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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: MOBILE	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.6.01.0008	DATE 6/8/71



1. NAME

COMMON:
Martin Horst House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
407 Conti Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Mobile
STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Mobile CODE: 097

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 	<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"/> 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)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mobile Historic Development Commission
STREET AND NUMBER:
201 N. Conception Street
CITY OR TOWN: Mobile STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Mobile County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
South Royal Street
CITY OR TOWN: Mobile STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 1934 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)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Martin Horst House is a two-story brick building with a service wing which can be used separately from the house. This service wing is one room deep and three rooms long. It, along with the carriage house and formal garden encloses a courtyard which is paved with brick.

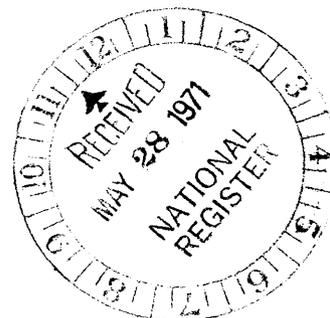
A balcony across the front is supported by cast iron columns. There are four windows on the first floor front. Two on either side of the double door which has an arched double lighted transom. Five windows cross the second floor on the front. There are four windows on each floor of the two sides. The front windows on each floor are somewhat longer than the others, the extra length being at the bottom. All windows have shutters and are framed by slightly arching cornices and sills of cast iron. The door has a similar cornice. The wall extends above the roof line in a parapet with a bracketed cornice projecting from the wall at about the roof line. The roof is slate and the house has four end-interior chimneys.

A double gallery runs across the back of the house and along the service wing. It has wood columns and railings of Greek proportion detail. The second floor of this gallery is shuttered.

The interior has a wide central hall with a stairway on the right. This stairway has statuary niches. To the left is a large double parlor, which measures 38' x 18'. The parlor is divided by an ornate arch, embellished with bas-relief heads of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. The ornate plaster work around the ceiling is similar to the plaster medallions in the center. Black and gold pier mirrors at both ends of the parlors are framed by tall windows. These windows have carved cornices which match the pier mirrors. There are four matching fireplaces downstairs. Across from the parlors are two rooms, divided symmetrically.

The service wing has two rooms on the first floor and three on the second. There are five rooms on the second floor, four of which measure 18' x 16' each. A smaller room measures 12' x 10'. All ceilings are 18'. The woodwork is Greek Revival.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <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) 1867-8

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input 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 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Martin Horst House, located in the Church Street East Historic District, represents the finest residential architecture of its time. Built in the Italianate style, it has some Greek Revival detailing.

This land was included in the Spanish grant of 1798 (confirmed 1806) to Thomas Price, an Indian interpreter. The property was acquired by Martin and Apolonia Horst in 1866 from Mrs. Henrietta Dolhonde for \$4,000. Martin Horst, a German immigrant, was a prosperous businessman. He served as Mayor of Mobile in 1870-71, and is credited with breaking the carpet-bagger rule, which held sway at the outset of the Reconstruction Era.

Construction was begun September 1867 by builder and contractor George Woodward Cox, at an estimated cost of \$19,000. The house was completed by January, 1868. Cox also built a number of other fine structures in Mobile. In 1923, the Horst heirs sold the property to Kaheel Zogby, who sold it to J. Albert Schock in 1964. The Mobile Historic Development Commission acquired the property in 1966.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Abstracts on file at the Mobile Historic Development Commission, Mobile, Alabama.
 Hamilton, P. S., Colonial Mobile, Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1897.
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 Owen, Thomas, History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography, Vol. III, Chicago: S. J. Clark Publishing Co., 1921.

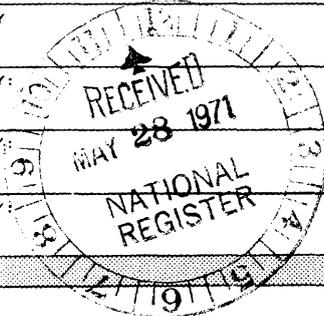
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		30 ° 41' 21.1"	88 ° 02' 47.7"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than an acre

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, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: May 19, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South 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 Milo B. Howard, Jr.

Title S. L. O.

Date May 24, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUN 21 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:

William M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 2 1971

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