

State of Mississippi
 Department of Archives and History
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1.a. Property Name, Historic Ritz Theater		14. MDAH Inventory Code 100
1.b. Property Name, Common		15. County Lafayette
2. Property Address 921 Van Buren Avenue (917 Van Buren Avenue)		16. City Oxford
3. Legal Description 86Q:197		20. USGS Quad Map
19. Ownership private	22. Condition fair	21. UTM Reference
4. Former/Historic Uses theater	5. Present Use offices	24. Principal Materials artificial stucco
6 & 7. Significant persons, events, themes, including dates of association		
8. Date of Construction ca. 1930	9. Historic Changes	23. Post Historic Changes altered ca. 1995
10. Architect	11. Builder/Contractor	25. Architectural Style French Colonial Rev.

13. Outbuildings or Secondary Features (use sep. form if important)

12. Brief Description: Two-story, three-bay, brick masonry theater building, built ca. 1930 and altered with French Colonial Revival influence in ca. 1995. Flat roof covered with built-up asphalt roofing, with flat parapet and corbeled cornice. Corners articulated with quoins. Exterior walls covered with synthetic stucco veneer. Windows are 6/6 double-hung, metal-frame replacement sashes. Entrance set in alcove and contains a multi-panel double-door, leaded sidelights and elliptical fan light.

30. Historical Information: The Sanborn maps indicate construction of this building between 1925 and 1948. The drastic alterations done in ca. 1995 make the original building unrecognizable.

31. Historical Contexts:

33. Sources of Information:

32. Additional Remarks or Information:

35. Owner's Name and Address

36. Photographer/Source
John Hopkins

37. Photo Roll/Frame
3551:4

38. Photo Date
January, 2000

39. Form by Hopkins & Associates, Memphis, TN

40. Survey Project Oxford

Date of Form January, 2000

Attach Photograph



MDAH INFORMATION

26. Category

27. Functional Type

28. Registration Status/Dates
NHL
Listed NR
In NR District
Federal DOE
State Landmark
Local Landmark
In Local District
HABS/HAER

29. District Name
Oxford Courthouse Sq.
Rating C/N N
Inventory # 28

42. Other HPD Information

43. Evaluation
a. Already Listed NR
Individually Eligible
Eligible if Restored
Contribute to District
Apparently Not Eligible
Insufficient Information
Not Extant

b. Area(s) of Significance

c. Evaluated by/date

