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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: ST. CLAIR	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
DEC 4	1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Inzer House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Dean-Inzer House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hartford Avenue (5th.)

CITY OR TOWN:
Ashville

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: St. Clair	CODE 115
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Miss Sallie Inzer

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hartford Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Ashville	STATE: Alabama	CODE: 01
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Ashville Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Square

CITY OR TOWN: Ashville	STATE: Alabama	CODE: 01
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

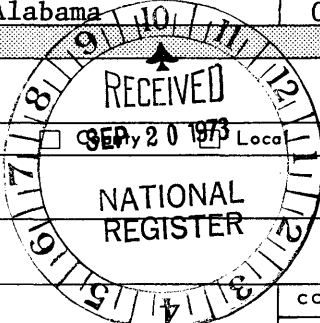
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Inzer House is a Greek Revival cottage constructed of red handpressed brick, with a half-raised full basement. The L-shaped structure, which has been painted white, measures 53' across the east facade, 42'10" across the south, 74'8" across the north, and 35'6" across the rear.

All walls including interior walls are 16 inches thick. The roof is hipped and there are 6 end-exterior chimneys, two on the south side and four on the north side. An unusual feature of the house is that the crown molding of the eyes extends in an unbroken line encasing the chimneys.

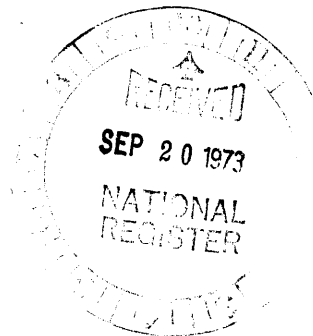
A small raised front portico features four columns supporting a pediment. The two center are round with fluting and Doric capitals and bases, while the two flanking columns are square.

The double front doors have a transom and flanking side lights of ruby glass set with small geometric designs. There is one window on either side of the portico. These front windows are double hung with 12 lites per sash. Like all windows of the house these front windows have lintels of inset stone, and fluted framing set flush with the glass. Side windows are evenly spaced eight on the north, four on the south, and have nine lites per sash. Beneath each window is a smaller half window at ground level which gives light and ventilation to the basement.

A large entrance hall, which opens onto a bedroom on the right and a parlor on the left, is separated from a back hall of equal size by an arch topped with stained glass. This rear hall opens onto bedrooms on the left and right. A narrow hall leading from this rear hall runs the length of the ell opening onto a bedroom and a rear dining room. To the right of this hall are porches which were enclosed around 1900. The basement repeats this plan.

All of the original outbuildings, a kitchen, a smoke house and necessary, are still standing and are in good condition. The original kitchen, a small one story brick structure with two end-exterior chimneys and a hipped roof, is divided into two halves with living quarters for a servant on the east and facilities for food preparation on the west.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Inzer Home, a fine example of a smaller Greek Revival home, was built for an early Ashville merchant and later became the home of Judge John W. Inzer a noted Alabama politician known as St. Clair County's "Grand Old Man".

The structure was built in 1852 by Jefferson Campbell, a master brick-maker and brick layer, for Moses Dean, one of Ashville's earliest landowners and merchants. Dean, who was in the area as early as 1825, was a civic leader and was one of the Commissioners who supervised the building of the present St. Clair County Courthouse in 1844.

In 1866 John Washington Inzer came into possession of the house. Inzer was born in Georgia in 1834 and moved with his parents to St. Clair County in 1854. Later in that year he went to Talladega and entered the law office of John Tyler Morgan, a noted Alabama statesman, and A. J. Walker, later chief justice of the State Supreme Court, as a student.

In 1856 he opened a law office in Ashville, the seat of government of St. Clair County. He was appointed probate judge of St. Clair County by Governor Andrew Barry Moore to fill a vacancy in 1859, and held the office until the election in May of the following year. He was a delegate to the Democratic convention held in Montgomery in 1860, and in December of that year was elected to represent the county in the secession convention held in Montgomery in January of 1861.

He served with distinction in the Confederate Army, attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel; he was captured in 1863 and held prisoner until June of 1865.

Soon after his return to his home he was appointed probate judge of St. Clair County. He went to Ashville to reorganize and set up the civil government of the county, resigning at the end of seven or eight weeks. He was elected probate judge the following year, to the state senate in 1874, to the Constitutional Convention of 1875, and in 1890 was elected to the state senate again. He was appointed judge of the 16th judicial circuit court in 1907 and in the following year elected to that office.

During his life he held many other positions, including Trustee of Howard College in Birmingham and chairman of the board for Bryce's Hospital. Inzer died in 1928 and the house is owned and occupied by Miss Sallie Inzer, a descendent of Judge Inzer.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Owen, T. M. History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography.
 S. J. Clarke Publishing Co.: Chicago, IL., 1921.

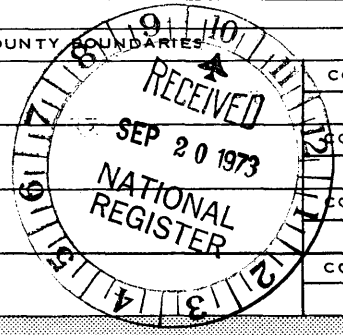
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: four

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 AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 S. Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Miss B. Howard Jr.

Title SHPO - Alabama

Date September 4, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
 Associate Director, Professional Services

Date 12/4/73

ATTEST:

Charles W. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 12-30-73