

State of Mississippi
 Department of Archives and History
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1.a. Property Name, Historic J. E. Neilson & Co. Department Store		14. MDAH Inventory Code 015
1.b. Property Name, Common		15. County Lafayette
2. Property Address 119 Courthouse Square (119 South Lamar Avenue)		16. City Oxford
3. Legal Description 86R:169		20. USGS Quad Map
19. Ownership private	22. Condition fair	21. UTM Reference
4. Former/Historic Uses retail	5. Present Use retail	24. Principal Materials brick
6 & 7. Significant persons, events, themes, including dates of association		
8. Date of Construction 1897	9. Historic Changes	23. Post Historic Changes canopies ca. 1985
10. Architect	11. Builder/Contractor	25. Architectural Style

13. Outbuildings or Secondary Features (use sep. form if important)

12. Brief Description: One-story, nine-bay, brick masonry commercial building with Italianate influence, built 1897, and side, one-story, three-bay building (former 121) joined with main structure in ca. 1970. Flat roof covered with built-up asphalt roofing, with varietal parapet with segmental-arched projecting panel, corbeled cornice and frieze decorated with garland motif. Storefront has a bank of ten individual single-light fixed display windows topped with pedimented lintels, marble bulkheads, and

30. Historical Information: Sanborn maps show that this building was gutted by fire in 1895 and rebuilt in 1897. Expansion of the store to the south in 1970 took in a former one-story drug store building; this structure was completely altered to match the design and detail of the original Neilson's building.

31. Historical Contexts:

33. Sources of Information:

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32. Additional Remarks or Information: #12, contd.: original cast iron pilasters. Two entrances contain (119) single-light double-doors topped with single-light transoms with a pedimented lintel, and a side (121) replacement entrance with single-light, double-doors topped with single-light transoms with a pedimented lintel.

35. Owner's Name and Address

36. Photographer/Source
John Hopkins

37. Photo Roll/Frame
3552:8

38. Photo Date
January, 2000

39. Form by Hopkins & Associates, Memphis, TN

40. Survey Project Oxford

Date of Form January, 2000

Attach Photograph



MDAH INFORMATION

26. Category

27. Functional Type

28. Registration Status/Dates
NHL
Listed NR
In NR District
Federal DOE
State Landmark
Local Landmark
In Local District
HABS/HAER

29. District Name
Oxford Courthouse Sq.
Rating C/N C
Inventory # 5

42. Other HPD Information

43. Evaluation
a. Already Listed NR
Individually Eligible
Eligible if Restored
Contribute to District
Apparently Not Eligible
Insufficient Information
Not Extant

b. Area(s) of Significance

c. Evaluated by/date

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COURTHOUSE
SQUARE

