

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA  
 ALABAMA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

NO. 4

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Brooks-Hughes Home                      HISTORIC NAME: Brooks Family Home  
 STREET ADDRESS: 1010 Sandfort Road                      CITY: Phenix City                      COUNTY: Russell  
 PRESENT OWNER: Lois Brooks Hughes                      MAILING ADDRESS: 1010 Sandfort Road  
 CITY: Phenix City                      STATE: Alabama                      ZIP CODE: 36867  
 CURRENT USE: Residence                      ACREAGE: *Less than one acre.*  
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:                      U.T.M. REFERENCE: *16 687220 3592900*  
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 57-05-05-15-4-404-289-107/108 - *SEE ATTACHED MAP*

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Late Victorian; one story on brick foundation, irregular floor plan, weatherboard frame construction, gable roof with diamond shaped asphalt shingles, central chimney, porch with gazebo on southeast corner and east side of house; details include gable ends with multi-paned stained glass windows and heavily decorated bargeboards with spoolwork, square bay windows on projecting wings with paired 1/1 double hung sash windows, and heavily decorated porch with turned post balustrade, chamfered porch supports with braided carved wood applied to chamfers, lyre designed entablature, brackets, and carved crossettes; shed additions to rear; yard extensively landscaped (OVER)

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: W.T. Hall                      ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Columbus Iron Works                      HISTORIC ACREAGE: *N/A*  
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1897-1904                      DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Shed addition to rear added c. 1920.  
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The property on which this house sits was purchased in 1897 by W.T. Hall from I.I. Moses. The house was constructed by the Columbus Iron Works shortly thereafter. In 1904, R.E. Brooks purchased the house and lot. Brooks was a machinist at the Columbus Iron Works. The house has remained in the family since that time, passing to his wife upon his death at the Columbus Iron Works, and upon his wife's death, to his daughter, the present owner.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Local History                      LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local  
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): ARCHITECTURE: This house is architecturally significant as the finest example of the Victorian Cottage in Phenix City. The gazebo porch, lyre patterned porch trimmings, chamfered posts with applied braid trim, and heavily decorated gables are unmatched in Phenix City. LOCAL HISTORY: Significant as the type of home being built by the construction division of the Columbus Ironworks, this house was lived in by a machinist at the Ironworks. It is representative of the type of housing popular among skilled craftsmen working in the Columbus industries, while living in Phenix City.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: Nancy Alexander                      ORGANIZATION: Lower Chattahoochee APDC  
 ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1908                      TELEPHONE NUMBER: (404) 324-4221  
                     Columbus, Georgia 31994  
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: *NONE*  
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Mrs. Lois B. Hughes, owner.



PHOTOGRAPHER: Susan Mahan

DATE: August, 1980

ROLL NO. 2 FRAME NO. 20 NEGATIVES FILED: Phenix City Historical Preservation Society

DIRECTION PHOTOGRAPHER FACING: Northwest

USE SPACE BELOW FOR CONTINUATION FROM FRONT, SKETCH PLANS OR MAPS, ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, ETC.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION CONT'D: with flowering trees and shrubs; situated on the peak of a hill and surrounded by c. 1890-1900 Victorian dwellings. A greenhouse is to the west of the house, built c. 1940, and is the only outbuilding, good condition.





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