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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Monroe County Courthouse  
AND/OR COMMON  
Monroe County Courthouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Court House Square  
CITY, TOWN  
Aberdeen  
STATE  
Mississippi  
VICINITY OF  
Second  
COUNTY  
Monroe  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
CODE  
95  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Monroe County Board of Supervisors  
STREET & NUMBER  
Monroe County Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN  
Aberdeen  
VICINITY OF

STATE  
Mississippi 39730

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Monroe County  
STREET & NUMBER  
Monroe County Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN  
Aberdeen

STATE  
Mississippi 39730

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Statewide Survey of Historic Sites  
DATE  
1975

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN  
Jackson  
STATE  
Mississippi 39205

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Monroe County Courthouse, built in 1857, is a three-by-nine-bay two-story brick building with a hip roof topped by a polygonal clock tower. The walls are laid in common bond brick and divided by pilasters which support a corbeled and denticulated cornice. Originally set on brick piers, the foundation is now concrete. Windows on the first floor contain six-over-six sash; those on the second floor nine-over-nine sash. All windows are capped by peaked cast-iron lintels ornamented with acroteria and a raised floral motif. All four elevations originally had central entrances. Two of these, located on the north and south (side) elevations, have been enclosed. The two remaining entrances utilize recessed surrounds of side lights and transoms set beneath cast-iron lintels. Heavy four-panel doors are automatically closed by an original weighted pulley mechanism. On the second floor, four larger doorways with matching surrounds open onto cast-iron balconies sheltered by wooden brackets. The clock tower is adorned with fluted Ionic columns and paneled pilasters. In 1901 a one-story brick wing was added to the north side of the main block, and a two-story stucco wing was added to the south side in 1941.

As originally built the courthouse followed a four-room center-hall plan with three crossing halls. Various interior alterations have been made, however, to meet increased space requirements. Located in the front and rear crossing halls were four stairways, one at each corner of the building. Only one of these remains intact; the others now accommodate bathroom facilities, storage room, and elevator. Recent modernization has resulted in the loss of original courtroom furnishings, removal of mantelpieces, enclosure of the balcony, and lowering of ceilings, thereby hiding original eared architraves and cast-iron capitals.



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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.07 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Aberdeen

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property occupies a square of land 200 feet by 200 feet and is designated as Court House Square on the original 1836 plan of the Town of Aberdeen. It is bordered on

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Adele Cramer

Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE

September 19, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 571

TELEPHONE

601-354-6218

CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi 39205

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Edward B. Williams*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

November 1, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*for Charles H. Brown*

DATE 12-22-78

ATTEST: *James H. Edmunds*

DATE 12/22/78

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

the north by Jefferson Street and block 24, on the west by Locust Street and block 26, on the south by Madison Street and block 41, and on the east by Chestnut Street and block 27.