

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: ALABAMA |
| COUNTY: MOBILE |
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| ENTRY DATE JUN 27 1974 |

1. NAME

COMMON: *U.S. Marine Hospital*
Frank S. Keeler Memorial Hospital (Sixth District Tuberculosis Hospital)
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Marine Hospital

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
800 St. Anthony Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Mobile** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **1st**

STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01** COUNTY: **Mobile** CODE: **097**

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <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 Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

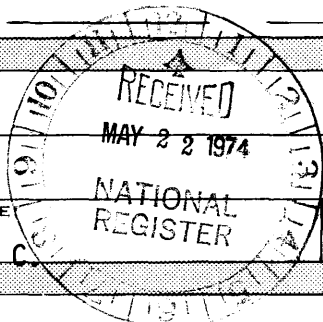
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | Hospital (T.B.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Department of Health, Education and Welfare

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D. C.** CODE: **08**



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Mobile County Courthouse - Book 631, Page 605-608

STREET AND NUMBER:
Royal Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Mobile** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1936** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Librar of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D. C.** CODE: **08**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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| (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The front section of the presently H-shaped building is original and has had a minimum of alterations. The Classic Revival structure measures 161 feet by 65 feet and is constructed of brick covered with stucco.

The building is divided into three sections; a central section which contains a ground floor, ~~three~~^{two} floors above and an attic, and two flanking sections which contain a ground floor and two floors above.

The five-bayed central section projects from the plane of the flanking sections. This section features a pediment with a semi-circular lunette and is terminated on either end with pilasters. A double entry stairway leads to a small portico located on the first floor level. This portico has four Doric columns supporting an entablature which is surmounted by a balustrade. The central entrance door is flanked by sidelights and topped with a transom.

Directly above the entrance door is a door with a three light transom which gives access to the balcony formed by the roof of the portico.

On the ground floor level of the flanking sections four piers are set in antis. These piers support Doric columns which extend for two floors. The columns are connected by wrought iron balustrades which were replaced in the 1931 restoration. At this time screens were also placed between the columns.

Each of the flanking sections are five bays wide and three bays deep. On the facade or south elevation there is a central door on the ground floor of each section, while the first and second floors have two doors per section. On the east and west elevations a central, two-tier portico has steps leading from the ground level to the first floor and there is an entrance on both levels.

In the interior a central entrance hall runs the length of the building and is bisected by a central cross hall. All floors have roughly similar floor plans, consisting of four rooms in the central section and either six or eight rooms in the wings.

In 1931 the hospital was expanded and a wing was added to the rear which gave the hospital its present H shape. Also built during that time, directly behind the main building, were several other buildings, a nurses' home, and doctors' quarters.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input 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) <u>Local History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" 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

This hospital, formerly the Marine Hospital is one of the oldest public buildings in the city and is also a good example of a very limited number of Classical Revival Buildings in the city.

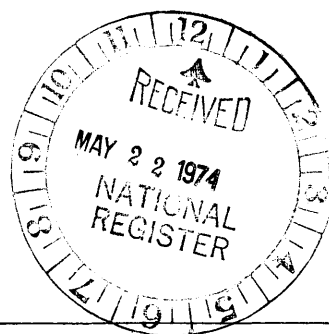
The Marine Hospital Service was established by an Act of Congress in 1798 to give medical treatment and hospital care to sick and disabled seamen. The site on which the building stands was purchased by the service in 1838 for \$4,000 from Joshua Kennedy. The Kennedy family owned most of what is now downtown Mobile, having purchased from Thomas Price, Indian interpreter, the major part of the large land grant Price had received from the Spanish Crown.

An Act of March, 1837 appropriated \$15,000 for a Marine Hospital in Mobile and public notice solicited proposals for the erection of a building. Plans were received from several architects and builders and that of Frederick Bunnell was accepted. Robert Williamson was the lowest bidder (\$17,500) and received the contract to build according to Mr. Bunnell's plans. Frederick Bunnell is listed in the 1842 City Directory as an architect having an office at 14 Conception Street.

In 1843 the first patients were admitted to the hospital. From 1861 to 1865, Confederate soldiers were treated there. In April, 1865, the hospital was in Union hands and in 1870 reverted to the purpose for which it was established. Several of the doctors at the hospital did notable work in connection with the fight against malaria and plague prevention.

It continued to serve as a U. S. Marine Hospital until 1955 when it was bought through the Public Health Service for a State Tuberculosis Hospital. The first T.B. patients were admitted in December, 1955.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Annual Report of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, 1925.
 Delaney, Caldwell, Remember Mobile, Mobile: Gill Printing Co., 1948.
The Daily Commercial Register & Patriot, April 4, 1839.
 General Services Administration: National Archives and Records.
 Interview with Dr. Samuel S. Romendick. (continued)

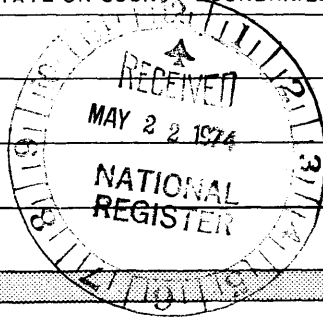
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| 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 | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3.5**

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 AND TITLE: **W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director**

ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission** DATE: **May 13, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **725 Monroe Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Montgomery** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Miss B. Howard, Jr.

Title Ala. SHPO

Date May 16, 1974

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/27/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 6-26-74

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