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Historic Sites Survey

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

One-story, five-bay frame construction; beaded horizontal board siding; raised on brick piers. Slightly recessed entrance with cornice and pilasters; paneled door with side lights and transom. Front veranda supported on square columns. Shaped window heads on all facades; louvered shutters. Side-facade window balcony in danger of collapsing hip-roof; chimneys with corbeled caps on northern and southern facades. The house is built in to the hillside so that rear facade has two-tiered veranda on two facades; northern facade (with staircase) is enclosed behind lattice screen.

NAME: Dial House

STREET NO: 1003 30th Avenue

TOWN/VIC: Meridian

COUNTY: Lauderdale

BLOCK/LOT: Ball's block 13, lots 7 and 8

PRESENT OWNER: Kate Dial Sanford

ADDRESS Same as above

PRESENT USE: Residence

FORMER USE:

DATE: Ca. 1870

STYLE: Antebellum/Italianate elements

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE: Land rolls/tax assessments

ENVIRONMENT: Residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL x

STATE

NATIONAL

ALTERATIONS:

Rear wing connected by gallery was probably an original outbuilding.

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Large yard with numerous bushes, generally overgrown and neglected.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Dials are an important Meridian family among the early settlers, and J. R. Dial, original owner of the house, operated the first cotton gin and saw mill after the Civil War. In 1872 J. R. Dial sold forty acres for a fairground to the East Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical Association, at that time the only agricultural society in this part of the state. This fairgrounds became the site of the Meridian Fair and Exposition Association in 1890, which later (1908) deeded the land to the City, for creation of a park (Highland Park, entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979).

E. H. Dial was mayor of Meridian from 1893 until 1901. It was during his term that the city installed a sewerage system and began the first street paving. Dial was also a federal court clerk attorney. The present owner of the house, Kate Dial Sanford, is the daughter of E. H. Dial.

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PHOTOS

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

CONTINUATION:

The Dial House is known locally as the oldest house in Meridian and is the only remaining example of this cottage type. E. H. Dial, former Meridian mayor, built the house in the 1870s. The Dial family has owned and lived in the house since its construction, and Mayor Dial's daughter and granddaughter still reside here.

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Deteriorated

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Ball's block 13, lots 7 and 8 plus NE quarter less 30' N and S by 48' E and W in NE corner.

ACREAGE: Less than an acre.

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DATE

Jody Cook

February, 1979

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A Business Professional, Church, Fraternal and Educational Guide of the Colored Community of Meridian, Mississippi. Meridian: Tell Farmer, 1907.

Grauel, W. B. History of Meridian and Lauderdale County. Meridian, Miss.: The Meridian Star, 1947.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 640

QUADRANGLE NAME Meridian South, Ms.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The area contained within Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 16 East, Meridian, Mississippi.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION Jody Cook, Architectural Historian February, 1979

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, MERIDIAN FIELD OFFICE

STREET & NUMBER Meridian City Hall - Box 1430 (601)-693-1820 ex. 23

CITY OR TOWN Meridian Mississippi 39301

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X

STATE X

LOCAL X

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

Elmer B. Williams

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE August 17, 1979

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER.

ATTEST:

DATE 12/18/79

DATE 12/11/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Property

Meridian Multiple Resource Area
(Partial Inventory)

State

Md. Fawcettsdale

Working Number

8.28.79. 2053

TECHNICAL

Photos

44

Maps

172 sketches

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

Multiple resource area including 2 districts and 26 individually monumented properties. General #7+8 are good, nomination well organized. Statements of significance are incomplete for some properties, however, + not supported by other info in body of nomination. List two districts and

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

12 individual resources and ask for info on other 14 or return them.

Questions have been answered in continuation materials. DUBIE 11/1/79

ACCEPT

DUBIE

ARCHEOLOGIST

12/11/79

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ACCEPT

DUBIE

12/11/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered DEC 18 1979

Federal Register Entry _____

2-3-81

Re-submit _____



DIAL HOUSE

Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi

Jody Cook

January, 1979

Mississippi Department of Archives and History
1003 30th Avenue.

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*Meridian Multiple Resource Area
(Partial Inventory)*

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000416