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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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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 Lindsey, Martin, House  
other names/site number Hoppmyer, Roy and Barbara House

2. Location

street & number 3112 Bayfront Road  not for publication  
city, town Mobile  vicinity  
state Alabama code AL county Mobile code 097 zip code 36605

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
NA

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] 12-5-90  
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.

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

Mark J. Baker Entered in the National Register 24 Jan 1991  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)Other/vernacular

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick piers

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walls Weatherboard

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roof Tin

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other 

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Lindsey House rests on a large lot of roughly 200 feet by 200 feet, overlooking Mobile Bay. Bayfront Road runs north-south between the house and the bay, curving to the west just a few hundred feet north of the house. The Lindsey House is a classic bay house. Resting on brick piers, this one story frame dwelling is 5x10 bays with a low hip tin roof. The most impressive feature is the wide kick-off shed roof porch which wraps around three sides and down the south side of the rear ell. This porch is supported by paired square posts and features exposed rafters. The main entrance consists of double multi-light transom; there are french doors to either side and around the sides. Windows are 9/2 and there are three interior brick chimneys. There is a shed roof carport on the south elevation.

The interior plan consists of a central hall with three rooms to either side. Interior walls and ceilings are beaded board while the floors are hardwood. Wood panel doors include multi-light transoms, providing excellent ventilation throughout the house. Original mantels remain.

**Integrity**

The Lindsey House retains its integrity of location, style and design. The house suffered some damage during Hurricane Frederic in 1979 which was sympathetically repaired. The present owner is currently restoring the interior, and will replace the walls in the south rooms.

**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  
1915

Significant Dates  
1915

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.

The Lindsey House is significant under National Register Criterion C as the last surviving bay house within the City of Mobile. Distinguished by its wrap-around porch, central hall, tall ceilings and interior transoms, the Lindsey House is perfectly designed to capture bay breezes.

The bay house was a logical evolution from the 19th century Greek Revival and Creole Cottage. Mobile County's earliest example, the Austin House, was built during the 1830s and features a wrap-around porch and central hall. Though Greek Revival in inspiration, the porch distinguishes the Austin House from inland examples. By the early 1900s bay houses were being built along Portersville Bay in south Mobile County. Among these, the Leatherbury House (1912), is a two story example with wrap-around porches and multiple entrances. These multiple entrances are most likely a borrowing from the Creole Cottage style, which had no central hall but direct access from every room onto the porch. Since these bay houses utilized their porches as important living spaces, multiple entrances enhanced their accessibility. Both the Austin House and the Leatherbury House are individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Lindsey House is well within the bay house tradition with its wrap-around porch and multiple entrances. The house was built in 1915 by a Mobile lumber magnate named Martin Lindsey. The original tract included over a hundred acres. In 1941 Lindsey's widow sold the property to another lumber magnate, T.S. Hunter. The area was subdivided and subsequently referred to as the T.S. Hunter Estate. Other houses were erected in the area (none of them bay houses) and the city limits encompassed the area in 1956.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Mobile County Deed Books, Various.

Mobile City Directory, 1915.

Mobile County Tax Records, 1915.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): NA

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Approximately one

UTM References

A 16 398450 3386310  
 Zone Easting Northing

C                                    

B                                      
 Zone Easting Northing

D                                    

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Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

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

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the West line of Bay Shell Road, sometimes known as Bay Shore Road 227 feet Southwardly from the intersection of the South line of Bay Crescent if extended Eastwardly with the West line of Bay Shell Road if extended Northwardly measured along the West line of Bay Shell Road and from said point of beginning, thence Southwardly along the West line of Bay Shell Road (sometimes known as Bay Shore Road) 211 feet to a point, thence North 83°55' West 200 feet to a point, thence North 06°05' East 202 feet to a point, thence South 86°30' East 200 feet more or less, to the West side of Bay Shell Road to the point of beginning.

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Information in items 1-5 is the same for all photographs listed.

1. Lindsey-Hoppmyer House  
3112 Bayfront Road
2. Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama
3. John Sledge, photographer
4. July 1990
5. MHDC Negative File--MB #186

Photo #	Description (Frame #)
1.	Facade. Camera facing W. (1)
2.	General. Camera facing NW. (4)
3.	South elevation. Camera facing N. (6)
4.	Rear. Camera facing E. (8)
5.	Rear general. Camera facing SE. (9)
6.	Interior. Central Hall. Camera facing W. (11)
7.	Same. Front room. Camera facing S. (12)
8.	Same. N middle room. Camera facing W. (14)