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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Smith, W.E. House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
516 Flint Avenue

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Albany

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd - Dawson Mathis

STATE

Georgia

__ VICINITY OF

CODE
13

COUNTY

Dougherty

CODE

095

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Albany Area Museum, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER
516 Flint Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Albany

STATE

Georgia

__ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Record Room, Clerk of Superior Court, Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Courthouse, 200 Block Pine Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Albany,

STATE

Georgia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Georgia Heritage Trust

DATE
July 1973

__ FEDERAL STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Georgia Heritage Trust, Department of Natural Resources

CITY, TOWN

270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta,

STATE

Georgia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the south side of the 500 block of Flint Avenue is the W.E. Smith House, a two story brick house built c.1860.

Constructed of common bond brickwork, the Smith House is five bays wide and two bays deep with an interior end east chimney and a central west chimney. A one story wing occurs on the rear and appears to be original, however this section does not have the prominently bracketed eaves found on the two story portion. An unpedimented, one bay, central porch with square columns shelters the trabeated side and transom lighted door. This porch, according to oral tradition, replaced one that extended across the front.

In plan the central hall, with oval curved mahogany staircase, gives access to the two main rooms on the first floor. The original mantels (found in all rooms except one which has been replaced by a Neo-classical style mantel) have strong pilaster supported plain freizes and simple shelves. Slightly pedimented dog-eared door and window trim is found throughout. The original wide flooring is still extant. The second floor follows the same detail and plan arrangement as the first floor.

There are no extant outbuildings, however originally there was at least a kitchen in the rear yard.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c.1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The W.E. Smith House, c.1860, said to be the first brick residence in Albany, is currently used as the Albany Area Museum.

Built by Captain William E. Smith in 1860 for his bride Caroline Williams, the Smith House is a locally outstanding mid-nineteenth century structure. Architecturally, the house ties the classical symmetry and severity of form with the progressive additions of bracketing and innovative technical advances. This property had the first private waterworks for a residence in Albany. According to local tradition, Captain Smith had a well drilled and water was pumped into the house, even to an upstairs bedroom.

Captain Smith, born in Augusta but moved to Albany at an early age, became a lawyer and solicitor of the Southwest Circuit before the Civil War. In 1862 he was made commanding officer of the Albany Guards. He lost a leg in the Battle of King's School House the same year and returned home to the practice of law. He served eight years in the U.S. Congress during Reconstruction and from 1886-7, he served in the Georgia Legislature.

In 1960, a grandson of the original builder made a gift of the house through the Junior League of Albany for its use as a Junior Museum. Portions of the museum display include Indian relics and artifacts from the Flint River area, a collection of native rocks, as well as revolving displays.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mrs. Whitfield Gunnels, Southwest Georgia Historical Society, provided first draft of nomination form, 1973, on file at DNR.
The Journal, Albany, April 20, 1973.
History and Reminiscences of Dougherty County, Ga. 1924, pp. 142-5.
 Elizabeth Z. Macgregor, Personal inspection, 1974.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately one acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	16	7695110	3497140	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE

Elizabeth Z. Macgregor, Architectural Historian

August 1976

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources

DATE

404-656-2840

STREET & NUMBER

270 Washington St., SW

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Atlanta,

STATE

Georgia

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

David M. Sherman

DATE

1-4-77

TITLE

Chief, Historic Preservation Section

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DATE

8/31/77

8-29-77

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PHOTOGRAPHS

W.E. SMITH HOUSE, ALBANY, DOUGHERTY CO., GA.

Photographs taken by Jean K. Buckley, Winter 1975-6

1. Front facade; photograph facing southwest.
2. Central Hall stair.
3. Mantelpiece.