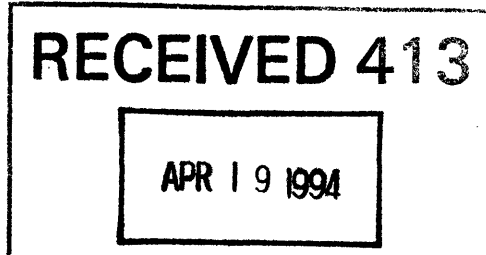


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties. See instructions on 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 Kirkland, J. K., General Merchandise Store

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 124 Main St. N/A  not for publication

city or town Quitman N/A  vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Clarke code 023 zip code 39355

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.)

Kenneth H. P. P. P. P. APRIL 14, 1994  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Deputy 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.)

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Signature of certifying 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 5-20-94  
Signature of the Keeper Entered in the Date of Action  
National Register

Kirkland, J. K., General Merchandise Store  
Name of Property

Clarke County, MS  
County and State

**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	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

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

Historic Resources in Clarke County, MS

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: department store

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: specialty store

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: two-part commercial block

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof unknown

other N/A

**Narrative Description**

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

PLEASE SEE 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.)

- 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.

**Criteria Considerations**

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

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1905

**Significant Dates**

1905

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

unknown

**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:

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Multiple Property Submission

J. K. Kirkland General  
Merchandise Store

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The J. K. Kirkland General Merchandise Store, constructed in 1905, is a two story, brick building located in Quitman's central business district. The two-part commercial block structure is of brick construction with the bricks laid in a seven course common bond. It is two stories tall and seven bays wide. The store fully occupies its site with its front and rear elevations on the property edges along both Main and Church Streets.

The building's original storefront is still intact. Centrally located, recessed double-leaf doors with large lights are flanked by plate glass display windows with panels below them and transoms above. On each side of the storefront are two windows which have been partially bricked up. These windows retain their lugsills and were probably originally double hung sash. An aluminum, shed roofed awning, obviously an alteration, spans the front facade and visually divides the first story from the second story. The front second story features nine windows. The three central windows are twelve-light, fixed sash replacements. The six outer windows are boarded up. All retain their lintels and lugsills. Above these windows are fourteen vents with metal grates. The front facade is crowned by a metal cornice and a parapet wall accented by concrete coping. The cornice features rosettes, dentils, and brackets. At both ends of the cornice are brackets topped with urn-shaped finials. The rear elevation is simpler in design. It is capped by a stepped parapet wall that displays coping. This elevation retains its two original entrances and some windows. Most of the windows, however, have been bricked up. A flat roofed awning spans the rear elevation. The side elevations also have stepped parapet walls. The east elevation, a party wall, adjoins a one story commercial building. The west elevation has no openings of any kind but still probably never served as a party wall. At least as early as 1930, there was no building adjoining the J. K. Kirkland General Merchandise Store on its west facade (Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1930).

The interior enjoys a high degree of architectural integrity. Wooden, chamfered posts rise to the beaded board ceiling. A balcony with a balustrade encircles the interior.

The J. K. Kirkland General Merchandise Store is located in Quitman's central business district near the northwest corner of Main Street. Main Street is a one block long street running between Archusa Avenue (Highway 45) and Railroad

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Avenue. Its termini are the Clarke County Courthouse on the east and the railroad station property on the west.

By 1930, Main Street appears to have been the primary commercial street in Quitman and most of the shops lining it were one story, brick buildings. Also lining the street were two vacant lots (one on each side of the street) and two, tiny fire department buildings which were set far back from the street. A two story bank and a two story store anchored Main Street's northeast and southeast corners. At the street's junction with Railroad Avenue, on the southwest corner, was a one story dwelling. The northwest corner of Main Street was almost empty between Main and Church Streets except for a small filling station positioned halfway between the two streets which faced Railroad Avenue. Approximately eighty feet east of the northwest corner of Main Street stood the Kirkland Building (Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1930).

Today, Main Street is totally commercial in character and the interior vacant lots have been filled in with one story commercial buildings. The northwest corner is still largely vacant except for the former gas station. All three two story buildings are still extant with the J. K. Kirkland General Merchandise Store retaining the most integrity on the exterior and the interior.

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The J. K. Kirkland General Merchandise Store, constructed in 1905, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The Kirkland Building has a high degree of architectural integrity and, within the local context of Clarke County, is a significant example of the two-story, brick commercial buildings that were characteristic of small town commercial architecture in Clarke County during the prosperous years of the early twentieth century. The only major alterations to the store are some boarded or bricked up windows. The building retains its original storefront, its metal cornice and its interior features.

The J. K. Kirkland General Merchandise Store was the only commercial building in Clarke County that was determined to be eligible for the National Register. The other commercial buildings in Quitman are generally less than fifty years old, have been drastically altered and/or retain no architectural or historical significance. The same holds true for the commercial buildings in Shubuta and Pachuta. Enterprise's historic commercial district is no longer extant. The historic commercial buildings of Stonewall, because of their association with the Stonewall Cotton Mills, are considered to be industrial resources. No other historic commercial buildings were discovered outside of these communities.

In 1905, J. K. Kirkland built his general merchandise store on the former site of a two story, frame building in Quitman's central business district. He had previously operated a turpentine mill. General merchandise was sold by the Kirkland family until at least World War II. During World War II the business gradually changed to selling hardware and appliances. Building supplies were also sold in later years. The Kirklands have operated a place of business in this building for almost ninety years (Primm, 18 Dec. 1980:B-1 & Betty Kirkland interview, 13 May 1993).

Perhaps Kirkland chose to open a new business, and construct one of the largest brick commercial buildings in town to house it, because of an economic boom in Quitman. Five years earlier, in 1900, the Mississippi Lumber Company had established a large mill here with a capital investment of \$100,000.00. Mississippi Lumber was one of the eleven largest lumber companies operating in the interior of the state (Primm, 18 Dec. 1980:B-1 & Hickman 1962:179).

Many of Clarke County's significant historic commercial buildings have been lost over time. The J. K. Kirkland General Merchandise Store remains as one of the

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county's best examples of a two-part commercial block building because of its high degree of architectural integrity. In addition, the store represents the prosperity that came to the county because of the lumber industry.



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Parcel Number

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 99-02D-11-08; Lots 5 & 7 Sanders Survey  
of Quitman

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: These are the boundaries historically associated  
with the property.