Lynch Street Corridor Historical Survey Project

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History:
The Lynch Street Corridor Historical Survey Project facilitated through the Margaret Walker Center focused on the documenting and researching of the Lynch Street Corridor of Jackson,
Mississippi. The Lynch Street Corridor is the area encompassed by Dalton Street as a western boundary, the Metro Parkway as a northern boundary, Terry Road as an eastern boundary, and J.R. Lynch Street as its southern boundary. This area is a historically African-American community of notable significance during the Civil Rights Movement as well as the early twentieth century. The purpose of the Survey Project was to identify persons and locations relevant to the community and to create an image of the early Civil Rights Movement in Jackson, Mississippi and of the growth and development of a distinctive African-American community in Jackson, Mississippi.

The Lynch Street Corridor is the area encompassed by Dalton Street as a western boundary, the Robert Smith (Metro) Parkway as a northern boundary, Terry Road (University Boulevard) to the east and John R. Lynch Street as its southern boundary.

The Lynch Street Corridor Historical Survey Project captured images of structures with historic integrity and identified with prominent local personalities. Research consisted of oral history interviews, talking with and recording the recollections of community members in the target area, conducting research in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Mississippi Historic Preservation Office and the Hinds County Chancery Court building.

The Lynch Street Corridor Historical Survey Project was conducted during the summer of 2007 (June-July) and led by Center Director, Dr. Alferdeen B. Harrison and Harvey Johnson and conducted by the following Jackson State University Graduate Students:
Tony Bounds
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The Lynch Street Corridor Historical Survey Project includes a listing of all parcels, addresses, current owners, and dates of deed and construction; a copy of all parcel land roll documents, along with a compilation of photographs of parcel locations and a brief summary of all standing structures detailing:
  a. Current Address
  b. Parcel Number
  c. Current Owner
  d. Historic Usage
  e. Current Usage
  f. Date of Construction
  g. Physical Description
  h. Historical Associations (where available)
  i. Integrity
  j. Historical and Architectural Significance
  k. Past Owners

**Scope and Content**
This collection includes binders, data disks, and a photo album. The collection has been arranged into the following series
Series I: Street Surveys (Binders)
Series II: Data Disks
Series III: Photo Album

Subject Headings
African American Businesses
African American Churches
African American Communities
African American Neighborhoods
Documentary Photography
Historic Preservation
Jackson, Mississippi
Lynch Street
Oral History
Sanborn Maps
Urban Planning
West Jackson

Series I: Street Surveys (Binders)
Binder 1
F01 Executive Description, Synopsis, Physical Description of the Lynch Street Corridor
F02 Briggs Street
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Binder 2
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F04 Sanborn Maps

Binder 3
F01 West Pascagoula Street
F02 West Pascagoula Street
F03 Points of Interest Maps
F04 Sanborn Maps
**Binder 4**
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F03  Short Street  
F04  Terry Road  
F05  Points of Interest Maps  
F06  Sanborn Maps

**Binder 5**
F01  West Pearl Street  
F02  Points of Interest Maps  
F03  Sanborn Maps  
F04  Appendix (Sovereignty Commission Files related to Lynch Street)

**Binder 6 (Area Churches Background Abstracts)**
Pearl Street A.M.E. Church  
Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church  
Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church  
Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Mount Calvary Baptist Church  
Epiphany Lutheran Church (formerly Saint Philip’s)  
Evergreen Baptist Church  
Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church

**Binder 7 (Project Notes)**

**Series II: Data Disks (Oral History Interviews)**

**Box 1**
F01  Master Copy of Oral History Interviews (6 interviews)  
F02  Interview of Attorney Melvin Pace, June 7, 2007, Length: 1:30:47  
F02  Interview of Ms. Lizzie Cooper, June 14, 2007, Length: 1:26:45  
F03  Interview of Mr. Milton Chambliss  
F03  Interview of Mr. Dixon W. Lindsey, June 27, 2007, Length: 1:52:36  
F04  Interview of Mrs. Barbara Beadle Barber, July 2, 2007, Length: Part I: 24:59; Part II: 1:24:14

**Box 2**
F01  DUB Copy of Oral History Interviews (6 Interviews)  
F02  Project Pictures of Houses (Disk 1of 2)  
F03  Project Pictures of Houses (Disk 2of 2)

**Series III: Photo Album**
Binder style photo album containing 349 black and white images of structures and lots and the Lynch Street corridor