

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Historic Resources of Biloxi
Harrison County, Mississippi

Amendment for Purposes of Delisting Properties From The National Register of Historic Places

In 1984, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History filed a nomination of numerous properties located in the Biloxi Multiple Resource Area, Harrison County, Mississippi. Since the date of listing, the following properties have lost the qualities which originally caused it to be listed. Each property was destroyed on or about August 29, 2005 by Hurricane Katrina and should be delisted from the National Register of Historic Places. Biloxi's Tivoli Hotel was severely damaged by the hurricane and demolished in May 2006.

<u>Resource</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date Listed</u>
1. Bailey House (Holy Angels Nursery)	1333 East Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS	18 May 1984
2. Biloxi's Tivoli Hotel (Trade Winds)	863 East Beach Drive Biloxi, MS	18 May 1984
3. Church of the Redeemer	Bellman Street Biloxi, MS	18 May 1984
4. Hermann House	523 East Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS	18 May 1984

Section 11:

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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Historic Sites Survey

Inventory No. 16



State of Mississippi
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The Church of the Redeemer is a T-shaped Carpenter Gothic building with steeply pitched gable roofs. The primary facade (east elevation) features prominent corner buttresses, bargeboard trim, and a compound lancet-arch entrance portal which is surmounted by a cluster of three slender, lancet, stained glass windows. A simple, square, mansard-roof tower, also with corner buttresses and lancet-arched ventilators projects from the northeast corner. On the grounds to the south of the church building is a shingle style pyramidal-roofed bell tower with stone-quoined brick lower floor and an arcaded frame belfry above, which is all that remains from the 1891 "New Church of the Redeemer." Designed by Thomas Sully, senior partner of Sully and Toledano Architects of New Orleans, the structure was destroyed in 1969 by Hurricane Camille.

ALTERATIONS: Original interior removed when the church was deconsecrated after the construction of the 1891 church. After the later church was demolished by Hurricane Camille in 1969, chancel furnishings and other key interior details were fashioned from wood salvaged from the wreckage. (continued)

OUTBUILDINGS:

Small brick pavilion on south lawn upon which sits the tower salvaged from the 1891 church.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Beautiful old oaks dot the property which faces the Gulf.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Built between 1873 and 1874, the Church of the Redeemer is one of the best examples of ecclesiastical Gothic Revival architecture in Mississippi. It was the place of worship for former Confederate President Jefferson Davis, who spent his last days in Biloxi. Replaced in 1892 by a larger Shingle style edifice located on property immediately to the south of the 1870s structure, the older building again became the main sanctuary for the congregation after Hurricane Camille destroyed the 1890s building in 1969.

NAME: Church of the Redeemer

STREET NO: Bellman Street

TOWN/VIC: Biloxi

COUNTY: Harrison

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi
ADDRESS: P. O. Box 1636, Jackson 39205

PRESENT USE: Church

FORMER USE: Church, Parish Hall, Church School

DATE: 1873-74

STYLE: Gothic Revival

ARCH/BUILDER: Unknown

SOURCE OF DATE: The Buildings of Biloxi

ENVIRONMENT: Residential

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL

STATE X

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

N/A

THREATS:

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated property, contains approximately one-and-one-half acres. 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: Approx. 2 acres

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Ken P'Pool

April 20, 1983

CONTINUATION:

ALTERATIONS:

The southern wing of the church, which presently houses the parish hall, was added in the early twentieth century. Abutting this addition on the south is a single-story vestibule with corner buttresses and lancet-arch openings. The apex of the vestibule's gable roof is crowned by a Celtic cross. On the main building block paired lancet stained-glass windows flank the vestibule while a cluster of three lancets (similar to that of the east elevation) are centered above it. Both additions are highly compatible with the architecture of the earlier part of the building.



Church of the Redeemer, view to north
Bellman Street
Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi
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Pam Guren
April, 1981



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