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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Planters Hall, built about 1834, is a two story brick building with facade in Flemish bond. It is in the Greek Revival style with gabled side to the street, giving the effect of a Greek temple pediment. Beneath the eaves on the north and east side are modillions with shaped insets. There are signs of some alterations of the fenestration on the south and east elevations, but the exact dates of these changes are unknown.

The first floor of the building was used as the main banking offices, with the second floor consisting of living quarters, said to have once been occupied by the bank president. The back hall and winding stairway provided a private entrance to the upstairs.

The original premises consisted of a two-story brick kitchen, a brick carriage house and a stable, two brick cisterns, and a brick wall enclosing the yard. The wall was about 8 feet high and the Monroe street section had a heavy solid wooden gate for entrance into the back premises. The north line of the property was marked by an ornamental iron fence corresponding to the lyre and geometric pattern of the balcony railing. Although the balcony is still intact, the fence is no longer present.

The front doorways of the first and second stories are the most handsome features of this structure. The first floor entrance has a pair of Corinthian columns flanked by pilasters with Doric capitals. Above these is an arch with a row of dentils beneath the curved cornice and keystone. The second level doorway features a pair of Tuscan columns supporting an entablature with broken cornice line. Above the transom is an arch with keystone. The windows on the first level are twelve feet high, while those on the second are ten feet. Some of the lights appear to be original. The sills and lintels are of stone, the latter featuring end boxes cut with geometric design. The porch on the east elevation features classical details including a pair of Doric columns and gabled pediment, with modillions.

From 1842 when Planters' Bank failed, until mid-1861, the building changed hands four times. It is believed that during these 19 years the building was not occupied, although it had been converted into a residence by 1854. In 1861, the building was purchased as a residence and served until the 1940s as a residence when it was used as an apartment house. In 1956 it was purchased by the Vicksburg Council of Garden Clubs, which renamed the building Planters Hall and initiated a preservation program. As a result of their renovation, the

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Planters Hall, which is located at Main and Monroe streets near the Old Courthouse Museum at Vicksburg, Mississippi, was built in 1834. The property on which Planters Hall is situated was originally owned by Reverend Newet Vick, the founder of Vicksburg. In 1830, the Mississippi Legislature granted a charter to the Planters' Bank of the State of Mississippi, with headquarters to be at Natchez, and branch offices in Port Gibson, Woodville, and Vicksburg. The charter stated that the directors and presidents of the branch banks were to be appointed by the directors and president of the principal bank in Natchez.

By 1832, a branch of the Planters' Bank had been established at Vicksburg, with its chosen directors. This branch is believed to have occupied a building on Main street near Cherry, known as the Bank Corner, formerly used by the Bank of Mississippi. In 1834, a new building for the Planters' Bank, the present Planters Hall, was under construction. In 1836, the directors elected as president William L. Sharkey, for whom Sharkey county is named.

In the following decade, Planters' Bank, like many other banks in Mississippi, had to close its doors. In 1840, William Vick and A. H. Arthur were appointed commissioners to dissolve the Vicksburg branch of Planters' Bank. Finally, when the bank failed in 1842 the building went to the directors of Landeau and Menserville Trust.

Although the building changed hands four times, it is thought to have been unoccupied until 1861. In 1854, the building was converted into a residence but was not used for that purpose until 1861 when Indiana McRae, the wife of Sheriff William McRae, bought it.

During the siege of Vicksburg in 1863, Planters Hall was occupied by Colonel Allen Thomas of the 2th Louisiana Regiment and his staff. Although the building was at that time within a few blocks of the Mississippi River, it apparently was not damaged by the shelling. Lucy McRae, the daughter of

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present layout of the interior of Flanters Hall is as follows: on the first floor an entrance hallway, with library, dining room, and remodeled kitchen, on the west side of the building. The music room and parlor are on the east side of this entrance hall. The original bank vault with walls 30 inches thick, and hand riveted iron supports is built into the south wall of the kitchen.

The back entrance hall, which runs the width of the building, consists of the curved stairway, two double doors, which lead to the south yard, and a recently made entrance to the wine cellar, which is under the stairway. The wine cellar consists of original dirt floor, and large hand hewn cypress beams which extend under the main floor.

The upstairs contains two bedrooms on the west side, and a storage room, library, and council room on the east side of the hallway. Folding doors, thought to be original, divide the library and the council room.

Many of the floor boards on the first and second stories appear to be the original cypress. A memorial garden was added on the west side of the building; and, in 1970, central heating and air-conditioning was installed for the first floor. Planters Hall is now furnished with a collection of predominantly 19th century pieces, and though unoccupied, is used for receptions and meetings.

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Indiana, wrote her memoirs of the siege in <u>Harpers' Weekly</u> magazine. This article has served as a primary source of information concerning the Vicksburg Campaign.

After the surrender of Vicksburg, the property in front of Planters Hall was used to stack the guns and band instruments of a Tennessee regiment. Tradition says that General William Dennis, commander of the Illinois Cavalry, made Planters Hall his headquarters.

Lucy McRae acquired the property in 1887, and sold it to Joe Canizaro in 1906. In 1956, the Vicksburg Council of Garden Clubs purchased the building and converted it into a museum, which is open to the public during the pilgrimage season in March.

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