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State of Mississippi  
Department of Archives & History  
P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS. 39205

## Historic Sites Survey

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story brick; plan adjusted to fit triangular block site. Eleven bays by seven; cut away corner bay at the intersection of the streets. Water table painted white; pilasters with terra-cotta capitals enriched with running-dog ornament frame each lower bay. Recessed door in corner entrance bay has company name and construction date inscribed below battlemented parapet. Original side entrance (now enclosed) has stone cornice with corner corbels, also enriched by the running dog ornament. Upper windows in flat arches rest on projecting stone course.

## ALTERATIONS:

## OUTBUILDINGS:

## LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Charles P. Dement had a printing company in Meridian before 1882, which probably makes this the city's earliest company of this type. Dement was the printer responsible for the 1882 Business Directory, which lists C. P. Dement as a book and job printer. The business was originally located at Front St. and 25th Ave. The Meridian Star, the city's only newspaper, was founded by C. P. Dement with the assistance of his son, James W. Dement.

NAME: Dement Printing Co.

STREET NO: 2002 6th Street

TOWN/VIC: Meridian

COUNTY: Lauderdale

BLOCK/LOT: Ragsdale Block 69, lots 8, 9 and 10

PRESENT OWNER: Dement Investment Co.

ADDRESS P. O. Box 1111-Meridian, MS 39301

PRESENT USE: Printing company

FORMER USE: Printing company

DATE: 1909

STYLE: Some classical elements

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE: Building inscription

ENVIRONMENT: Commercial

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL x

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

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

CONTINUATION:

DEC 18 1979

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Ragsdale Block 69, lots 8, 9 and 10

ACREAGE: Less than an acre

UTM REF:

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FORM PREPARED BY:

Jody Cook

DATE

February, 1979

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

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

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 640

QUADRANGLE NAME Meridian South, Ms.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 6 3, 3, 9, 1, 6, 5 3, 5, 8, 2, 6, 2, 0

B 1, 6 3, 4, 0, 7, 4, 0 3, 5, 8, 2, 5, 9, 0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jody Cook, Architectural Historian

February, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Meridian Field Office

STREET & NUMBER

Meridian City Hall - Box 1430

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CITY OR TOWN

Meridian

Mississippi 39301

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL    x

STATE    x

LOCAL    x

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Elmer B. Hilliard*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE August 17, 1979

FDR NPS USE ONLY

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

ATTEST: *Sally G. Oldham*  
MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
*W. B. F. ...*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 12/18/79

DATE 12/11/79

Property Meridian Multiple Resource Area  
(Partial Inventory)

State N.H., Fauderdale Working Number 8.28.79.2053

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 44  
Maps 1 + 2 sketches

*Multiple resource area including 2 districts and 26 individually monumented properties. General #7 + 8 are good, nomination well organized. Statements of significance are incomplete for some properties, however, + not supported by other info in body of nomination. List two districts and 12 individual resources and ask for info on other 14 or return them. Questions have been answered in continuation materials.*

**HISTORIAN**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*ACCEPT*  
**DUBIE** **ARCHEOLOGIST**  
*12/11/79*

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*ACCEPT*  
**DUBIE**  
*12/11/79*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 2-3-81 Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered DEC 18 1979

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DEMENT PRINTING COMPANY

Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi

Jody Cook

January, 1979

Mississippi Department of Archives and History  
2002 21st Avenue.

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*Meridian Multiple Resource Area*

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*(Partial Inventory)*

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000416