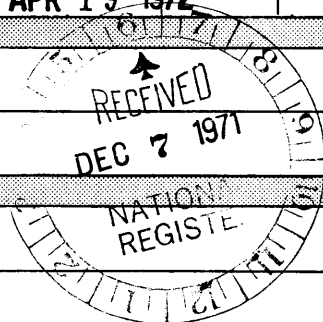


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: ALABAMA | |
| COUNTY: Tuscaloosa | |
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Friedman Library

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Jemison - Vandegraaff House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1305 Greensboro Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Tuscaloosa

STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01** COUNTY: **Tuscaloosa** CODE: **125**

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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 |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Library</u> |
| | | | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Tuscaloosa County

STREET AND NUMBER:
714 Greensboro Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Tuscaloosa** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
714 Greensboro Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Tuscaloosa** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS

DATE OF SURVEY: **1935** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D. C.** CODE: **08**

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| 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 Friedman Library, a well-proportioned two-story structure of brick, masonry and heart pine, is built in the Italianate style.

The house is basically rectangular with an L-shaped wing on the back. A full basement extends under this "L" and is partially raised in the rear. The 12-inch walls are of brick which has been stuccoed over and scored to imitate stone. The roof is hipped and has a projecting cornice ornamented with brackets.

A frame veranda extending around the front and part of the two sides is supported by paired colonettes having spandrels filled with elaborate tracery giving the effect of arched openings. This veranda projects slightly to form an entrance portico. Stone stairs lead to the panelled central double door which has a transom and side lights. At the second-floor level above the doorway is a balustraded observation portico with a pediment supported by paired colonettes. A paladian door echoing the arches in the veranda gives access onto this portico.

At the first floor level are two half-octagonal rooms projecting from the plane of the wall, one on either side of the house. The windows in these rooms have shutters which fit into recessed panels.

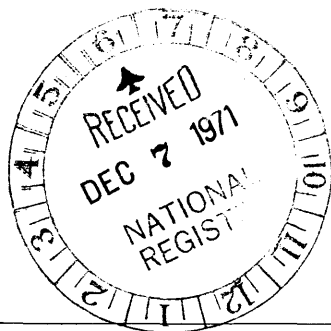
The back "L", which consists of a main floor and a half-raised basement, features a raised veranda along one side. A large circular room at the right rear of the house with tall evenly spaced windows was originally used as a solarium.

A hipped roof is surmounted by a small frame cupola with a pediment on each side. The cupola roof is supported by pairs of colonettes. This cupola was originally open but has been closed in with windows.

The interior is divided into 26 rooms on three floors. The front staircase is cantilevered and leads from the main floor to the second floor, while the back stairs lead from the basement to the second floor. All interior doors are 14' high and elaborately carved of walnut and curly pine. The carpentry, moulding, and design throughout the house show a high degree of craftsmanship.

Originally the house was lighted by gas which was manufactured from coal by machinery located in the basement.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jemison-Vandegraaff home, one of the finest Italianate antebellum mansions in Alabama, was the residence of Alabama's most influential opponent of secession from the Union.

The house, built in the early 1860's by Robert Jemison, reflects the trend away from Greek Revival to the Italianate. Many architects regard this home and Fendall Hall in Eufaula as Alabama's best examples of Italianate architecture.

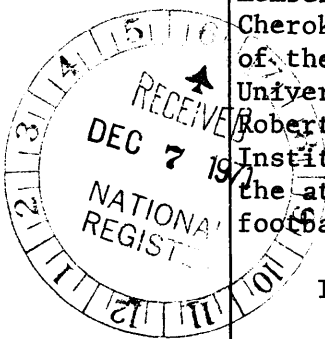
Jemison was a wealthy man who moved with his family to Tuscaloosa in 1836. He owned six plantations totaling over 10,000 acres and had many other business interests. Deeply involved in politics, he served in the Alabama House of Representatives, the State Senate, the Confederate Senate and was a member of the State Convention of 1861 where he led the strong but unsuccessful opposition to secession. Jemison was also instrumental in bringing the State Hospital for the Insane to Tuscaloosa and worked for passage of a bill to provide for a permanent fund for the care of the mentally ill in Alabama.

In 1860 he hired William Robertson, an architect, to build his home, but soon dismissed him and an architect from Philadelphia named Lewis finished the work. The house was completed in 1862 with materials from Jemison's vast holdings.

The house was next occupied by Jemison's daughter, Cherokee Mims, who married Andrew Colman Hargrove. Hargrove was a Confederate Army Officer and a member of the Alabama House of Representatives in 1884-85. He served three terms in the State Senate, 1876-84 and 1888-92, and was president of the Senate during his latter term. In 1875 he was a member of the Alabama Constitutional Convention. His daughter, Minnie Cherokee, married A. S. Vandegraaff, a lawyer, circuit judge, member of the Alabama House of Representatives and a Professor of Law at the University of Alabama. The Vandegraaffs had five children, one of whom, Robert Jemison Vandegraaff, served as a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and invented a generator used in the splitting of the atom. Another son, Wm. T. Vandegraaff, was the first all American football player from the University of Alabama.

In 1945 the house was sold to J. P. Burchfield who completely

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Engstfeld, C. P. "Cherokee Place and Town House of Confederate Senator Robert Jemison". Historic Homes of Alabama and their Traditions. Edited by the Alabama Members of the National League of American Pen Women. Birmingham; Birmingham Publishing Company, 1935.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre.**

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd

ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission** DATE: **November 29, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Montgomery** STATE: **Alabama**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Miss B. Howard Jr.

Title SLO

Date December 3, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

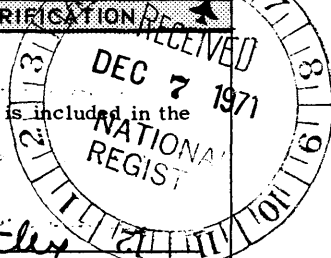
Robert M. Wiley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/15/72

ATTEST:

Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date April 10, 1972



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