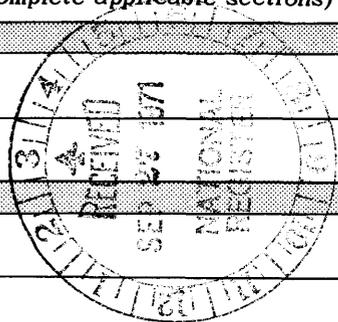


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: MONTGOMERY	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
The Murphy House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
22 Bibb Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Montgomery
STATE
Alabama

CODE 01	COUNTY: Montgomery	CODE 101
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Montgomery City Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board
STREET AND NUMBER:
22 Bibb Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Montgomery

STATE: Alabama	CODE 01
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
142 Washington Avenue
CITY OR TOWN:
Montgomery

STATE Alabama	CODE 01
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey
DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER: Washington	STATE: D. C.	CODE 001
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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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Murphy House is a two-story brick Greek Revival mansion which has been stuccoed over and scored to imitate stone. Across the front a full length portico with marble flooring has six fluted Corinthian columns. The entablature with box-like dentils is supported by elaborate brackets. The roof is hipped.

On both floors the facade has four windows. All of these windows have shutters and identical ornamental lintels. The ground floor windows are floor length and give access to the portico. The central door is recessed and flanked by two small corinthian columns similar to the large ones. This door has two glass panels, a transom and sidelights. Directly above is a small cast iron balcony, reached by a second-story doorway.

The house has an interior central hallway, with a double parlor to the right and a drawing room to the left. This drawing room was restored to its 1930's appearance. The gilt-finish cornicing encircling the room is in a Georgian shell pattern. A large imported pier mirror hangs at one end of the room. The two heavy brass chandeliers are original and have been converted to electricity.

An original one-story wing housed servants quarters, a brick kitchen, and two marble baths. In 1930 it was replaced by the present two-story wing.



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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <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

The Murphy House, built in 1851 by John H. Murphy, is one of Montgomery's finest Greek Revival mansions. The history of the house is linked to the history of the city. Presently owned by the Montgomery City Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board, it is an excellent example of adaptive use.

Born in Scotland in 1806, John H. Murphy immigrated to Virginia sometime during the middle of late 1820's. Some evidence exists that the wife he brought with him to Montgomery in 1844 was his second.

Settling in Montgomery, Murphy purchased a warehouse and became a Commission Merchant. Soon he was one of the city's wealthiest citizens. His real estate holdings in 1850 were valued at \$75,000; in addition, he owned 23 slaves. Murphy was also one of the incorporators of Montgomery's first water works in 1854. When Murphy died in 1859, his family remained in the house, which became a social center during the period of the Confederacy. Jefferson Davis, William L. Yancey and other notables of the Confederacy were frequent visitors to the home.

In April of 1865 following the collapse of the Confederacy, Wilson's Raiders reached Montgomery and the mansion was requisitioned as headquarters for some of the Federal forces. When martial law was proclaimed, the Union Provost Marshal took over the house as his headquarters.

After the war the Murphy family fortunes declined and eventually rooms were rented out. Although the property remained in the hands of the family until 1902, little is known about it in the intervening years. Col. William P. Screws, city Commissioner and World War I commander of the Rainbow Division, spent much of his boyhood here.

In 1902 the house was sold to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A fire broke out in the area in 1927 and part of the house was damaged by dynamite used to halt the spread of the fire. At this time a two-story wing was added.

In 1967 the building was acquired by the Montgomery City Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board who restored it and now use it for their offices.

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 McMillan, M. C., The Land Called Alabama, Austin: Steck-Vaughn Co., 1968.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 square acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: 9-15-71

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National State Local

Name Nils B. Howard Jr.

Title SLO

Date September 23, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 24 1972

Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Muehle
 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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