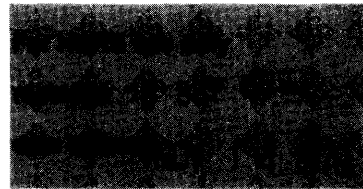


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 McAdory Building

and/or common Billard Plaza for Guys and Dolls

2. Location

street & number 2013 First Avenue, North ___ not for publication

city, town Birmingham ___ vicinity of congressional district 6

state Alabama code 01 county Jefferson code 073

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input 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 MetroBank

street & number P.O. Box 37

city, town Birmingham ___ vicinity of state Alabama

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Courthouse

street & number 210 21st Street, North

city, town Birmingham state Alabama

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970-present federal state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This three and a half story Renaissance Revival style structure is of red brick and terra cotta. The second story is dominated by alternating triangular and segmental pediments over narrow paired windows. At the third story, round-headed windows are unified by egg-and-dart moldings with foliated keystones and by a continuous horizontal sill. At the attic story, small rectangular windows alternate with decorative molded terra cotta panels. The cornice is supported by consoles with acanthus leaves and is surmounted by a blind balustraded parapet with the name, McAdory Building, in the central panel.

Exterior remodeling, which probably dates from the late 1930's when similar work was done on nearby buildings, is limited to the ground floor. Although not related to the Victorian structure, its use of glass brick, polished facing material and curved entrance are typical of the period. The interior space has been moderately altered, but it retains the original cast-iron support columns and part of a metal ceiling.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1888 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The McAdory Building is architecturally significant for the quality of its Victorian Renaissance Revival design in a city not yet 20 years old. The rich and varied composition of the facade and the many classical references, seen in the treatment of the second, third and attic stories and the foliated consoles and anthemion ornament at the cornice lie, indicate the design and craft skills attracted to Birmingham during its first boom (1886-1887). This is one of the finest remaining examples of the city's first period of building sophistication, and its importance is enhanced by being adjacent to a building of similar significance - the Caldwell-Milner Building (1887), which was recently rehabilitated and is being nominated concurrently.

The building is named for C. L. McAdory, a prominent local attorney and businessman who constructed it during the first period of Birmingham's commercial expansion. Located in the heart of the early commercial district, the McAdory Building has housed a variety of mercantile enterprises, including businesses selling boots, shoes, hardware and office supplies.

9. Major Bibliographical References

see continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
 Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Acree of nominated property less than 1 acre
 Quadrangle name Birmingham North
 UMT References

A	<u>16</u>	<u>518100</u>	<u>3708160</u>	B					
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing		
C				D					
E				F					
G				H					

Verbal boundary description and justification
city lot - Block 44, Lot 7, 30' X 182.5'

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/title Ellen Mertins/Alice M. Bowsher and Marjorie L. White (Birmingham Historical Soc.)
 organization Alabama Historical Commission date _____
 street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone (205) 832-6621
 city or town Montgomery state Alabama 36130

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 Wils B. Howard Jr.

title SHPO Alabama date August 27, 1979

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 Keeper of the National Register Carol D. Skell date 11-14-79
 Attest: Carol A. Dunbar date 11/7/79
 Chief of Registration

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