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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**  HISTORIC  AND/OR COMMON  
 Spengler's Corner, Spengler's Saloon, Spengler's Hall, Spengler House,  
 Hunter and McGee's Drug Store, Simmon's and McGee's Drugs, Wood Williams  
 Drugs, Hemphill Drug Company, Bridges Building.  
 Law Offices of Jolly and Miller (Spengler's Corner)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
101 North State Street

CITY, TOWN  
Jackson

STATE  
Mississippi

VICINITY OF  
4th

CODE  
28

COUNTY  
Hinds

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
4th

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CODE  
049

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
E. Grady Jolly, Jr.; Paul O. Miller III; Kenneth E. Milam

STREET & NUMBER  
101 North State Street

CITY, TOWN  
Jackson

STATE  
Mississippi

VICINITY OF  
39205

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Hinds County Chancery Clerk  
South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205

STREET & NUMBER  
Hinds County Chancery Clerk  
Old Hinds County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN  
Raymond

STATE  
Mississippi

39154

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building known as Spengler's Corner is a two-story commercial building of brick construction situated on "Lot One, Square One of North Jackson," at the north-west corner of Capitol and State streets in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. The original (ca. 1840-48) portion of the structure is a rectangular block which extends eight bays (80 feet) along the Capitol Street (south) elevation and four bays (28.3 feet) along the State Street (east) elevation, where it faces the historic Capitol Green and Old Capitol Building (1840). The building appears free-standing in an 1869 photograph, but it has since become the turning point for two rows of contiguous commercial structures, with only the east and south faces left exposed as principal elevations. A two-story, 27-foot by 22.8-foot ell was attached at the west end of the north elevation at some point during the early twentieth century, but the original nineteenth century structure remains identifiable under a low hipped roof now covered with asphalt shingles.

Physical evidence and early photographs indicate that the second-floor fenestration has remained unchanged since the building's construction. The original decorative metal lintels were removed from the State Street windows sometime after 1939, but in a 1977 renovation they were reproduced by copying those which survive on the Capitol Street elevation. The modern aluminum awning-type windows which were serving the second floor have been replaced with 28-light triple-sash windows, more appropriate to the 1840s period of the building. Physical evidence uncovered during the 1977 renovation suggested that the original main entrance had been on State Street, where it has now been replaced with a simple doorway of Greek Revival design. When the building was acquired by its current owners in 1976, the entrance had been moved to the southeast corner, the walls had been veneered inside and out with various modern materials, and the original first-floor fenestration had been completely lost with the installation of large sheet glass windows surrounded by a red ceramic tile veneer. Photographs indicate that the exterior brick surface remained uncovered except by paint until sometime after 1939, when it was covered with a white stucco that obscures the original decorative corbeled brick cornice. Pre-renovation investigations did not reveal the original first-floor fenestration, but the plate glass and ceramic tile have been replaced with wood and glass French doors and transoms in openings which correspond to those on the second floor, thus restoring to the building an overall symmetry typical of nineteenth century commercial architecture.

Few original interior features have survived the many remodelings the Spengler Building has seen over the years. The recent renovation which converted the building into law offices has been sympathetic to the remaining original details and to the period of the building's construction. Later floor coverings have been removed to reveal the original tongue-in-groove pine flooring on the second floor. A variety of partitions which had been erected to eight, nine, and ten-foot heights within the original interior spaces have been removed. Except for the new hallways, where all duct-work and utilities are now housed above lowered ceilings, new uniform ceiling heights of 10 feet 8 inches on the first floor and 12 feet 4 inches on the second floor have restored a sense of spaciousness to the building's interior. Period materials salvaged from demolished structures have been used throughout the building for details such as doors, foyer flooring, and the newel and railing of a new stair. The stuccoed exterior will be coated with a brown granular paint appropriate to the style and period of the building.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building known as Spengler's Corner is the oldest known commercial structure still standing on Mississippi's capital city.\* It occupies an important site on "Lot One, Square One" in the City of Jackson, situated at the juncture of two major thoroughfares and opposite the historic Old Capitol Building. Since its construction in the 1840s, Spengler's Corner has provided Mississippians with food, shelter, entertainment, a place of assembly, and a wide variety of other commercial services. The building survives as a rare and important reminder of the bustling commercial growth that was a significant facet of Jackson's development from the time it was designated the capital city in 1821.

The Spengler's Corner property was sold at public auction several times (once to James H. Boyd, third mayor of Jackson) before it was acquired by Joseph Spengler in 1848 (Deed Book 21:230). Once in the hands of Joseph Spengler, the northwest corner of Capitol and State streets became one of the few stable commercial establishments in a frontier city struggling to develop and prosper. It was to be one of Jackson's first restaurants, first saloons, first hotels, first groceries, and first centers of entertainment.

Joseph Spengler was the eldest of three brothers who came to America in 1836 from Engelthal, Alsace, and settled first in Vicksburg, Mississippi. In 1838, Joseph and his brother Hubert moved to Jackson, where they played a major role in the commercial, cultural, and civic life of the city for the next half century. The legislature convened in the capitol building for the first time the following year; and in 1840, the same year the capitol building was completed, Joseph Spengler established across the street, on the northwest corner of Capitol and State streets, a Porter and Ale House, one of the city's first restaurants. In 1847, Joseph Spengler informed members of the legislature that he had "fifteen or twenty pleasantly situated rooms . . . which could be rented with or without board." Food and lodging for members of the legislature were to remain continuing services provided by the building until after the completion in 1903 of the New Capitol Building five blocks to the northwest.

In 1840, Joseph Spengler finally purchased the property he had managed since 1840. In the same year, Spengler's Saloon became known as Spengler's Hall, advertising a large second-floor performance room for traveling entertainers. It is possible that the present building was built anew for this purpose after Joseph Spengler purchased the property, but since he had been operating a restaurant and hotel on the site since 1840, it is also possible that he simply adapted the existing building to accommodate his expanded services. In any case, physical evidence and strong local and family traditions suggest that the building which occupies Spengler's Corner today is the same building that was advertised as Spengler's Hall in 1848. From 1848 to 1860, Spengler's Hall accommodated--along with City Hall--all traveling performers

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Craig, Fred C. Contractor, Jackson, Mississippi. Personal interviews with current owners, 1976.

Hemphill, Perry. Owner-operator of Hemphill Drug Company, 1934-1963, Jackson, Mississippi. Personal interviews with current owners, 1976.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	7, 6, 5, 5, 1, 0	3, 5, 7, 6, 9, 1, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

South 1/2 of W. P. Bridges Property  
Lot 1, Square 1, North Jackson, MS

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Square 1, North Jackson, in said city of Jackson, Mississippi, and running thence north along the West boundary

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Elizabeth P. Reynolds, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE

June 17, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 571

TELEPHONE

(601) 354-6218

CITY OR TOWN

Jackson,

STATE

Mississippi

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Elmer B. Williams*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

July 19, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE, COST AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*10/20/77*

DATE

*10/12/77*

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8 - Significance

who came to Jackson "to instruct, entertain and amuse" the local residents. During this period Spengler's Hall was also the site of cotillions, ladies' benefits, and even school graduation exercises.

In 1850, Joseph Spengler sold Spengler's Corner to his brother Hubert for \$8,000 (Deed Book 20:369) and set about establishing a textile mill, Jackson's first large private manufacturing firm. Hubert Spengler took a great interest in city affairs, serving terms as an alderman, a county supervisor, a trustee of the public schools, and a trustee of Jackson's first Catholic church.

Although damaged by fire during the Civil War, Spengler's Corner appears intact in the foreground of an 1869 photographic panorama of Jackson taken from the balcony of the State House. The building remained in the Spengler family until after the deaths of Hubert in 1900 and his wife in 1904. Parts of the building (and adjoining buildings also owned by the Spengler family) were evidently leased to various other concerns after the Civil War. In 1876 and again in 1879, John R. Rohrbacker and Chris Hinkle advertised as managers of Spengler House, "a small hotel on the corner of Capitol and State."

In 1905, the building was sold for \$56,000 at public auction to Joel R. Johnson (Deed Book 50:32) in settlement of Hubert Spengler's estate. In the same year, J. Clyde McGee, then only twenty-two, co-founded Hunter and McGee's Drug Store, which occupied Spengler's Corner for the next eighteen years. The first floor of the building remained "Mississippi's corner drug store" until 1963, under the successive names of Simmons and McGee, Wood Williams Drug Store, and Hemphill Drug Company. William Parham Bridges purchased the building in 1963 (Deed Book 1418:285) for use as offices for his real estate, insurance, and mortgage enterprises. In 1976, his son sold the property to E. Grady Jolly, Jr., Paul O. Miller III, and Kenneth E. Milam, the present owners. They then began a complete renovation of Spengler's Corner, restoring much of its nineteenth century character to the exterior of the structure and adapting the interior space for use as law offices.

\*There are, at the most, only eleven antebellum structures still standing in the city of Jackson. Of these, Spengler's Corner is the only one originally constructed for commercial use.

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Spengler, Ann Keys. Granddaughter of Hubert Spengler, Jackson, Mississippi. Personal interviews with current owners, 1976.

Spengler, Thomas L. Great grandson of Hubert Spengler, Jackson, Mississippi. Personal interviews with current owners, 1976.

Tuminello, Sylvester J. Architect, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Personal interviews with current owners, 1976.

10 - Geographical Data

of North State Street a distance of 28.3 feet to a line of steel posts in a wall of the old Bridges Mortgage Company building; run thence west along said line of steel posts a distance of 57.2 feet to the center of a North-South wall; thence north 27.0 feet along said wall; thence west 22.8 feet along the center of said East-West wall to the West line of said Bridges property; thence south along said West line 55.3 feet to the North right-of-way line of Capitol Street; thence East along said North right-of-way of Capitol Street 80.0 feet to the point of beginning.