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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

One-story red brick on raised basement, five bays by three. Stone stairs lead up to the double-leaf front door with transom. Windows are double-hung and set in flat arches with stone sills; high, short windows in side and back facades. Hipped roof with projecting eaves; chimney at southwest corner has corbeled cap.

ALTERATIONS:

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

NAME: Carnegie Branch Library

STREET NO: 2721 13th Street

TOWN/VIC: Meridian

COUNTY: Lauderdale

BLOCK/LOT: Ball's Survey Block 8/over

PRESENT OWNER: St. Paul United Methodist Church
ADDRESS   2705 13th Street   Meridian

PRESENT USE: Headstart Office – Mississippi Action
FORMER USE: Branch library   for Progress

DATE: 1912-13

STYLE:

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE: Meridian Public Library

ENVIRONMENT: Residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
   NEIGHBORHOOD
   LOCAL x
   STATE
   NATIONAL

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This public library branch was built with the aid of an $8,000 grant from the Carnegie Foundation, and was part of a total grant of $38,000. The branch was specifically built for "the colored citizens" after a group of black Methodists requested such a library. It is believed that Meridian was the only city ever given a black library by Carnegie as a part of an original grant. The church that originally requested the library donated the site to the city, but upon the closing of the branch in 1974, the property reverted to the Methodist Church.

PHOTOS

NEG. #

SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Ball's Survey block 8 - lot 100' N and S by 62 1/2' E and W
in NW corner.

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

UTM REF:

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