National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines* for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property							
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2. Location	0 - 1					· (+ / 1 · ·	
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city, town Canton		40		Ma 12 a a a			vicinity
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3. Classification							
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6. Function or Use				
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions) COMMERCE/TRADE: professional			
HEALTH CARE: Medical business/office				
7. Description				
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)			
,	foundation			
Greek Revival	walls Weatherboard			
	roof Shingle			
	other			

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Facing south onto Center Street, the circa 1840 Kirkpatrick Dental Office is a one-story, linear plan, three-by-two bay, Greek Revival structure clad in cypress clapboard and flushboard and crowned by a gable roof covered with cedar shingles. The temple-front building rests on stuccoed concrete-block piers infilled with latticework. facade is highlighted by a portico featuring two fluted Ionic columns, two Doric box columns, and two Doric pilasters supporting a pediment. Four brick steps extend the width of the portico. The walls of the facade and the tympanum are finished with flushboard, and the roof is trimmed with a full molded entablature with denticulated frieze. The facade features a central single-leaf, two-panel door crowned by a three-light transom and framed by a Greek Revival frontispiece composed of panelled pilasters supporting a full entablature. On each side of the entrance is a floor-length, nine-over-nine, double-hung window surrounded by molded trim. The windows of the other elevations are nineover-nine, double-hung sash, and all windows have louvred shutters.

The two-room interior features heart pine floors, wide baseboards, and plastered walls. The window and door surrounds in the front (south) room have battered, shouldered architrave trim while the surrounds in the rear room have plain moldings. A two-panel door connects the two rooms. There are no mantels, as the building was originally heated with stoyes.

Shortly after the turn of the century a rear addition was made to the building, giving it a shotgun appearance. This addition was subsequently remodeled circa 1935, with a bathroom extending from the left wall. When the Kirkpatrick Dental Office was restored in 1990 for use as a law office, the rear addition—which had undergone extensive alterations and had no significant architectural features—was removed, returning the building to its original two-room configuration.

It is thought that the Kirkpatrick Dental Office may have originally been part of the Sharon Female Academy which was founded in Sharon, seven miles northwest of Canton, in 1837. In the 1850s several buildings in Sharon were moved to Canton on logs when the new railroad, which came through Canton in 1856, caused the town to flourish. This

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SECTION 7: DESCRIPTION

building is believed to have been moved about that time to a lot just off the courthouse square on East Peace Street, where it became the dental office of J. G. Kirkpatrick. In 1985 the building was threatened with demolition when the lot it occupied was sold for use as a parking lot. In order to save the building, it was moved approximately one and one-half blocks to East Center Street. Moved in one section, the integrity of the historic fabric was not compromised by the move. Although the integrity of location was lost by the move, the building retains integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling. The significance of the Kirkpatrick Dental Office was not undermined by the relocation because its significance was not and is not dependent on its site location—its significance is architectural.

The building is located on a wide, grassy lot, about one and one-half blocks from the courthouse square in an historic area of Canton that is both commercial and residential. The building's former location on East Peace Street was also in an area that was both commercial and residential. Center Street is one of the four streets bounding the courthouse square, the others being Peace, Liberty, and Union. The setting of the building and the building's relationship to the street are similar to the historic setting. The significance of the Kirkpatrick Dental Office was not undermined by the relocation; in fact, the integrity of setting at its Peace Street location was being infringed upon by new construction. The building relates very well to its new environment, and its architectural significance is clearly expressed here.

8. Statement of Significance		
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property	y in relation to other properties: tatewide locally	
Applicable National Register Criteria A B XC	D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)]D	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	c. 1840	c. 1840
	Cultural Affiliation	
	N/A	
Significant Person N/A	Architect/Builder	
	Unknown	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Kirkpatrick Dental Office is of statewide significance in the area of architecture (Criterion C), being the best example in Mississippi of a small, detached, office-type building constructed in the Greek Revival style. This type of building was generally constructed for use as a law office, medical office or plantation office. Although such buildings were usually modest structures, the application of Greek Revival details gave them architectural distinction. Kirkpatrick Dental Office has a full-width colonnaded porch set beneath the front gable, giving the building the appearance of a miniature Although diminutive, the dental office was elaborately Greek temple. finished, with such details as a portico featuring round, fluted Ionic columns, Doric box columns and Doric pilasters; a full molded entablature with denticulated frieze trimming the roof; and a Greek Revival frontispiece composed of panelled pilasters supporting a full entabla-The Kirkpatrick Dental Office has been moved twice--the first time in the 1850s when it is thought to have been moved to Canton from Sharon, and again in 1985 when it was moved about one and one-half blocks to save it from demolition. Although the building lost integrity of location when it was moved, it retains integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling, and qualifies for listing because of its architectural significance.

Only a few other small, detached, Greek Revival office buildings are known to exist in Mississippi, and none of them are as architecturally distinctive as the Kirkpatrick Dental Office. Other known Mississippi examples include the J. Z. George Law Office in Carrollton; 506 Second Avenue North (c. 1840) in Columbus; the plantation office (c. 1840) at Waverley near West Point; 154 S. Memphis Street (1837) in Holly Springs; the Stennis Law Office (1838) in Macon; and the Old Doctor's Office (c. 1840) in Jacinto, which was moved to Mississippi from Alabama. Survey work conducted to date indicates that other examples are quite rare.

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SECTION 8: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is believed that the Kirkpatrick Dental Office was originally part of the Sharon Female Academy and was built circa 1840. In the 1850s the building was moved to Canton to a lot just off the courthouse square on East Peace Street. At that time it became the dental office of Dr. J. G. Kirkpatrick, who died during the Civil War. During the Reconstruction era, the building was used by Mr. Gilman as a school for young ladies. The building has been used for a number of purposes, such as a music studio, art gallery, residence, savings and loan, and beauty shop. In 1985, when the building was threatened with demolition, it was moved approximately one and one-half blocks to East Center Street. The building has recently been sensitively restored and is now being used as a law office.

9. Major Bibliographical References	,
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Howell, Hazel Martin. <u>Historical Canton: A Walki</u> Chamber of Commerce, 1986.	ing Tour Guide. Canton, MS: Madison County
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Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Ja Madison County. Canton.	ackson. Statewide Survey of Historic Sites.
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 #	Primary location of additional data: X State historic preservation office Other State agency Federal agency Local government University Other Specify repository: Mississippi Department of Archives
10. Geographical Data	and History, Jackson, Mississippi
Acreage of property 0.606 acre	
UTM References A 1 5 7 7 8 6 2 5 3 6 1 2 2 1 0 Zone Easting Northing C 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	B
	See continuation sheet
Verbal Boundary Description A lot in the City of Canton, Madison County, Missidescribed as: Begin at SW corner of Lot #38 on the to a point. Run E parallel to Center Street 110 property. Thence run S 240 ft. to Center Street, to point of beginning, all according to the office George and Dunlap and appearing of record in the Coffice of the Chancery Clerk, Madison County, Mississipping	he N side of East Center Street. Run N 240 ft. ft. to the W line of formerly-called Rucker thence W along N margin of East Center Street ial map of the City of Canton prepared by Office See continuation sheet
Boundary Justification The boundary includes the entire city lot on which	h the subject building is currently located.
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11. Form Prepared By	
	Brenda Rubach, MDAH) date March 1991
organization	
city or town Canton	state MS zip code 39046

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

- (1) Kirkpatrick Dental Office
- (2) Canton, Madison County, Mississippi
- (3) Catherine C. Wohner
- (4) February 1991
- (5) Mississippi Department of Archives and History
- Photo 1--(6) Main (south) facade and west elevation, view to northeast
- Photo 2--(6) Main (south) facade, view to north
- Photo 3--(6) Pediment detail of south facade, view to north
- Photo 4--(6) Main entrance (south facade), view to north
- Photo 5--(6) Rear (north) and east elevations, view to southwest
- Photo 6--(6) Interior of front room, view to southeast
- Photo 7--(6) Window detail in front room, view to east

