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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 Brookhaven City Hall

and/or common Old City Hall

2. Location

street & number Whitworth Avenue

N/A not for publication

city, town Brookhaven

N/A vicinity of

~~Congressional district~~

state Mississippi

code 28

county Lincoln

code 085

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Brookhaven

street & number P. O. Box 560

city, town Brookhaven

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Lincoln County Courthouse

street & number South First Street

city, town Brookhaven

state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The city hall building is a two-story brick structure that was built in 1910. The building is located on the corner of Whitworth Avenue and Chickasaw Street in downtown Brookhaven next to the railroad right-of-way in railroad park. (It was a tradition during that era to build as close to the railroad as possible since that was the main mode of transportation.) Designed by Paul R. Henckle, this Colonial Revival structure, which is topped by a flat roof, is three bays wide and five bays deep. Double-hung windows, which interrupt the buttered-brick walls at regular intervals, produce formally arranged elevations.

An approach of marble steps leads to the double-door front entrance of the rectangular-plan building. Framed by sidelights and a transom, this portal is shielded by a diminutive, one-bay portico, the balustraded roof of which is supported by massive columns. Tile letters, set in the landing, proclaim the name of the building: City Hall. Flanking the entrance are double windows with one-over-one sashes. A continuous sill, which is interrupted by the center-bay doorway, unites the apertures of the first level while defining the upper limit of the cast stone base. Separating the first and second levels is a belt course which wraps around the structure.

On the second story, modified Ionic pilasters define the three bays of the primary elevation. The round-arch apertures are filled by double-hung windows, the upper sashes of which terminate in a fan motif. The arched, window surrounds are highlighted by keystones and flanking blocks. Surmounting the center bay is a cast stone panel in which the name of the building appears. A prominent modillioned cornice surmounted by a solid balustrade accentuates the top of the structure.

Inside, on the ground level, the floors are of edge-grained pine and the walls are of plaster. Beaded-board wainscoting adorns the lower portions of the walls in the divided hallway. The ceilings in this section of the building rise to a height of fourteen feet, and from them hang three brass chandeliers original to the structure. Also, two walk-in Moshler safes, which are still functional, are present on this level.

Leading to the second floor from the front foyer area is a prominent staircase. Dominating this level is the courtroom which measures 46'6" x 49'. It features an embossed, 20' ceiling from which is suspended a ten-light brass chandelier. A balustrade separates the public area from the attorneys' section and bench.

Currently, the Brookhaven-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, the building's tenant, is restoring the building and the exterior sunken garden on its north side.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1910 **Builder/Architect** Builder Contractor - Frazier & Bossich
Architect - Paul R. Henckle

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The former Brookhaven City Hall, occupying a prominent site on the corner of Whitworth Avenue and Chickasaw Street, is an outstanding example of a Colonial Revival institutional building. Erected in 1910 it was used continuously as the municipal building until 1981, housing offices for the mayor, tax collector, city clerk, and water department, in addition to accommodating the public library and a capacious courtroom.

Architecturally, City Hall is an eloquent expression of the Colonial Revival style, distinguished by its detailing, formality and symmetry. During the early twentieth century, a proud and prosperous era, other grand buildings were erected in Brookhaven; however, those structures--including the Post Office, the First Methodist Church, Lampton Auditorium, and the railroad depot--complement rather than humble the former municipal building. Bold exterior features such as the modillion-enriched cornice, the Ionic pilasters with florid capitals, and the Classical-inspired frontispiece render the structure distinctive.

Immediately after the turn-of-the-century, civic pride, initially channeled into efforts to erect a fire station in Brookhaven, gathered sufficient momentum to generate public support for the construction of a grand municipal building. Financed by municipal bonds (\$12,000 at 5% interest) and completed in 1910, City Hall, which abuts the 1909 firehouse, was the principal manifestation of this community spirit. Here, comfortable and commodious spaces, which facilitated the day-to-day operation of the municipal government, were allocated for the following officials/offices: the mayor, tax collector, city clerk, and water department. Moreover, community facilities such as the public library and the meeting room/courthouse, which functioned as a hall for community events, were housed in the edifice.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Brookhaven, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The former city hall property (tax parcel 11-31), being the east 110 feet of Lots 7 and 8 of Block N of the City of Brookhaven, less and except, however, the west 30-1/2 feet of the building thereof which is presently used as a municipal fire station (see attached map).

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state N/A code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charleigh D. Ford, Jr., Executive Vice President

Brookhaven-Lincoln County Chamber of

organization Commerce

date April 1, 1983

street & number City Hall - Whitworth Avenue

telephone (601) 833-1411

city or town Brookhaven

state Mississippi

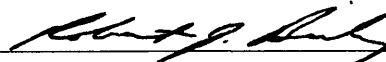
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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

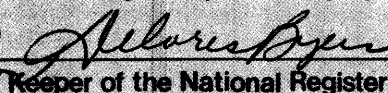


title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date April 5, 1983

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


Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 6/16/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Brookhaven, Lincoln County, Mississippi

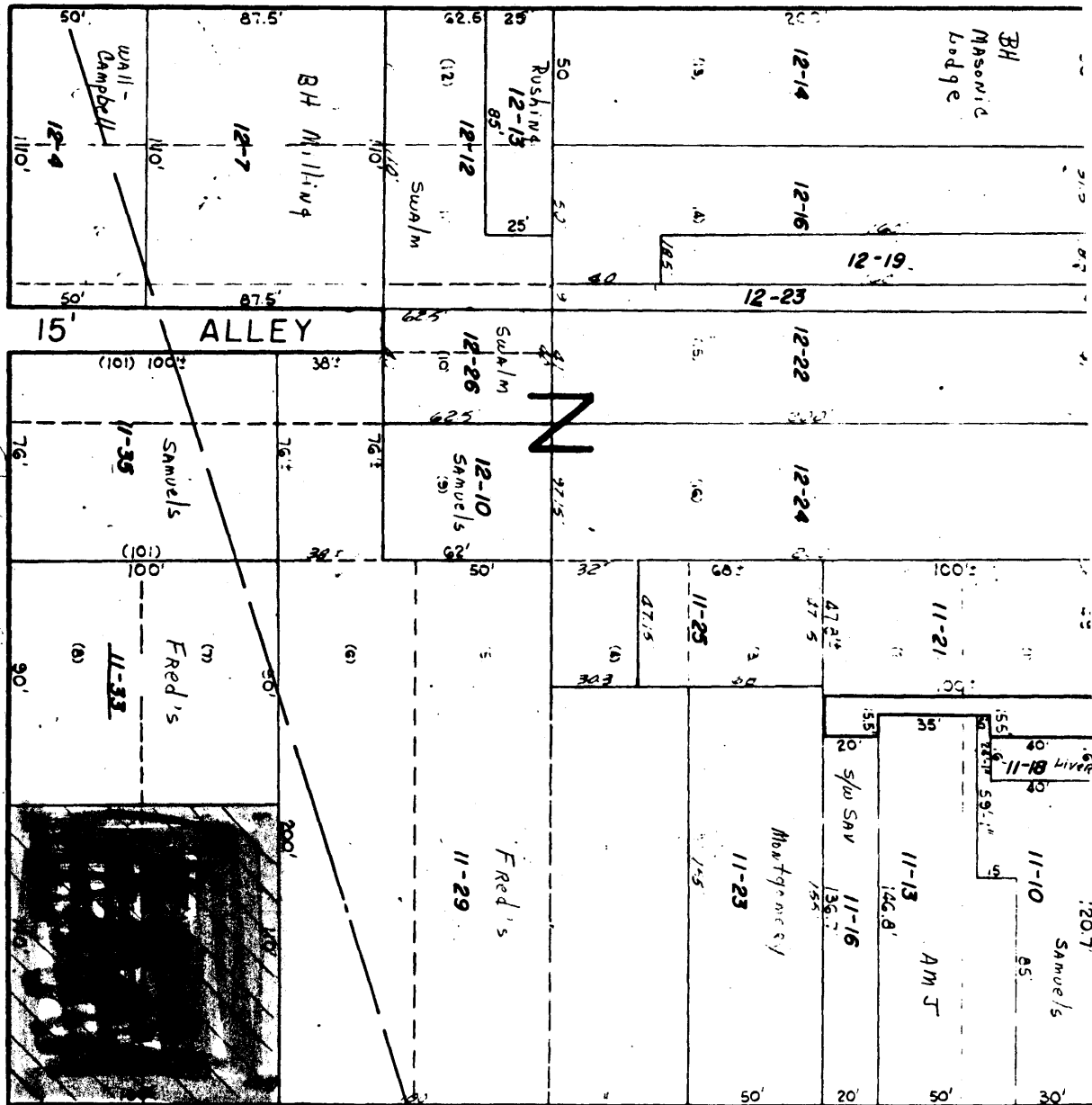
Tax Map



JACKSON

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STREET



WHITWORTH Ave.