

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Church Street East Historic District (Boundary Increase)

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ALABAMA, Mobile

DATE RECEIVED: 3/08/05 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/23/05
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/07/05 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/21/05
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 05000289

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: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: Y

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT _____ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The building at 66 South Royal St. contributes to the architectural significance of the district. Boundary increase is justified.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept additional documentation

REVIEWER Daniel Vivian DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE (202) 354-2252 DATE 4/20/05

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.

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Section I.

Church Street East Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Section II.

Veets, 66 S. Royal Street, Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama
68 S. Royal Street, Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama

Section III.

State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. (I recommend that this property be considered significant x nationally ___ statewide ___ locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments).

March 3, 2005

Signature of certifying official

Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)

State or Federal agency or 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

Section V.

Classification

The district is being increased by two (2) resources: 1 contributing/1 noncontributing building.
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 159, noncontributing: 74, conditionally contributing: 15

Section VII

Architectural Classification: Other: Two-part commercial block

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Boundary Expansion Narrative Description:

The Church Street East Historic District is being expanded to incorporate a historic building excluded from the district's 1983 nomination. In order to capture this building, an adjacent noncontributing building must be included as well. Veets, located at 66 South Royal Street is one of a row of four attached buildings. The present Church Street East Historic District boundary inexplicably includes the southern two buildings of this row, but excludes 68 and 66 South Royal Street. To the north, the remainder of the block consists of vacant lots, all the way to Conti Street.

Both 66 and 68 South Royal date from the turn of the 20th century, but 68 South Royal has had unsympathetic changes to its storefront, making it a noncontributing building. But Veets, 66 South Royal Street, retains its historic integrity and is of a type with other commercial buildings in the Church Street East District. Even 68 South Royal matches its southern neighbors in the block with its scale and massing, while Veets is a two story structure with an ornamental concrete block façade.

Archaeological Component: Although no archaeological testing has been conducted in this area, the potential for subsurface remains may be good. Buried portions could reveal significant information that may be useful in interpreting the district.

Boundary Expansion Inventory:

Noncontributing

248. 68 South Royal Street-One story commercial building, ca. 1900 with significant alterations ca. 1970. Brick framed store front with display windows and aluminum entrance, standing seam metal awning over entrance, stucco above with two belt courses. The flat tar roof is behind a low parapet. The building abuts Veets to the north and 72 South Royal Street to the south. The rear elevation is hidden behind another structure at the back.

Contributing

249. 66 South Royal Street, Veets, ca. 1899, two story commercial, ornamental concrete block façade with attached cast iron balcony (added ca. 1999, historic maps indicate property originally had such a balcony and cast iron balcony is historically appropriate for downtown Mobile), glass and wood storefront with transom, full height windows at balcony and central door, metal cornice with peaked center, side and rear elevations are brick, some windows infilled with block but others 9/9 double hung sash. Faded Coca-Cola sign painted on north elevation, slightly pitched tar roof not visible from street. Interior on second floor intact with original mantel, cabinetry and columns, wood floors and door transoms. This building has served a variety of commercial functions, including leather goods, clothing and now a bar.

Section VIII.

Reason for Boundary Increase: The boundaries are being expanded because of the historic integrity of the building and because it is of a type with other commercial buildings in the district. Furthermore, as part of the expanded district, the property will be under the protection of the City of Mobile's Architectural Review Board and the owner will be able to take advantage of the rehabilitation tax credits.

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Section X.

Acreage: less than one.

UTM: 16-400360-3395600

Verbal Boundary Description: See area boundary outlined on accompanying map.

Boundary Justification: This boundary increase includes an important historic eligible building inexplicably left out of the 1983 district nomination. It is one of four connected buildings, two of which are included (both noncontributing in the 1983 paperwork) and as an important downtown historic building is contiguous to and contiguous with the existing district boundaries.

Ownership

Tom Godwin
310 South Broad Street
Mobile, Al. 36603

Photographs

66 South Royal Street
Church Street East Historic District (Boundary Increase), Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama
John S. Sledge
April 2, 2003
Mobile Historic Development Commission

1. Façade, camera facing west.
2. Cornice detail, camera facing west.
3. General, camera facing northwest.
4. South elevation, camera facing north.
5. North elevation, camera facing south.
6. North elevation, camera facing south.
7. North elevation, one story brick rear structure separate property, camera facing southeast.
8. Rear, one story brick building in foreground is separate property, camera facing east.
9. Interior, first floor, camera facing east.
10. Interior, first floor, camera facing west.
11. Interior, first floor, nonhistoric portion, camera facing east.
12. Interior, staircase, camera facing west.
13. Upstairs, camera facing east.
14. Upstairs, camera facing east.
15. Upstairs, front room, camera facing west.
16. Upstairs, front room, camera facing north.

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Enlargement

