

# United States Department of the Interior

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

The attached property, Buildings at NW Corner of Commerce and Meridian Streets, reference number 88000135 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.

  
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Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

9/8/2008  
Date

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

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 the Northwest Corner of Commerce and Meridian Streets

2. Location

street & number 100-104 W. Commerce St. & 107 N. Meridian St. N/A not for publication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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input 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

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

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This is a small district containing three commercial buildings located at the northwest corner of Commerce and Meridian Streets in downtown Aberdeen. All Three are two-story, brick buildings which retain their architectural character to a high degree from the period of ca. 1885 to circa 1918.

### Inventory of Buildings

1. 100 W. Commerce. Two-story brick commercial building on corner lot, built circa 1896. Has undergone some alteration but generally retains turn-of-the-century character. Storefront is modern, but some original features may simply be hidden behind metal panels. (Contributing)
2. 102-104 W. Commerce: Navarro-Mills Law Office. Very intact two-story brick commercial building erected circa 1900. Two lots in width with stairway to upper story located in the center between two separate commercial spaces. Storefronts are apparently original. (Pivotaly contributing)
3. 107 N. Meridian Street: Thomas Brahan, Atty. Two-story brick commercial building which may date to about 1880. Rebuilt or remodeled about 1910 and very intact from that period. Has one of the two surviving pressed-metal cornices in the area. (Contributing)

Contributing Elements  
3 buildings

Noncontributing Elements  
0

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below						
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation			
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)			

Specific dates ca. 1885 - ca. 1918 Builder/Architect Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Criteria A and C

(See Statement of Significance for the Commercial Buildings of Aberdeen Thematic Group.)

This cluster of three buildings is significant as a very intact group of commercial buildings representative of the commercial activity of Aberdeen during the second period of prosperity.

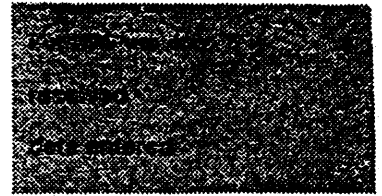
The most important building in this cluster is the two-story, double-lot-width building at 102-104 W. Commerce now known as the Navarro-Mills Law Office building. Built about 1900 (according to the Sanborn maps) this building is one of the three most intact and complete older commercial buildings in the city. The lower story has two separate shop spaces separated by a stairway to the upper level. The upper story contains offices which once housed a photographic studio and a doctor's office. This area has recently been rehabilitated for use as law offices.

The building at 100 W. Commerce is believed to date from about 1896. It is a two story brick commercial building with a chamfered corner. It has been somewhat altered and has a modern storefront, but it retains enough integrity to convey a sense of the character of the commercial buildings of its period.

The building at 107 N. Meridian is another which retains its character to a high degree from the period of significance. Its age is difficult to determine. A building of its size and shape appears on the Sanborn maps continuously from 1885, but the appearance of its facade suggests that it was either rebuilt or remodeled shortly after the turn of the century. Its facade has not been modernized since that time and is in good condition. This building has the second of two extant pressed metal cornices in downtown Aberdeen.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The district boundary runs as follows: from the northeast corner of parcel 108-H-27-033-007-00 (northeast corner of 107 N. Meridian St.) west 50 feet, then south 28 feet, then west 25 feet, then south 70 feet (to the southwest corner of 104 W. Commerce), then east 75 feet (to a point just beyond the chamfered corner of 100 W. Commerce), then north 98 feet to the starting point. This includes all of parcel 108-H-27-033-006-00 and part of parcel 108-H-27-033-007-00, containing only the three buildings.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

(SEE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OF ABERDEEN THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION)

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Aberdeen, MS

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References (Shown as "K" on quadrangle map)

A 

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

B 

Zone		Easting			Northing									

C 

Zone		Easting			Northing									

D 

Zone		Easting			Northing									

E 

Zone		Easting			Northing									

F 

Zone		Easting			Northing									

G 

Zone		Easting			Northing									

H 

Zone		Easting			Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard J. Cawthon - Chief Architectural Historian

organization Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History date September 1987

street & number P. O. Box 571 telephone (601) 354-7326

city or town Jackson state MS 39205

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Kenneth H. P. Pool

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date January 6, 1988

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration