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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA
COUNTY: SHELBY
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE OCT 29 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Columbiana City Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Shelby County Courthouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
~~South end of Main Street~~

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbiana

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
7

STATE:
Alabama

CODE:
01

COUNTY:
Shelby

CODE:
117

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"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Columbiana

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbiana

STATE:
Alabama

CODE:
01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbiana

STATE:
Alabama

CODE:
01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal
 State
 Local

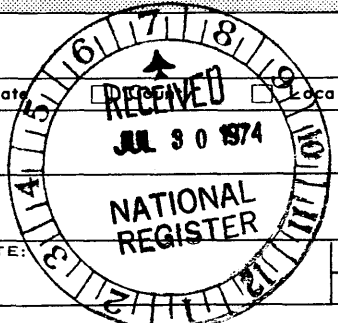
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

At present the Columbiana City Hall is a two story brick structure in the shape of a cross and is located at the end of Columbiana's Main Street. The central section of the structure, like the rear wing, has a hipped metal roof covered with tiles, while the front section features a gable end roof. There are five interior chimneys.

Originally the structure was of clapboard and consisted of the central section. In 1881 the structure was expanded to its present size and the entire structure was covered with brick.

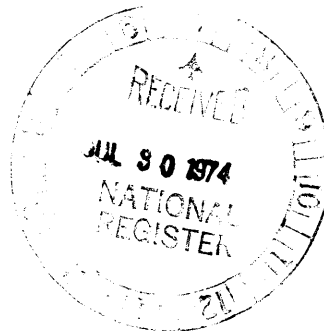
The facade is divided into two sections by a horizontal brick course and is framed by pilasters. The lower of the two sections contain the central entrance with eight foot double doors flanked by sidelights and topped by a semented tramson. Located above the entrance in the upper section is a pair of windows, surmounted by a fan light now painted white. A brick course which arches slightly above the fanlight separates this area from the pediment.

A dentil course encircles the entire building.

Windows throughout the building are double hung with 9 lites per sash and are slightly recessed in plain wooden frames.

The rear wing features a side entrance and windows similar to those on the rest of the building. There are two other entrances, one on either side of the main section of the building. The entrance on the right has a small porch with a shingle roof supported by two square columns of wood, while the entrance on the left has only a door with steps leading to it.

Once inside the front entrance the original front door and front steps can be seen. These two steps and the double doors lead to the main portion of the building's first floor. Wooden steps lead to the second floor.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input 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 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 Columbiana City Hall, formerly the Shelby County Courthouse, is one of the few surviving historic structures in the city of Columbiana and is one of the states oldest standing courthouses.

Shelby County was established by an act of the first session of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Alabama Territory on February 7, 1818. The first courthouse, a log structure, was located at Shelbyville.

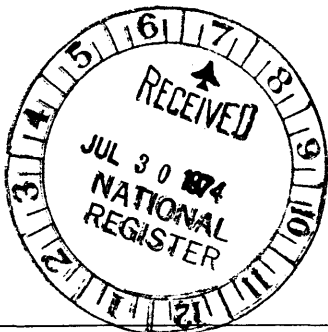
In 1825, when it was decided that the county seat would be moved to a different location, Columbiana and Montevallo were the major contenders. Although Montevallo was the larger town, Columbiana was nearer the center of the county and in 1826 when elections were held, Columbiana was selected by a small majority.

The first courthouse was a wooden building standing on the site of the present courthouse. This structure was used as the courthouse until 1854 when it was determined to be antiquated. In that year Judge John M. McClanahan made an order for the building of a new courthouse. The contractors were McCan and Williamson and the cost was \$2,500.

In 1881 the courthouse was expanded and alterations, which included bricking over the wooden structure, were made. This building remained in use until 1908 when the present courthouse was completed.

The building was subsequently used as a hotel, boarding house and apartment house until 1955 when it was purchased by the town of Columbiana for \$5,000 for use as the City Hall. At present the structure is threatened with demolition by city officials who require more space.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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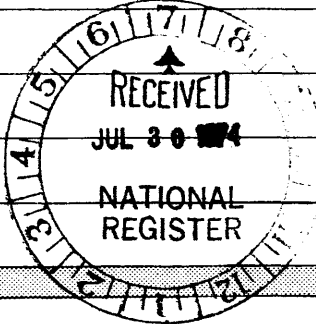
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		33° 10' 32"	86° 36' 22"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1/2 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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: July 19, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
725 Monroe Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Miss P. Howard, Jr.

Title SHPO Ala.

Date July 25, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

W. A. Maxey
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/29/74

ATTEST:
Wm. H. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 10.22.74

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