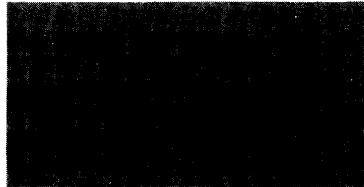


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 Atlanta City Hall

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 68 Mitchell Street S. W. not for publication

city, town Atlanta N/A vicinity of congressional district N/A

state Georgia code 013 county Fulton code 121

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private.	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" 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 Andrew Young, Mayor
City of Atlanta

street & number Atlanta City Hall
68 Mitchell Street, S.W.

city, town Atlanta N/A vicinity of state GA 30335

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Fulton County Courthouse

city, town Atlanta state GA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Structures Field Survey: has this property been determined eligible? yes no
Fulton County, Georgia

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state GA

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Atlanta City Hall is an eleven story office tower set above a four story rectangular base. It is of Gothic design with pointed arches and uninterrupted piers with inset spandrels of olive green ornamented terra cotta. The reinforced concrete structure has a cream colored terra cotta veneer covering the entire building. There are white marble balustrades and steps, and original lighting fixtures, at the Mitchell Street entrance. The original first floor interior remains intact and includes ornate brass fixtures and highly polished marble floors and walls. There are oak beamed ceilings in the mayor's office and council chambers. Bronze banking fixtures adorn the first-floor fee-collecting departments. The lobby and other public spaces have decorative marble wainscoting, walls, and pillars, and ornamented plaster cornices. The entrance and elevator doors are heavy bronze. Twin staircases leading to the second floor are also marble. Original lighting fixtures also remain in the entrance lobby. Throughout the building many of the original mechanical systems remain including the original water tank on the roof, restroom plumbing, water fountains, and elevator doors. The building sits on a four acre city block that slopes downhill from east to west with parking on the south and west sides. The grounds have a minimum of landscaping with grass, small shrubs, and some trees. There are no outbuildings. The city hall is directly across the street from several state office buildings and diagonally across from the State Capitol and the Fulton County Courthouse. Changes to the building include the modernization of offices above the first floor, fireproofing, adding of air conditioning, and the repair of the terra cotta veneer.

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
<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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1930	Builder/Architect	G. Lloyd Preacher, Architect National Construction Co., contractors
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Atlanta City Hall is significant in terms of architecture and government. Architecturally, it is significant as a fine example of the use of the Gothic Revival style for a governmental structure. It exhibits important details of the style including vertical emphasis, pinnacles, and pointed arches. It is significant too in the use of two types of terra cotta for the entire exterior covering and ornamentation. Its grand entrance lobby, wherein bronze and marble are used to create an important public space, adds to the effect of the public nature of the building. All principal materials for the building—granite, marble, terra cotta and brick—were Georgia products, a significant feature for the Depression-era when this magnificent structure was constructed. The building is architecturally significant also as a work of G. Lloyd Preacher (1882-1972), noted for many civic and private buildings throughout the southeast. After locating his main office in Atlanta in 1922 he became known for important buildings in the city including the Briarcliff Hotel and the Heinz Mansion on Ponce de Leon Avenue. The largest surviving concentration of his known works is in Augusta, Georgia. The governmental significance of the city hall rests with its being built as a city hall and its continued use for that purpose. The site itself is only a block from Atlanta's antebellum and wartime city hall. This particular site was a private home and then a girl's high school until being purchased for the city hall site in the late 1920s. Within this building have continued the usual city government functions. The office of the mayor is here and city council meetings are held here. Citizens have come here to visit officials, attend meetings, and pay bills since its opening on February 22, 1930.

These areas of significance support property eligibility under National Register criteria A and C.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Gwinner, Susan, of the Atlanta Urban Design Commission, Historic Property Information Form, 1982, based on research in city files, interviews, early photographs, issues of The City Builder, and Sanborn Insurance Maps.

Preacher, G. Lloyd, biographical files in the Historic Preservation Section.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 3/4 acres

Quadrangle name Southwest Atlanta

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property is all that land owned by the City of Atlanta that is directly associated with city hall and its landscaped grounds. It is marked on the enclosed cadastral map and consists of the northerly half of a block bounded by Mitchell and Washington Streets, and Trinity and Central Avenues.

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historic Preservation Section,
Department of Natural Resources

date May 6, 1983

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telephone 404-656-2840

city or town Atlanta

state GA 30334

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

date 5/11/83

title State Historic Preservation Officer

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

Patrick Andrus
Patrick Andrus
Keeper of the National Register

date 7/13/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration