1924, Booneville had two newspapers, approximately 25 retail stores, two planing mills, three gins, three grist mills, one sawmill, a brick and tile yard, two wholesale groceries and a wholesale and retail floral enterprise.¹⁰ Modern construction technology changed the way buildings would be erected in downtown Booneville. In 1924, Doctor W. H. Sutherland, founder of the first hospital in Booneville and in Northeast Mississippi in 1917,¹¹ used this new technology to erect a four story building. This was the tallest building in Booneville. The old Sutherland Medical building [Inventory # 19] was used as offices for doctors, dentists and other medical services. Booneville also had two established banks, Bank of Booneville and Booneville Banking. A \$30,000 investment in fire protection had just been completed and a road-paving and maintenance program was implemented.¹² The Prentiss County Courthouse [Inventory #24] burned in the winter of 1924 and was rebuilt on the

⁵ WPA Historical Research Project for Prentiss County. "Local Press," p.45

⁶ Sanborn Map, 1904.

⁷ Sanborn Map, 1904.

⁸ Sanborn Map, 1910.

⁹ Booneville Centennial: Historical and Pictorial Review (Booneville, 1961) 47.

¹⁰ "Booneville," Commercial Appeal 7 May 1925.

¹¹ Booneville Centennial: Historical and Pictorial Review (Booneville, 1961) 22.

¹² "Booneville".

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same site in 1925.¹³ The first county jail was located adjacent to the courthouse and has since been rebuilt several times on the same site. The last Prentiss County Jail [Inventory # 25] located on this site was built in 1955. The county jail has since been relocated and this building has been abandoned.

Little growth occurred in the years between 1925 and the late 1930's due to the "Great Depression". Booneville Banking and the Bank of Booneville closed in 1932. In 1934, the People's Bank and Trust Company [Inventory #47] opened and would remain the only bank in Booneville until 1946.¹⁴ The old Booneville Post Office [Inventory #23], erected in 1939,¹⁵ was the only downtown development as a result of a Works Progress Administration Project. This was the first significant building erected in over fifteen years. Later, in 1943, the Treasury Bureau's Section of Fine Arts Program funded a mural by Stefan Hirsch that was painted for the lobby, which added significance to the building.

There is little development of significant buildings during the 1940's because of emphasis placed on efforts supporting World War II. In 1943, 101 and 103 West Church Street [Inventory # 4 & 5]¹⁶ were erected. Circa 1948, 203, 205, & 209 West Church Streets [Inventory # 6]¹⁷ and 315 West Church Street [Inventory # 10]¹⁸ were the last buildings of this period to be erected. Thus, the year 1948, is an appropriate point to draw a close to the historic period of significance.

¹³ Prentiss County Historical Association, *History of Prentiss County, Mississippi*, Curtis Media: Dallas, Texas, p.6

¹⁴ Booneville Centennial: Historical and Pictorial Review (Booneville 1961) 22.

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¹⁶ Sanborn Map, 1943.

¹⁷ Sanborn Map, 1943.

¹⁸ Sanborn Map, 1943.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION

Verbal Boundary Description:

The Downtown Booneville Historic District is an irregularly shaped district with boundaries as delineated on the accompanying Prentiss County Tax Map 06-02-10 (scale 1"=100').

Boundary Justification:

The district includes a group of contiguous agricultural, commercial, governmental, health care, social, and transportational buildings that represent the historical and architectural development of Booneville during the period of significance, 1890-1948.

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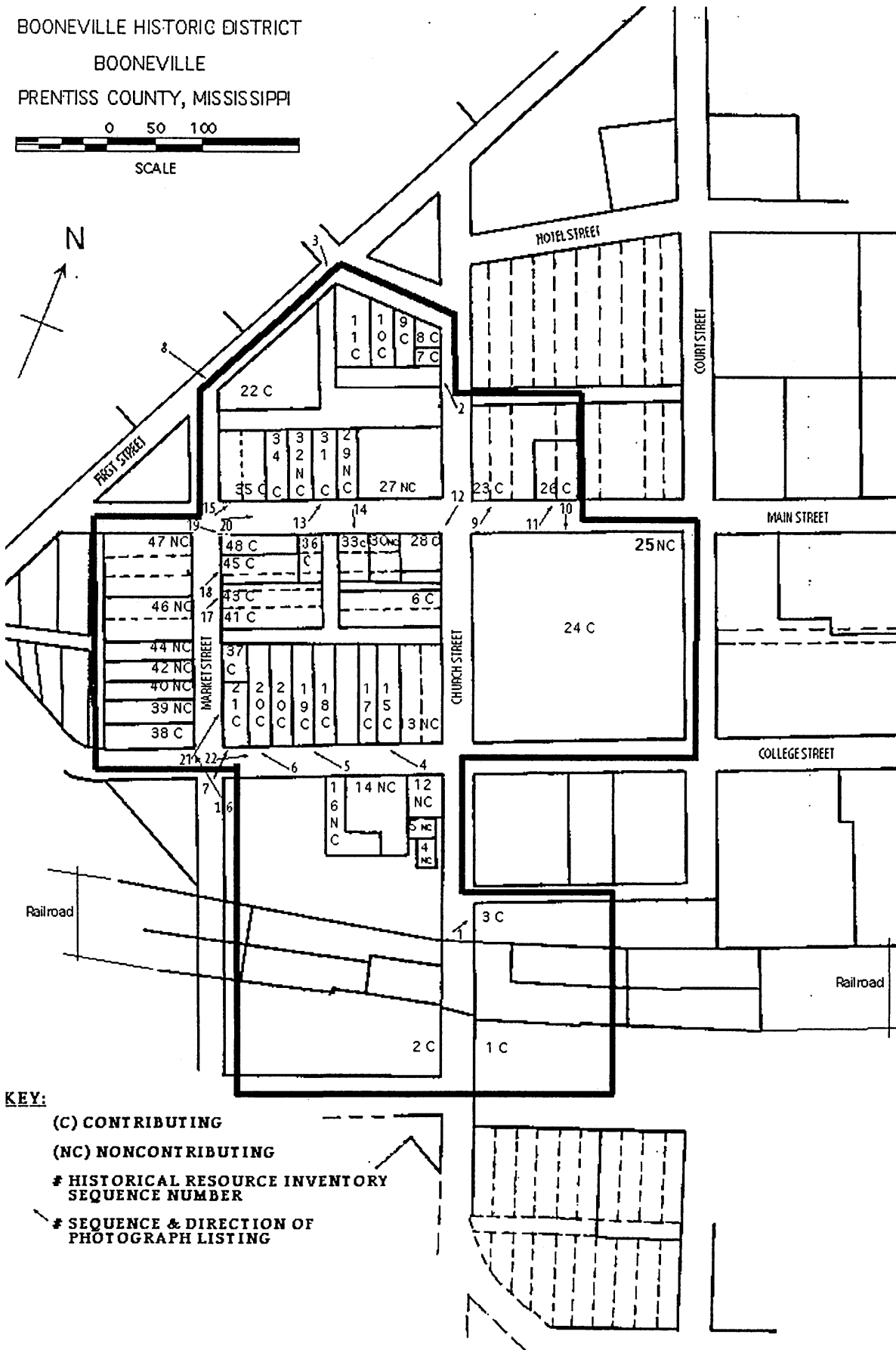
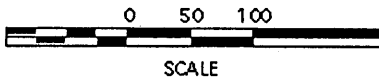
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