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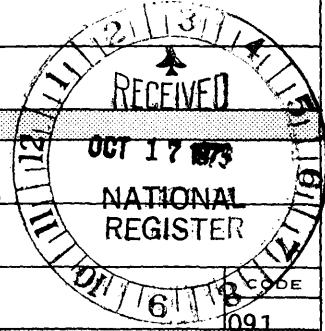
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>ALABAMA</b>	
COUNTY: <b>MARENGO</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <b>JAN 18 1974</b>	DATE



#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Veteran's Hall**  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Old Courthouse**

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**300 West Cahaba Avenue (Corner of W. Cahaba & Mobile St.)**  
CITY OR TOWN:  
**Linden**  
STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01** COUNTY: **Marengo** CODE: **091**

#### 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 type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>Veterans organization meetings</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <b>Masonic Lodge meetings</b>

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Veteran's Organizations (VFW & American Legion)**  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**300 West Cahaba**  
CITY OR TOWN: **Linden** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Marengo County Courthouse**  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**101 East Coats Avenue**  
CITY OR TOWN: **Linden** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Building Survey**  
DATE OF SURVEY:  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

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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 Old Linden Courthouse is a two-story rectangular structure similar in plan to the West Presbyterian Church in New York which was designed by the firm of Town and Davis.

The front elevation is plaster over brick and the remainder of the exterior is brick. A pedimented facade portico features two Doric columns in antis, flanked by corner pilastered sections. The entablature which encircles the building is adorned with a row of dentils, and a projecting cornice.

A second story balcony within the recessed portico links the columns to each other and the walls. Stairs at either end of the recessed portico lead onto this balcony.

There are three entrances on the ground floor beneath the balcony. The wooden doors on either end lead into large rooms and the central door leads into a hallway. On the second story, there are two wooden double doors leading into the auditorium from each end at the head of the stairs.

The gabled roof is covered with tin and there are two end-interior chimneys on either side of the building. There are 18 double hung windows, nine on either side. The upper floor has five windows to the side with the later addition of stained glass in the upper sashes. Flat rectangular stucco lintels top the windows. The lower floor has four windows and one door on each side. Windows are similar to the upper story windows but lack the stained glass in the upper sash. The doors located in the center of each side are wooden with rectangular horizontal panels.

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**5. 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) 1848

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input 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

The significance of the old courthouse in Linden is both architectural and political. The building was constructed about 1848 to replace the first Marengo County Courthouse which had burned down. The early courthouse, built of logs, had been completed in 1827. Linden had been selected in August 1821 as the county seat and the town was first named Marengo. The name was later changed to Hohenlinden after Napoleon's victory by the same name. Later the name was shortened to Linden.

Rube Burrows, Alabama's most famous outlaw, was captured in Linden and jailed in this building in 1890. He escaped but was tracked down near Linden and shot in a gun battle. Burrows had robbed trains over the south from December 1886, when his gang robbed a train at Bellevue, Texas, to his last robbery at Flomaton, Alabama in September 1890. All his gang had either been captured or had deserted him, so his last robbery was done alone.

This structure was used as a courthouse until 1902 when a new building was completed at another location. The building was used at various times as a skating rink, horse stable, dance hall, and National Guard Armory before the Commissioner's Court of Marengo County sold it for \$500.00 to the Ladies Aid and Women's Missionary Society of the Linden Baptist Church in March 1915. The building was used by the church for services until January 1, 1948.

On July 18, 1947, the Linden Baptist Church and Women's Missionary Society of the Women's Missionary Union of the Linden Baptist Church sold the property to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars who have since 1948 occupied the building.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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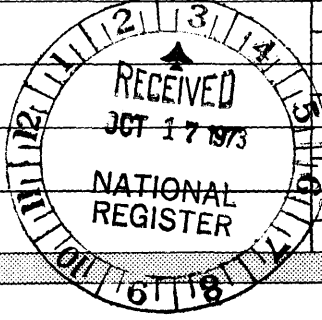
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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: **October 1, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**305 South Lawrence 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 Wils B. Howard, Jr.

Title SHPO Ala.

Date Oct. 3, 1973

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

W. R. ...  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/18/74

ATTEST: Ronald M. Greenberg  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 1/17/74

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