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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 Spotswood, Robert L., House other names/site number Glenn, J. Clyde, House

2. Location

street & number 1 Country Club Road city, town Mobile state Alabama code AL county Mobile code 097 zip code 36608

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Spanish Revival Residences in Mobile, 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: [Signature] Date: 5-22-91 State or Federal agency and bureau: Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)

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. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)

Entered in the National Register: [Signature] 7/12/91 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 Spotswood-Glenn House occupies a large, informally landscaped lot on the west side of Country Club Road in the exclusive Country Club Estates. The house sits some forty feet off the road on a gentle rise. It is a two story, Spanish Revival style building constructed of stucco covered tile. The house is two by three bays, features a round-headed entrance and casement windows. The lone second story window is centered and has a stucco window box below. The house is capped by a low pitch gable roof to the front with exposed rafters and red ceramic tile. There is a two story shed roof set-back along the south elevation and a one story flat roof wing off of the set back. This wing and the flat roof garage in the rear were added in 1939. There is a one story gable roof wing off the north elevation with an end chimney. The driveway, just north of the gable wing, is flanked by a stucco wall. At the rear of the one story wing to the south is a chest high stucco wall with a gate, leading into a small courtyard.

The interior plan includes an entrance hall with a stairway immediately in front and rooms to either side. All walls and ceilings are stucco and rooms are entered by arched openings. Floors are brick. The north wing features a barrel ceiling and exposed stucco chimney on the north wall with rustic brick.

Integrity

The Spotswood-Glenn House is in excellent condition. The south wing, added in 1939 has tinted windows, it was originally screened. Interior modifications are limited to carpeting in the upstairs.

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
1926-1939

Significant Dates
1926

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 Spotswood-Glenn House is significant under National Register Criterion C as one of the finest Spanish Revival style houses in Mobile. Its stucco walls, round headed openings and red tile roof are classic features of the style. The house is one of the more ambitious expressions of the style in Mobile, being built as part of an exclusive development.

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Country Club Estates, in fashionable Spring Hill, was platted by George Fearn and Son in 1924. Centered around a golf course and country club, this development was by far the most ambitious of the Fearn's many residential developments. Deed restrictions included the provision that no house costing less than \$3000 be erected, thus guaranteeing impressive architectural expressions.

Robert L. Spotswood, a solicitor for the Mobile Press Register and his wife Martha, purchased one of these lots in 1925. Construction began shortly thereafter, and by 1927 their house was complete. Their choice of the Spanish Revival style was consistent not only with the new country club house itself, just down the road, but with dozens of other new homes in the city.

The Spotswoods sold the house in 1930 and it has since passed through a succession of owners. Other than a few additions in 1939, the house remains substantially as built.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Mobile County Tax Records, Mobile County Courthouse, Mobile, Alabama.

Mobile City Directories, 1926, 1927.

Deed books, various. Title Insurance Company, Mobile, Alabama.

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

Acreeage of property Less than one

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Begin at a point on the west side of Country Club Road 545 feet south of Old Shell Road, proceed thence along the north curve of Country Club Road 203 feet to a point, thence north 147.5 feet to a point and thence east 177 feet to the point of beginning.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundaries conform to the present legal dimensions of the lot.

See continuation sheet

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section number photo-
graphs Page 1 Spotswood-Glenn House

1. Spotswood-Glenn House
1 Country Club Road
2. Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama
3. John Sledge, photographer
4. September 1989
5. MHDC Negative File--MB #171

Photo #	Description (Frame #)
1.	Facade, camera facing W (16)
2.	General, camera facing SW (18)
3.	Side elevation, camera facing S (19)
4.	Interior, entrance hall, camera facing W (23)
5.	N room, camera facing N (21)
6.	Front rooms, camera facing S (22)