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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Walker, Joseph M., House
other names/site number Kimbrough, Kay Lindsey, House

2. Location

street & number 104 Florence Place
city, town Mobile
state Alabama code Al county Mobile code 097 zip code 36607
not for publication
vicinity

3. Classification

Ownership of Property
 private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property
 building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property	
Contributing	Noncontributing
1	0
	0
	0
	0
1	0
Total	

Name of related multiple property listing:
Spanish Revival Residences in Mobile, 1904-1929

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official *[Signature]* Date 5-22-91
Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

[Signature] Entered in the National Register 7/12/91
for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls Stucco

roof Ceramic tile

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Walker-Kimbrough House is a one-story Spanish Revival house in the Florence Place Subdivision. It sits on an informally landscaped 50x140 foot lot. A large live oak tree dominates the front of the lot. Original curbing and guttering remain and there is a metal lamp post with glass bulb positioned by the driveway on the sidewalk.

The house is stucco on tile, 3x4 bays with a flat, parapeted roof with coping. The facade features a square one-story truncated tower with a hip, ceramic tile roof at the southwest corner. An attached shed roof porch is adjacent with stucco supports and arched openings, tile pavers and a ceramic tile roof. The house has one exterior chimney, paired 6/1 windows and clustered pipe vents around the top. There is a one story stucco rear room added in the 1970s.

The interior plan includes an offset hall. Architectural features include hardwood floors, stucco walls and ceilings, wood doors with transoms and pressed glass doorknobs. There is an open archway between the living and dining room. The living room includes a brick fireplace and the bathroom has a hexagonal tile floor.

Integrity

Interior and exterior integrity are excellent, the only significant change being the rear room added during the 1970s.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1927

Significant Dates

1927

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

CRITERION C: ARCHITECTURE

The Walker-Kimbrough House is significant under National Register Criterion C as a typical middle class expression of the Spanish Revival style. Erected in one of Moblie's developing suburbs in 1927, the house exhibits classic elements of the Spanish Revival including stucco construction, ceramic tile roof and interior and exterior arches.

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Florence Place was platted in 1926 by George Fearn and Son. This development consisted of fifty lots along a street between Old Shell Road and Springhill Ave. Deed restrictions stipulated that no house costing less than \$4000 was to be constructed and that a uniform set-back had to be observed. Early efforts to require an all Spanish Revival (though the name Florence Place conjures Mediterranean images of Italy) neighborhood quickly foundered on buyer resistance.

104 Florence Place was constructed for Joseph M. Walker, a manager, in 1927. The 1928 Ehrenborg Survey noted that it was a hollow tile and stucco house with a tile porch, valued at over \$6000. The house has been substantially unaltered over the years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Alan Gowans. The Comfortable House. Cambridge, Mass.: The MIT Press. 1986.
Mobile City Directory, 1928.
Mobile City Tax Records.
Mobile County Deed Books.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Mobile Historic Development Commission

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Begin at a point on the east side of Florence Place 125 feet N of the N line of Old Shell Road, thence proceed N 50 feet to a point, thence E 140 feet to a point, thence S 50 feet to a point, thence W 140 feet to the point of beginning.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary conforms to the present legal dimensions of the lot.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Section number _____ photo-
graphs Page 1 Walker-Kimbrough House

1. Walker-Kimbrough House
104 Florence Place
2. Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama
3. John Sledge, photographer
4. January 1990
5. MHDC Negative File--MB #176

Photo #	Description (Frame #)
1.	Facade, camera facing E (26)
2.	General, camera facing NE (27)
3.	General, camera facing SE (28)
4.	Interior, hall, camera facing E (25)
5.	Dining room, camera facing W (21)