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Ninth Congressional District

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Lumpkin	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JAN 20 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Price Memorial Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Dahlonega

STATE Georgia	CODE 13	COUNTY: Lumpkin	CODE 187
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Administration</u> <u>Office</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
University System of Georgia

STREET AND NUMBER:
244 Washington St., S.W.

CITY OR TOWN:
Atlanta

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Superior Court of Lumpkin County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Lumpkin County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Dahlonega

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The exterior of Price Memorial Hall, on the campus of North Georgia College, remains essentially unchanged since its construction which began in 1879. It is a two-story brick and concrete structure with a basement, the walls of which are the foundation of the original United States Branch Gold Mint at Dahlonega.

North Georgia College blueprints record the thickness of the foundation walls at two feet, although some believe the walls may even be thicker at points. The remaining Mint foundation is of cut granite.

Extending from the portico on the front (west) side of the building to the top of the second story are four white columns. The portico measures more than 1300 square feet. The extreme height of the columns is complemented by the steeple which measures approximately 50 feet in height on the top center of the structure.

The building, excluding the portico, is in the shape of a "T." The horizontal (north-south) portion measures approximately 125 feet by 45 feet, and the vertical (east-west) portion measures approximately 115 feet by 40 feet.

Originally, the Mint building as erected in 1837 was 125 feet long by 33 1/2 feet deep with a "projection in the rear of the center of 53 feet by 36 feet." It is apparent that this is the east-west portion of the "T" formation.

Additionally, the original Mint, like Price Memorial, was two stories above the ground level, with the basement extending five feet above the ground level as does today's basement.

A movement is currently underway to gild the steeple of the building with gold mined seven miles from Dahlonega and one mile from Auraria which was the first gold settlement in the county. Leaders in this project are natives of the county and other friends of the community and the college.

A recent renovation has put the building into excellent condition and restored several small features which had been badly marred by time and earlier renovations. Reynolds and Bailey, AIA, of Gainesville, Georgia, were architects in charge.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1837, 1879

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>History</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Price Memorial Hall is the administration building for North Georgia College, one of the five essentially military colleges in the United States and the oldest branch college of the University System of Georgia. The building stands on the basement foundation of the United States Branch Gold Mint.

The original Mint building was erected in 1837 and operated from February 1838 until closed down in February 1861 due to the outbreak of the Civil War. Skilled workmen were sent from Philadelphia and during its 23 years of existence the Mint coined more than \$6 million in gold. After the War the building was used for a brief period as a school for Negro children and later as quarters for federal troops sent in to take charge of the property.

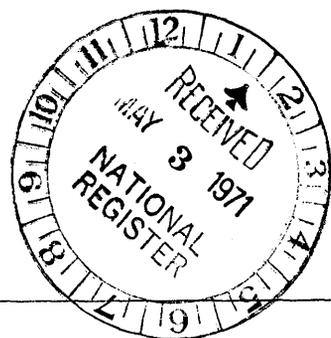
North Georgia College was founded on the site in 1873, the Mint building and "10 acres of land therewith" having been donated for that purpose by the federal government. This was done at the instigation of Col. W.P. Price, Dahlonga native and attorney, who at the time was a member of Congress.

Fire from an undetermined source left the old Mint building totally destroyed in late December 1878. However, the basement of the building being of "cut granite" was undamaged.

Such was the spirit of the faculty and student body that classes resumed two days after the fire, being held in the churches and the county courthouse. Rebuilding got underway in 1879 on the original foundations, this structure to be dedicated in later years to the founder of the college, the honorable William Pierce Price (1835-1908).

Architecturally, it is significant in being a happy blend of several styles: Victorian Gothic, Italianate, Second Empire and Classic Revival. W.H. Parkins, an outstanding late 19th century Atlanta architect, was the designer and Major S.D. Dearman of Spartanburg, South Carolina, was contractor. The architecture of the building remains basically as designed and Price Memorial Hall still houses North Georgia College's administrative offices.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Cain, Andrew W., History of Lumpkin County. (Atlanta: Stein Publishing Company, 1932).
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

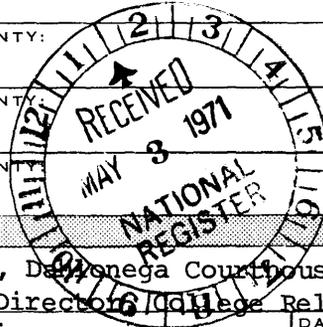
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		34	31	48
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: (a) Madeleine Anthony, Curator, Dahlonega Courthouse Gold Museum
 (b) Larry Mitchell, Assistant Director of College Relations

ORGANIZATION (a) Georgia Historical Commission DATE April 28, 1971
 (b) North Georgia College

STREET AND NUMBER (a) Dahlonega Town Square
 (b) College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Dahlonega STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mary Gregory Jewett

Title State Liaison Officer

Date April 28, 1971

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Conant A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JAN 20 1972

Date _____

ATTEST:
Harold Ford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date January 14, 1972