

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: LAMAR	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	FEB 13 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
James Greer Bankhead, Home *House*

AND/OR HISTORIC:
"Forrest Home"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Wolf Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Sulligent Congressional District: 4

STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Lamar CODE: 025

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<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 (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Grace Bankhead May

STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 74

CITY OR TOWN:
Sulligent

STATE: Alabama CODE: 35586 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lamar County Courthouse, Probate Judge's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Vernon

STATE: Alabama CODE: 35586 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1935-36 Federal State County Local

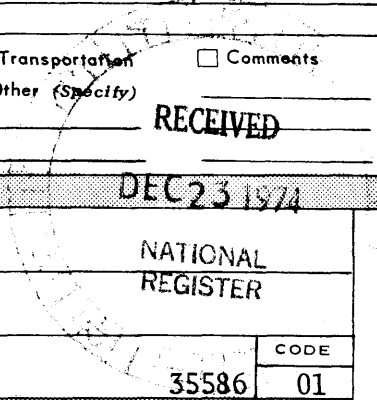
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D.C. CODE: 08

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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		

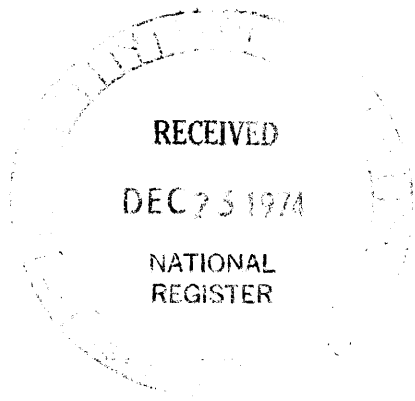
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Forrest Home", the James Greer Bankhead Home in Sulligent is typical of the early frame homes built throughout Alabama by well-to-do planters. It is a two-story structure with a gable roof, drop-siding and almost entirely devoid of any ornamentation.

According to Mrs. Grace Bankhead May, present owner, and great-granddaughter of James Greer Bankhead, the family first built a log house, long since gone, in which they resided before this structure was constructed; the log house was located directly behind the present home. Built by slaves under the supervision of an itinerant carpenter, who supervised the construction of several homes in West Alabama, the present structure took two years to build. The two small rooms on the rear-east side were finished first and here the itinerant carpenter lived.

Originally, the downstairs center hall was open, "dog trot" fashion; this contains the staircase to the second floor. There is an eighteen foot square room on each side of the hall downstairs and upstairs. The one story area on the rear of the house downstairs has a shed roof; the west side has one room, while the east side is divided into two rooms. The one-story front porch extends across the entire front facade and has a shed roof supported by six square wooden columns. There is a large brick chimney on each end of the two-story section and there was a small chimney on each side of the one-story rear section, until a tornado in 1933 blew the rear west chimney down. The 1933 tornado, also, blew away the original kitchen and dining room, which were in a wing behind the rear west end room. Across the front of the house upstairs there are five windows. Downstairs each of the large rooms has two windows with a door between opening on the front porch; the open central hall or "trot" was enclosed many years ago. All windows are double hung with twelve panes per sash in the upper sash and six in the lower. All rooms still retain the original wood paneling.

The House is in a good state of repair and virtually unchanged except for the addition of modern conveniences.



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6. 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 type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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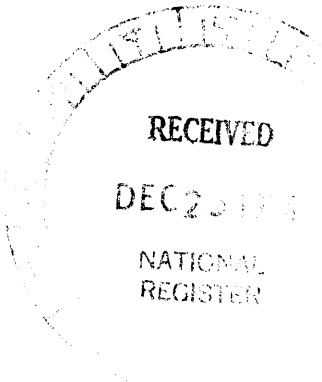
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The James Greer Bankhead House has architectural significance as an excellent example of the once numerous, but rapidly disappearing two-story frame pioneer style house. The house is also associated with the Bankheads who were early settlers in Lamar County and prominent in Alabama history.

It was built by 1850, when the Bankhead family Bible shows that a child was born in the house.

James Greer Bankhead had this home built for his family. His father, George Bankhead, operated a stage coach inn nearby at Crews on Jackson's Military Road. The Bankheads had come to what is now Lamar County in 1818, from Union County, South Carolina, by way of Tennessee. James Greer Bankhead was a soldier in the Creek Indian and Mexican War and a planter. To him and his wife, the former Susan Hollis, were born, among other children, John Hollis Bankhead, farmer, legislator, Confederate Officer, member of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States. John Hollis Bankhead, who grew up in this house was the founder of one of Alabama's most prominent political dynasties, which influenced American Politics for more than half a century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Marks, H. S., Who Was Who in Alabama. Huntsville: The Strode Publishers, 1972.
 Owen, T. M., History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1921.
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

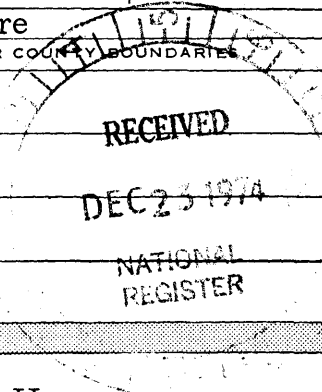
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 1 acre**

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:
Jackson R. Stell, Historic Resources Coordinator, II

ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission** DATE: **Dec. 10, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
725 Monroe Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Montgomery** STATE: **Alabama** 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 *Wils B. Howard Jr.*

Title *SHPS Ala*

Date *December 12, 1974*

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

AB Worles
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *2/13/75*

ATTEST:
W. J. ...
 Keeper of the National Register

Date *2.11.75*