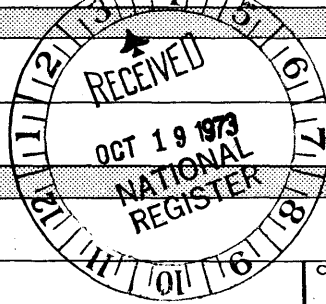


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia  
 COUNTY: Bibb  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY DATE: JAN 21 1974



1. NAME  
 COMMON: Slate House  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: same

2. LOCATION  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 931-945 Walnut Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Macon  
 STATE: Georgia  
 CODE: 13  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 8th - Williamson S. Stuckey  
 COUNTY: Bibb  
 CODE: 021

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<u>Condominium</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		<u>Apartments</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
 OWNER'S NAME: Bill Willingham  
 Delmar A. Warren, Caroline M. Stillwell, Katherine M. Bridsey,  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 931-945 Walnut Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Macon  
 STATE: Georgia  
 CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Bibb County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Macon  
 STATE: Georgia  
 CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: 1. The Historic Architecture of Macon by Carl Feiss and Russell Wright  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1970  
 Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Middle Georgia Historical Society, Inc.  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Macon Coliseum  
 CITY OR TOWN: Macon  
 STATE: Georgia  
 CODE: 13

2. Historical Survey by Middle Georgia Historical Society 1970 Local

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Slate House, c.1860, is a simplified version of the Second Empire style apartment house that has been skillfully converted into a modern condominium building.

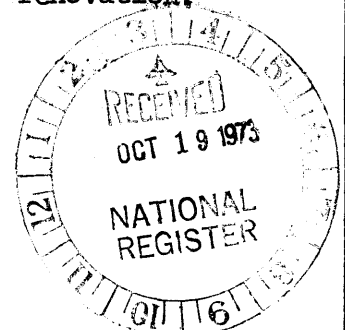
The outstanding features of the Slate House, a two story plus daylight basement structure, are its fish scale shingled mansard roof and dormer windows. The exterior is weatherboarded with the exception of brick stucco on the basement area. Segmental arched and pedimented dormer windows define the second floor. Between this row of dormer windows and the first floor, with its simpler frame windows and small, one bay porches, is a wide cornice that conceals a 22 inch deep gutter. The rear elevation is similar to the front except the dormers have simple entablatures. One outstanding detail is the ventilation accomplished by boring holes of diamond patterns in the underside of the cornice. At each end of the building at the highest point of the roof are ventilators connected by tunnels across the entire length of the building.

Originally each of the four apartments included a ground level kitchen, larder, and dining room, a main floor sitting room and bedroom, and three top floor bedrooms and a washroom. Each apartment originally had access to its own necessary house at the back of the lot, but bath and toilet facilities were added later on the back porch. There were stairs to the top floor and returning stairs to the basement area, the latter being closed off about 1922. There was a four foot area way to the rear of each apartment with separation walls which have now been incorporated into the basement area. Each apartment was equipped on all three floors with simple arch designed marble mantels, all but one of which have been removed (c.1922). In the basement kitchens were large open fireplaces with cranes, now closed.

The renovation and restoration in 1959 included interior rearrangement for the convenience of modern living, converting the basement areas to garden apartments by enclosing the four foot area way in the rear and extending it under the stoop in front. The present entrance doors and pediments to the basement were added about 1922.

In the front yard there is a concrete retaining wall, on which is mounted gas lanterns (originally Edinburgh oil burning lamps).

This apartment building, one of Macon's first, has been occupied by various families over the years, but was purchased by the present four owners under the condominium plan, incident to the 1959 renovation.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1860

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built c.1860, the Slate House is outstanding architecturally to the area as an exceptionally well restored and well-designed early apartment building, and historically as a structure built and owned by James B. Ayers, master builder, who was the architect's local representative and builder for the Johnston-Felton-Hay House (on the National Register) nearby on Georgia Avenue.

James B. Ayers, the original owner and builder of the Slate House was born in 1808 at Woodridge, N.J., and became a prominent Maconite having served as city alderman for five terms from 1846-54. The Slate House property has changed hands many times since it was conveyed by the city by pepper-corn deed to Charles Day in 1840, by James B. Ayers in 1854, and the McBurney family being the owners from 1863 to 1922.

The Slate House is indeed representative of the 1860's. The classical design precision expressed in the pedimented and segmental dormer windows and the simple porches, together with the early Victorian elements including the fish scale mansard roof and the interior details result in an exceptional structure. The renovations that have taken place both in 1922 and 1959 when it was converted into condominiums have been in complete harmony with the original structure. Today the Slate House serves as an excellent example of the adaptations of an 100 year-plus structure to modern living quarters without the destruction of its historicity or design quality.



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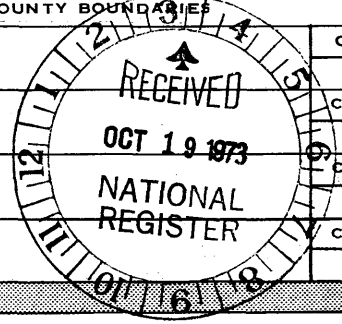
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Elizabeth Z. Macgregor, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources      DATE: Sept. 15, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
270 Washington Street, Room 703C

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta      STATE: Georgia      CODE: 13

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input type="checkbox"/>    Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Mary G. Jewett</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Hist. Pres. Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>10-16-73</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. R. Martensen</u>                  Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>1/21/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Ronald M. Greenberg</u>                  Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>1/16/74</u></p>
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