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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi	
COUNTY: Alcorn	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-1123-0010	DATE 11/25/69

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Jacinto Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Old Tishomingo County Courthouse

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route #1

CITY OR TOWN:  
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STATE Mississippi	CODE 23	COUNTY: Alcorn	CODE 003
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Jacinto Foundation, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 1048

CITY OR TOWN:  
Corinth

STATE: Mississippi	CODE 23
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Chancery Clerk's office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Alcorn County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:  
Corinth

STATE: Mississippi	CODE 23
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: WPA Historical Research Project, "Source Material for Mississippi History - Alcorn County".

DATE OF SURVEY: ca. 1938  Federal  State  County  Local

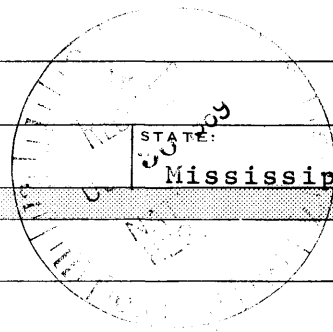
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Mississippi Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:  
120 North State Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Jackson

STATE: Mississippi	CODE 23
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

The Jacinto Courthouse is a two story brick building with solid walls, 18 inches thick, and a length of 56 feet and width of 40 feet. The roof of native cypress shingles is surmounted by an octagonal cupola 22 feet high trimmed with tuscan cornices.

The architectural style is early Federal with good proportion and construction. The original written specifications are in existence in old records. The interior and exterior have not been changed, except that in some later period, the old cupola was removed and a metal roof installed where the cypress shingles had been. The cupola was restored in 1969 in accordance with the original specifications as well as a new roof made of cypress shingles split by hand using an old mall, froe and drawing knife.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) 1854-1870

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" 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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jacinto Courthouse site was near the geographical center of Old Tishomingo County, created in 1836. In 1870, the county was divided into the present counties of Alcorn, Prentiss, and Tishomingo. The courthouse was completed in 1854 and represents an excellent example of the early rural courthouse in the State of Mississippi. It is one of the oldest surviving courthouses in Mississippi and one of the few remaining historical attractions in Northeast Mississippi. Federal cavalry and Confederate troops skirmished near the site in September, 1863.

The courthouse was used as a school from 1870-1908, at one time housing the Jacinto Male Academy. From 1908 until 1960, the building was used as a Methodist church. It is currently being restored by the Jacinto Foundation, Inc. for use as a local and regional historical museum.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic Jacinto Courthouse and Museum. (Jacinto Foundation, 1969).

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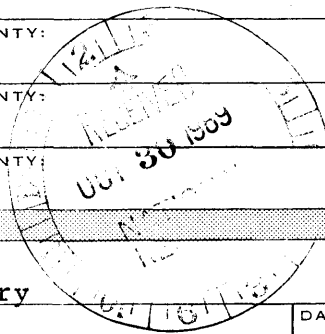
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	W 88	25	41
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Elbert Hilliard, Curator of History**

ORGANIZATION: **Mississippi Department of Archives and History** DATE: **Oct. 13, 1969**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**120 North State Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Jackson** STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **23**

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 *P. G. McJames*

Title Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History

Date October 14, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*Ernest Allen Gurnally*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date NOV 25 1969

ATTEST:  
*William J. Smith*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date NOV 7 1969

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FROM  
**SCOTT ENGINEERING COMPANY**  
MUNICIPAL PROJECTS - SURVEYS - SOIL REPORTS  
R. F. D. 1 Box 256 HIGHWAY 72 WEST  
CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI

TO:  
**JACINTO COURTHOUSE**  
ALCORN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
Glen Quadrangle 7½ Minute

Scale 1" = 2000'

West Longitude 88° 25' 41"  
North Latitude 34° 45' 41"

