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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: TUSCALOOSA	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.7.01.0013	DATE 7/14/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Collier-Overby Home

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
SE corner - Intersection of 9th Street & 21st Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Tuscaloosa

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: Tuscaloosa	CODE 125
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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)
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Billie W. Palmer

STREET AND NUMBER:
2210 - 17th Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Northport

STATE: Alabama	CODE 01
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Probate Office, Tuscaloosa County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
714 Greensboro Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Tuscaloosa

STATE: Alabama	CODE 01
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

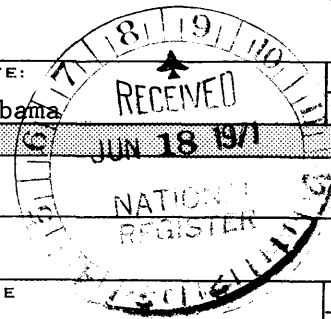
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Collier-Overby home is a two-story wooden building with a brick foundation. The house is basically Federal with some early Greek Revival influences.

The front portico has a wide planked floor and a stuccoed facade. Six square paneled columns support the projecting cornice. Two matching pilasters are set at either end of the portico.

The front door has a square transom and side lights. On either side of the door are two applied colonnettes. A balcony directly above the door links the two center columns and is rimmed by an intricate wooden railing. A door similar to the ground floor gives access to this balcony. Four evenly spaced windows between the columns cross the front on both floors. These windows have shutters and Federal lintels.

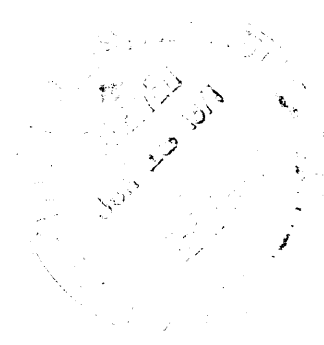
The roof is hipped and there are end-interior chimneys on each side.

Originally the house was one room deep, a feature which was common on the eastern seaboard but very rare in the deep south. The entrance halls and the two parlors have marble fireplaces and wide planked floors.

The ell on the north side is a later addition and has a screened-in porch and smaller windows than the original part of the house. One story columns matching the front ones run the length of this porch.

The house is in good structural condition.

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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) 1820's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Collier-Overby Home is one of the older homes in Tuscaloosa. It was the longtime residence of Henry Watkins Collier, governor 1849-53 and chief justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama. He was also the first president of the Alabama Historical Society.

The house was built in the 1820's by James Walker. In 1826 Henry W. Collier purchased the house. Collier was born in Virginia in 1801, and came to Tuscaloosa from South Carolina in 1823. He served 18 years on the Supreme Court of Alabama and 12 of those years as chief justice. In 1849 he was elected governor. In 1851 he was re-elected, defeating B. G. Shields, William L. Yancey and Nathaniel Terry.

During his second term as governor, Miss Dorothea Dix, who had first met Collier at his home several years before, addressed the legislature. The result was new legislation for the care of the mentally ill. A mental hospital was established in Tuscaloosa of which Dr. Peter Bryce was the first superintendent. His use of non-restraint treatment for the mentally ill made the hospital a model institution known throughout the United States.

After his last term Collier was offered a U. S. Senate seat, but declined and retired to private life. He died shortly afterwards in 1855.

Brigadier General Phillip Dale Roddey lived in this landmark after the Civil War. He was a Confederate hero and was called "the Defender of the North (Alabama)" for his opposition to the Federal forces in the Tennessee Valley.

In 1871 Mrs. Sally C. Fort purchased the mansion. In 1901 it was sold to the Clairborne P. Whitt family. Mrs. Whitt and a group of Tuscaloosa women organized a community charity, called the Associated Charities. The Collier-Overby home became the headquarters for this first organized charity group in Tuscaloosa.

In recent years the house has been owned by Virginius Overby and his wife. At her death in 1965 the house passed to Mr. Billie Palmer, the present owner.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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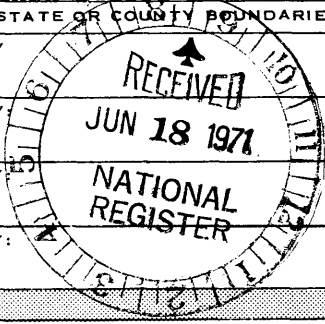
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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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:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: May 21, 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. Toward, Jr.

Title SLO

Date June 11, 1971

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

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

JUL 14 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
William H. Hunter
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **JUN 29 1971**