

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

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Alabama Penny Savings Bank

and/or common Pythian Temple

**2. Location**

street & number 310<sup>N.</sup> 18th Street, North \_\_\_ not for publication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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias

street & number 310 18th Street, North

city, town Birmingham \_\_\_ vicinity of state Alabama

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Birmingham state Alabama

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1978-present  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama 36130

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Alabama Penny Savings Bank (1913) is a six-story Commercial style building faced with buff-colored brick. It has a strong vertical appearance, emphasized by its proportions and the unbroken rise of four vertical piers. The outside piers and fenestration are framed by striped borders of buff-colored and darker brick. The wider outside piers give the building a more solid appearance. The first floor serves as a base with Doric pilasters that support a simple entablature. The second floor is faced with unrelieved brick work and is pierced with paired windows on either side of a central group of three. A molded stringcourse divides the second floor from the upper floors. Above the second floor the piers are treated as pilasters that rise to a simple capital at the attic story. The spandrels between the windows on the upper floors are recessed, and at each floor they increase slightly in height. The attic story has a system of screened openings aligned with the windows below. The building is crowned by a projecting cornice and relieved finials above the corner piers.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

see continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Birmingham North

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 

1	6	5	1	7	6	3	0	3	7	0	8	2	1	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

B1 (71)P (12), 40x100

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 Bowsher (Birmingham Historical Society)

organization Alabama Historical Commission date February 1, 1980

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 P. Neward Jr.

title SAPO Alabama date February 5, 1980

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

W. Ray Luce date 3/10/80  
for Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Carl A. Dubri date 3/6/80  
Chief of Registration

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