



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1a. Property name, historic Hinds County Courthouse		14. MDAH Inventory Code	
b. Property name, common Raymond Courthouse		15. County Hinds	16. Survey sequence no. 5
2. Property address/descriptive location East corner of Main and Oak Street, Raymond, MS		17. Was interior surveyed? ☒ Yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable	18. Visibility from public road or street ☒ good ☐ poor ☐ not visible
3. Legal description Lots 8 & 9 of Block 1 located in Parcel #4969-164 as recorded in Second Judicial District Ownership Maps, Vol. 2 for Hinds County, Miss. Acreage = approx. one acre		19. Condition ☒ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ no visible remains ☐ incorporated into later structure	
4. Original use Courthouse	5. Present use Courthouse	20. USGS quadrangle map (if required) (see instructions) Raymond, MS	
6. Other uses Hospital (during Civil War)	7. Original or historically notable owner(s) or occupant(s) Unknown	21. UTM reference (if required) (see instructions) 15 742740 3572020	
8. Date of construction ☐ estimated ☒ documented 1857-1859	9. Changes ☐ moved (date) _____ ☐ major alterations (date) _____ ☒ no major changes	22. Current owner's name and address (see instructions) Hinds County Board of Supervisors Chancery Court Building Jackson, MS 39201	
10. Architect G. & T. Weldon ☐ documented ☒ attributed	11. Builder/contractor G. & T. Weldon ☒ documented ☐ attributed	23. Tenant's name (if required), and address if different from property address (see instructions) (enter in pencil) N/A	
12. Is the property architecturally or historically important? If so, why? (continue on reverse if necessary) This courthouse is a fine example of the Greek Revival style as it was applied to public buildings. It was designed & built by the Weldon brothers. They were prominent builders and architects in antebellum Mississippi who also constructed the old Warren County Courthouse in Vicksburg, now a National Historic Landmark.		24. Principal material(s) Brick with stucco	
13. Identify any outbuildings and/or other structures or landscape features associated with this building or structure. (Attach an additional inventory form for each one that has particular architectural or historical interest.) Contributing features include an early iron fence with a stile, & a Confederate memorial monument. A courthouse annex (housing county offices & the public library) & a town hall both date from the mid-twentieth century and have neither architectural nor historical significance.		25. Architectural character or style Greek Revival	
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		26. Category building	
		27. Functional type	
		28. Registration status and dates ☐ NHL ☐ listed NR ☐ approved for NR ☐ federal DOE ☐ state landmark ☐ local landmark ☐ HABS/HAER	
		29. Is this property included in a historic district? ☐ yes ☐ NR district ☐ no ☐ proposed ☐ local district Name of district ☐ pivotal ☐ marginal ☐ contributing ☐ noncontributing ☐ intrusion	

(Attach one 3 x 5 black and white photograph here.)

30. Brief statement of the property's history The building of the courthouse was supervised by G & T Weldon. By March 1857, the foundation was completed and all the brick needed for the building was ready. According to Ferguson, the Weldons trained 100 slaves in "the mechanic pursuits" and had their workers make curved brick at the site for the courthouse columns. All work was to be done in "the best and most workmanlike manner" as described in the original specifications.

After the battle of Raymond on May 12, 1863, the courthouse and several other buildings in town were used as hospitals.

The building served as the sole courthouse for Hinds Co. 1859-1869, & has served as the seat of the 2nd Judicial District from 1869 to the present.

31. Brief description. If a thorough description has been prepared separately, disregard this section and check here ☐ This 2 story, 9 bay wide, rectangular, scored stucco courthouse has a hip roof. Each facade has a 2 story portico with Doric columns supporting a pedimented gable peak, and Doric pilasters. The front and rear porticos each have 6 columns, while the side porticos each have 4 columns. Located in each portico area is a first floor entrance & a 2nd floor entrance leading onto a balcony with a metal railing. Pedimented hood molds cap each window & entrance. The 1st floor windows are 6/9 double hung sash & the 2nd floor windows are 9/9 double hung sash. All have slipsills. Massive Doric pilasters mark each corner of the courthouse. The cupola with its slender Doric columns & metal

32. Additional remarks or continuation of other sections

31. railing is like the original which was lost in a storm. The metal railing on the cupola differs from that found on the balconies.

33. Sources of information

- Personal observation
- Hinds County Gazette (March 25, 1857; Nov. 16, 1859)
- Raymond: A History... 1821-1876 by Beth Ferguson(n.p.,n.d.)
- Original Specifications (Located in Raymond Public Library)
- Statewide Survey File

35. Photographer or photo source

Susan Enzweiler

36. Photo roll and frame number(s)

1646-10A,11A; 1653-29A

37. Photo date 10-8-85

38. Inventory form completed by
(name and organization)

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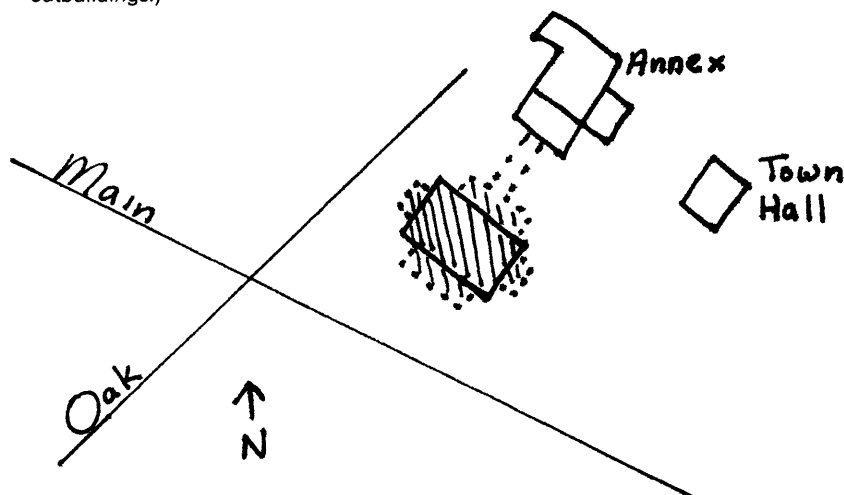
39. Survey project name

Raymond

40. Date form completed

12-85

34. Sketch of site plan. (Include north arrow. Show outline of building shape and locations of outbuildings.)



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41. Attached supplementary materials

42. Other materials in MDAH files

- ☐ plans, drawings
- ☐ correspondence
- ☐ research notes
- ☐ clippings
- ☐ project report
- ☐ early photos
- ☐ slides
- ☐ negatives
- ☐ other

43. Date logged, MDAH

44. Logged by



Hinds County Courthouse, east corner of Oak
and Main Streets, front and northwest
elevations, facing east

Raymond, Hinds County, Mississippi

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