

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

Wisteria Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Central Ave.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Winona

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Mississippi

VICINITY OF

CODE
28COUNTY
MontgomeryCODE
97**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. William A. Middleton

STREET & NUMBER

216 Fairground St.

CITY, TOWN

Winona

VICINITY OF

STATE

Mississippi

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Chancery Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 71

CITY, TOWN

Winona

STATE

Mississippi

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Survey of Historic Sites

DATE

1978

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wisteria Hotel faces west on the corner of Hampton and Central Avenue, across the railroad tracks from the Illinois Central and Gulf Depot in Winona, Mississippi. Constructed in 1910, the three-and-a-half-story frame structure measures seven bays across the facade (west) and eleven bays across the north and south elevations, with a truncated hip roof. An oversized gabled dormer centered on the facade is finished with a Palladian window and heavy boxed cornice with returns. Two smaller gabled dormers flank a central gabled section along the roofline of the south elevation. Dormers and roof peaks were formerly topped with metal crockets. A triple-tiered gallery (no longer extant) supported by Tuscan columns curved around the facade and across the south elevation. The gallery will be reconstructed during the rehabilitation of the building by the present owners. A one-and-a-half-story gable-roof annex extends approximately twenty feet at the southeast end of the east elevation, and is surmounted by a small gabled rectangular tower.

The interior plan consists of a lobby in the southwestern corner of the first floor, with a former dining room and kitchen located east of the lobby now divided into apartments. Corridors leading north and east from the lobby provide access to the rooms, which have been converted into apartments. Decorative features in the lobby are intact, such as the terrazzo floor, brass lighting fixtures, central wooden Corinthian column, and brass cash register. A four-run stair with massive paneled newel posts and spooled bannisters leads from the lobby to an unfinished fourth floor attic. All original millwork is intact, such as the five-paneled doors surmounted by moveable transoms and framed by flat-faced architraves with carved corner blocks. Original furnishings including chairs, bureaus and iron bed frames remain in storage on the third floor.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT R. Jesty & Co., builder; R. H. Hunt
and Co., architects (Chattanooga,
Dallas, and Jackson, Miss.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wisteria Hotel is a prominent Winona landmark, associated from its construction date in 1910 with the Illinois Central Railroad and Southern Railroad lines through town. Its architectural significance is derived from the application of classical design elements on the large-scale Neo-Classical structure.

The Wisteria Hotel site was acquired by W. B. and Delia VanKirk in 1910, and the hotel was constructed during the same year (Montgomery Co., Miss., Deed Book 39:310). In its heyday during the 1920s and 1930s, the hotel was a center for the bustling hotel trade in Winona, accounted for by the numerous stopovers of trains of the Illinois Central and Southern railway passenger lines. The Wisteria and the Winona Hotel (situated across the street on the south side of Hampton Avenue) were also favorite stopping places for drummers (traveling salesmen) who peddled wares through the hotels' corridors, and set up showrooms in vacant chambers. When the Winona burned ca. 1935, the wisteria-laden galleries of the Wisteria Hotel caught fire and were destroyed.

As a well-known landmark for both travelers and local residents, the Wisteria Hotel has important contextual and architectural significance for the town of Winona. Its well-proportioned scale and quality of architectural detail will be enhanced following the rehabilitation of the structure by the present owners.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gold, Jack A., research consultant. Inspection of the Wisteria Hotel, June 23, 1979.

Middleton, Mrs. William A., owner of the Wisteria Hotel, interviewed by Jack A. Gold, research consultant, at Winona, Miss., June 23, 1979.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one-and-a-half acres

UTM REFERENCES (Winona Quadrangle; scale: 1:24000)

A 1 6 2 4 6 6 2 5 3 7 0 7 8 9 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Part of Lot No. 50, all of Lot No. 51 and part of Lot No. 52 East of ICRR according to Official Plat of Winona, Miss., made by J. W. Mercer in 1894, containing one-and-one-half acres.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jack A. Gold

Research Consultant

ORGANIZATION

DATE

October, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

811 Fairview St.

601/355-0450

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Jackson

Mississippi 39202

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

Elmer R. Williams

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE October 16, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Carol O. Skell

DATE

12-18-79

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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ATTEST:

Carol A. Burke

DATE

12/17/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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WISTERIA HOTEL

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Winona, Montgomery County, Mississippi
Photo courtesy Mrs. William Middleton
ca. 1915

Facade and south elevation; view to the
northeast.



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WISTERIA HOTEL

Winona, Montgomery County, Mississippi

Jack A. Gold

June, 1979

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Negative filed at Miss. Dept. of Archives
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Facade and south elevation; view to the
northeast.



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WISTERIA HOTEL

Winona, Montgomery County, Mississippi

Jack A. Gold

June, 1979

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Facade; view to the east.

June, 1979

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WISTERIA HOTEL

Winona, Montgomery County, Mississippi

Jack A. Gold

June, 1979

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South and east elevations; view to the
northwest.

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WISTERIA HOTEL

Winona, Montgomery County, Mississippi

Jack A. Gold

June, 1979

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Lobby; view to the south.

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