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(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: | Alabama |
| COUNTY: | Calhoun |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY DATE | MAY 8 1973 |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Women's Civic Club of Anniston

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Anniston Inn Kitchen *has this name*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
130 West Fifteenth Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Anniston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Congressional District No. 3

STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Calhoun CODE: 015

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <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 | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" 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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Anniston; Leased to Women's Civic Club for 99 years

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall, 1128 Gurnee Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Anniston

STATE:
Alabama

CODE:
01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Eleventh and Gurnee Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Anniston

STATE:
Alabama

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Comprehensive Plan for Anniston, Alabama

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

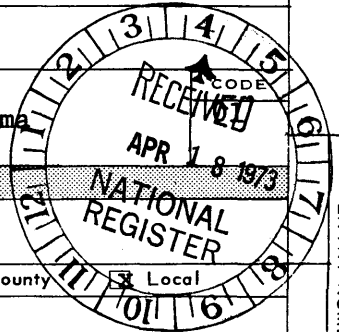
STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 2186

CITY OR TOWN:
Anniston

STATE:
Alabama

CODE:
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COUNTY: _____

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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| (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) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered |
| (Check One) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

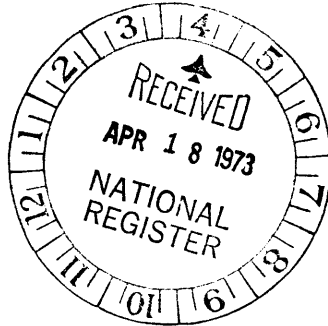
The present exterior appearance of the kitchen and main dining hall of the Old Anniston Inn is unaltered from its original appearance with the exception of the addition of a small wing on the South side which houses a restroom.

The building is approximately 45' x 85' in size and features a portion of the Old Inn's veranda across the south side.

The east end of the structure is a full two stories with a full basement, open to ground level, below. A half story attic extends the entire length of the building, and this attic is divided into sleeping rooms with domer windows characteristic of the main Inn building.

The west end features a large main dining hall with exposed composite beams and wood purlins on the ceiling. This dining hall is the main feature of the existing structure, having a 17-foot high ceiling. The room extends across the entire west end, and has the previously mentioned attic above, and full basement below. A large exterior brick chimney punctuates the west end elevation of the building.

The entire foundation structure is of brick and stone masonry construction and is considered to be structurally sound. The interior finished have undergone minor alterations, but the floor plan remains unchanged.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

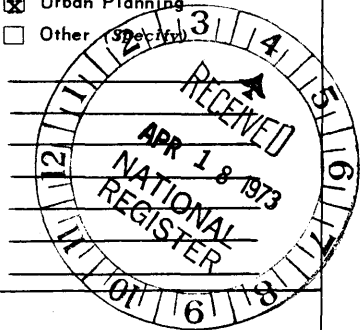
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The kitchen and main dining hall are the only physical remains of the Old Anniston Inn, a structure significant in terms of its outstanding architectural design, its local historic significance, and as an element in the original city plan.

In 1872 the Woodstock Iron Company was formed by General Daniel Tyler, Alfred L. Tyler, James Noble, Sr., John W. Samuel, and William Noble. As a result of this company, a little community was formed and was incorporated under the laws of the Probate Court of Calhoun County in 1873. The town was controlled by an absolute proprietorship which lasted until 1879, at which time the town was officially incorporated.

From 1879 to 1883 the proprietors laid the foundation of the "Model City". They increased the industries of the city by adding a large cotton mill and railroad car wheel works. During the same period they improved the town by building an electric light plant, a water system, parks, churches, and homes for their employees.

In July of 1883, the proprietors opened the town to other industries. The opening was followed by Anniston's first boom which lasted until the latter part of 1885.

For a number of years Samuel Noble had wanted to build a fine hotel and the boom emphasized the need of such a building. Construction of the Inn began in the fall of 1885, and it was opened to the public in April, 1885. Local sources credit both Stanford White and Philadelphia architect, George T. Pearson with the design of the \$260,000 building.

The main portion of the Inn was destroyed by fire in January, 1922, but the kitchen was saved from destruction by a wall which separated it from the rest of the hotel. Later in 1922 the Axis Club, now the Woman's Civic Club, took over the building and has leased it from the city continuously since then.

The Kitchen's location is a substantially open-spaced park, featuring a prominent grass covered hillside, has made it a prime target for real estate developers and demolition is a present threat.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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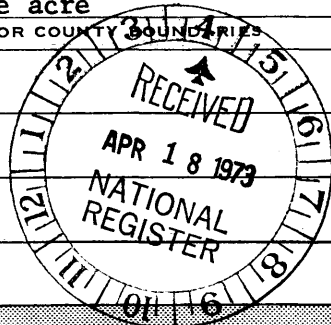
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | | | |
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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 |
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission** DATE: **3-30-73**

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Montgomery** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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| <p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Milo B. Howard Jr.</u></p> <p>Title <u>SLO for Historic Preservation</u></p> <p>Date <u>April 10, 1973</u></p> | <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>5/8/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>W.D. Mumby</u> Keeper of the National Register</p> <p>Date <u>4 26 73</u></p> |
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