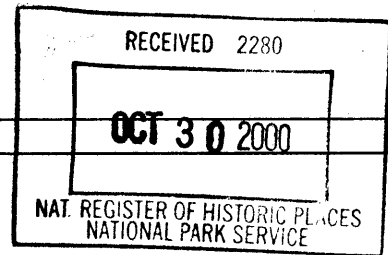


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Hinds County Armory
other names/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 1012 Mississippi Street not for publication
city or town: Jackson vicinity
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Hinds code: 049 zip code: 39201

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul SEPT. 29, 2000
Signature of certifying official Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register,
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the
National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the
National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain): _____

Edson H Beall 12/1/00
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:

Public-State

Number of Resources within Property:

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property:

Building

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

buildings
sites
structures
objects
Total

1

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

DEFENSE/Military Facility

Current Functions:

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification(s):

Gothic Revival

Materials:

foundation: brick
roof: asphalt shingles
walls: brick
other: stone

Narrative Description:

See Continuation Sheets

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Hinds County Armory
Hinds County, Mississippi

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Hinds County Armory, located at 1012 Mississippi Street on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, in Jackson, has statewide significance under Criterion C as an excellent and rare example of Gothic Revival architecture of the 1920's, and under Criterion A for its historic association with the mobilization of United States armed forces during World War II.

The Armory is a large, brick structure resting on a brick foundation with a steel-framed arched roof over the drill hall. The Armory is two stories in height with a centrally located, hipped-roof tower on the south façade. A limestone water table surrounds the entire building.

The building was designed in the Gothic Revival style by Frank P. Gates, and evokes the sense of a medieval castle. To that end, there are pyramidal pinnacles with metal finials atop every corner of the building, as well as at the corners of the tower and over the secondary entrance. There is a metal finial perched atop the pyramidal roof of the main tower. There is intermittent coping recalling a crenellated parapet.

The windows on the Armory are steel-framed awnings. The water table acts as the sill on the first story, while the second story has brick sills. On the east and west elevation, there are brick pilasters between every window.

The entrance is located on the south façade in the base of tower. The entry is located within a Gothic arch, and has been infilled with brick and two smaller modern doors. Directly above the doors are tripartite Gothic arch windows. There is a secondary entrance on the east elevation, which retains its original double-leaf wooden doors.

The interior of the building, while utilitarian in design, possesses a great deal of integrity to its original use as an armory. The drill hall is centrally located in the building. It is two stories in height with bleachers lining the east, south and west sides. The stage is located on the north end of the drill hall with a very simple surround. It is flanked on either side by Gothic doorways. There is a partial second floor across the rear of the building, behind the stage. The rest of the building is used for storage and classroom space.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

Architecture
Military

Period of Significance

1927-1945

Significant Dates

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation(s)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Frank P. Gates

Narrative Statement of Significance:

See continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

MS Dept. of Archives and History

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Hinds County Armory
Hinds County, Mississippi

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hinds County Armory, located at 1012 Mississippi Street in Jackson, has statewide significance under Criterion C as an excellent and rare example of Gothic Revival architecture of the 1920s.

The armory was built in 1927 by Hinds County, who made it available for use by the Mississippi National Guard. The National Guard used the building for 50 years, until it was closed in 1979. The architect for the armory was Frank P. Gates, who practiced in Jackson in the late 1920s and early 1930s. He was also responsible for the design of the Tunica County Courthouse, built in 1922, and the Masonic Building in Tutwiler, Tallahatchie County, built in 1926.

The armory appears to have been one of only a few buildings in the state to be built as armories in the early part of the 20th century, and it is the oldest 20th century armory known to survive. It is one of the relatively few buildings that still survive in the state that are related to military training and preparedness between World War I and World War II, and of those, it is evidently one of the oldest (since other surviving examples – such as the armories in Meadville and Aberdeen, and building 1071 at Camp Shelby – were built in the late 1930s). Perhaps the greatest historical importance of all these buildings is that they represent Mississippi's contribution to the mobilization for World War II.

Some of the National Guard units using the Hinds County Armory in 1940, on the eve of mobilization for World War II were: Headquarters, 106th Engineer Regiment; Company A, 106th Engineers; Company B, 155th Infantry; Company C, 155th Infantry; Medical Detachment, 106th Engineers; and Medical Detachment, 155th Infantry. The 106th Engineer Regiment was inducted into federal service on November 25, 1940, for service in World War II. The 155th Infantry Regiment entered federal service about the same time.¹

¹ "National Guard Armories and Armed Forces Reserve Centers," Topical index. Richard Cawthon, Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Jackson, Mississippi.

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Architecturally, the building is a rare secular example of Gothic Revival architecture of the 1920s. During this period, the Gothic Style was quite popular for churches, and was occasionally used for schools –although Tudor and Jacobean architecture was more fashionable for that purpose – but its use for other types of buildings was quite unusual. In this case, the intent appears to have been to evoke a romantic martial atmosphere suggestive of a medieval castle, or perhaps a sense of the great military institutions such as West Point and Virginia Military Institute.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	15	766100	3577240	C		
B				D		

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title:	Deborah Wise Oakley, Architectural Historian & Richard Cawthon, Chief Architectural Historian	date: June 28, 2000
organization:	Mississippi Department of Archives and History	telephone: (601) 359-6940
street & number:	P.O. Box 571	zip code: 39205
city or town:	Jackson	state: MS

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

 A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

 A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

 Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner(s)

name:	Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce	telephone: 39201
street & number:	P.O. Box 1609	zip code: (601) 359-1100
city or town:	Jackson	state: MS

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Hinds County, Mississippi

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 5 & 6, Square 17, East Jackson, as shown on H.C. Daniel's 1875 map of the City of Jackson, Hinds County.

Boundary Justification

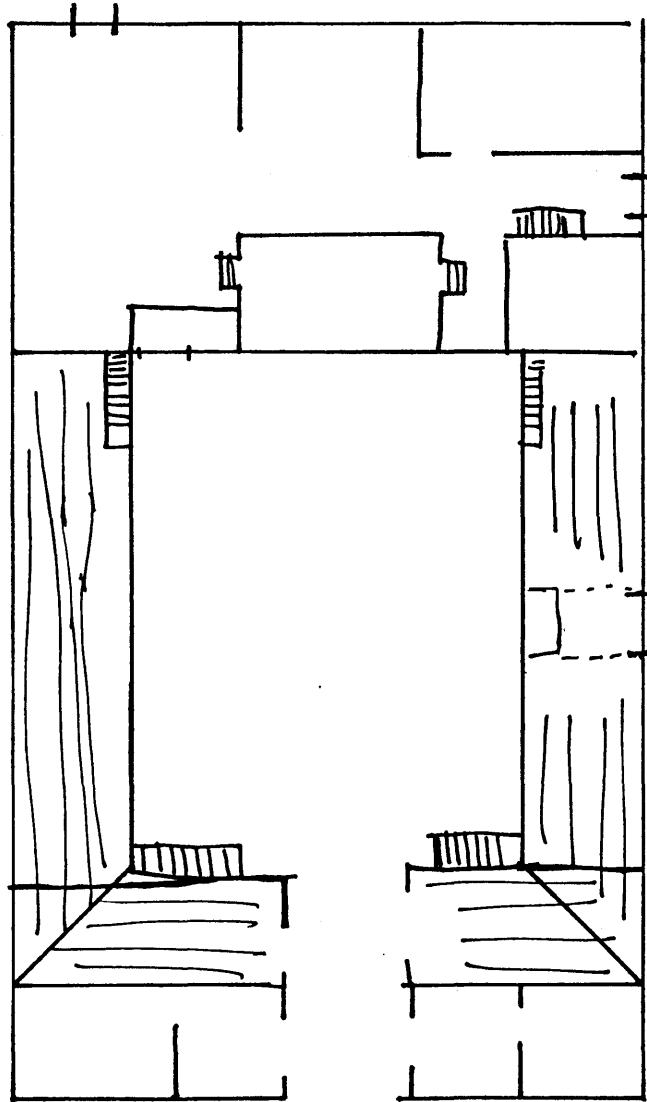
The boundaries include only the area immediately surrounding the Armory. There have been many additions to the surrounding State Fairgrounds that are not historically associated with the Armory.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The following information is the same for all photographs

- 1.) Hinds County Armory
- 2.) Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
- 3.) Tomas Blackwell
- 4.) August 1998
- 5.) Mississippi Department of Archives and History

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Photo 2 of 6	View of S façade, facing N
Photo 3 of 6	View of entrance on S façade, facing NW
Photo 4 of 6	View of entrance on east elevation, facing W
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Photo 6 of 6	View of interior



(old) Hinds County Armory
Jackson, Hinds County, MS
Floor Plan



Hinds County Armory

Hinds County, MS

View of S facade & E elevation, facing NW

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Hinds County Armory

Hinds County, MS

View of S facade, facing N

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Hinds County Armory

Hinds County, MS

view of entrance on S facade, facing NW

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Hinds County, MS

view of entrance on E elevation

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view of interior door
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Hinds County Armory

Hinds County, MS

view of interior, stage

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