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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Vicksburg Public Library, Old other names/site number City of Vicksburg Planning Department

2. Location

street & number 819 South Street N/A not for publication city, town Vicksburg N/A vicinity state Mississippi code MS county Warren code 149 zip code 39180

3. Classification

Table with columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Vicksburg, Mississippi Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Kenneth H. P. Pool JUN 12, 1992 Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official Date State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: entered in the National Register. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:) Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education: Library

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government: Government Office**7. Description**Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Mission Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brickwalls stuccoroof ceramic tile

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located in downtown Vicksburg at the northwest corner of Monroe and South Streets, the Old Vicksburg Public Library is a two-story, stuccoed Mission Revival building constructed in 1916 on a concrete foundation. The red tile, truncated, gabled roof has hipped eaves that wrap the corners of the building, and curvilinear parapets are at the gable ends. The roof is finished with a denticulated cornice and paired brackets, and the widely overhanging eaves have shaped rafter tails.

The first floor extends below ground level and is distinguished on the exterior from the second floor by a heavy belt course. The first floor of the main facade features seven bays: six one-over-one, double-hung windows and a central double-leaf, glazed aluminum door. The original doors were double-leaf, glazed, wooden doors with a five-light transom. The entrance is framed by a frontispiece composed of Doric columns supporting a heavy entablature. Above this is a casement window with a three-light transom, flanked by fluted Doric pilasters supporting a heavy entablature. This window allows light into the main stairwell, as do long, narrow, four-light fixed windows to either side. The other six bays on the second floor contain paired six-light casement windows capped with round-arched fanlights and resting on a spindle balustrade over glass. The frieze is decorated with a set of three square asteriated attic windows over each fanlight.

The southern elevation has a set of non-historic aluminum double-leaf, glazed doors that presently serve as the main entrance. The doors are crowned by a multi-light transom, and consoles support an entablature surmounted by a balustrade. There are three windows on the second level identical to those on the second floor of the main facade. Above each of these windows are three square asteriated attic windows, and a large rectangular vent is in the parapet wall.

While wall partitions have been added in the interior spaces, no historic elements have been damaged. The original staircase remains as do the original bookcases and radiators. The original wooden benches were removed when the Vicksburg-Warren County Library moved and were placed in the new building.

The building faces the Vicksburg Memorial Rose Garden situated in the esplanade in the middle of Monroe Street. In the same block is located the U.S. Post Office (1937) to the north of the Library and to the rear, northwest corner, is Vicksburg's City Hall (1903).

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1916

Significant Dates

1916

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Tilton, Edward L. (architect)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Old Vicksburg Public Library is architecturally significant in the context of public/governmental architecture in Vicksburg, Mississippi. It exhibits an outstanding design that represents the highlight of development during Vicksburg's boom period. It is significant as the only public/governmental building in Vicksburg constructed in the Mission Revival style. While many residential buildings in Vicksburg were influenced by this style, the library is the only non-residential Mission Revival and is the largest building constructed in the style. Please refer to the contextual statement for more information about the architecture of Vicksburg.

In 1910 the Vicksburg Library Association decided to contact Andrew Carnegie to ask if he would help the Association build a new library. A library of sorts had been established on the third floor of the new City Hall in 1903, but the Association needed a larger building.

The Carnegie Foundation agreed to build a library building if the community would provide the ground for the building and agree to support the library once it was established. The Civic League raised \$5,000, of which \$4,000 was used to purchase the lot and the remainder was used to purchase books and supplies. The plans were designed by Edward L. Tilton, an architect commissioned by the Foundation in New York City. The Library was completed in February 1916 at a cost of \$28,000, of which \$25,000 was provided by the Carnegie Foundation.

In 1979 the Vicksburg-Warren County Public Library moved into new quarters, and the City of Vicksburg acquired the building to house the City's Planning and Inspection Departments. The building is well maintained and interior modifications have been made sensitively in order that the historic character has not been compromised. The building is a Mississippi Landmark and as such falls under permit review of the Historic Preservation Division of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

O'Neill, J. Cyril. Early Twentieth Century Vicksburg, 1900-1910. Vicksburg: J. Cyril O'Neill.

Tilton, Edward L. Architectural Plans for the "Carnegie Library at Vicksburg, Mississippi." In the possession of the City of Vicksburg.

Vicksburg Evening Post. "Centennial Edition: 1825-1925." 1925.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one (1) acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

Warren County Parcel Number: 094P-19-001033009900-19-16-3.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the original size of the lot.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation date 7/30/90

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Vicksburg Public Library
Vicksburg, ^{MS} Warren County, MS
819 South Street

View to west

VFP
August 1990

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Vicksburg Public Library

819 South Street

Vicksburg, ^{MRA} Warren County, MS

View to north

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