

**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 Smith/Joseph/Stratton House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 302 Alabama Street NA not for publication

city, town Montgomery NA vicinity of Congressional District 2

state Alabama code 01 county Montgomery code 101

**3. Classification**

| Category  | Ownership                                   | Status  | Present Use                                |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied                   | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" 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                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                   | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered   | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial        |
|   | NA  | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military          |
|   |   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: |

**4. Owner of Property**

name Richard M. Jordan

street & number 322 Alabama Street

city, town Montgomery NA vicinity of state Alabama

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

street & number 142 Washington Avenue

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1970-present  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

## 7. Description

|  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good            | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |   |

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Smith/Joseph/Stratton House is a one-story, wood frame Italianate cottage on the south side of Alabama Street in Montgomery. The five-bay house rests on brick piers approximately 3' high. All exposures of the foundation except the eastern have been bricked. The eastern foundation is obscured by grading.

The low hipped roof is covered by asbestos tiles and is finished by crown molding at the bracketed eaves. The house is further embellished at the cornice by decorative scrollwork applied to the fascia and dentil molding below the soffit. Otherwise, 302 Alabama Street is a simple cottage with 6 over 6 double hung sashes and two brick chimneys. The front entrance has been altered to accommodate double, single light doors and the back porch has been enclosed. (c. 1910)

A special feature of the house is the one-story, two-room servant's quarter, whose porch has also been enclosed. Behind the house and originally oriented toward the back yard, the servant's house was given a McDonough Street entrance c. 1940.

The interior of the Smith house features plaster over lathe walls, four panel pine doors, 5"-6" pine flooring and one iron mantel. Two of the fireplaces have been closed and a third is missing its mantel.

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

**Specific dates** 1855                      **Builder/Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Criterion B - Transportation and Politics

This property is significant for its associations with E. B. Joseph, a developer of and for several years president of Montgomery's electrified street railway system. Joseph was also a noted local politician who served as mayor from 1899 to 1903 and served on the city council for six years, starting in the mid 1880s. Although Joseph occupied this house (which belonged to his father-in-law) only from 1880-1885, it is the only residence surviving from the productive period of his life.

Criterion D - Architecture

This is one of the city's few remaining small Italianate cottages dating from the 1850s and is the only one to survive intact with its servant's quarters.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 81' x 100'

Quadrangle name Montgomery South

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

|   |                            |   |   |
|---|----------------------------|---|---|
| A | <u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>6</u> | <u>5</u> <u>6</u> <u>1</u> <u>5</u> <u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u> | <u>3</u> <u>1</u> <u>5</u> <u>8</u> <u>1</u> <u>9</u> <u>1</u> <u>8</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u> |
|   | Zone                       | Easting   | Northing  |

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|---|------|---------|----------|
| B |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet.

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

| state     | code | county | code |
|-----------|------|--------|------|
| <u>NA</u> |      |        |      |
| state     | code | county | code |

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ellen Mertins and Marilyn Sullivan (Point of Reference)

organization Alabama Historical Commission date April 17, 1984

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone 205 261-3184

city or town Montgomery state Alabama

# 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 February 27, 1985

### For NPS use only

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

Entered in the National Register

date 4-11-85

Keeper of the National Register

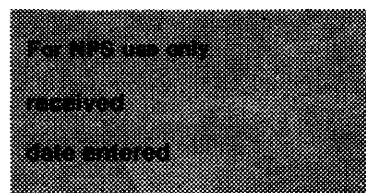
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Smith/Joseph/Stratton House Item number 9

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Abstract to the property in possession of Richard M. Jordan, owner.

Alabama Census Index for 1820 and 1860.

Joseph Biographical Folder, Alabama Archives and History Department.

Montgomery Advertiser, May 23, 1905. "Death Comes to Mr. Joseph."

Montgomery Advertiser, June 6, 1907. "Startling Figures of South's Rapid Growth,"  
Asa E. Stratton.

Montgomery Advertiser, April 27, 1921. "Judge Asa Evans Stratton Dies at His Home  
on Alabama Street."

Montgomery Advertiser, January 8, 1958. "Stratton Rites Slated."

Montgomery County Census, 1860.

Montgomery County Cemetery Records.

Montgomery County Marriages 1817-1918.

Montgomery County Personal Property and Real Estate Tax Record for 1852 and 1859.

Montgomery City Directories for 1859-60, 1866, 1873, 1878, 1880-81, 1883-84, 1887  
and 1893.

Oak-Park/Highland Park File, Point of Reference.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for 1884, 1888, 1894, 1910.

Stratton Biographical Folder, Alabama Archives and History Department.

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Lot 21 and the west 31 feet of lot 22 on the south side of Alabama Street in that part of the city of Montgomery, Alabama formerly called "New Philadelphia" being further described as commencing at the southeast corner of Alabama and McDonough Streets and running thence south along the east side of McDonough 100', more or less, to the north side of Scott Street thence east along the north side of Scott Street 81', thence north 100', more or less, to Alabama Street, thence west along south side of Alabama Street 81' to point of beginning.