

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 The Steger House (The Dr. Howard Place)

and/or common The Steger-Nance House

2. Location

street & number 3141 Maysville Road NA not for publication

city, town Huntsville, NA vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Alabama code 01 county Madison code 089

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"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <u>NA</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
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| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Heyman Stephens

street & number 3141 Maysville Road

city, town Huntsville NA vicinity of state Alabama

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Probate Record Room of the Probate Office, Madison Co. Courthouse

street & number The Square

city, town Huntsville state Alabama

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970-present federal state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

7. Description

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| 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

The Steger-Nance House is a brick, 3-bay wide, 2-story structure with a gable roof. It has an original ell-shaped plan (with later additions) with gable end chimneys on all three gables. The brick runs in a common bond, and rests on a brick foundation forming a basement with 8' ceilings. Cedar beams (10" x 18") form the floor structure. A simple boxed cornice forms the eaves, with plain projecting verges at the raking cornice on the gable ends. Windows are double hung, 9 over 9, and 9 over 6 sash, five of which are a modified Palladian window (9 over 9) with narrow flanking 3 over 3 sidelight windows, with a single stone lintel and slip sill. Trim is Greek Revival. The front entrance is double leaf doors with six lights (a later addition) and a flanking pair of sidelights with five lights over a raised panel. Trim is Greek Revival. A kitchen and bath wing were added in 1950 at the same time that the much-altered porch was given its last major revision.

Interior: The interior of the house is remarkably unaltered since the addition of modern facilities was accomplished by adding wings to the main house, rather than subdividing original rooms. There are six original Greek Revival mantels. Other woodwork includes door and window trim with a convex V-shaped profile, raised corners and raised corner blocks. There are plaster crown and dentil mouldings throughout the house.

Site: The house sits on a 3.72 acre lot and faces west. Original brick walks, servant's quarters and a smoke house remain. The servant's quarters is a brick 1 1/2 story gabled double-pen structure with gable-end chimneys, simple box cornice and metal roof. An attic loft space is located above the two rooms. An old water cistern and original Crepe Myrtle trees are located on the site.

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) Local History |
| Specific dates | c. 1854 | Builder/Architect | Unknown | |

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Steger-Nance House is significant for its associations with several prominent citizens of Maysville-Dr. F. E. H. Steger, Reverend Thomas Maddin and Dr. Isaac W. Howard. Doctors Steger and Howard provided medical care for the community, while Reverend Maddin was a prominent Methodist minister. Additionally, the house is significant architecturally. The interior is a good and very intact example of simple Greek Revival trim in North Alabama. The house itself reflects the application of stylistic detail to the basic Federal-Period house type of the area - a three-bay wide, 1 room deep with rear ell structure.

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The house was constructed probably around 1854, shortly after F. E. H. Steger purchased the lot in 1853. Steger, who built the house, was a locally prominent doctor. Born in the Mississippi Territory on October 4, 1810, Francis Epps Harris Steger was the son of John P. Steger of Powhatan County, Va., and Rebekah M. Harris Steger. As a young man, Steger attended "medical lectures" in Louisville, Kentucky, and later was the recipient of an honorary Master of Arts degree in 1851 from LaGrange College, a Methodist institution near Florence, Alabama. He married, in 1841, Miss Mary Elizabeth Maddin, the daughter of the noted Methodist minister, Thomas Maddin.

During the Civil War, Steger left the house in Maysville in the care of his father-in-law, Thomas Maddin. Reverend Maddin was born in Philadelphia, PA, on February 13, 1796. He was raised in the Roman Catholic faith, but became a Methodist after his family moved to Louisville in 1814. In 1818, he received a license to preach and began his half-century long ministerial career. A graduate of LaGrange College, Maddin was a charter trustee, in 1843, of Athens College, the Female Institute of the Tennessee Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. From 1846 until the coming of the Civil War, the Alabama Minister was most prominent in the ecclesiastical affairs of the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church. Just after the war, Rev. Maddin purchased the house from his son-in-law (in 1866), but by 1872 had moved to Tennessee where he died in 1874, leaving the house to the Stegers. Steger had returned to Maysville by 1872 and occupied the house until 1889, when he sold it and moved to Nashville. He lived in Nashville until 1907, the year of his death.

The new owner, Dr. D. H. McClain, held title to the house until 1893, when it was purchased by John W. Worthman, who resold it to Dr. Isaac W. Howard, a local physician in 1907. Isaac William Howard was born in Henegar, Alabama in 1870 and later attended Scottsboro College in the 1890s. He graduated from Southern University in Greensboro in 1896, then enrolled in Memphis Hospital Medical College from which he received a medical degree in 1899. He moved to Maysville in 1901 and continued to practice until poor health forced his retirement in 1930. The house remained in this family until 1950 when it was purchased by Harry F. Nance, a cotton ginner and a farmer active in numerous community activities. In 1977, it was purchased by Heyman and Betty Stephens, the current owners.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Stubno, William J. "History of the Steger-Nance House." unpublished manuscript in possession of the Alabama Historical Commission.

10. Geographical Data

UTM + acreage not verified

Acreage of nominated property 3.94

Quadrangle name Maysville 7.5

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

see continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title William J. Stubno/Barry Loveland and Ellen Mertins

organization Alabama Historical Commission date April 12, 1982

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone 832-6621

city or town Montgomery state Alabama

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *[Signature]*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 4/11/82

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| For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register | |
| <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Keeper of the National Register | Entered in the National Register date <u>6/1/82</u> |
| Attest: | date |
| Chief of Registration | |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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

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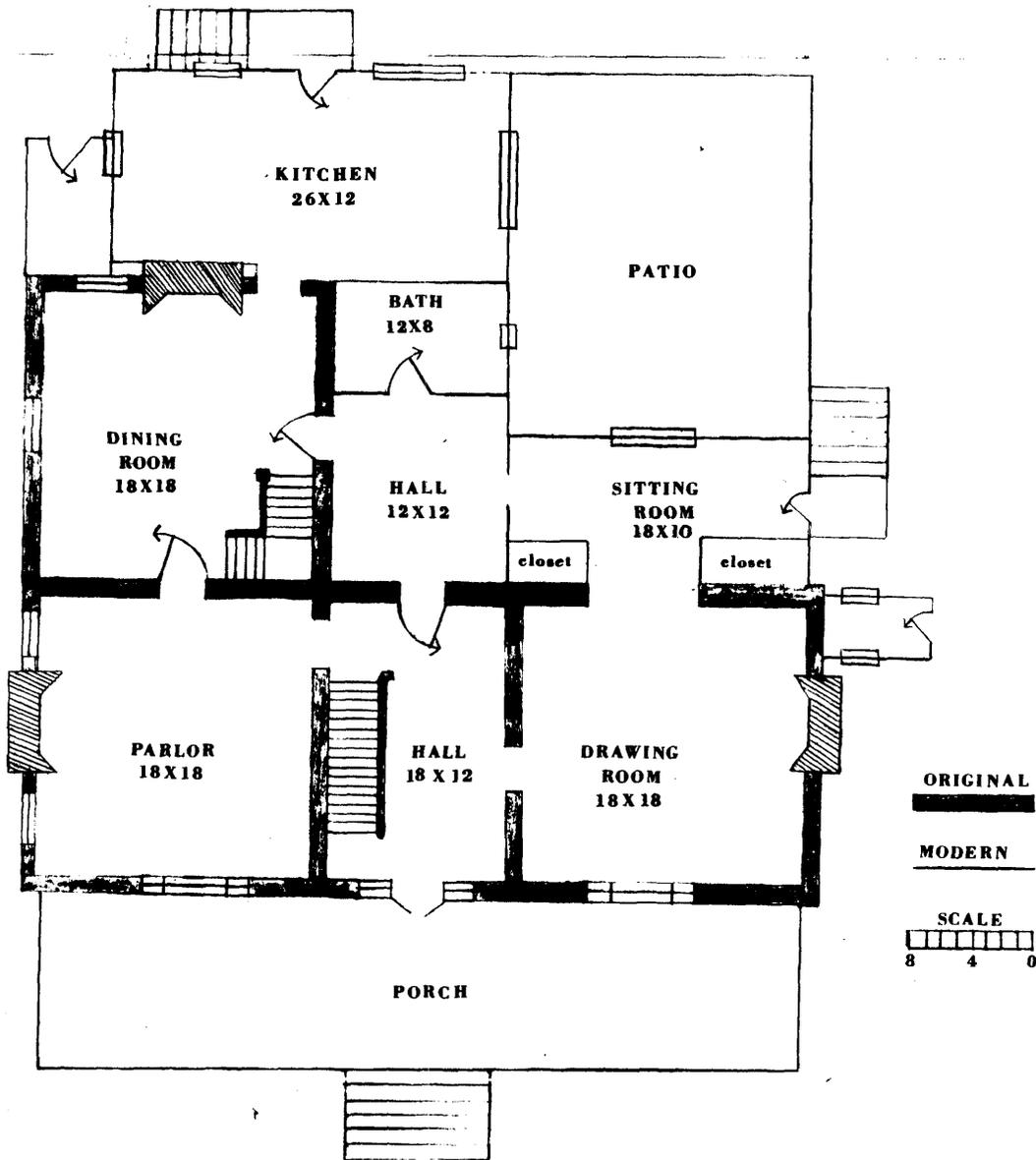
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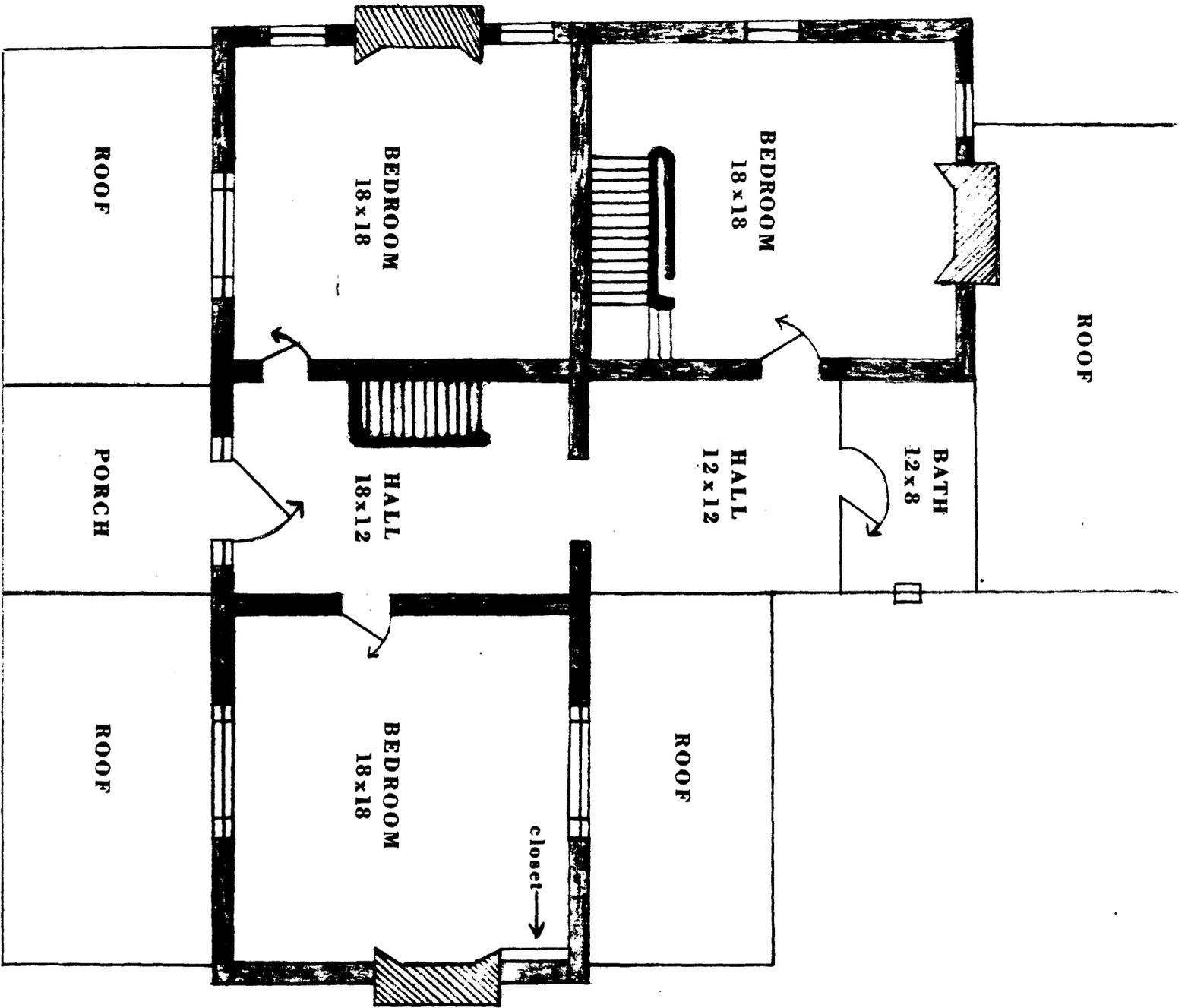
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Beginning at a point that is located due north 472.90 feet and due east 30.00 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 16, thence from the true point of beginning due north 369.48 feet to a point, thence north 86 degrees 04 minutes east 429.00 feet to a point, thence south 88 degrees 15.00 minutes west 265.55 feet to a point, thence north 87 degrees 10 minutes west 188.50 feet to the point of beginning and containing 3.94 acres more or less. House and land in one ownership.

STEGE-NANCE HOUSE
ca. 1854



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



STEGE-R-NANCE HOUSE
SECOND FLOOR PLAN

