

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Monterey Place

and/or common Misses Shepard School

2. Location

street & number 1552 Monterey Place N/A not for publication

city, town Mobile N/A vicinity of congressional district 01

state Alabama code 01 county Mobile code 097

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Matt Brown

street & number 1552 Monterey Place

city, town Mobile N/A vicinity of state Alabama 36604

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mobile County Court House, Probate Division

street & number 109 Government Street

city, town Mobile state Alabama 36601

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1970-present federal X state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state AL

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 northeast corner of Catherine Street and Monterey Place, this house is one of the finest examples of High Victorian Queen Anne residential architecture in the city of Mobile. This two-story frame building is inventive in plan with its cross axes, projecting wings and voids in the form of balconies, porches and porte-cocheres which have been incorporated into the overall massing of the house. A variety of wood decorations such as turned, incised, scrolled, basket woven lattice, spindles, reels and other patterns combine to create a fanciful ornamentation typical of the Queen Anne period.

The original interior fabric has to a large measure remained intact, though minor changes have occurred over the span of years. The changes have been basically contained in the small anteroom off the living room where one wall was removed, a built-in bookcase installed and one mantel changed out. All of the changes have been handled in a compatible manner.

Of the original fabric and integrity therein there are eleven coal burning fireplaces with cherry and/or oak mantels; pine floors throughout; quarter sawn oak (or tiger oak) treads on the stairs; three intricate jewel cut stained glass leaded windows, two in the stairwell and one in the living room; original brass hardware on doors and windows; and the original brass light fixtures with hand blown glass globes still remain. The kitchen cabinetry is also original to the house, made of pine with arched panels of glass in each door. In the foyer and in the dining room there are jig-saw cut and spindle work friezes spanning the bay windows. These friezes are similar to but smaller than the exterior Victorian woodwork.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1898 **Builder/Architect** Charles M. Shepard

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architecture:

Monterey Place stands today as one of the best examples of High Victorian Queen Anne residential architecture in the city of Mobile. Many such homes were constructed in Mobile around the turn of the century, but unfortunately a great number of these Queen Anne structures have been lost to commercial encroachment over the years. Its elaborate form and fanciful detailing are rivalled only by the Tacon-Gordon Tissington House at 1216 Government Street and the Pollock Houses at 505, 507, and 509 Church Street. Monterey Place is often enumerated as an outstanding building within the Old Dauphin Way Preservation Neighborhood, a very diverse and varied blend of architectural styles ranging from early Gulf Coast cottages to 20th century bungalows.

Education:

In the early 1900's Kate Shepard and her sister taught school on the second floor of the house. The school was known as the "Misses Shepard School" and the courses of study included primary and intermediate departments and general high school courses. Many Mobilians received their basic education under the guidance of the Shepard sisters.

Integrity:

Although there have been minor changes to the exterior of the house (the main change being the replacement of two wood columns with brick columns on the east side of the house to create a carport area) a great deal of the exterior fabric and in particular the original wood detailing along the porches and balconies remains. The interior also possesses much of its original fabric--in particular the room arrangement, fireplaces, floors, walls, ceilings, door and window framings, hardware and some lighting fixtures.

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Miscellaneous:

Monterey Place was built in 1898 by Charles M. Shepard. It was known as the Shepard House until the street Monterey Place was cut through in 1910 at which time the house began to be referred to as the Monterey Place. The Shepard family remained in ownership until 1974 when the last family member, Kate M. Shepard, died.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Deeds and mortgages from the Mobile County Probate Court; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; City Directories; Tax Assessment Records; Mobile Press Register, July 7, 1974.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property (.35 ac.) less than one

Quadrangle name Mobile

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	6	3	9	7	1	1	0	3	3	9	4	8	9	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the NW corner of Catherine & Monterey Place, extending 113' west along Monterey to a point, then running 135' north & parallel to Catherine, then running 113' east to Catherine, then running 135' south to the point of beginning.

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robin A. Lang, Researcher

organization Mobile Historic Development Commission date November 16, 1982

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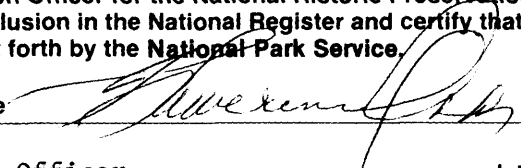
city or town Mobile state Alabama 36633

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

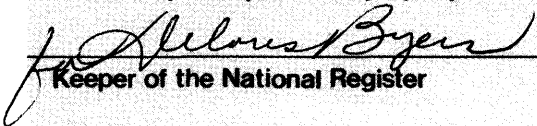
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 11/29/83

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


Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 1/5/84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration