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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Ten-story brick; five bays by three; arcaded and rusticated smooth-faced coursed ashlar base. Windows in intermediate floors are flat arched and arranged in groups of two and three to give vertical emphasis. Top floor defined by projecting stone course on which rest segmental and round-arch windows, and decorative brick work forming diamond patterns. Cornice has corbel tables, the intersections of which create pointed arches against a blue background at the frieze level.

ALTERATIONS:

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

NAME: Lamar Hotel

STREET NO: 410 21st Avenue

TOWN/VIC: Meridian

COUNTY: Lauderdale

BLOCK/LOT: Ragsdale Block 83, lots 4, 5 and 6

PRESENT OWNER: Lauderdale County
ADDRESS 500 21st Avenue - Meridian, MS 39301

PRESENT USE: Courthouse annex

FORMER USE: Hotel

DATE: 1927

STYLE: Sullivanesque, Classical Revival elements

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE:

ENVIRONMENT: Commercial

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL x

STATE

NATIONAL

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Lamar Hotel was Meridian's most outstanding architecturally significant hotel. It functioned as a hotel until it was acquired by Lauderdale County in 1969 and is presently used as the courthouse annex.

Outstanding Classical Revival features of this structure are its rusticated smooth-faced coursed ashlar base, arcaded on two facades (north and west) and lighting a two-story lobby, and its corbel-tabled granite cornice highlighted by a blue frieze. Sullivanesque elements are the building's division into specific zones--ground floor, intermediate floors, and attic--and in the window arrangement of the intermediate floors to create vertical emphasis. Constructed in 1927, the Lamar Hotel was Meridian's first skyscraper, although it was soon surpassed by the Threefoot Building (b. 1929-30).

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

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Ragsdale Block 83, lots 4, 5 and 6

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY COURT HOUSE ANNEX



LAMAR HOTEL

Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi

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