

HB NO 47M

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Mississippi	
COUNTY:	Hinds	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
69-11-23-0004	11/25/69	

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Capitol Green

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
100 North State Street - boundaries as shown on annexed map.

CITY OR TOWN:
Jackson

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Mississippi	23	Hinds	049

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Public ownership

STREET AND NUMBER:
State of Mississippi

CITY OR TOWN:
Jackson

STATE:	CODE
Mississippi	23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Raymond

STATE	CODE
Mississippi	23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

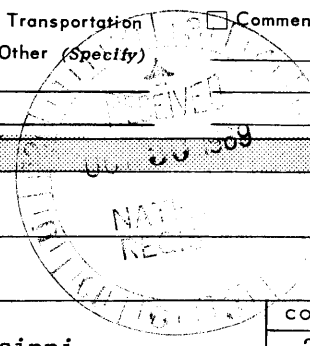
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

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STATE: Mississippi

COUNTY: Hinds

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Capitol Green is presently bounded on the north by Amite Street, on the south by Pearl Street, on the west by State Street, and on the east by the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad. The Old Capitol Restoration, housing the State Historical Museum, is located on the front-center of the green. To the northeast of the Old Capitol is the War Memorial Building. The Confederate monument, erected 1888-1891 to honor Mississippi's Confederate soldiers, stands south of the Old Capitol. Ground will soon be broken for a new Archives Building which will be located on the south end of the green behind the Confederate monument. A small monument to Mississippi's Spanish-American soldiers is situated in front of the north end of the Old Capitol.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

6. 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) 1822-

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" 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

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The Capitol Green was designed in 1822 by Peter A. Vandorn, father of Confederate General Earl Van Dorn, as part of his original drawing for the city plan of Jackson. It was one of three areas designated for public buildings, and is presently the only green in Jackson which has continued to be used for its original purpose. Vandorn's original drawing is on exhibit in the State Historical Museum, Old Capitol Restoration.

The second State House constructed in Jackson was built on the Capitol Green in 1833-40, and the building served as the Capitol for the State of Mississippi from 1839 until 1903. Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay, and Jefferson Davis were visitors to this site.

In July, 1863, during the siege of Jackson by Federal troops under General William T. Sherman, many of the women and children of the city assembled at the base of the knoll on which the Capitol Building stood for protection.

The Confederate monument, located on the Capitol Green south of the Old Capitol, was dedicated in 1891. Most of the surviving Confederate veterans from Mississippi gathered on the grounds for the ceremonies.

The War Memorial Building, to the north of the Old Capitol, was dedicated in 1940 as a monument to the soldiers of Mississippi who have served in their nation's wars.

With the forthcoming addition of a new archives building on the south end of the green, the original concept of the Capitol Green as the historical and cultural center of Mississippi will have been revived.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McCain, William D., The Story of Jackson. (Jackson: J.F. Hyer Publishing Company, 1953), I, 13, 34.

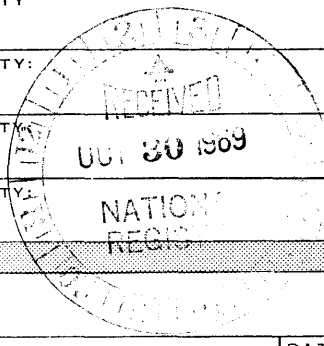
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	W 90	10	47
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5.1

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: Elbert Hilliard, Curator of History

ORGANIZATION: Mississippi Department of Archives and History DATE: October 13, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 North State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson STATE: Mississippi CODE: 23

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: R. G. McFerson

Title: Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History

Date: October 14, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Casanally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: NOV 25 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Huntington
Keeper of The National Register

Date: NOV 7 1969

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