

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Hewes Building

and/or common Same as above

**2. Location**street & number 2505 <sup>14th</sup> Fourteenth Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Gulfport

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi

code 28

county Harrison

code 47

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Templeton Fowlkes

street &amp; number 2505 Fourteenth Street

city, town Gulfport

N/A vicinity of

state Mississippi

**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk  
Harrison County Courthouse

street &amp; number 1410 24th Avenue

city, town Gulfport

state Mississippi

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved date N/A

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hewes Building, constructed 1903-04, is a four-by-seven-bay, five-story brick commercial structure. Its facade is designed in the Second Renaissance Revival Style employing moulded stone lintels with pronounced keys and end voussoirs, a heavy dentiled and modillioned cornice, and moulded stone copings and rusticated quoins.

The original first story is delineated from the upper floors by a moulded stone belt course and is divided horizontally by a canopy. Below the canopy is an irregularly fenestrated, completely modernized, variegated brick storefront. Above the canopy are two sets of original quadripartite clerestory windows with radiating stone voussoirs. The windows of the second through fifth floors consist of two-over-two, flat-headed, double-hung sash.

The ground floor lobby retains its original pressed-metal ceiling and contains the entrance to the stairway and elevator. Also on the ground floor was retail store space which is thought to have originally housed a single dry goods store. This area was later divided into two spaces.

Within the building an open elevator shaft is surrounded by a wooden stairway with continuous ramped rails and simple metal ballasters. Moderately ornate elevator shaft grills at all floor levels give this area of the building an open, ornamental, yet functional, appearance. An original ornate steel cage elevator remains and is thought to be the only one of its kind remaining and operating in Mississippi.

The floor plan of the second through fifth floors consists of a central corridor with rooms on each side. The interior construction is largely intact and consists of plaster walls, ornate wood mouldings, and transom windows above the doors.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1903-04      **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

A significant regional landmark, the Hewes Building illustrates the remarkably rapid development of the last city established along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Chartered in 1898, Gulfport's origins can be traced to the economic boom that occurred in the South between the 1880s and World War I, an event made manifest in south Mississippi in the exploitation of the region's extensive timber resources. One notable by-product of the boom was the Hewes Building, constructed 1903-04, reflecting the business prospects recognized by Gulfport's developers. This, the tallest and least altered of Gulfport's original commercial structures, is a good example of the continuing use of traditional architectural styles in a multi-story building. Its symmetry and simplicity make it a handsome turn-of-the-century building and an important element in preserving the early architectural character of Gulfport's central business district.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Federal Writers Project. Mississippi Gulf Coast; Yesterday and Today, 1699-1939.  
Gulfport, Miss.: Gulfport Printing Co., 1939.

Lang, John Horn. History of Harrison County, Mississippi. Gulfport, Miss.: Dixie Press, 1936.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Gulfport South, Miss.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The west one-half of lots One (1) to Four (4), inclusive, and the north 10 feet of the west 47 feet of lot Five (5) in Block 178 of ORIGINAL GULFPORT as per the Official Map or Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Harrison County, Mississippi, in Gulfport.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Jackson state Mississippi

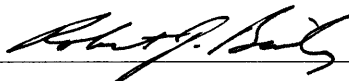
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

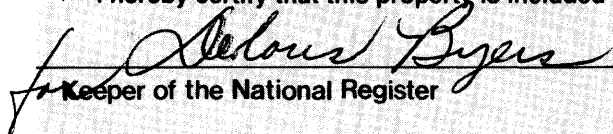


title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date September 1, 1982

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



Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 10/7/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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9 - MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Subject File. Harrison County. Gulfport.

10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

This property and the improvements thereon are further described as the five-story building on said land known as the Hewes Building, located between the South side of 14th Street, and situated between 25th Avenue and 26th Avenue in the City of Gulfport in the aforesaid County and State.



Hewes Building  
Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi  
Lloyd Ostby, Mississippi Department  
of Archives and History  
December, 1981  
View to southwest  
Photo 1 of 3





Hewes Building

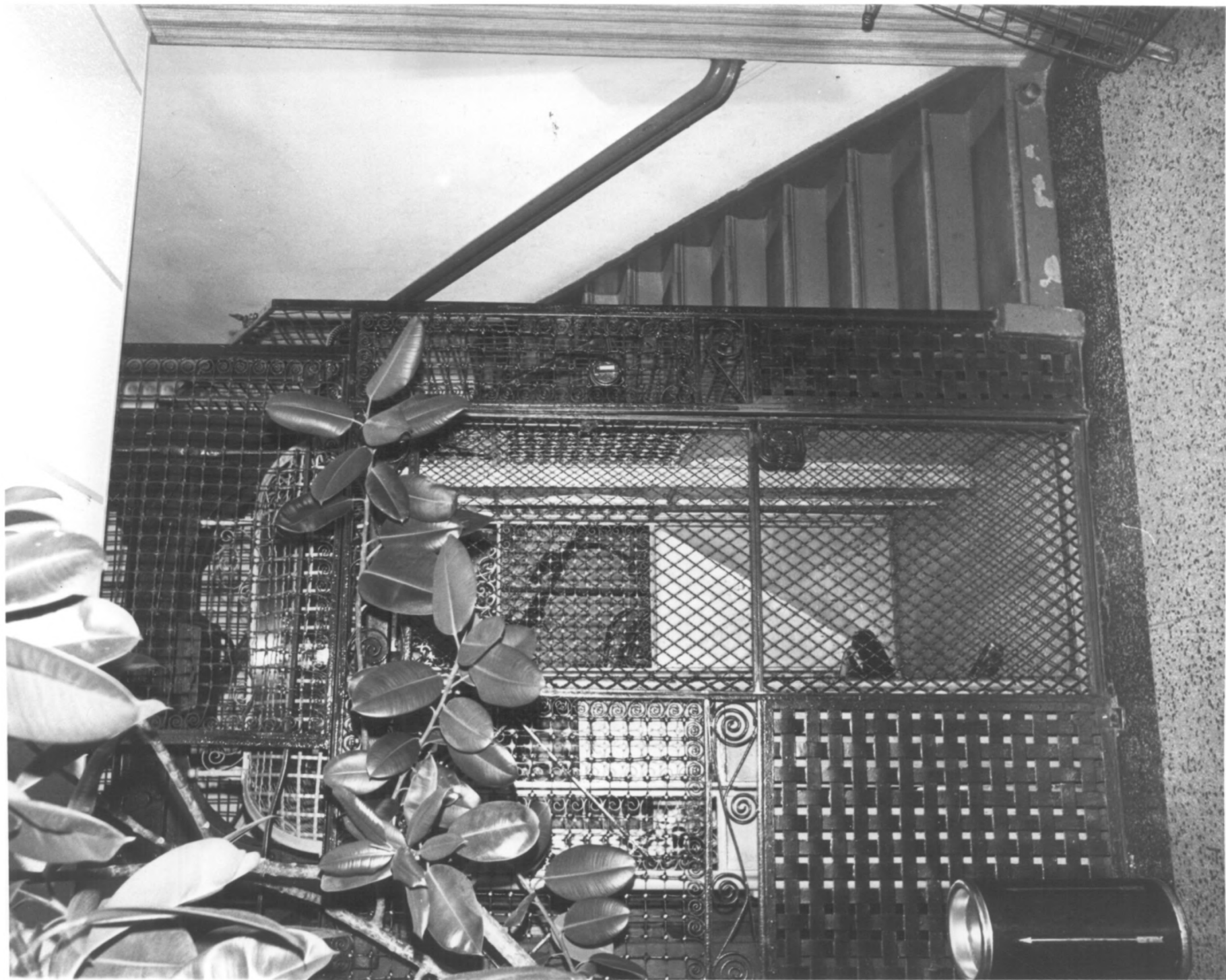
Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi

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View to southeast, showing west side  
of building

Photo 2 of 3



Hewes Building

Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi

Ken P'Pool, Mississippi Department of  
Archives and History

August, 1982

View to south of interior, showing  
elevator and stair

Photo 3 of 3