



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story stone-sheathed structure on raised basement of giant, rusticated concrete blocks. The dominant feature is the peristyle of fluted Ionic columns, which supports a full classical entablature. The tall parapet is crowned by a cresting of anthemions, and a step over the center entrance has a very large palmette that serves as a finial. A monumental staircase rises to the three-bay entrance, each bay having a denticulated cornice with corner consoles.

ALTERATIONS:

Original windows have been replaced; basement entrances on side facades altered.

ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Front lawn contains a fountain and reflecting pool; spacious rear lawn has been paved for parking.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This is quite an outstanding municipal building for a city of Meridian's size (about 30,000 at the time of the building's completion). It is the only example of its style in the area.

- C.O. Craft - Supt. of Building
- C.H. Miller - Supt. for Architect
- Hancock & McArthur - Contractors
- C.L. Hutchisson - Consulting Architect

NAME: Municipal Building
 STREET NO: 601 24th Ave.
 TOWN/VIC: Meridian, Mississippi
 COUNTY: Lauderdale
 BLOCK/LOT: Ragsdale Block 92, lots 5-10
 PRESENT OWNER: City of Meridian
 ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1430 Meridian
 PRESENT USE: City Hall
 FORMER USE: City Hall
 DATE: 1914-1915
 STYLE: Beaux-Arts
 ARCH/BUILDER: P.J. Krouse
 SOURCE OF DATE: Cornerstone
 ENVIRONMENT: Commercial
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
 NEIGHBORHOOD
 LOCAL x
 STATE
 NATIONAL

PHOTOS

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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 92, lots 5-10.

CREAGE: About one acre

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi

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