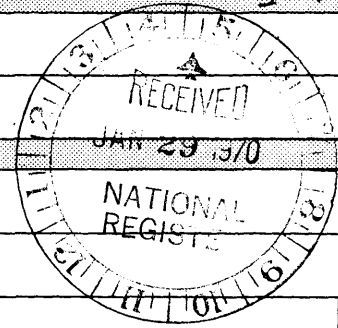


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Mobile	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.2.05.000	DATE 2/26/70



1. NAME

COMMON: mobile
~~Old~~ City Hospital

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Mobile General Hospital

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
900-950 St. Anthony St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Mobile

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: Mobile	CODE 097
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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"/> Public <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Mobile Community Action Com. & Mobile Job Corps

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Mobile

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall, Royal Street

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

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Mobile County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Royal Street

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

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1935 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

The Cornerstone of the original building was laid in 1830 and dedicated in 1831 after completion of the building. The original building was 183'8" X 65'10". The exterior was whitewashed brick. Green trim; slate roof; stone sills. Central porch was 12'3" deep; Tuscon portico, south elevation. East and west wings were added in 1907-1908. This added 28'8" plus depth of portico, making total length of building 222'. Wings were 60'8" deep. Some additions made to the back in 1912, 1917 and 1926 have now been removed.

STYLE: Early Greek Revival with late Federal influence.

PLAN: Elongated rectangle with central protrusions, front and rear. Wards open to galleries.

MATERIALS AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION: Brick and plaster. Bearing wall system with brick arch substructure. Brick columns.

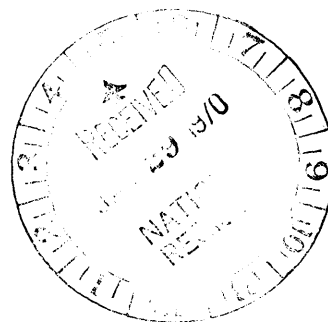
EXTERIOR APPEARANCE: Three stories (two floors and a basement) with giant Doric order extending over all three. Central portico with an oval vent in gable. Open galleries both floors. Cornice approximately 1/5 of building height. Low pitched roof.

SCALE AND PROPORTION: Massive and somewhat awkward without full benefit of late Greek Revival refinements.

INTERIOR APPEARANCE: Generally plain with wooden floors, windows, doors and mouldings. Plain entrances with rectangular or semicircular heads. Second story, south-center entry has unique "eagle and arrow fanlight". Wooden stairs and balusters.

PRESENTLY: End bays added in 1907 and 1908 created a seemingly lower silhouette. Otherwise, front elevation unchanged.

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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) 1830

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure served as a hospital for the City of Mobile from the time it opened in 1831 until July, 1966 when a new city hospital received its first patients. Dr. Willis Roberts was the first superintendent of City Hospital.

The hospital cared for the hundreds of Mobilians stricken with yellow fever in epidemics from 1839 to 1897. The 1853, 1873, 1878 and 1897 epidemics were among the most severe. In 1873, more than 40 per cent of those treated for yellow fever at City Hospital died. The 1878 epidemic struck 297 people and killed 83 Mobilians. Father Abram J. Ryan, poet-priest of the Confederacy and then a resident of Mobile, helped raise funds for those stricken. In 1897, yellow fever's last visit to Mobile, at least 35 people were killed among the almost 300 Mobilians who contracted the disease.

City Hospital was a center for the care of wounded Confederate soldiers in the closing months of the War Between the States and particularly during the Battle of Mobile Bay in August, 1864. Again in 1865, the medical facility was taxed by "The Great Magazine Explosion" which snuffed out the lives of hundreds of Mobilians and destroyed several square blocks of commercial and residential buildings.

The Daughters of Charity began nursing in the hospital in 1853. They took over the administration of the hospital in 1861 and continued in this capacity until April 15, 1959. These sisters, ending an era at their own request, served the hospital for more than one hundred years.

The Mobile Community Action Committee and other commercial organizations now use the building for offices.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA Property occupies entire length of block

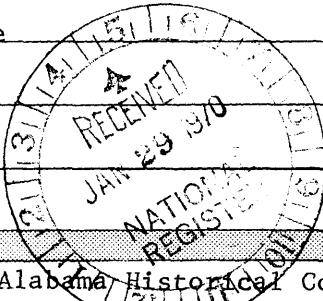
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.187 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
All in Mobile, Alabama	01	Mobile	097
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director, Alabama Historical Comm.
Margaret Rose Ingate, Mobile; Michael Fazzio, Architect, City Planning Comm.
 ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: December, 1969
 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. Howard, Jr.
 Title: Comm. Ala. Historical Commission 5LD
 Date: January 25, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Arnet Allen Crossley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: FEB 26 1970
 ATTEST:
William J. Muntz
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: FEB 17 1970

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9. _____ . Files, Old City Hospital, located in New City Hospital, Mobile.

