

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

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1.a. Property Name, Historic Burns Methodist Episcopal Church		14. MDAH Inventory Code 036
1.b. Property Name, Common The Belfry		15. County Lafayette
2. Property Address 710 Jackson Avenue		16. City Oxford
3. Legal Description 86Q:181		20. USGS Quad Map
19. Ownership private	22. Condition fair	21. UTM Reference
4. Former/Historic Uses church	5. Present Use office	24. Principal Materials brick
6 & 7. Significant persons, events, themes, including dates of association		
8. Date of Construction 1910	9. Historic Changes	23. Post Historic Changes ca. 1975
10. Architect	11. Builder/Contractor	25. Architectural Style Gothic Revival
13. Outbuildings or Secondary Features (use sep. form if important)		

12. Brief Description: One-story, three-bay, brick masonry center-aisle church with Gothic Revival influence, built 1910. Cross-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles, with single-light fixed sash roundels in gable ends. Facade features symmetrical square towers; one of two stories with a bell cast roof and one of three stories with a polygonal spire. Windows are single-light, fixed sash replacements set in Gothic-arched reveals. Entrance set in semi-circular arched reveal with a single-light, double-door

30. Historical Information: The Burns Chapel served as the city's only Methodist Episcopal church until the congregation relocated to a larger building on Molly Barr Road in the middle 1970s. Afterward, it was converted for office use; in the 1990s the building was acquired by author John Grisham for use as his Oxford offices.

31. Historical Contexts:

33. Sources of Information: Cornerstone

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2. Additional Remarks or Information: #12, contd. topped with a double,  
 single-light transom.

35. Owner's Name and Address

36. Photographer/Source  
 John Hopkins

37. Photo Roll/Frame  
 3552:25

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

Rating C/N C  
 Inventory #

42. Other HPD Information

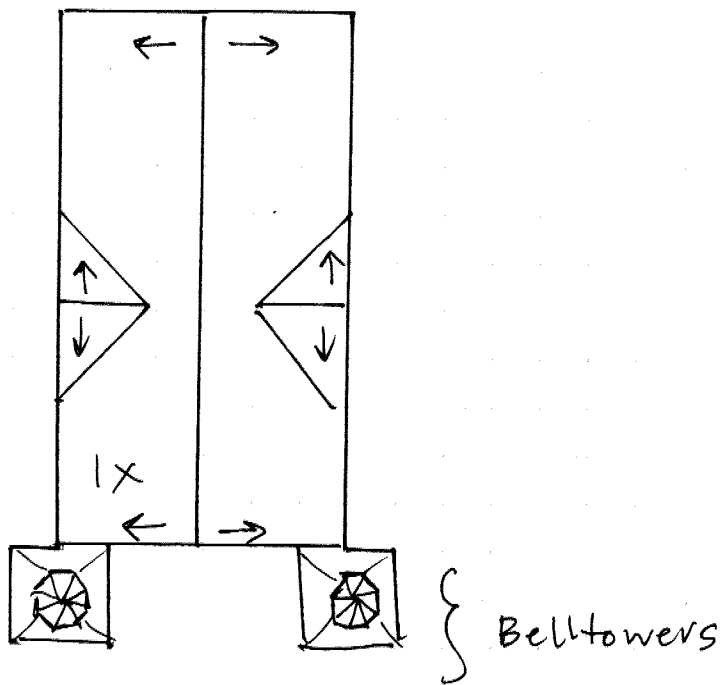
43. Evaluation

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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