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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Calhoun	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.11.01.0012	DATE 11/20/70



1. NAME

COMMON:
Dr. J. C. Francis Office Building
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
100 Gayle Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Jacksonville

STATE

Alabama

CODE

01

COUNTY:

Calhoun

CODE

015

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Alabama Historical Commission (State of Alabama)
STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South Lawrence Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Montgomery

STATE:
Alabama

CODE
01

STATE:
Alabama

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Calhoun County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Anniston

STATE
Alabama

CODE
01

COUNTY:
Calhoun

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

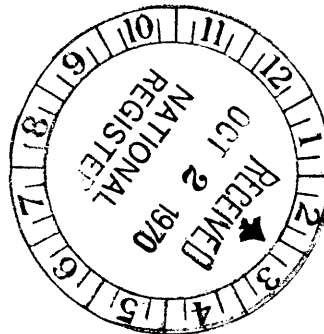
This one-story building, of the "American National" style of architecture, was built by Dr. J. C. Francis in the early 1850's. A frame structure of rectilinear outline, its central entrance is flanked by sidelights and topped by a semielliptical fanlight. Four pilasters segment the front facade of the building, and frame the two large frontal windows and entranceway. An unornamented pediment is supported by four fluted columns of the classical order and allows for a spacious portico underneath.

The porch floor of the structure has brick steps, and the bases of the columns are made of brick covered with stucco. The foundation wall is, in all probability, of hand made brick construction.

Originally, the building was divided into two equal parts: a front and rear room with a partition separating them near the center of the building. The front room served as a waiting room and drug dispensary and the rear room as the office.

A major part of the materials are original: ceilings, wall boards on the building interior, and exterior lap siding. The wood trim on the portico and at the front eaves, the pilasters and columns, and windows appear to be original also.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Doctor Francis' office is a typical general practitioner's office of the 1850's and the only surviving structure of this type in Northeast Alabama.

Dr. J. C. Francis was a prominent medical doctor with direct family and professional ties to more widely known men of medicine and science. His son-in-law and co-practitioner in this office, Dr. C. J. Clark, was widely known as a Confederate Army surgeon, as director of the Alabama Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, and later for his research on typhoid fever. John Miller Francis, his nephew, also briefly associated with this structure, served for many years as chief chemist of Parke, Davis and Company in Detroit, Michigan.

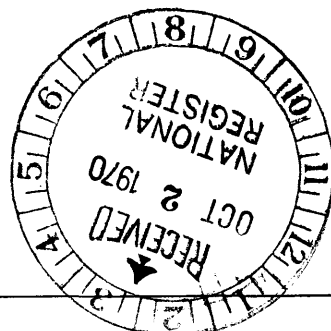
Dr. Francis was born in Ray County, Tennessee, on July 26, 1810. At the age of eighteen he moved with his parents to Knoxville, where he prepared himself for his profession, and afterwards attended Medical lectures at Lexington, Kentucky. In 1832 he interned with the Army Engineers. He practiced medicine in Tennessee, and moved to Jacksonville in 1837, less than a year after the Cherokee Indian lands were ceded to the United States. He opened a doctor's office in the early 1840's. In conjunction with his office and in the same building, he ran an apothecary. Dr. Francis practiced medicine for more than fifty years in Jacksonville.

The town of Jacksonville was quite small at this time, having less than 1000 people in 1870. It was the county seat of Calhoun County and the center of a rich farming area.

The Dr. Francis building was moved one block from its original location on the Court Square of Jacksonville, but the office now stands on the original Francis property near the site of the family home.

The Dr. Francis Office is being restored as an ante-bellum doctor's office, by the Alabama Historical Commission in cooperation with the General John H. Forney Historical Society, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, and the City of Jacksonville.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.06 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
All in Alabama	01	Calhoun	015
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director, Alabama Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION:
 Alabama Historical Commission

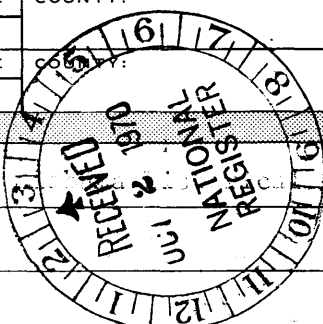
DATE:
 9/24/70

STREET AND NUMBER:
 305 South Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN:
 Montgomery

STATE:
 Alabama 36104

CODE:
 01



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 Wils B. Howard, Jr.

Title 540 Comm. Ala. Historical Com.

Date September 25, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 NOV 20 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:
W Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date Nov 9, 70

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