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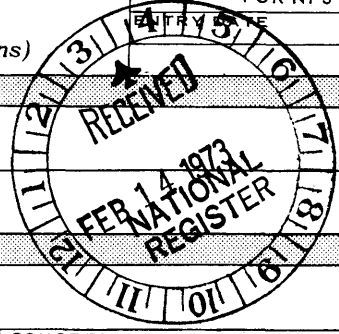
Form 10-300 (Rev. 6-72)

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: Camden
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: MAY 7 1973



1. NAME

COMMON: Orange Hall
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 311 Osborne Street
 CITY OR TOWN: St. Marys CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 8th - Williamson S. Stuckey
 STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Camden CODE: 039

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 <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: City of St. Marys, Georgia
 STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall 418 Osborne St.
 CITY OR TOWN: St. Marys STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Camden County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Woodbine STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Building Survey
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 08

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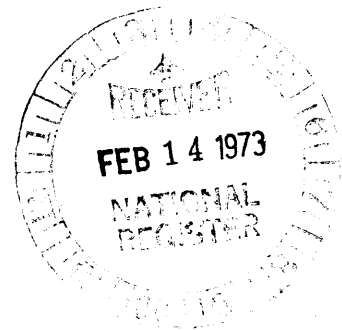
7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input checked="" 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

Orange Hall, probably built between 1846-1853, is a Doric prostyle temple form house. This two story, five-bay, gray frame house is raised on a brick stuccoed daylight basement. The front facade has a portico with a low pitched overhanging pedimented gable supported by four widely spaced fluted Doric columns. A central flight of stairs leads to the portico. The entrance has a pilaster framed doorway with transom and side lights and a simple pediment. All windows are pilaster framed, the center, second story one having side lights. The side facades are also five bay. The rear facade with a full recessed basement, has a double, square columned, one bay (originally three bays) inset portico. Both stories have side and transom lights, pilaster framed doorways - a simplified version of the front door.

In plan, Orange Hall basically has a four room, central hall plan with smaller rooms adjacent to the rear porch. Interior details include deeply recessed doors and windows adorned with corner medallions bearing magnolia-like flowers exquisitely carved. In the basement, beneath the front porch was the dining room; also on this level were the kitchen, study, servants rooms and storage areas. The first floor now has partial petition bookcases that make it servicable as a library.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

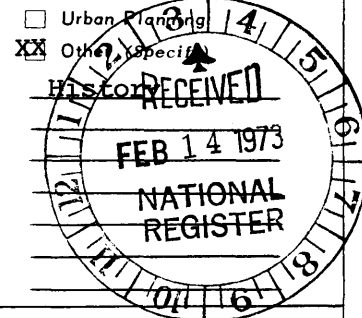
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c.1846-56**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Orange Hall, a fine example of the raised Greek Revival style, was most probably built between 1846 and 1853, although oral tradition dates the building c.1827 and states the original owners as the Horace Pratts. Orange Hall is presently serving as a library and civic center.

According to oral tradition the house was built 1826-29 for Mrs. Horace Pratt, either by her husband or father, John Wood. Horace Pratt, one of seven brothers who came to Georgia, was installed as pastor of St. Marys Presbyterian Church in 1822. He married Jane F. Wood, the only daughter of John Wood, a Loyalist who had to flee Savannah after the Revolution. It is said that upon returning to the U.S. he built Orange Hall for the Pratts.

However, the deed and tax records imply another situation. In 1826 Wood and Pratt bought from Ethan Clarke the north half of lot 43 (where Orange Hall now stands) for a sum of \$1620 with Wood listed as a tenant of Clarke. From this, it is assumed that there must have been some inhabitable structure on the property at the time of the sale. Although John Wood was wealthy in land and had 83 negroes in 1829, his son-in-law was listed through the years as having only one slave. Both John Wood and his daughter died in 1829, thus affixing the building date for Orange Hall in accordance with oral tradition.

After Horace Pratt's death, the "square #43 in town of St. Marys which said lot was improved and occupied by the said Horace Pratt..." was sold at public auction for \$2000 in 1846 to James Smith. In 1853 Smith paid taxes on one "city or town" lot valued at \$5500. In 1856 he sold "one improved house" on lot 43 to Francis M. Adams for \$4000. These later evaluations of lot 43 lead to the assumption that some vast improvement was made. As the earlier values do not represent such a large and expensive structure as Orange Hall, it can be assumed that the earlier building of Pratt's was skillfully incorporated into the present structure and thus the reason for the oral tradition.

Aside from archival records, there is another factor to be considered. The style of Orange Hall, with its sophistication of proportion and scale and the total form of the building represented as a temple, suggest at least an 1840's date.

Thus, taking into account all of these records and implication, Orange
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bailey, Mrs. J.W., Camden County Historical Commission; submitted material for first NR nomination form; on file at Georgia Historical Commission.
 Stephens, Carole, Georgia Historical Commission; presented archival research.
 Mitchell, William R., Georgia Historical Commission, consultant.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

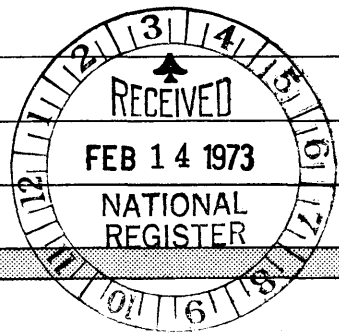
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **approximately two acres**

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:
Elizabeth Z. Macgregor, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Georgia Historical Commission** DATE: **Dec. 14, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
116 Mitchell Street, SW

CITY OR TOWN: **Atlanta** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

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 Mary Gregory Jewett

Title State Liaison Officer

Date Feb. 7, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/7/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 26 73

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8. Significance (Orange Hall)

Hall, as we know it today, must have been built by James M. Smith between 1846 and 1853.

This grand structure, so named because of the extensive hedges and avenues of sour orange trees around the lot, was privately owned until 1960, when it was deeded to the city of St. Marys for use as a library and civic center.

