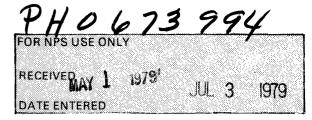
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Alex Williams House

AND/OR COMMON

Greystone Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

	937 North Lamar Street		NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	
CITY, TOWN				
	Jackson	VICINITY OF	Fourth	
STATE	Mississippi	code 28	COUNTY Hinds	CODE 49

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEG	ORY OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENTUSE		
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	XOCCUPIED	AGRICULTUREMUSEUM		
X_BUILDING	G(S) <u>X</u> PRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIALPARK		
STRUCTU	REBOTH	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONALPRIVATE RESIDENCE		
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION		ENTERTAINMENTRELIGIOUS		
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENTSCIENTIFIC		
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIALTRANSPORTATION		
		NO	MILITARYOTHER:		

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME				;
	Capito1	Investment Corporation		
STREET & NUI	MBER			
	207 West	Capitol Street		
CITY, TOWN			STATE	
	Jackson	VICINITY OF	Mississippi 39201	
LOCAT	TION OF I	EGAL DESCRIPTION		
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CITY, TOWN		Jackson	state Mississippi 39201	
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CITY, TOWN			STATE	
	Box 571	Jackson	Mississippi 39205	

7' DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
EXCELLENT	DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
Ϫ_GOOD FAIR	RUINS UNEXPOSED	ALTERED	MOVED DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Greystone Hotel is an imposing two-story three-by-three-bay Colonial Revival-style structure facing east overlooking Greenwood Cemetery. The building is clapboarded, hip roofed, and distinguished by its two-tiered gallery supported on monumental fluted Ionic columns with Scamozzi capitals. A two-tiered rear gallery has been enclosed. Projecting from the south elevation is a two-story polygonal bay which terminates in a pedimented gable. An off-center entrance incorporates side lights and transom, which contain diamond-shaped panes. The diamond motif is also present in the upper sash of the first-floor windows which flank the entrance, and in the small window on the north elevation which contains colored glass and lights the stairwell. A door centrally placed on the second floor of the front elevation opens onto a cantilevered balustraded balcony.

The interior is largely intact and contains three rooms grouped around the hall on the first floor and four rooms on the second floor. In addition to the Colonial Revival-style staircase with squared newel posts, the mantelpieces are notable original features. Those on the first floor contain curved posts and mirrored overmantels. Mantels on the second floor are simpler, with squared posts and no overmantel.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION		
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE		
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER		
1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION		
X_1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X_OTHER(SPECIFY) Black History		
SPECIFIC DATES 1912 BUILDER/ARCHITECT George Thomas						

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Important to the study of black history in Jackson, the present Greystone Hotel is probably the only Colonial Revival-style building constructed by George Thomas, a selftaught black contractor well known for his Bungalow-style residences in the community. The size of the two-story building and its formalism set it apart from its neighbors, small vernacular cottages or dwellings designed in the Bungalow style.

Constructed in 1912 as a residence for Alex Williams, a black grocer who owned property which ran 400 feet west (along present Lamar Lane) and whose store was located immediately north of the present structure, the dwelling apparently fulfilled a life-long dream. George Thomas, contractor for the project, aged 96, still lives in the neighborhood, one block north on Cohea Street. The Ionic columns are said to have been built to Alex William's specifications, and the interior planned with Thomas's assistance by members of the Williams family. Apparently Williams did not live to enjoy his new residence for long, since only his wife is listed at the address in the 1916 Jackson city directory. By 1922 the directory listed Harry and Betty Marino. Harry Marino, a cotton sampler with the W.J. Davis Company, and Betty Marino, a teacher at Smith Robertson School, lived at the address until 1945, when they purchased the next house north. The building was first listed as a hotel in 1950. Also at that time the street name was changed from Grayson to Lamar (perhaps the name Greystone is a corruption of Grayson), and shotgun cottages were constructed on the rear lot, forming Lamar Lane.

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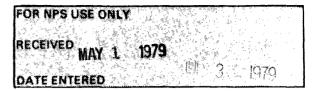
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Thomas, George. Interviewed by Adele Cramer, architectural historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, at Jackson, Aug., 1978.

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10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA (Verbal Boundary Description)

309' north of Monument St., the property line moves west for 165', north for 83', east for 165', and south for 83', back to the beginning point.