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AMENDMENT NO. 1

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The purpose of this amendment is to increase the boundaries of the South Columbus Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 8, 1982, to add one additional contributing building that is immediately north of the previous boundary. It is not intended as a complete update of the district documentation.

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Section 2: Location (of added properties)

1124 Main Street Columbus, Lowndes County (Code 087), Mississippi (MS), 39701

Section 5: Classification

Ownership of property: private Add 1 contributing building and 1 noncontributing building Number of Contributing Resources Previously Listed: 397 buildings

Section 6: Function or Use

Historic Functions:Domestic: single dwellingCurrent Functions:Commerce/Trade: business

Section 7: Description

Architectural Classification: LATE VICTORIAN Other: L-Front Cottage

Materials:

Foundation: stucco Walls: weatherboard Roof: asphalt Other: n/a

Description:

Listed in the National Register in 1982, the South Columbus Historic District contains one of the state's greatest concentrations of nineteenth century residential structures and exhibits a virtually complete record

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of American building styles from the 1820s through the 1930s. A wide variety of architectural styles are represented in the district: transitional Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, Gothic Revival, Second Empire, Queen Anne, Eastlake, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, Bungalow, and Prairie Style, as well as vernacular house forms such as the L-front cottage. Although the district is primarily a residential neighborhood, the campus of Mississippi University for Women (MUW), the nation's first state supported institution of higher education for women, and the Columbus Marble Works, Columbus' oldest industry, are located within the boundaries.

This boundary increase is being made to add to the district the circa 1900 vernacular L-front cottage at 1124 Main Street, which has been rehabilitated utilizing the preservation tax incentives. The house is located one block north of the Administration Building of the MUW campus. The extension of the district will include two parcels, one containing a parking lot at 118 South 19th Street and the other containing the house and garage at 1124 Main Street.

528A. C 1124 Main Street

circa 1900

This vernacular L-front cottage is a one-story, frame building crowned by a gable roof trimmed with a raking comice having incomplete returns, and the roof is pierced by an interior brick chimney with corbeled cap. Within the L of the façade is a porch that features brick columns and a brick half-wall or balustrade, and at the entrance is a projecting one-bay porch with brick columns supporting a pediment. The porch was remodeled into its current configuration prior to 1926, and since that time has been enclosed with glass and a half-glazed door flanked by sidelights. Windows throughout the main portion of the house are single and paired, two-over-two, double-hung sash, and although the original door has been replaced with a glazed door, the original multi-light transom and sidelights remain intact. Prior to 1926, a gabled wing, which was likely used as a sleeping porch, was added to the west elevation. This wing features ganged multi-light casement windows. Circa 1940 a shed-roof addition featuring ganged six-over-one, double-hung windows was made to the rear.

B. NC Garage

c. 1980

Located directly behind the house is an L-shaped metal garage and storage building with shed roof and carport.

Section 8: Statement of Significance (of added properties)

The South Columbus Historic District was listed on the National Register in 1982 for significance in the areas of Architecture, Education, Exploration/Settlement, and Industry, and the period of significance is c. 1820 to c. 1940. The house at 1124 Main Street contributes to the district in the area of Architecture, being a representative example of a local vernacular L-shaped cottage. According to the Sanborn Insurance

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Maps, the cottage was constructed prior to 1905, and by 1926 it had acquired its current form with the addition of a single-bay, projecting, gabled porch on the façade and a wing that extends from the west elevation. It is believed that the original porch was remodeled at this time by the replacement of the original posts with brick columns. The house retains a good degree of integrity from its pre-1926 remodeling, retaining its weatherboard siding; raking cornice with incomplete returns; two-over-two, double hung, wood windows; multi-light transom and sidelights; and its brick chimney with corbeled cap. It appears that post-1926 exterior alterations are limited to the enclosure of the front porch with glass and a c. 1940 shed-roofed addition to the rear elevation.

The house was built and remodeled into its present form during the period of significance and is similar to other building in the historic district in regard to size, scale, massing, materials, and design. The house at 1124 Main Street contributes to the richness and diversity of architectural form and style that characterize the South Columbus Historic District.

Section 9: Major Bibliographical References

Sanborn Insurance Company Maps, Columbus, Mississippi: 1905, 1910, and 1926.

Section 10: Geographical Data

Acreage of original nomination: approximately 278 acres Acreage of Amendment Area: approximately 0.4 acre Total acreage of amended nomination: approximately 278 acres

Because the amendment area is located within the area encompassed by the district's original UTM reference points, no further UTM reference points are needed.

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundaries of the amendment area are indicated by bold black lines on the accompanying tax map (scale 1" = 50'). Dotted black lines indicate the boundaries of the original historic district (listed in 1982).

Boundary Justification: This boundary increase delineates two parcels adjacent and to the north of the existing district. The amendment is being made to add to the district one architecturally distinctive historic house, which is similar to other buildings in the district in regard to size, scale, materials, massing, and design.

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