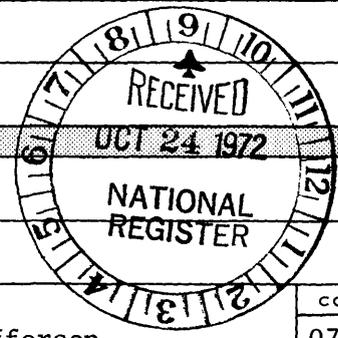


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON:
The McAdory Home *House*

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Thomas McAdory, Jr. Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
214 Eastern Valley Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Bessemer

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: Jefferson	CODE 073
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>Vacant</u>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. J. E. McAdory

STREET AND NUMBER:
224 Deadrick Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bessemer

STATE:
Alabama

CODE:
01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
214 Eastern Valley Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Bessemer

STATE:
Alabama

CODE:
01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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 McAdory home is a typical pioneer planter's home of the pre-Civil War Era. The house was originally one of three buildings which formed the residence complex. The kitchen, which originally stood some twelve yards on the left, or west of the main building, no longer exists; the main building, consisting of five rooms, a dogtrot and three porches, still exists and is in good condition. The third building of the complex was called the boys' house. This building was used as sleeping quarters for the boys in the family and for lodging overnight guests. The small, one-room "boys' house" still stands but has been modified and is presently being used by the caretaker.

The main house was constructed in 1841 by the slaves belonging to Thomas McAdory, Jr. The superstructure was built of hand hewn, heart pine timbers, notched and pegged together with pegs made from black locust trees. The outer surface was of sawn, horizontal boarding, nailed into place with square nails. The original doors with their hand forged hardware have been unaltered; the original windows exist also. The house was heated by a wood burning fireplace in each room, but only three of the early, stacked stone chimneys remain today. The roof was of hand split wood shingles but has been covered by tin. The dogtrot which divided the house from front to rear has been enclosed and now serves as an entry hallway.

Entering the house from the front, there was a porch, supported by six wooden, hand hewn, solid pine columns, which ran the full width of the front of the building. The dogtrot, originally open, divided the parlor and one bed room on the right from the dining room and two bed rooms on the left. At the rear of the dogtrot there was an extended small back porch with a door opening into the dining room. A door on the west side of the dining room also led to a small shed-like porch, allowing food which was prepared in the adjacent kitchen building to be brought to the main building for serving.

The parlor was decorated with a three foot high wainscoting on all four interior walls. The wainscoting is still in place. The original floors and interior walls have also been retained.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thomas McAdory, Jr. home is a typical example of plantation house architecture in early Alabama. The family originated in Scotland and later emigrated to America, settling in South Carolina. Thomas McAdory, Sr., father of the builder of the house, was born in South Carolina in 1776. After his marriage he moved with his family to Kentucky and later in 1818 to Alabama. He died two years later. His wife and children developed a large plantation. Each child was given a fine education.

Thomas McAdory, Jr. married Emily Owen in 1836. He purchased land near his childhood home and built the existing building for his bride in 1840. The couple reared six children, two sons serving the Confederacy during the Civil War. One son was killed in the Battle of Chickamauga; another son, Isaac, returned home and later became an outstanding educator. Isaac founded Pleasant Hill Academy and was in the Alabama Legislature in 1886-87 and later in 1897. A daughter, Nancy (McAdory) Owen, had a son named Thomas M. Owen, who was born in this house. Thomas Owen practiced law in Bessemer from 1887 to 1894. He was an historian and was founder and first director of Alabama State Department of Archives and History.

This home was also the birthplace of Robert M. McAdory, first mayor of Bessemer and early merchant.

The Thomas McAdory, Jr. home is a most significant building whose architecture reflects plantation life by people who were rooted in tradition of conservative pride in family, and in wealth; which made them singularly averse to the Classic Revival trends in the architecture of that era.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

FAMILY RECORDS OF THOMAS McADORY FAMILY—owned by Elmore McAdory, Bessemer, Alabama
 GENEALOGY OF PRUDE OWEN McADORY FAMILIES—State Archives
 Owen, Thomas McAdory, HISTORY OF ALABAMA AND DICTIONARY OF ALABAMA BIOGRAPHY, Volume III; The S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, 1961.
 THOMAS M. OWEN MANUSCRIPT FILE—Alabama Department of Archives & History

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 1.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: W. Warner Floyd James H. Walker, Jr.
Executive Director West Jefferson Historical Society

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: 305 South Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery, STATE: Alabama 36104 CODE: 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 SLD

Date October 11, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/26/72

ATTEST:
William S. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 12-20-72

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