

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: MARENGO	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	1-21-74

1. NAME

COMMON:
Lyon Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Lyon-Lamar House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
102 South Main Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Demopolis

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: Marengo	CODE 091
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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"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input 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:
William and George Lamar

STREET AND NUMBER:
102 South Main Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Demopolis

STATE:
Alabama

CODE:
01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Marengo County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Linden

STATE:
Alabama

CODE:
01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1935
 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 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

Lyon Hall is a Greek Revival frame structure and is basically square in form. There are three main chimneys, two rising on the interior of the east wall and one rising at the center of the western half of the house. The hipped roof slopes up on all four sides to a low "quasi-cupola" with narrow horizontal windows which is topped by a cast-ironwork railed belvedere. On the north side is a full height portico supported by six square Doric columns equally spaced across the width of the facade. The portico treatment is the same on both floors with two windows flanking either side of the central doorway, which has sidelights and a transom; both levels have cast-ironwork railings. A one-story porch on the east side has three square wooden columns, a flat roof, and spans two of the five bays of the side. Balancing the latter wing is a one story, half-hip roofed extension on the west side.

Originally the rear porch on both floors, was recessed between small end rooms and supported by two columns in antis, the kitchen was attached to the rear of the house by a porch.

In plan the house has a wide central hall running from front to back in which the staircase rises to the second floor. Downstairs there are double parlors, the hall, a drawing room, dining room, office, silver closet, kitchen and bedroom, while upstairs there are four bedrooms, two dressing rooms and the hall in which the staircase ascends to the "quasi cupola" and on to the belvedere.

Changes to the house have not altered it greatly since it was built. The present porch on the east side replaced a more classic looking two story porch that had arched opening and decorative porch railings on both floors. At the rear the recessed porches and the breezeway to the kitchen have been enclosed. Interior changes have been limited to the installation of modern plumbing and electricity.

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8. 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 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)

1853

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Home of a family</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>of statewide</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>political prominence and of</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <u>importance to</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <u>local institutions.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally Lyon Hall is significant in that it is a blending of the massiveness of the Greek Revival, as evidenced by the portico columnade, and the delicateness of the cast-ironwork so popular in the Gulf Coast area. In plan it shares several features in common with Sturdivant Hall in Selma.

+ two - story frame

George Gaines Lyon erected the home in 1853; he was a prominent lawyer, planter and sometime advisor to Governors. He held the office of sequestrator during the Civil War and was one of the commissioners of the Confederate government. Governor John G. Shorter appointed him governor's aide for West Alabama; later, he was a U. S. Circuit Court Commissioner and in 1875 became Commissioner of Immigration under Governor George S. Houston. Lyons was the grandnephew of George S. Gaines and General Edmund Pendleton Gaines; his wife was Anne Glover of the prominent "Black Belt" family. Today, the home is owned by Messrs. William and George Lamar, descendants of the builder.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES.

Marengo County Deeds, Marengo County Courthouse, Linden, Alabama

Sara Elizabeth Mason, The Glovers of Marengo County, Alabama.

Thomas M. Owen, History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography
(see "George G. Lyon") , 4 vols, S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago ,
1921.

Winston Smith, "Early History of Demopolis," Alabama Review, XVIII
(April, 1965), 83-91.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		32 ° 30 ' 56 "	87 ° 50 ' 21 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: October 11, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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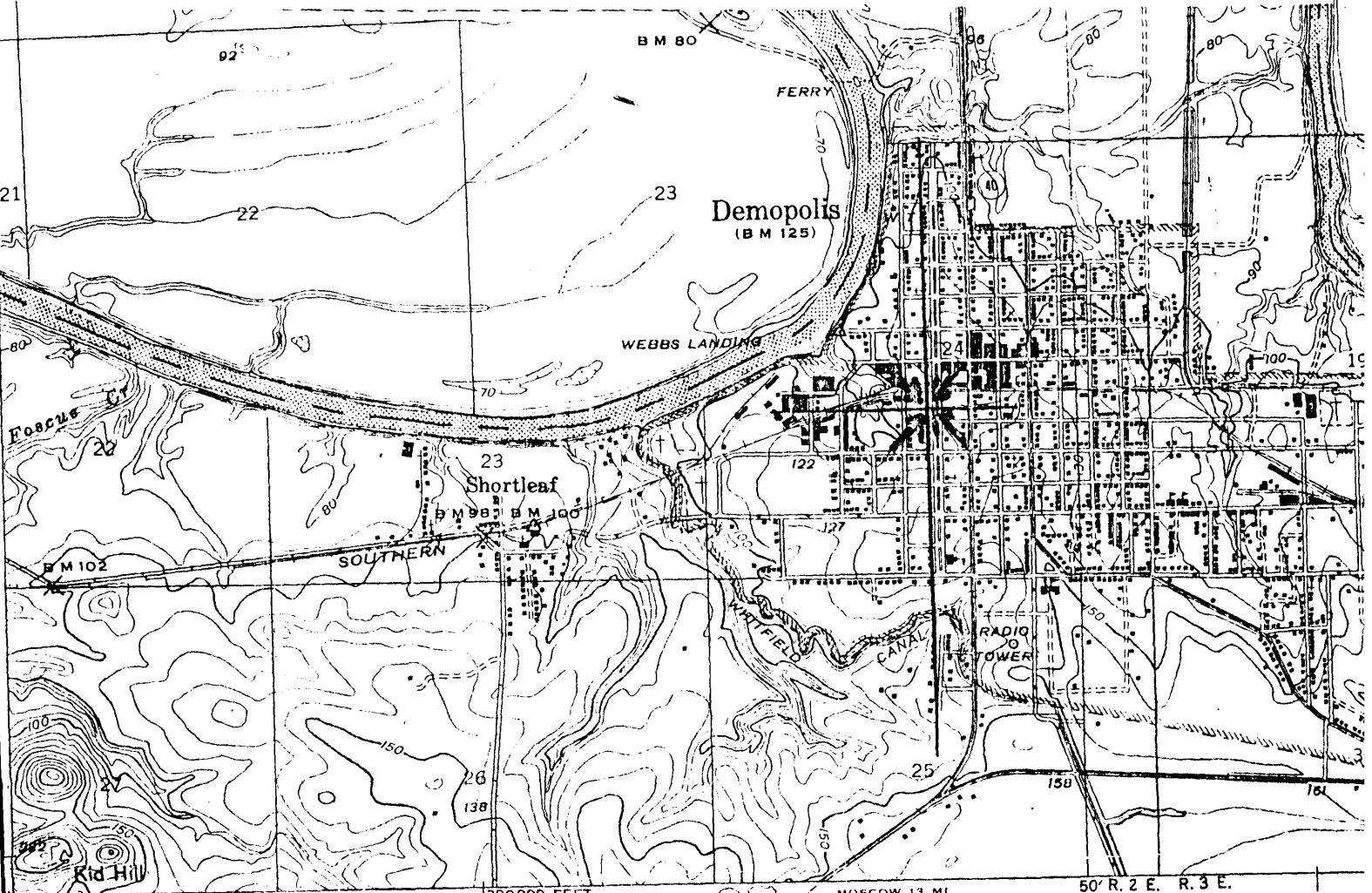
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U. S. Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1/24000			
DATE: 1947			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



Mapped by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army,
and the Geological Survey
1936-1937 and 1946

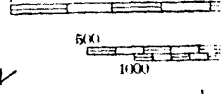
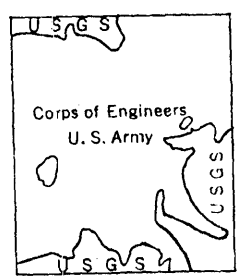
ROAD CLASSIFICATION 1947

Dependable hard surface	Day weather roads	U. S. Route (15)
Secondary hard surface	Loose surface gravel	
Weather road	Unsurfaced, graded	State Route (26)
	Dirt road	

Two lanes indicated along road with tick at point of change

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1946



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PHOTO CREDIT:		Joseph C.P. Turner	
DATE OF PHOTO:		February 28, 1973	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		Demopolis Public Library	
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
West view, single storey, one room addition			



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Northeast view, quasi-cupola second story balcony			



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