

State of Mississippi  
Department of Archives and History  
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1.a. Property Name, Historic		14. MDAH Inventory Code 030
1.b. Property Name, Common Square Books		15. County Lafayette
2. Property Address  160 Courthouse Square (1126 Van Buren Avenue)		16. City  Oxford
3. Legal Description  86Q:151		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 ca. 1880	9. Historic Changes	23. Post Historic Changes
10. Architect	11. Builder/Contractor	25. Architectural Style
13. Outbuildings or Secondary Features (use sep. form if important)		

12. Brief Description: Two-story, three-bay, brick masonry commercial block with Italianate influence, built ca. 1880. Flat roof covered with built-up asphalt roofing, with a flat and varietal parapet with gooseneck pediment and finials above panel noting "Dry Goods", and corbeled and bracketed cornice. Exterior walls covered with stucco veneer. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sashes, with segmental arched sheet metal lintels. Two-story, side, hip-roofed gallery supported by chamfered posts with an exterior stair.

30. Historical Information:

31. Historical Contexts:

33. Sources of Information:

32. Additional Remarks or Information: #12, cont'd.: Storefront features single-light transoms, single-light, fixed sash display windows, tiled bulkheads, and canted corner entrance supported by a cast iron column with a single-light door with a three-light transom recessed in semi-circular arched entryway.

35. Owner's Name and Address

36. Photographer/Source  
John Hopkins

37. Photo Roll/Frame  
3552:5

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 # 16

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

160 S.  
COURTHOUSE  
SQUARE

