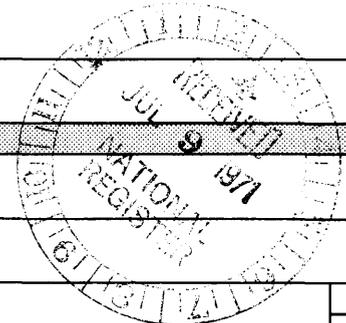


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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Winter Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
2 Dexter Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Montgomery

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: Montgomery	CODE 101
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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Jack Thorington et al

STREET AND NUMBER:
23 South Perry Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery	STATE: Alabama	CODE 01
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
142 Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery	STATE Alabama	CODE 01
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1936** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

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

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The Winter Building is a simple three-story brick building of early Italianate design. The building is of rectangular shape and has a low hipped metal roof. A projecting cornice is supported by brackets. At the ceiling line a row of dentils adorns the front and continues along the left side of the building.

Seven windows cross the front of the two upper floors. All windows except the central ones have flat lintels. The central window at the second and third floor levels are similar. The second floor window has a flat lintel and gives access to a small balcony, while the one at the third floor level has no balcony and the lintel is lightly pedimented. Both of these windows are flanked by flat square colonnettes.

There are eight windows on each of the two upper floors along the west side. The spacing and proportion of these windows is excellent. For some years the building had iron porticos or balconies at the second and third floor levels which provided a shed at the street level. These balconies covered the front and west side of the building. They were added sometime between 1861 and 1874 and were removed in 1928.

The first floor has been altered to make room for shops and the interior of the first two floors has been rearranged. The exterior of the second and third floors are unchanged except for the removal of shutters and the filling in of two windows.

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

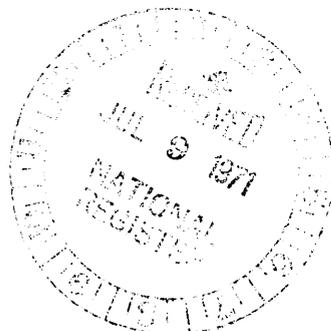
The Winter Building is an excellent example of restraint and simplicity in a modest commercial building of its period. Immediately prior to and during the Civil War it housed the Southern Telegraph Company. It was from there that the message was sent which resulted in the firing on Fort Sumpter, South Carolina.

The structure was built sometime between 1841 and 1843 by John Gindrat. Gindrat, a native of South Carolina came to Montgomery in the early 1820's by way of Georgia. In 1823 he began his mercantile business in Montgomery. A merchant, and cotton broker, he was instrumental in the development of commerce in early Montgomery. He was also the first president of the State Bank branch in Montgomery.

In 1854 Gindrat left the building to his daughter Mary Elizabeth Gindrat Winter. Her husband Joseph S. Winter handled the estate for her. Winter was also involved in the early development of the city.

During the first few months of the Confederacy, Montgomery served as its capital. It was at this time that the building housed the offices of the Southern Telegraph Company on its second floor. From there Leroy Pope Walker, Secretary of the War of the Confederate States sent the telegram to General P. T. G. Beauregard, Commander of the Confederate forces in Charleston, which resulted in the firing on Fort Sumpter, the immediate incident which precipitated hostilities between the North and the South.

The building has remained in the hands of the family and is currently used as clothing stores and offices.



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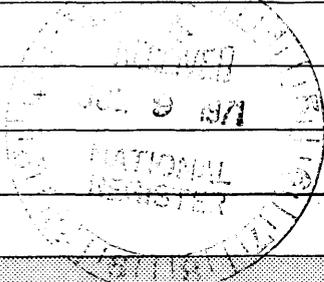
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one 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: **June 25, 1971**

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. Hoover, Jr.

Title S.L.O.

Date July 7, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JAN 14 1972

Date _____

ATTEST:
J. Bradford
Keeper of The National Register

Date Jan. 17, 1972

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