NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME

COMMON: CITY HALL
AND/OR HISTORIC: City Hall or Old City Market - Old Southern Market

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 111 South Royal Street
CITY OR TOWN: Mobile

3. CLASSIFICATION

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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: City of Mobile
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall, South Royal St.
CITY OR TOWN: Mobile
STATE: Alabama
CODE: 36601

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Mobile County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER: South Royal Street
CITY OR TOWN: Mobile
STATE: Alabama
CODE: 36601

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Building Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 1935
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
STREET AND NUMBER: City or Town: Washington, D.C.
STYLE: Greek Revival

PLAN: Basically "L" shaped with three main buildings connected by overhead walls affording entry into a court.

MATERIALS AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION:

EXTERIOR APPEARANCE:
West (front) elevation virtually symmetrical. Doric pilasters and deep cut gables. Twin gabled structure in the center connected to smaller outer buildings by crenelated wing walls. South elevation symmetrical and broken by numerous windows and doors. Courtyard elevations similar but lack unity.

SCALE AND PROPORTIONS:
Scale is somewhat clumsy and the mass is disturbed by extensive articulation; especially deep overhangs in the gables.

INTERIOR APPEARANCE:
Wood floors and details with high ceilings. Plain wooden stairs. Plaster walls.

IRONWORK:
Extensive and exceptionally fine wrought iron work in gates, semi-circular windows, and miscellaneous fittings.

PRESENT
Front, or west elevation virtually unchanged.
North wing reconstructed c 1965
Structure to the east an earlier addition.
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<td>In the early 1800's there was a open municipal market in the general area of the present City Hall. Between 1823 and 1842 it was located on this same site. Farmers and gamesellers displayed their wares, and live fish were sold from cypress tanks.</td>
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<td>In 1842 the Alabama Supreme Court ordered the open markets removed. It was not until ten years later, 1852, that the order was obeyed and then only after a complaint was filed in chancery court. Bonds were issued to finance the new building.</td>
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<td>The building was completed in 1858 during the term of Mayor Jones M. Withers.</td>
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<td>It continued to serve as a market place and was also used as a militia armory during the civil war. Reserve troops drilled in the court yard.</td>
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<td>After the Civil War several municipal offices moved into the upper floors of the building. Part of the structure continued to serve as an armory, and shop owners began to move into the lower parts of the building. A few shops were still vending their miscellaneous wares from the structure in 1940.</td>
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<td>Gradually the entire building was occupied by municipal offices. Today it is the center of municipal government, housing the offices of the three city commissioners and the majority of the departments of city government.</td>
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Deed Books, Mobile County Courthouse, Mobile. Records and Minutes at City Hall. City of Mobile.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 miles

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BORDERS.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director
Alabama Historical Commission
305 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery, Alabama
Date: April 27, 1973

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: This B. Howard, Jr.
Title: SHPO
Date: May 10, 1973

CHIEF, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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

Date: ____________________________

Keeper of The National Register

DATE: ____________________________
REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

CITY HALL

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY

1934; 1935

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