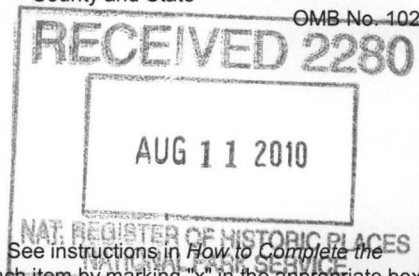


Dermott Commercial Historic DistrictChicot County, ArkansasName of Property  
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Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *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 any 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: Dermott Commercial Historic DistrictOther Names/Site Number CH0019-CH0021; CH0024; CH0025; CH0030; CH0190-CH0213**2. Location**Street & Number 101 - 120 N. Freeman; 101- 219 E. Iowa Street and 131 N. Main Street☐ not for publicationCity or Town Dermott☐ vicinityState Arkansas Code AR County Chicot Code 017 Zip Code 71638**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Archie Matthews  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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## 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	
16	12	buildings
	2	sites
		structures
		objects
16	14	Total

### 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

0

## 6. Function or Use

### Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store

COMMERCE/TRADE/Restaurant

COMERCE/TRADE/Business

GOVERNMENT/Post Office

GOVERNMENT/City Hall

COMMERCE/TRADE/Professional

SOCIAL/Meeting Hall

### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/Financial Institution

COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store

COMMERCE/TRADE/Restaurant

RECREATION AND CULTURE/ Museum

GOVERNMENT/ City Hall

GOVERNMENT/Fire Station

COMMERCE/TRADE/Professional

SOCIAL/Meeting Hall

## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American

Movements/Commercial Style

### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation - Brick, Concrete

Roof - Asphalt, Metal

Walls – Wood, Metal, Stucco, and Concrete

### Narrative Description

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

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#### **SUMMARY**

The Dermott Commercial Historic District is located deep in the Delta land of Chicot County, Arkansas, in the small town of Dermott, population 3,733. Chicot County is bounded on the east by the Mississippi River; on the south by Louisiana; the west by Drew and Ashley counties; the north by Desha County. The district is made up of 28 buildings and 2 sites of former buildings. The town of Dermott was named for Dr. Charles McDermott. Dr. McDermott owned extensive acreage in Chicot County and was a planter. He was widely known for his inventions and was considered an innovative thinker.

The Dermott Commercial Historic District is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under criterion A for its association with the commercial history in Dermott and Chicot County. The Dermott Commercial Historic District impacted the growth of Dermott's economy and the lives of the people in this trade area. By far, the majority of the buildings in the district were constructed in late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial style, with 24 or 80% of the properties built in this style. The other buildings also show influence of the Colonial Revival, Classical Revival and Italian Renaissance styles. There are 16 contributing properties (53.4%) and 14 non-contributing properties (46.6%), including the two sites. The city park at 121 E. Iowa Street is the site of the 2-story c.1909 Abrams Store which was razed in 1988. The site of the Weisman Department Store is located at 101 E. Iowa Street.

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### ELABORATION

Dermott grew from a small settlement on Bayou Bartholomew in the early 1840s to a thriving railroad town by the 1880s. The economy was based on agriculture and timber and grew steadily until the Great Depression gripped the area. Dermott survived that period in our history but never fully regained its former status. In the early 1950s, rice was introduced in the area giving the farmers another cash crop. It remains an agriculturally based economy.

The buildings in the Dermott Commercial Historic District were built between the years 1908 – 1990. Three of the buildings are important historically and can be considered the anchors of the district. The Bordeaux Building, built in 1908 at 209 E. Iowa Street, is the oldest building in the Dermott Commercial Historic District. The 1910 Lephiew Gin Co. Building is also important since the Lephiew Family business is still operating out of this building at 117 N. Freeman Street, 100 years later. The third anchor is the Dermott Municipal Building, which is located at 112 N. Freeman Street, and was built in 1928. The influence of the Classical Revival style of the building is uncommon in this district.

The Dermott Post Office Building was built c.1959 at 101 N. Freeman Street. The building housed the post office from c.1959 – 1998. This resource has an irregular plan and is a brick, one-story building with a flat roof and a concrete foundation. The building has a recessed front corner porch supported by brick columns. The porch roof is flat. An awning covers the rear (east) façade entry. A flat awning supported by brick columns covers the stationary windows across the front (west) façade.



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A row of rectangular casement windows run across the west side of the (south) side façade. A medical supply business occupied the building from c.1999 – 2004. It has been vacant since 2004.

The Gibson & Gibson Law Firm occupies the building located at 103 N. Freeman Street. It was built c.1959-60 for Robert Gibson and Sons with colonial revival style influence. The law firm occupied the building until c.2002, when the cousin of Robert Gibson, Charles Gibson, moved his law firm, the Gibson & Gibson Law Firm, into the building. The building has a wood frame with brick walls and a concrete foundation. The original structure was small and an addition was built c.1980. The rear addition more than doubled the size of the original building. The walls of the newer section of the building are covered with vinyl siding. The original structure looks much as it did before the addition. The symmetrical front (west) façade has a recessed front entry with narrow pilasters on each side of the door. Two windows flank the front entry with shutters on each side of the windows. A narrow cornice with dentils runs just below the roof line on the front (west) façade.

The commercial style building located at 105 N. Freeman Street was built c.1950 to accommodate the medical practice of H.W. Thomas, M.D. The frame building has an irregular floor plan, with brick and weatherboard walls and a gabled roof with asbestos shingles and a concrete foundation. The front (west) façade of the building has north end and south end recessed porches with entries to the building in each. The porches are covered by green shed awnings which are supported by turned posts and brackets. The windows on the front (west) façade are placed in the recessed area and are stationary. Double-hung barred windows are found in the north and south sides of the building. The east-facing rear of the building has two barred double-hung windows, one on each end of the façade, and a centered door

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with a flat awning supported by brackets. A corrugated aluminum storage building with a tin gable roof is at the rear (east) end of the office building. The building is currently vacant.

The Spurlock Auto Parts Store occupied the building at 106 N. Freeman from c.1958, when it was built, until 1976. In 1978, the First Service Bank Annex moved into the space. The narrow commercial building is a 1-story concrete block building with a flat roof. The front (east) façade is brick and stucco with two large stationary windows and a glass door on the south end of the façade. A brick wall on the north and south sides of the front (east) façade juts out several feet beyond the end of the building. The entry to the building is on the south side of the façade, which has stucco covering the concrete blocks. A short brick fence faces N. Freeman Street and partially obscures the view of the south façade. Just behind the fence is a gazebo with seating available. The rear (west) façade has a wooden door on the north side of the façade and two small stationary windows on the south side.

The Gibson's Law Firm Annex was built at 107 N. Freeman Street c.1990 on the lot behind the C.S. Gibson Law office. The C. S. Gibson Law office burned and was removed in 2002. This small commercial building is a rectangular, 1-story, frame construction with a gable roof with asphalt shingles. Vinyl siding covers the building. A full recessed front porch is supported by four steel posts. The rear (south) façade has two small rectangular windows high on the façade. The south side of the building has five small rectangular windows just under the roofline. A single wood door is positioned on the south end of the front (west) side of the building.

The Parker Building, built c.1946, is located at 109–113 N. Freeman Street. There are three storefronts in this commercial styled building. Brannon's Bail Bond is currently located in 111 N. Freeman Street, the only 1 of the 3

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storefronts that is occupied. The building is rectangular, with brick construction and brick walls and a concrete foundation. The aluminum roof is flat with a parapet. A tan aluminum shed roof awning covers the complete front (west) façade. On each storefront, there are two large stationary boxed windows on each side of the centered single glass door, with a transom above the doors. The north and south sides of the building have no fenestration. The rear (east) façade has a wooden double door covered by a rounded awning supported by brackets on 109 N. Freeman. The rear (east) façade at 111 N. Freeman has a single door which is not covered providing rear entrance to the building. A wood awning covers the rear entrance to the building at 113 N. Freeman Street.

The building at 110 N. Freeman Street was constructed for the Downey Funeral Home c.1943, and has continuously housed a funeral home to the present time. The building has an irregular plan with both one-story and two-story sections. The south side of the building is where the single-story chapel is located. The section behind the chapel is the preparation room and work space. The two-story office area is on the north side of the front (east) façade and it is set back on the lot several feet deeper than the chapel. Above the office area is an apartment. The original wall construction was of brick and weatherboards. The bricks have been painted white and aluminum siding covers the weatherboards. The building was built on brick piers. A gable roof covers the chapel. The apartment above the office space has a gable roof, and a flat roof covers the front section of the office and the projection behind the chapel. A large portico is located on the south side of the building. The wood structure has a flat aluminum roof and four metal posts supporting the roof. A green awning covers windows and entries on the front (east) façade. A large storage building is located behind the building, on the west side of the property. The Griffin Funeral has occupied the building since 2002. The home office is located in McGehee, Arkansas.

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The Dermott Municipal Building at 112 N. Freeman Street was built c.1928 and is one of the anchors for the Dermott Commercial Historic District. It was built with Classical Revival style influences. The front door of this symmetrical building is ornamented with a decorative pediment supported by two pilasters and a wide cornice resting on another pair of pilasters. The name of the building, "Municipal Building" is engraved in the cornice above the front entrance. A crest with two brackets is located just below the roof line. The 1928 build-date is engraved into the crest. The rectangular, one-story brick building has a rear addition. The original and present wall material is brick. The roof is flat with a parapet. There is a concrete foundation. The windows on the front (east) façade are double hung, and multi-paned, 10/10. On the remainder of the building, the windows are double-hung, 1/1, and stationary. The building housed the Dermott City Hall with the Dermott Police Department in the rear section of the building from 1928 – 2004. In 2004, the Dermott City Hall moved to the 200 block of Iowa Street, and the police department expanded into the entire building.

The Ardell Holland Café Building is located at 114 N. Freeman Street. Built in the commercial style, this is a rectangular, one-story brick construction with brick walls. There have been some repairs using corrugated tin and concrete blocks across the rear (west) façade. The main entrance to the business is a glass door positioned in the clipped corner on the southeast corner of the building. The entry is covered by an awning that wraps around the corner. Two large stationary windows are on the front (east) façade as well as a glass-paned door, located on the north side of the east façade. The rear (west) façade has a boarded window and a wooden door covered by an aluminum awning supported by four steel posts. Ardell Holland's Café remained in the building from c.1946, when it was built, until 1960, when Quality Cleaners took over the building. Quality Cleaners remained in the building from 1960 – 1990. A video store was in the



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building from 1990 – 2002, when Gwen's Gifts and Beauty Salon moved into the building. The building has been divided to house Gwen's Gifts and Beauty Salon, a dress shop, a Bail Bonds Office, and Gwen's Café.

The Sibernagle Wholesale Grocery Building was built at 115 N. Freeman Street c.1935. This commercial style building is a rectangular frame building with brick and stucco walls. The flat roof has a parapet and tar built-up roofing material. There is a concrete foundation. Sibernagle Wholesale Grocery Company remained in the building from c.1935 – early 1950s; A.G. Jacobs Grocery Store was in the building from early 1950s – c.1960; the Trigg Department Store was in the store from c.1960 – 1980; Delta Counseling Center occupied the building from 1980 – 1995; a substance abuse treatment center was the last occupant of the building, 1995 – 2005. It is believed that the stucco on the side of the building was added when the Trigg Department Store moved into the building.

The Lephiew Gin Company Building at 117 N. Freeman Street was built in the commercial style c.1910. It is believed that this 100 year old building has housed the Lephiew Gin Company since it was built. The ownership of the company has been passed down through the family. This rectangular one-story brick building has original brick walls, with wood trim around the windows and doors on the front (west) façade. The roof is flat with a parapet and tar built-up roofing material. The building has a concrete foundation. The windows across the front (west) façade are stationary. The side (south) facade of the building has two boarded windows and an aluminum shed awning. The rear (east) elevation has a centered door for entry and five double-hung windows on the south side of the east façade. The north side of this property adjoins the Crenshaw Building at 201 E. Iowa Street.



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The Homer Miles Barber Shop at 118 N. Freeman Street was built c.1934. It is a small commercial building that is rectangular in shape. This one-story brick building has brick walls and a flat roof with a parapet. The roof is tar built-up and the building has a concrete foundation. It is assumed that the barber shop was the first occupant of the building, with occupancy from c.1934 – 1940s. The front (east) façade is symmetrical with a wooden door centered between two stationary windows. A white aluminum awning covers the front of the building just above the windows and door and is held in place by brackets attached to the roofline of the building. Another barber shop moved in after Mr. Miles left, and occupied the building 1940s–c.1980. An insurance company was in the building from 1980 – 1990. Former mayor and businessman Frank Henry has owned and occupied the property since 1994. Three metal storage buildings at the rear (west) side of the building also belong to Mr. Henry.

The building at 120 N. Freeman Street is known as the Courtney & Trigg Feed & Seed Store. Built c.1920 in the commercial style, the brick building has brick and stucco walls. The roof is flat with a parapet and has a concrete foundation. All the windows are either boarded up or filled in with concrete blocks. A flat aluminum awning covers the front entry which faces east. The Courtney & Trigg Feed and Seed Store was the first known occupant. The owners of the store were Chester Courtney and T.C. Trigg and were operating the business in this building from c.1920 – 1960s. An accounting office was in the building for a short time following the feed and seed store. The building has been vacant for about 20 years.

The site at 101 E. Iowa Street was the location of the Weisman Department Store #1. The Weisman Family operated the department store in this location for 80 years. The building burned c.1998.

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The Weisman Department Store Building #2 is located at 103 E. Iowa Street, facing north toward the railroad tracks. This building was constructed c.1960 as an annex to the Weisman Department Store located at 101 E. Iowa Street. This building, as well as the rest of the buildings in the 100 block of E. Iowa Street, is built in the commercial style. This building is a concrete block building with brick and concrete block walls. The roof is flat with a parapet and has a tar built-up roofing material. The front (north) façade has a glass door on the east side of the façade with four stationary windows with bars across them on the right side (east side) of the door and ranging to the east side of the façade. A brick wall remains from the ruins of the Weisman Department Store #1. The opening mid-way down the brick wall has been bricked, but it appears to have been the entry between the two buildings. The rear (south) façade has a single door on the east side of the façade. A wood shingle awning covers the front façade.

The Dermott Bar-B-Q and Sandwich Shop was built c.1970 at 105 E. Iowa Street. This commercial style building has an irregular plan and is one-story tall. The projection on the rear (south) façade was built of concrete blocks. The walls on the front section of the building are brick. The projection is covered with corrugated aluminum. The front section of the building has a hip roof with asphalt shingles; the rear section has an aluminum shed roof. Both sections of the building have a concrete foundation. The building has two recessed walls on the rear (south) façade. On the first recessed section is a single wooden entry door near the corner of the second recessed wall. The second recessed wall has a west façade with a row of four stationary windows.

The Delta Drug Store Building is located at 107 - 109 E. Iowa Street. Built in 1935, this is another of the buildings that are built in commercial style. It is a one-story rectangular building with a frame construction and brick walls.

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The roof is flat with a parapet and a tin roof. All of the windows and doors are boarded. The front (north) façade had two sets of display windows with two entrances set between them. A row of transom windows above the stationary front display windows are also covered. The Delta Drug Store occupied the building from c.1950 – 1965. The soda fountain in the store was a favorite hangout of the teenagers in Dermott. After the drug store closed, the building stood vacant for almost 30 years. It now serves as a storage space for Perry Wine and Spirits' Royal Liquor Store. The date of the addition is unknown.

Just across the alley is the J. Cohen Department Store which was built c.1919 at 113 E. Iowa Street. As with most of these buildings in this block, it is a commercial style, rectangular, one-story brick building with brick walls. It too has a flat roof with a parapet and a tin roof. The plaque that is centered in the middle of the parapet above the front (north) façade gives the date of construction of the building, 1919. Below the aluminum awning, the walls on the front (north) façade are covered with plywood that has been painted black with pink trim around the cut-out holes which expose a portion of the display windows. The two glass entrance doors are trimmed in pink and barred. The earliest known occupant of the building was the J. Cohen Department Store. The daughter of Mr. Cohen married Sam Nausbaum, and they continued to manage the store under the original name for many years. The Unicorn Restaurant occupied the building for several years, closing in c.2006. The building is now used for storage for the Perry Wine & Spirits' Royal Liquor Store.

The plaque centered on the parapet on the second story of the building gives the builders name and the build-date, Blythe Bros., 1909. The Blythe Bros. Building is located at 117 E. Iowa Street. It is built in the commercial style. There are arched windows on the rear (south) façade. On the second story is

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an arched doorway with a hood. The doorway and the window on the left side of the door are covered by a flat metal awning supported by two wrought iron posts. A flat wooden awning covers the entire front of the first floor of the building. The awning, which is supported by brackets and posts, acts as a porch for the second story. There is also a wrought iron balustrade across the front of the porch. The building is brick construction, with brick walls with older stucco covering a small portion of the building. The roof is flat with a parapet and has a tar built-up roof material. The foundation is concrete. There are two recessed entrances, each set between two stationary display windows in the front façade (north). Twelve transoms run the width of the front façade. It appears that the transoms retain the original glass. It is thought that the original business in the building was the Lee Jaim & Company Grocery & Liquor Store. Descendents of Lee Jaim still own the building.

The Y.L. Tow & Company Grocery Building was built c.1918 at 119 E. Iowa Street. The first thing you notice about the building is the mural that was painted on the east façade. A bigger-than-life picture of Dr. Charles McDermott, founder of Dermott; a picture of African-Americans working in the cotton fields; a once-important building; and Dr. McDermott and his flying machine draw your attention and give you a view of Dermott history. This typical commercial building is well-maintained and is still in use. The earliest known business located here was the Y.L. Tow & Company Grocery Store. The Tow family lived in the rear section of the building from c.1930-1970s. The son of Mr. Tow, Dr. James Suen became a well-known oncologist. The building is a rectangular, one-story brick building, with brick walls and ceramic tiles below the stationary display windows on the front (north) façade. Transom windows are placed above the display windows. The recessed front door has sidelights. The rear (south) façade



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has a pair of doors centered in the façade with a wood awning with a shed roof covering the entry

The E. Iowa Street Park is at 121 E. Iowa Street. This is the site of the A. Abroms Store. The A. Abroms two-story store building was built c.1909. The structure was razed c.1988 and the current park was built.

The Crenshaw Building, located at 201 E. Iowa Street, was built c.1915 in the commercial style. The rectangular one-story brick building has brick walls and a flat roof with tar built-up roofing material and a parapet. A recessed, front corner porch is located on the west side of the front (north) façade. The windows on the front façade are tall, narrow, single-pane, stationary windows in two sets of four windows. One of these is boarded. The windows on the west façade are boarded. Surrounding the first set of four windows on the west side of the front façade is vinyl siding which covers the plywood that had been used to repair this section of the façade. Under the second set of windows, a section of plywood, which has been painted black, covers the bricks. Above the windows, a band of steel siding covers what was probably transoms, and wraps around the corner of the building and across the side (west) façade. The Crenshaw Family was prominent in Dermott and are the builders of this building. The earliest known occupant, however, was Chester's Grocery, c.1950 – 1960,s, owned by Chester Suen, son of Y.L. Tow, who owned another Iowa Street grocery store. The property remains in that family. No business has operated in this building for about 20 years. It is currently used for storage.

The Dante Building, built in 1914, is located at 205 E. Iowa Street. This commercial style building was home of Dermott's Western Auto Store from c.1950 – 1990. Since 1990, it has housed the Dermott American Legion Post 65. The front (north) façade is asymmetrical. The single boxed



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stationary display window on the east side of the façade is followed by the entry, which is recessed, and is followed by a rectangular block of three stationary windows. White tiles cover the area below the windows. The rectangular brick building also has brick walls, a flat roof with tar built-up roof material, and a parapet. It has a concrete slab foundation.

The building at 207 E. Iowa Street is known as the Dermott Supply Company Building. This typical c.1915 commercial building has a rectangular plan with brick construction and brick walls. The roof is flat with a parapet and it has tar built-up roofing material. The symmetrical front (north) façade is covered by a white metal awning. Behind the awning are transoms that appear in original condition. Two wooden double doors with glass insets are between the three stationary window display boxes. An addition to the building has been placed on the rear (south) façade. The addition has concrete block construction and walls and has a flat tin roof. The original building and the addition both have a concrete slab foundation. A single door is centered in the rear (south) façade of the addition to the building. Bernard "Bernie" Brazil operated Dermott Supply Company at this location c.1950 – 1975. Later, Minnie Graham had a food pantry here. The city now uses the building for records storage.

The Bordeaux Building is the oldest remaining building in the Dermott Commercial Historic District and is justifiably one of the anchors of the district. The building housed the Bordeaux Drug Store from c.1908 – 1945. The O. H. Harding's Furniture Store was in the building in the 1950s. The Barnes' Furniture Store occupied the building from c.1960 – 1985. Pam Ester's Generations Dress Shop & Tax Service Office is currently in the building. The Bordeaux Building is another of the commercial style buildings. It is a rectangular one-story brick building with brick wall material with some stucco (c.1950s) on parts of the front (north) façade and

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the rear (south) façade. The roof is flat with a parapet and tar built-up roofing material. It is on a concrete foundation. A blue corrugated-tin awning covers the windows and the entrance to the building. Transom windows are covered by the awning. The stationary display windows form two boxes with a wooden door with glass inset centered between the two display windows.

The Morgan & Lindsey 5 & 10 Cent Store was in the building at 211 E. Iowa Street from the early 1930s – 1960s. This c.1920 property is a one-story, rectangular building with brick wall material. The roof is flat with a parapet and has tin roof material and a continuous cast concrete foundation. A rounded canvas awning covers the front (north) façade above the windows and doors. The current occupant, the Dermott City Administration, has re-surfaced the front façade, covering the bricks below the awning with stucco and it appears as though new bricks are above the awning on this façade. A brick divider is placed in the center of the front (north) façade, with a glass double door and one large stationary window on each side of the divider. The rear (south) façade has a single stationary window on the west side of the façade. A rounded canvas canopy covers the two doors in the façade, one on the west side of the façade and one on the east side of the façade.

The Louie Courtney Grocery Store was located at 215 E. Iowa Street. Built c.1920, this commercial-style building has a rectangular plan, one-story frame construction, and brick walls. It has a flat roof with a parapet and tar built-up roofing material. It has a continuous cast-concrete foundation. The bricks on the front (north) façade are mis-matched, with a newer brick on the lower section of the front façade. Two new horizontal, narrow, single-pane windows have been placed in the façade, east of the single door and elevated a little higher than the top of the door. A narrow bracket trim runs below the roof line with three diamond-shaped ornamental elements spaced evenly

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below. A door is centered in the rear (south) elevation with a canvas awning with a shed roof covering the door. Two boarded windows are on the west side of the rear façade.

Adolphus Prothro's Jewelry Store was located in the building at 217 E. Iowa Street from c.1920 – 1975. Built c.1920, this commercial building is a rectangular, one-story brick building with brick wall material. The roof is flat with a parapet and has a tin roof. The chimney is located on the south side of the east façade near the back of the building. The building is on a concrete foundation. The Gibson Family obtained and operated the business here until 1985. The Dermott Historical Museum has occupied the building since 2002.

Ebbyz Dress Shop is located in the building at 219 E. Iowa Street. The original building at this location burned, and in 1963 a new building was built here using the east and west walls of the former building. This small commercial building is a one-story brick and frame rectangular building. The building has brick walls with weatherboard surrounding the windows and atop the front (north) façade over the windows to the roofline. The flat roof has a parapet and tar built-up roofing material. It is built on a concrete foundation. The front (north) façade has four rectangular stationary windows beginning on the east side with a single wooden door followed by one rectangular stationary window west of the door. Brick covers the lower section of this façade, below the windows. The rear (south) façade is covered with weatherboard. There is one double-hung window and a single wooden door on the west side of the facade, and one double-hung window and a single wooden door on the east side of the facade.

The Judge John M. Golden Law Office Building is located at 131 N. Main Street. This c.1912 building was built in the commercial style. A cornice

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supported by large brackets runs below the roof-line on the front (west) façade. Tall, narrow, double-hung windows once existed in the front (west) façade. Currently, this façade has a door opening, with no door, on the north side of the front façade and a boarded door opening and two boarded, tall, narrow windows on the east side of the façade. Sheets of plywood cover parts of the south side of the front (west) façade, possibly covering other windows. The side (south) façade has three deeply-set double-hung windows. The 1/1 pane arrangement was intact in the third window on the east side of this façade. The other two windows are boarded. The rear (east) façade has four boarded windows and a wooden door near the corner on the north side of this facade. The earliest known business located in this property was the law office of Judge John M. Golden c.1940 -1968. Judge G.B. Colvin, Sr., had been Judge Golden's law clerk in the early years of his career. He then had his office in this building c.1968-1980. Judge Colvin, Sr., had a son, G.B. Colvin, Jr., who was also an attorney. G. B. Colvin, Jr. had his law office in this building c.1980-1990's. G.B. Colvin, Jr., still owns this property.

### INTEGRITY

Although the ratio of contributing and non-contributing buildings is close, the district is still able to convey its significance. The integrity of the Dermott Commercial Historic District has a strong visual connection to its period of significance. Interruptions in this district can be directly related to buildings that have had alterations to their storefront facades. In addition, the non-contributing resources include two vacant lots. The district is able to convey its associations with the development of Dermott because the buildings in the district do date from a wide range of periods, which illustrates the area's development throughout the twentieth century.



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<u>Resource No.</u>	<u>Property Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Map No.</u>	<u>C/NC/IL</u>
CH0190	Site of Weisman Dept. Store Bldg. 1	101 E. Iowa Street	1	NC
CH0191	Weisman Dept. Store Bldg. 2	103 E. Iowa Street	2	NC
CH0192	Dermott BBQ & Sandwich Shop	105 E. Iowa Street	3	NC
CH0193	Delta Drug Store	107 E. Iowa Street	4	C
CH0194	J. Cohen Dept. Store	113 E. Iowa Street	5	C
CH0024	Blythe Bros Building	117 E. Iowa Street	6	C
CH0195	Y.L. Tow & Company Grocery	119 E. Iowa Street	7	C
CH0024	Site of A Abroms Store	121 E. Iowa Street	8	NC
CH0025	Crenshaw Building	201 E. Iowa Street	9	C
CH0196	Dante Building	205 E. Iowa Street	10	C

Chart Reference: C - Contributing

NC - Noncontributing

IL - Individually Listed



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<u>Resource No.</u>	<u>Property Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Map No.</u>	<u>C/NC/IL</u>
CH0197	Dermott Supply Company Building	207 E. Iowa Street	11	C
CH0021	Bordeaux Building	209 E. Iowa Street	12	C
CH0198	Morgan & Lindsey Building	211 E. Iowa Street	13	NC
CH0199	Louie Courtney Grocery Store	215 E. Iowa Street	14	NC
CH0200	A Prothro Jewelry	217 E. Iowa Street	15	C
CH0201	Red's Barber Shop	219 E. Iowa Street	16	NC
CH0030	Judge John M. Golden Law Office	131 North Main Street	17	NC
CH0202	Old Dermott Post Office	101 North Freeman Street	18	C
CH0203	Gibson & Gibson Law Office	103 North Freeman Street	19	NC
CH0204	Dr. H W Thomas Office	105 North Freeman Street	20	C

Chart Reference: C - Contributing    NC - Noncontributing    IL - Individually Listed

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Name of Property

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<u>Resource No.</u>	<u>Property Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Map No.</u>	<u>C/NC/IL</u>
CH0205	Spurlock Auto Parts Store	106 North Freeman Street	21	C
CH0206	107 North Freeman Street Building	107 North Freeman Street	22	NC
CH0207	Parker Building	109-113 North Freeman Street	23	NC
CH0208	Downey Funeral Home	110 North Freeman Street	24	NC
CH0019	Municipal Building	112 North Freeman Street	25	C
CH0209	Ardell Holland's Café	114 North Freeman Street	26	C
CH0210	Sibernagle Wholesale Grocery Bldg.	115 North Freeman Street	27	NC
CH0211	Lephiew Gin Company Building	117 North Freeman Street	28	C
CH0212	Homer Miles Barber Shop	118 North Freeman Street	29	C
CH0213	Courtney & Trigg Feed & Seed Store	120 North Freeman Street	30	NC

Chart Reference: C - Contributing NC - Noncontributing

IL - Individually Listed

Contributing: 16 (53.4%)

Non-contributing 14 (46.6%)

Total 30

## 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 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

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

### Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

Local

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

### Period of Significance

1908 - 1960

### Significant Dates

1908

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

### Cultural Affiliation

### Architect/Builder

Blythe Brothers, Builder

Dante, Charles, Builder

Bordeaux, Henry, Builder

Crenshaw, John, Builder

### Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☒ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☒ Other

Name of repository:

Chicot County Library

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### SUMMARY

The Dermott Commercial Historic District is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion A for its association with the agricultural and commercial history in Dermott and Chicot County. Many of the older buildings in the district are located in the 200 block of Iowa Street. They were located adjacent to the railroad tracks and the train depot, convenient for shipping and receiving of goods. The Lephiew Gin Company, which has been in continuous service since 1910, is located on Freeman Street, just south of the tracks. Across the street from the gin company was the Courtney & Trigg Feed & Seed Store, which catered to the agricultural sector in the county. Dermott grew on three resources: timber, cotton, and rice were the cash crops.

### ELABORATION

In the 1820s, there were few homesteads in the earliest settlements in the area that is now the town of Dermott. By this time, the Native Americans had already been driven farther west. The greatest hazard to the pioneers in this wilderness of heavy timber and swamps was the fierce animals that inhabited the land. Arkansas was once known as the "Bear State." Bears, panthers, and wildcats were a greater danger, striking fear in the hearts of the pioneers who were trying to make a home in this untamed territory.

Most of the land titles in this huge county were dated from 1830 – 1836. At the time of its formation in October, 1823, Chicot County was the 9<sup>th</sup> subdivision of the Territory of Arkansas. It was bounded by Louisiana on the south, the Mississippi River on the east, the Ouachita and Saline rivers on the west, and north to within 10 miles of the mouth of the Arkansas River. These boundaries took in the territory that is now Chicot County, Desha County, Drew County, and Ashley County. Villemont, a town on the

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Mississippi river, now extinct, was the Chicot County seat. Drew County was separated from Chicot County in 1846, Ashley County in 1861, and a part of Desha in 1879. The county seat of Chicot County is Lake Village, which is about 15 miles southeast of Dermott, on U.S. 65.

The single most important person in the history of Dermott would be the man who gave the town its name, Charles McDermott. Dr. McDermott was born in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, in April 1808, five years after the Louisiana Purchase. His father had run away from his home in Ireland and landed in the American Colonies. He worked for the Spanish government as an engineer in Louisiana and received a large land grant for his services. His mother was from a French Louisiana family. Charles McDermott graduated from Yale University in 1828. He then studied medicine under Dr. Bains. He married Hettie Smith, who was related by marriage to Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy during the Civil War. On a return trip from Yale back to Louisiana, Charles met a group of government engineers who told him about the rich lands in the Arkansas Territory. They went on to say that one could stake a claim on the land. After the death of his mother, Charles and his brother Edward moved their families from Louisiana to Chicot County, securing most of the land on which Dermott is built.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Charles McDermott became widely known for his stand against the Federal government. A firm secessionist, he joined the effort to defeat the enemy and protect his right to own slaves, without whom he could not farm his extensive land holdings. The bitterness following the war brought about an attempt to found a colony of secessionists in Honduras, Central America. The dysentery, the climate, and numerous hardships caused the effort to fail. The secessionists moved back to the Delta.



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The project about which Dr. Charles McDermott was most passionate was his belief that man should be able to build a flying machine. He spent a fortune on various designs and constructing them. He did, in fact, discover the principles of modern airplane design. He had his "principles for flying" patented (patent #133,046) November 12, 1872, for the plane he constructed. The plane actually flew a short distance. The newspapers in 1882 quoted him saying: "It is mortifying that a stinking buzzard and a stupid goose should fly, and man, the lord of all the earth, should be any longer confined to the land and water." It is ironic that in 1923, Charles Lindbergh, should make his first night flight in Chicot County, only a few miles from the place Dr. McDermott had spent so much of his time and effort, as well as his wealth, attempting to build an airplane that would fly.

A post office was opened October 5, 1875, under the name Bend, named for the bend in Bayou Bartholomew. The name was changed to Dermott in honor of Dr. Charles McDermott on May 25, 1877. Reuben D. Crenshaw was the postmaster. The Crenshaw Family was very influential in civic affairs, and the formation and growth of the town of Dermott.

"The first railroad through this area was the Mississippi, Ouachita and Red River, begun in 1854 and extending westward from the Mississippi River. In 1875 it became the Little Rock, Mississippi and Texas railroad. In 1887 the north-south main line of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, now a part of the Union Pacific system, was built through Dermott. This marker is placed at the site of the depot which was at the intersection of the two railroads." Thus reads the plaque placed at the site of the depot by the Chicot County Historical Society. A real town began to take shape when the north-south main line of the Iron Mountain railroad, later known as the Missouri Pacific railroad, was built through Dermott in 1887. With the railroad came jobs. Lumber mills of all kinds - staves, handles, spokes, veneer, and other wood products were built, and the population expanded

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rapidly. The period after WWI saw another large influx of people, primarily from the north, looking for rich land and warmer climate.

Early in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century there was an influx of immigrants from Germany and China. The Jewish families immigrated to America in search of a better life. The Chinese who settled in Arkansas and other Mississippi River Delta states after WWI were merchants who ultimately became very successful because they were willing to work long hours for small profits. As an ethnic group, these Chinese men were not immigrants, but what sociologists call "sojourners." They came from provinces in South China and from families who were financially secure. They came to America to increase their family fortune. After they had established themselves in commerce, these "sojourners" went back to China to find a bride and then brought her back to America. The Chinese families gave each other strong support. The Caucasian population was less than cordial. Their descendents are still living in Dermott and own several buildings in the Dermott Commercial Historic District.

From 1908 – 1920, 13 of the buildings in the Dermott Commercial Historic District were built. The names of the buildings represent families who were involved in not only the commercial aspects of Dermott, but were also civic leaders. They played an important part in the development of the town. John Crenshaw (the c.1915 Crenshaw Building at 201 E. Iowa) and his cousin Hattie Peddicord were the founders of the Dermott Methodist Church. One of the major streets in town, Peddicord Street, is named in honor of the Peddicord Family. While holding the office of Mayor, Tom Crenshaw had oak trees planted along the streets. The 1894 oak trees still line many of the streets of Dermott.

In 1908, the Bordeaux Building was built to house their drug and sundries store, Bordeaux Drug Store. They were in business in this building from c.

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1908 – 1945, taking care of the needs of their customers in the area. The building has housed many different types of business since the drug store. In the late 1940s a restaurant was located in the building. In the 1950s, the O.H. Harding Furniture Store occupied the space. The Barnes Furniture Store was here from c.1960 – 1985. Currently, Pam Esters' Generations Dress Shop and Tax Service are located in the building.

In 1909, a group of contractors built the Blythe Bros. Building, presumably for Lee Jaim & Co. Grocery / Liquor Store, at 117 E. Iowa Street. Descendents of Lee Jaim still own the building and run the business.

N. Freeman Street runs south between the 100 and 200 blocks of E. Iowa Street. Directly behind the Crenshaw Building, which is located on the corner of E. Iowa Street and N. Freeman Street, is the Lephiew Gin Company Building at 117 N. Freeman Street. The Lephiew Family has been in business at this location continuously since 1910. Lephiew Dennington and his son are the current occupants.

The Judge John M. Golden Law Office Building, built c.1912, is located at 131 N. Main Street. The earliest known business located in this building was the office of John M. Golden who served as a judge c.1940 – 1968. Judge G.B. Colvin, Sr., had been Judge Golden's law clerk in the early years of his career. Judge Colvin then had his law practice here from c.1968 – 1980. His son, G.B. Colvin, Jr., had his law office in this building from c.1980 – 1990s. G.B. Colvin, Jr., has retained the ownership of the property. This building is located behind the site of the Weisman Department Store, which is at the corner of E. Iowa Street and N. Main Street. The store was owned by the Weisman Family, who were Jewish immigrants.

The Dante Building was built at 205 E. Iowa Street c.1914. There was no history of the Dante Family in Dermott, so it is thought that he was not the

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owner, but the contractor of the building. The Dante Family did have a large building in Dumas in which they had a department store. The earliest known business in this Dermott building was the Western Auto Store during the late 1940s – 1990. Currently the building is owned by the City of Dermott and the American Legion occupies the building.

The Crenshaw building was built at 201 E. Iowa in 1915, with John Crenshaw the contractor. The Crenshaw Family opened a mercantile in the building. The current owner of the building is Tony Suen Yee, a descendent of the Chinese “sojourners.”

The building at 119 E. Iowa is known as the Y.L. Tow & Co. Grocery Store. The earliest known business in this c.1918 building was the Y.L. Tow & Co. Grocery Store. The family also lived in the rear section of the building behind the store from the 1930s – 1970s. It was common practice in the 1930s for the family to live in the building where their business was located. The son of Y.L. Tow, Dr. James Suen, became a prominent oncologist. The current occupant of this building is the Southeast Arkansas Area on Aging.

A large mural is on the east side of the Y.L. Tow & Co. building, which faces the city park. It is a mini-history lesson on life in the growing years of the town of Dermott. The most poignant dialogue on this mural was: “After the lumber industry faltered, the agriculture of cotton helped make Dermott a permanent settlement. African Americans were used to bear the burden in every aspect of the cotton industry.” In another section of the mural, “In 1899, Dermott became the home of the Southeast Baptist Academy, later known as Morris Booker Memorial College. ‘Out of the cotton field and into the classroom, the academy grew out of a passion for education.’” The city park is located on the site of the c.1920 Abroms Store building, at 121 Iowa Street. The building was razed in 1988.



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Built in 1919, the J. Cohen Department Store was located at 113 E. Iowa Street. The Cohen family was the earliest known tenant in this building. The Cohen's daughter and her husband Sam Nausbaum continued to run the store under the same name for many years after her parents retired. Later, the Unicorn Restaurant was located in the building, closing in 2006. The building is now used for storage by Perry Wine & Spirits' Royal Liquor Store.

A flurry of construction in the downtown district of Dermott occurred in 1920. Four buildings were erected, three of them in the 200 block of E. Iowa, and one on N. Freeman. All of the buildings were traditional commercial in style, and all served a purpose in the everyday lives of the people of Dermott. Courtney & Trigg Feed & Seed Store was located at 120 N. Freeman, a short buggy ride from the railroad tracks. The Morgan & Lindsey Store faced the tracks at 211 E. Iowa. The Louie Courtney Grocery Store was located at 215 E. Iowa Street from c.1920 – 1960s. Under the ownership of G.C. Murphy, the Morgan & Lindsey Store was expanded into the building at 215 E. Iowa. The other 1920 building was the Prothro Jewelry Store which was located at 217 E. Iowa Street.

The Municipal Building was built at 112 N. Freeman Street in 1928. The Classical Revival style influences makes it stand out in this group of commercial buildings in the Dermott Commercial Historic District.

From 1934 – 1950, five buildings were built on N. Freeman Street, and 1 on E. Iowa Street. The Homer Miles Barber Shop was built in 1934 at 118 N. Freeman Street. The building has been owned by Frank Henry since c. 1994, and he continues to manage his business interests out of this office. Mr. Henry is vitally involved in the civic as well as the social and business aspects of the town of Dermott. In 1935, the Sibernagle Wholesale Grocery

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Store was built at 115 Freeman Street. It later housed the Trigg Department Store. The building at 107 – 109 was also built in 1935 to house the Delta Drug Store. After being vacant for several years, it is now used as a storage building. In 1943, the Downey Funeral Home was built at 110 N. Freeman Street. It has been in use as a funeral home since it was built, currently occupied by Griffin Funeral Home. In 1946, two buildings were built on N. Freeman Street. The Perry Drug Store building was located at 109 – 113 N. Freeman. Ardell Holland's Café was located at 114 N. Freeman.

H.W. Thomas, M.D. had his medical practice in the c.1950 building at 105 N. Freeman Street, from c.1950 – 1995. Reportedly, Dr. Thomas was A.M.A. President for one term in the 1950s.

After 1950, growth in population in the town of Dermott continued to rise due to continuing success in the agricultural community in the area. Building in the downtown district had slowed, however, with only 7 new constructions from 1951 – 1990.

The Dermott Post Office building at 101 N. Freeman Street was built in 1959 and was used until 1998 when a new building was built outside of the district. It has had other occupants, but is now vacant.

The building at 103 N. Freeman Street has housed the offices of the Gibson & Gibson Law Firm continuously since c.1960. An annex to the law firm is located at 107 N. Freeman Street and was built c.1990.

The Weisman's Department Store #2 was built at 103 E. Iowa Street c.1960 to supplement the space in the building at 101 E. Iowa Street which housed the original Weisman's Department Store. The original Weisman's Department Store later burned.

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Possibly the most unusual building in the Dermott Commercial Historic District is Red's Barber Shop Building built in 1963. The building is built within the ruins of a structure which had burned. The east and west walls of the ruin are used as walls for the store. A large steel beam looms high above the roof of the building.

The c.1970 building at 105 E. Iowa Street is the Dermott Bar-B-Que, probably the most popular place in the Dermott Commercial Historic District.

The Dermott Commercial Historic District's significance lies in the fact that it represents the commercial center for northwestern Chicot County. Today, as it was historically, Dermott is the largest community in that part of the county, and would have been the commercial center for the area. The presence of the railroad line, and the junction of two lines – the north-south line and the line to the west – also indicates that Dermott would have been a center of commerce and a shipping point for goods in that part of the county.

The economy of the Dermott area was built on farming, and having access to a railroad line, especially before the development of an improved highway system, would have been essential for shipping crops from the area and getting supplies to the area. As farmers would come to Dermott to do business with the railroad, it would have made sense for them to handle other business at the same time. As a result, the Dermott Commercial Historic District would have been a significant part of the commercial life of Chicot County.

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Due to its importance in the commercial development of northwestern Chicot County, the Dermott Commercial Historic District is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion A.



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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property** – 4.15 Acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	15	483157	3984864	3		
2				4		

☐ See continuation sheet.

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Arkansas Historic date February 28, 2010

street & number 1500 Tower Building, telephone (501) 324-9787

city or town Little Rock state AR zip code 72201

### 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

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Verbal Boundary

From E. Peddicord Street, travel north on the alley behind the buildings on the east side of N. Freeman Street. Proceed to the alley behind the buildings facing north on East Iowa Street. Proceed to the east side of 219 East Iowa Street. At the east side of the building facing north at 219 E. Iowa Street, turn north, traveling to the center of E. Iowa Street. Continue on E. Iowa Street to the corner of East Iowa Street and North Main Street. Travel south from center of North Main Street to the alley beside 131 North Main Street. Turn east onto the alley and travel easterly to storage buildings behind 112, 114, and 118 N. Freeman Street. Turn south behind buildings then go east back to the alley behind the east side of N. Freeman Street and continue south to E. Peddicord Street..

#### Boundary Justification

This boundary was drawn to include properties in the downtown Dermott Commercial Historic District that maintain the highest level of historic integrity in architecture and to show the relationship of these buildings to early commerce.

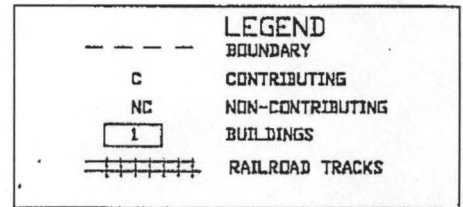
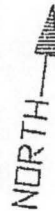
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Name of Property

Chicot County, Arkansas  
County - State

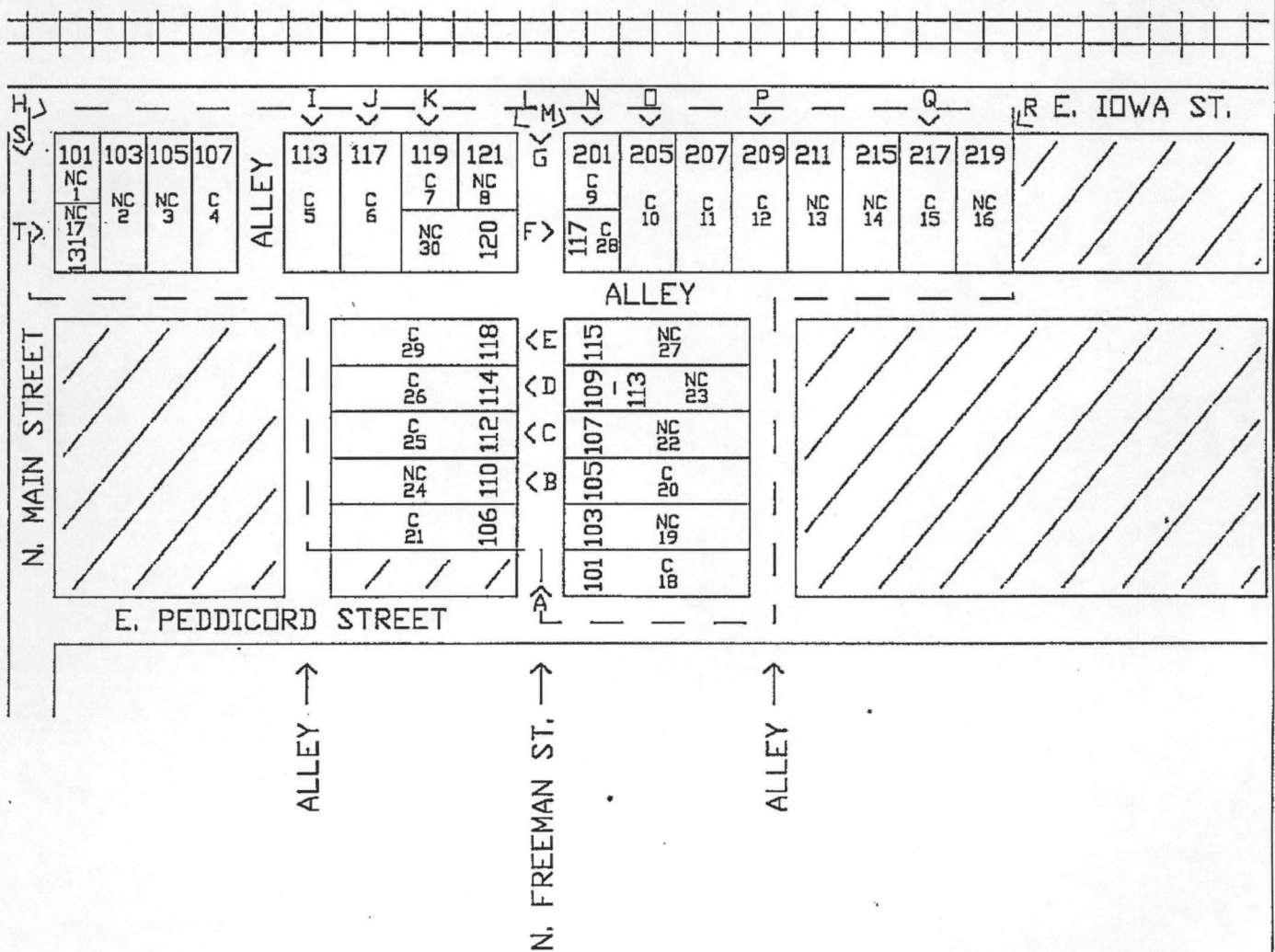
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY <sup>Dermott</sup> Demott Commercial Historic District  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Chicot

DATE RECEIVED: 8/11/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/08/10  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/23/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/25/10  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000789

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/23/2010 LG ~~8/23/2010~~ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Small commercial District, Typical of Delta Area.*

*Nomination does not address the layout of town, oriented to railroad, which might have been an interesting fact. Also, the interesting influx of Chinese immigrants post WWI could have been elaborated on. Some of the buildings are still owned by the families.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER John Gibbons DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/~~N~~ see attached SLR Y/~~N~~

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



1. Dermott Commercial Historic District  
Street Scape of 100 Block of N. Freeman St, shooting North from Peddicord St
2. Dermott, AR
3. Kay Griffin
4. 1/18/2016
5. A.H.P.P.
6. Street Scape of 100 Block of N. Freeman Street, Shooting North  
from Peddicord Street.
7. A







1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

110 N. Freeman Street

Downey Funeral Home Bldg.

2. Dermott, AR

3. Ray Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. A.H.P.P.

6. Shooting west from center of N. Freeman Street

7. B



1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

112 N. Freeman Street

Dermott Municipal Building

2. Dermott, AR

3. Kay Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. A.H.P.P.

6. Shooting West from Center of N. Freeman Street  
(E. Facade)

7. c





1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

114 N. Freeman Street     Ardell Holland's Cafe Building

2. Dermott, AR

3. Kay Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. AHPP

6. Shot of E. Facade from center of N. Freeman Street,  
shooting west.

7. D





1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

118 N. Freeman Street Haner Miles Barber Shop Bldg.

2. Dermott, AR

3. Ray Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. A.H.P.P.

6. Shot of East facade, shooting East from N. Freeman St.

7. E





1. Dermott Commercial Historic District
2. 117 N. Freeman Street Lephew Giv Company Building
3. Dermott, AR
4. Kay Griffin
5. 1/18/2010
6. A.H.P.P.
7. Shot of West Facade Shooting N.E. from Center of N. Freeman Street
7. F







1. Dermott Commercial Historic District  
Street Scape of N. Freeman Street Shooting south from  
Center of N. Freeman Near E. Iowa Street
2. Dermott, AR
3. Kay Griffin
4. 1/18/2010
5. A.H.P.P.
6. Street Scape of N. Freeman St shooting South
7. G



1. Dermott Commercial Historic District  
Street Scape of 100 Block of E. Iowa Street, South Side,
2. Dermott, AR
3. Kay Griffin
4. 1/18/2010
5. A. H. P. P.
6. Street Scape of 100 Block of South Side of E. Iowa  
Street Shoot East from Center of E. Iowa Street.
7. H







1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

113 E. Iowa Street

J. Cohen Dept. Store Bldg.

2. Dermott, AR

3. Kay Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. A.H.P.P.

6. Shot of North Facade Shooting South from center  
of E. Iowa Street.

7. I



1. Dermott Commercial Historic District  
117 E. Iowa Street Blythe Bros. Building
2. Dermott, AR
3. Kay Griffin
4. 1/18/2010
5. A.H.P.P.
6. Shot of North facade shooting S.E.  
from center of E. Iowa Street
7. J







1. Dermott Commercial Historic District  
119 E. Iowa Street Y. L. Tow & Co. Grocery Bldg.
2. Dermott, AR
3. Kay Griffin
4. 1/18/2010
5. AHPP
6. Shot of North Facade Shooting N.E. from  
center of E. Iowa Street
7. K



1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

Street Scape of 100 Block of South Side of E. Iowa Street

Shooting west ~~from~~ corner of E. Iowa St. and N. Freeman Street

2. Dermott, AR

3. Kay Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. A.H.P.A.

6. Street Scape of 100 Block of South Side of E. Iowa Street

Shooting west from corner of E. Iowa St. and N. Freeman St.

7. L







1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

Street Scape of 200 Block of E. Iowa St

2. Dermott, AR

3. Kay Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. A.H. P.P.

6. Street Scape of 200 Block of E. Iowa Street  
Shooting East.

7. M



1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

201 E. Iowa Street      The Crenshaw Building

2. Dermott, AR

3. Kay Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. AHPP

6. Shooting South from center of E. Iowa Street

7. N



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1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

205 E. Iowa Street

The Dante Building

2. Dermott, AR

3. Kay Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. AHPP

6. Shooting S.E. from center of E. Iowa Street

7. 0



1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

209 E. Iowa Street      The Bordeaux Building

2. Dermott, AR

3. Kay Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. AHPP

6. Shooting S.E. from center of E. Iowa Street

7. P







1 Dermott Commercial Historic District

217 E. Iowa Street

Prothro Jewelry Store

2 Dermott, AR

3 Kay Griffen

4 1/18/2010

5 AHPP

6 Shooting South from center of E. Iowa Street

7 Q



1. Dermott Commercial Historic District  
Street Scape of 200 Block of South side of  
E. Iowa Street
2. Dermott, AR
3. Kay Griffen
4. 1/18/2010
5. A.H.P.P.
6. Shot of 200 Block of South side of E. Iowa Street  
Shooting West from Center of East Iowa Street  
and Arkansas Street.
7. R





1. Dermott Commercial Historic District

Street Scape of N. Main Street Shooting South from Corner  
E. Iowa Street and N. Main Street

2. Dermott, AR

3. Kay Griffin

4. 1/18/2010

5. A.H.P.P.

6. Street Scape of N. Main Street shooting South from  
Corner of E. Iowa<sup>St.</sup> and N. Main Street.

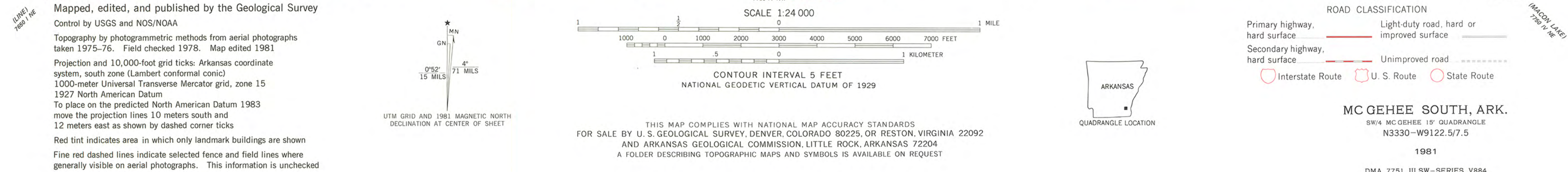
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1. Dermott Commercial Historic District  
131 N. Main St. Judge John M. Golden Law Office Bldg.
2. Dermott, AR
3. Kai Griffin
4. 1/18/2010
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6. Shooting East from center of N. Main Street
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RE: Dermott Commercial Historic District – Dermott, Chicot  
County, Arkansas

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CM:rsw

Enclosure

