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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

Ala. Historical Comm. 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 Megginson, Ernest House

other names/site number Scott, Robert House

2. Location

street & number 143 Florence Place

not for publication

city, town Mobile

vicinity

state Alabama code AL county Mobile

code 097 zip code 36607

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Spanish Revival Residences in Mobile, Al. 1904-1929

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.

Signature of certifying official

Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)

State or Federal agency and bureau

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. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.

- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Entered in the National Register

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls Stucco

roof Ceramic tile

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Megginson House sits on a 50 by 140 foot lot in the Florence Place Subdivision. The landscaping is informal. The house itself is a one story, stucco, 3x5 bay Spanish Revival structure. It has a flat parapeted roof with coping and grouped casement windows. An attached shed roof porch with ceramic tile covers the facade and wraps around the north elevation. The porch features a series of open arches, with the entrance arch somewhat narrower. The porch retains its original tile pavers. Iron railings connect the arches. There is a bay window at the north elevation.

The interior features an irregular plan with hardwood floors, stucco walls, interior transoms, fireplace and arches. The living room features the fireplace and shelves against the south wall and an open arch into the dining room with an iron floor grate. The bay window on the north elevation features an arched entrance as does the kitchen immediately west. The kitchen retains its original cabinets and the bath features the original tile floor.

Integrity

The Megginson House retains its integrity of location, style and design. There are no significant interior or exterior alterations.

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

1927

Significant Dates

1927

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

CRITERION C: ARCHITECTURE

The Megginson House is significant under National Register Criterion C as a typical middle class expression of the Spanish Revival style. Built in one of Mobile's developing suburbs in 1927, the house exhibits classic elements of the style including stucco construction, ceramic tile roof and an elegant interplay of interior and exterior arches.

Florence Place was platted in 1926 by George Fearn and Son. Early attempts to require an all Spanish Revival neighborhood were defeated by the Depression. 143 Florence Place, perhaps one of the most elegantly styled Spanish Revival houses in Mobile, was built in 1927 by Ernest Megginson, a druggist. In 1928 the house was valued at over \$6000. It remains in good condition.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Alan Gowans. The Comfortable House. Cambridge, Mass.: The MIT Press. 1986.

Mobile City Directory, 1928.

Mobile City Tax Records.

Mobile County Deed Books, Various.

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:

Mobile Historic Development Comm.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one

UTM References

A 16 395660 395600
 Zone Easting Northing

C

B
 Zone Easting Northing

D

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Begin at a point on the west side of Florence Place 120' south of the south line of Springhill Avenue, thence proceed west 140' to a point, thence south 50' to a point, thence east 140' to a point, thence north 50' to the point of beginning.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary conforms to the present legal dimensions of the lot.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Continuation Sheet

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1. Megginson-Scott House
143 Florence Place
2. Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama
3. John Sledge, photographer
4. August 1990
5. MHDC Negative File--MB #186

Photo #	Description (Frame #)
1.	Facade. Camera facing W. (32)
2.	General. Camera facing SW. (34)
3.	Porch. Camera facing S. (33)
4.	Rear. Camera facing E. (35)
5.	Interior. Living room. Camera facing S. (28)
6.	Same. Dining room. Camera facing N. (29)
7.	Same. Kitchen. Camera facing E. (30)
8.	Same. Bay window nook. Camera facing N. (31)