



Historic Sites Survey

Inventory No. 13

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The old Biloxi Public Library is a one-and-a-half-story on full basement, gable-front, stucco building with decorated, capped curvilinear parapets on the east and west elevations. Reached by a grand stairway with twin flights, the entrance is lavishly embellished with a round arch transom, twisted columns, embellished spandrels, and a full entablature surmounted by a robust cartouche and finials. Window surrounds on the north and south elevations and on the facade are flanked by scroll consoles at their bases. Windows are double-hung and in an eight-over-eight glazing configuration with four-light transoms. A highly decorative frieze panel is positioned over the side door.

ALTERATIONS: Original tile roof replaced after sustaining serious damage from Hurricane Camille in 1969.

OUTBUILDINGS: None

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None

NAME: Gulf Coast Center for the Arts
 STREET NO: 138 Lameuse Street
 TOWN/VIC: Biloxi
 COUNTY: Harrison
 BLOCK/LOT: N/A
 PRESENT OWNER: City of Biloxi
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 429, Biloxi 39530
 PRESENT USE: Arts Center
 FORMER USE: Biloxi Public Library

DATE: 1924-25

STYLE: Spanish Colonial Revival

ARCH/BUILDER: Carl E. Matthes, Architect:
 Manuel and Wetzel, Contractors
 SOURCE OF DATE: The Buildings of Biloxi

ENVIRONMENT: Commercial

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
 NEIGHBORHOOD
 LOCAL X
 STATE
 NATIONAL

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The old Biloxi Public Library is the finest example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style in Biloxi.

PHOTOS

NEG. #

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

N/A

THREATS:

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated property, contains less than one acre. Identified on the enclosed map entitled "Individually Listed Properties," it includes the area within the red line as delineated on the Official Property Map of Biloxi, Mississippi, adopted by the city in 1976.

ACREAGE: Less than 1 acre

UTM REF:

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	ZONE EASTING		NORTHING
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FORM PREPARED BY:

DATE