

HB no 412

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi	
COUNTY: Hinds	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-11-23-0005	DATE 1/25/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
City Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
203 South President Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Jackson

STATE Mississippi	CODE 23	COUNTY: Hinds	CODE 049
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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"/> 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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<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 (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Public ownership

STREET AND NUMBER:
City of Jackson

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson	STATE: Mississippi	CODE 23
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raymond	STATE: Mississippi	CODE 23
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

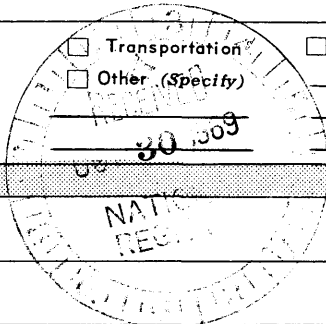
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Division of Prints and Photographs

STREET AND NUMBER:
Library of Congress

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: Dist. of Columbia	CODE 08
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(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 City Hall is one of three impressive Greek Revival antebellum government buildings remaining in Jackson. Its Doric style is in contrast to the Corinthian design of the Governor's Mansion and the eclectic style of the Old Capitol.

The building is currently in excellent condition, having undergone a thorough structural renovation in 1963-64. During these renovations, much of the old wooden framework was replaced by steel and concrete. At this time, the former high-ceilinged areas were divided into two new floors to provide additional office space. Except for painting and minor repairs, the exterior of the building was not altered during the 1963-64 renovations.

The original building begun in 1846 was planned to have two stories; however, a third floor was added for use by the various Masonic bodies in the city. The building was of masonry construction.

The City Hall was either rebuilt or enlarged in 1853. The first story was arranged as an immense assembly room. The second story, described as "an ample and magnificent room" was designated as the Masonic Hall. In 1874, the domed cupola over the front portico was removed, and repairs to the roof, guttering, and cornice were also made at the same time. In 1928, a rear portico, similar to that on the front, was built to face the newly created public garden on South Congress Street.

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3. 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 checked="" 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)

1847 -

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" 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

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Construction of the City Hall began in 1846. The original architect for the building was William Gibbons, whose original plan for the seat of government was amended to allow the various Masonic bodies in the city to construct a third story on the building for their own use. The building, located on one of the city's original squares, was completed in 1847 and has continued to serve as Jackson's City Hall. Soon after its completion, a ball was held in the building in June, 1847, in honor of the Mississippi Rifles, who won fame under Jefferson Davis during the Mexican War.

The City Hall was rebuilt or enlarged in 1853; municipal records not revealing exactly what happened. The architect for these renovations was J. Willis.

In 1856, the United States Government acquired an interest in City Hall for Federal Court activities upon payment of \$20,000 to the city.

During the Civil War, City Hall was used as a hospital and was one of the few buildings left standing in Jackson, which was damaged severely by Federal troops.

The building was completely remodeled and redecorated in 1963-64, under the supervision of architect Frank P. Gates.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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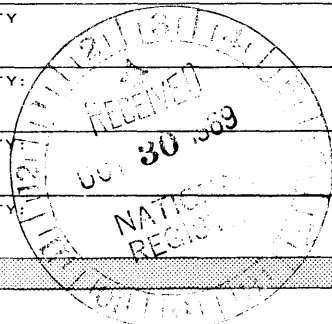
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	N32	17	52
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	W90	10	56
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.4 - includes entire square

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Elbert Hilliard, Curator of History

ORGANIZATION: Mississippi Department of Archives and History DATE: Oct. 10, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
120 North State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson STATE: Mississippi CODE: 23

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 *R. G. McJannet*

Title Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History

Date October 14, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date NOV 25 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Hunt
Keeper of The National Register

Date NOV 7 1969

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- 6. WPA Historical Research Project, "Source Material for Mississippi History-Hinds County"

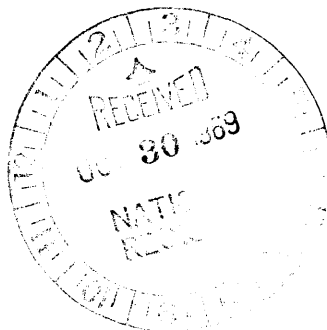
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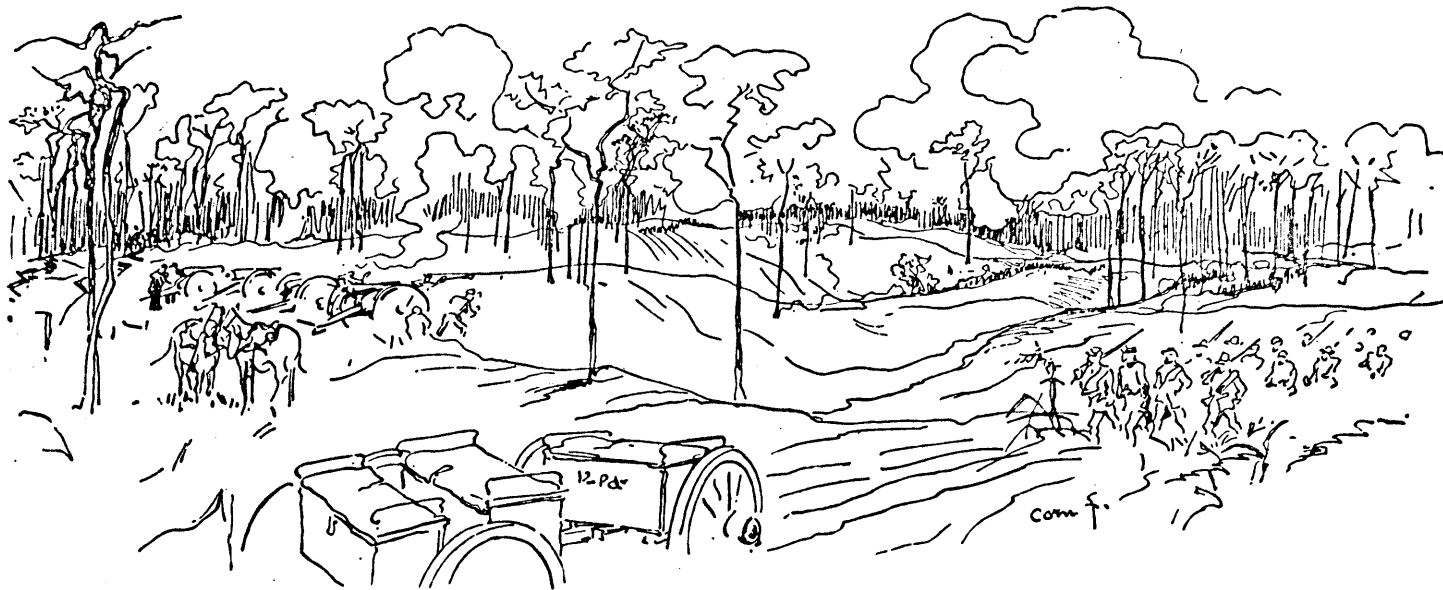
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ARTIST'S NOTES—Above is the rough sketch Davis drew on the spot at the battle of Champion's Hill in the Vicksburg Campaign. Below is the final drawing of the battle of Champion's Hill. Davis has worked in Grant riding at a gallop and his aide, Gen. John A. Rawlins, behind him.

