United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property		
historic name Pearce, William and Minnie, House		
other names/site number N/A		
2. Location		
street & number 125 Madison Avenue		not for publication
city or town Decatur		vicinity
state Georgia code GA county	DeKalb code 089	zip code 30030
3. State/Federal Agency Certification		
I hereby certify that this X nomination request for registering properties in the National Register of His requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not be considered significant at the following level(s) of signature of certifying official/Title: Dr. David C. Crass/Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Dept. of Natural Reservation Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National for registering property does not meet the National for	meet the National Register Criteria nificance: ((() -)	dural and professional I recommend that this property
Signature of commenting official	Date	
Title	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal G	overnment
4. National Park Service Certification		
I hereby certify that this property is:		
entered in the National Register	determined eligible for the N	National Register
determined not eligible for the National Register	removed from the National R	Register
other (explain:)		
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Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action	

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5. Classification					
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.) Category of Property (Check only one box.)		Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)			
		Contributing	Noncontributin	g	
X private	X building(s)	4		buildings	
public - Local	district	·		sites	
public - State	site	-		structures	
public - Federal	structure	1	0	objects	
	object	4.	0	Total	
Name of related multiple pro Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a N/A	operty listing a multiple property listing)	Number of con listed in the Na	tributing resource tional Register 0	es previously	
6. Function or Use		Current Function	200		
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)		(Enter categories fro			
Domestic: single dwelling		Domestic: singl	e dwelling		
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7. Description		×			
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.)		Materials (Enter categories fro	om instructions.)		
Late 19 th and Early 20 th Centu	ry American				
Movements: Bungalow/Crafts	sman	foundation: S	TONE: granite; BF	RICK	
		walls: WOOD	weatherboard		
		roof: ASPHA	LT.		
		other:			
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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

Located in the Oakhurst neighborhood southwest of downtown Decatur, the William and Minnie Pearce House is a one-story, frame, front-gable, Craftsman-style bungalow. The house has a front-gable roof with wide eaves, exposed rafter tails, and knee braces. There are two chimneys, an external chimney on the north façade and an internal chimney on the south side. The lot slopes steeply down from the street to the backyard and the foundation is uncoursed granite in the front and tall brick piers at the back. The high crawlspace is now infilled and stuccoed between the piers. Windows are one-over-one double-hung sash that appear singly, paired, and grouped. The deep, partial-width, front porch has a projecting front-gable roof with a wide entablature. The porch is supported by square, battered posts on uncoursed granite piers. The floorplan of the house has three bedrooms and a bath, living room, dining room, and kitchen. The interior retains its Craftsman-style decorative elements including wood window and door surrounds, plaster walls and ceilings, wood floors, Craftsman-style mantels, moldings, and baseboards. The ceilings in the living and dining rooms have exposed beams and the dining room has high wainscoting. During the rehabilitation, a rear addition, screened porch, and small open porch and stairs were added to the back of the house. The yard has a grassed lawn and ornamental plantings.

Narrative Description

The William and Minnie Pearce House is located at 125 Madison Avenue, southwest of downtown Decatur, the county seat of DeKalb County. The house is located in the Oakhurst neighborhood, an early 20th-century residential area that developed south of DeKalb Avenue, a major thoroughfare that runs east-west through DeKalb and Fulton counties and connects Decatur to the city of Atlanta.

The house is located on a less-than-one-acre, rectangular-shaped, narrow lot on Madison Avenue. The lot slopes steeply from the street to the rear of the lot (east to west). The house is set back from the street allowing for a small front yard. There is a driveway on the north side of the lot that runs along the side of the house. Surrounding the house are similar early 20th-century houses, mostly Craftsman bungalows.

The William and Minnie Pearce house was built c.1915 as a single-family, Craftsman-style bungalow. The house is a one-story, frame, front-gable bungalow with a front-gable porch (photographs 1-3). The house has a front-gable, asphalt-sided roof with wide over-hanging eaves, exposed rafter tails, and knee braces. There are two chimneys, an external chimney on the north (side) façade and an internal chimney on the south side of the house between two bedrooms. The foundation is uncoursed granite on the front portion of the house. Towards the rear of the house, the foundation changes to tall brick piers due to the steep slope of the lot (photograph 4). The high crawlspace is now infilled and stuccoed between the piers. The house is clad in weatherboard. Windows are the original one-over-one, double-hung sash, wood windows. Depending on the room, the windows are paired, grouped, or single. There is a large single-pane window in the front gable of the house. The original exterior door and window surrounds are intact.

The house has a partial-width, deep front porch. The porch has a projecting front-gable roof with wide eaves and knee braces. There is a decorative single-pane window in the gable. The porch has a wide entablature that is supported by square, battered, wood posts resting on uncoursed granite piers (photograph 5).

The floorplan of the house is typical for a bungalow with irregular-shaped and —sized rooms and no central hall. The front entrance leads into the main public spaces on the north side of the house. The living room and dining room have an open plan and are separated by a one-third height, partial, wood paneled wall with square newel posts (photographs 6 and 8). Craftsman-style decorative elements in the living room include decorative exposed wood beams on the ceiling and a corbeled brick fireplace with a wood mantel supported by exposed wood beams (photographs 6 and 7). The dining room has a high wainscoting topped by a chair rail (photograph 9). The fireplace in the dining room has a Craftsman-style wood mantle and wood-and-mirrored over-mantel (photograph 9). At the rear of the house is a kitchen, which has been modernized and enlarged over time (photograph 14). Throughout the house, the interior retains its original wood floors, plaster walls and ceilings, wood door and window surrounds, paneled wood doors, baseboards, and moldings (photographs 6-13). Bedrooms are located on the south side of the house. The main front bedroom has a fireplace with a

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Craftsman-style wood mantel with elaborate shelves (photographs 10 and 11). The fireplace in the center bedroom has a wood mantel with a simple shelf. Between the center and rear bedroom is an original bath.

During a recent certified rehabilitation for Georgia's two state tax incentives, minor changes were made to the floorplan. In the center bedroom, a closet space and laundry space were added and closets were added to the rear bedroom. Two former closets were removed to create a small circulation space between the center bedroom, bathroom, and rear bedroom. A nonhistoric rear addition and enclosed porch were removed and replaced with a new rear addition. The new rear addition includes an office, den, second bath, small enclosed porch, and small open deck (photograph 4). The new addition was sensitively constructed to the rear of the house, is distinguishable from the original floor plan, and is not visible from the street. The property received final certification from the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the state property tax abatement and state income tax credit programs on August 18, 2009.

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8. Statement of Significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions.) ARCHITECTURE
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	ARCHITECTORE
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	
Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance c.1915
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	Significant Dates c.1915
Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.) Property is:	Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)
A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	N/A
B removed from its original location.	Cultural Affiliation N/A
C a birthplace or grave.	
D a cemetery.	
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	Architect/Builder N/A
F a commemorative property.	
G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years	

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance is c.1915, the date of construction of the William and Minnie Pearce House.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary) N/A

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The William and Minnie Pearce house is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of <u>architecture</u> as an excellent and intact example of a Craftsman-style bungalow. The house retains a high degree of integrity and retains its exterior and interior character-defining features including exterior and interior materials, floorplan, and Craftsman-style decorative elements. The house is being nominated at the local level of significance as an excellent and intact example of a Craftsman-style bungalow in the city of Decatur.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

The William and Minnie Pearce House is significant in the area of architecture at the local level of significance as an excellent and intact example of a Craftsman-style bungalow in the city of Decatur. As defined in the statewide historic context *Georgia's Living Places: Historic Houses in Their Landscaped Settings*, the Craftsman style was the most popular early 20th-century architectural style in Georgia. The Craftsman style in America was a break from historical styles and was influenced by the English Arts and Crafts movement. There was an emphasis on materials and craftsmanship that is shown in the use of natural materials, such as wood and stone, and a design that highlighted the structural elements of a building. Houses have a horizontal feel with low-pitched gable or hipped roofs and wide overhanging eaves, often with decorative knee braces. Craftsman-style porches often have square posts on masonry piers. In Georgia, the Craftsman-style is closely associated with the bungalow house type. As defined in *Georgia's Living Places*, bungalows are long, low, and generally rectangular in shape with an irregular floorplan and were very popular throughout Georgia, in rural areas and cities, between 1900 and 1930.

The William and Minnie Pearce House is an excellent example of a Craftsman-style bungalow. The overall form of the house is one-story, rectangular-shaped house with a low-pitched gable roof. The house also retains its historic character-defining exterior and interior features. The exterior of the house has common character-defining features of the Craftsman style, such as a low-pitched, front-gable roof; wide overhanging eaves; exposed rafter tails; and knee braces. The house is weatherboard with an uncoursed granite and brick pier foundation. The front-gable porch also has wide overhanging eaves, exposed rafter tails, and knee braces. A wide entablature is supported by battered wood posts on granite piers. The house retains its historic floorplan with an irregular arrangement of rooms and no central hall. The interior of the house retains its original historic materials and Craftsman-style decorative elements, which include plaster walls and ceilings; wood floors, moldings, doors, and door and window surrounds; fireplaces and mantels; decorative exposed beams in the living room and dining room; and high wainscoting in the dining room.

The William and Minnie Pearce House is representative of Craftsman bungalows built in the Oakhurst neighborhood in Decatur. In 1893, the Atlanta Street Railway Company completed a trolley line from the Atlanta central business district east through the neighborhoods of Inman Park and Candler Park and along DeKalb Avenue and the Georgia Railroad rail line to the area that would become Oakhurst. The line split with one route trending north to Decatur and one line trending south to East Lake. The area south of DeKalb Avenue and the Georgia Railroad was soon subdivided, developed into residential neighborhoods, and incorporated into two towns, Kirkwood (1904) and Oakhurst (1910, east of Kirkwood and closer to Decatur). Oakhurst was smaller than other incorporated areas east of Atlanta with a population of approximately 100 people. In 1915, Oakhurst was annexed into the city of Decatur. Very little is known about Oakhurst as a separate municipality. Oakhurst was annexed into the city of Decatur in 1915 and the town's records burned during a fire at the former city hall shortly after annexation. Most of the area was settled after annexation in 1915 and the housing stock generally dates from 1915 through the 1930s with Craftsman bungalows being the most predominant house style and type.

Between 1910 and 1920, William J. (1868-1963) and Minnie L. (1874-1962) Pearce and their 15-year-old daughter, Mamie, moved from Marietta in Cobb County to the house on Madison Avenue. William J. Pearce was a sales manager for the McNeel Marble Company, a monument manufacturer in Marietta. William and Minnie Pearce lived in the house until their deaths in 1963 and 1962, respectively.

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Developm	ental history/ad	ditional historic context info	rmat	tion (if a	ppropriate)		
N/A							
9. Major l	Bibliographical I	References					
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		ural Resources, Historic Preser Settings. Atlanta, GA: 1991.	rvatio	on Divisi	on. Georgia's	Living Places: Historic Houses in	
Jones, Ma Hi	rk. "William and storic Preservation	Minnie Pearce House." Histori on Division, Georgia Departmer	c Pront of	operty In Natural I	formation For Resources, At	m, November 25, 2008. On file at the lanta, Georgia.	
Previous do	cumentation on file	(NPS):		Prima	ary location of a	dditional data:	
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)				X State Historic Preservation Office Other State agency			
previously listed in the National RegisterFederal agency							
designa	ted a National Histori	c Landmark			University		
recorde	d by Historic America	in Buildings Survey #in Engineering Record #			Other e of repository:		
		in Landscape Survey #		135.11			
Historic R	esources Survey	Number (if assigned): N/A					
10. Geog	raphical Data						
Acresne	of Property Le	ess than one acre.					
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UTM Refe	erences						
(Place additi	onal UTM references	on a continuation sheet.)					
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The National Register boundary is indicated on the attached plat map with a heavy black line, drawn to scale.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The National Register boundary is the current legal boundary and the property historically associated with the house.

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11. Form Pi	repared By		
name/title	Gretchen Brock/National Register & Survey Program Manag	jer	
organization	Historic Preservation Division, GA Dept. of Natural Resources	_date August 11	1, 2011
street & nun	nber 254 Washington Street, Ground Level	_telephone (404) 656-2840
city or town	Atlanta	state GA	zip code 30334
e-mail	Gretchen.brock@dnr.state.ga.us		- 1.11

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Maps: A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- Continuation Sheets
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Pearce, William and Minnie, House

City or Vicinity: Decatur

County: DeKalb State: Georgia

Photographer: Charlie Miller, Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

Date Photographed: May 2011

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

1 of 14: Front (east) façade; photographer facing west.

2 of 14: Front (east) and north facades; photographer facing southwest.

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3 of 14: Front and south facades; photographer facing northwest.

4 of 14: Rear (west) façade; photographer facing east.

5 of 14: Detail, front (east) façade; photographer facing west.

6 of 14: Interior, living room; photographer facing northwest.

7 of 14: Interior, living room; photographer facing east.

8 of 14: Interior, view of living room and dining room; photographer facing west.

9 of 14: Interior, dining room; photographer facing southwest.

10 of 14: Interior, front bedroom; photographer facing northwest.

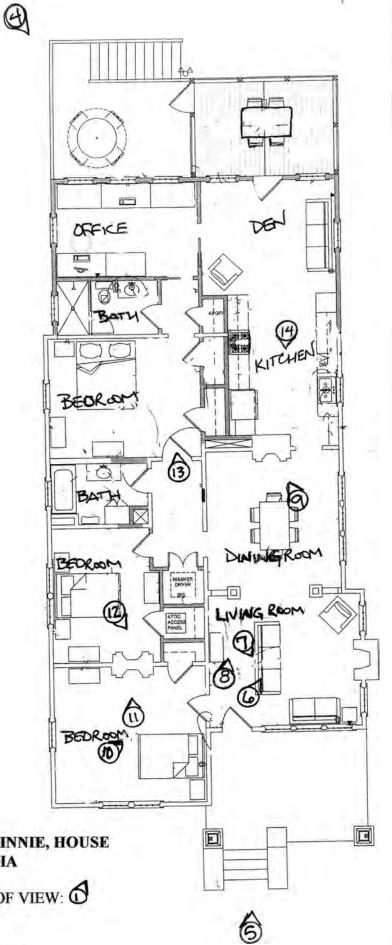
11 of 14: Interior, front bedroom, detail of fireplace; photographer facing west.

12 of 14: Interior, center bedroom; photographer facing northeast.

13 of 14: Interior, rear bedroom; photographer facing west.

14 of 14: Interior, kitchen; photographer facing east.





PEARCE, WILLIAM AND MINNIE, HOUSE **DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA** FLOOR PLAN PHOTOGRAPH/DIRECTION OF VIEW:

NORTH:

SCALE: NOT TO SCALE

SOURCE: PROPERTY OWNER







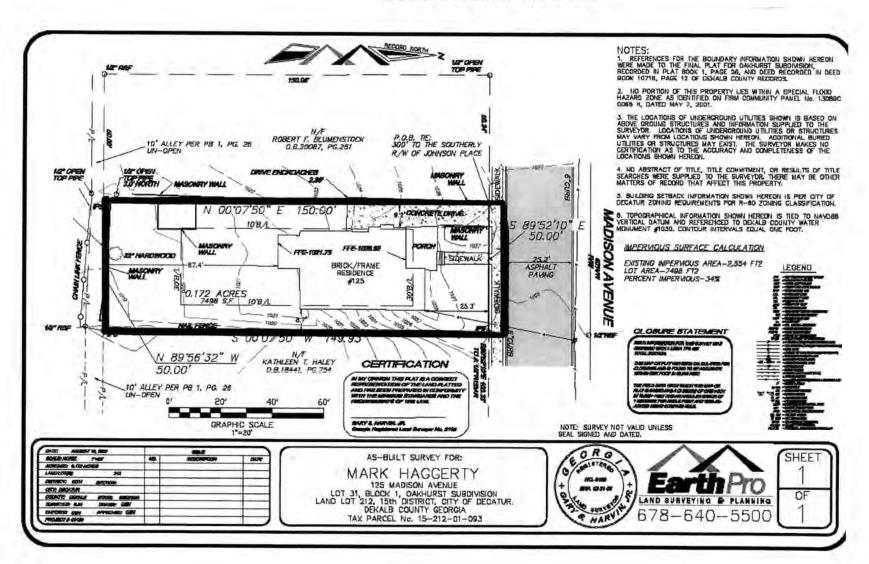
PEARCE, WILLIAM AND MINNIE, HOUSE DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA NATIONAL REGISTER BOUNDARY MAP/PLAT MAP

NATIONAL REGISTER BOUNDARY:

NORTH:

SCALE: 1" = APPROX. 37'

SOURCE: PROPERTY OWNER



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION	
PROPERTY Pearce, William and Minnie NAME:	, House
MULTIPLE NAME:	
STATE & COUNTY: GEORGIA, De Kalb	
	TE OF PENDING LIST: 1/11/12 TE OF 45TH DAY: 1/31/12
REFERENCE NUMBER: 11001055	
REASONS FOR REVIEW:	
	E: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N T: N NATIONAL: N
COMMENT WAIVER: N	
	1-27-12 DATE
ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS: Entered is The National Re of Historic Pla	egister
RECOM./CRITERIA	
REVIEWERDISC	IPLINE
TELEPHONE DATE	
DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y	/N see attached SLR Y/N
If a nomination is returned to the no	minating authority, the

nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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William and Minnie Pearce House DeKalb County, Georgia Photograph 7 of 14



William and Minnie Pearce House DeKalb County, Georgia Photograph 8 of 14



William and Minnie Pearce House DeKalb County, Georgia Photograph 9 of 14



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William and Minnie Pearce House DeKalb County, Georgia Photograph 11 of 14



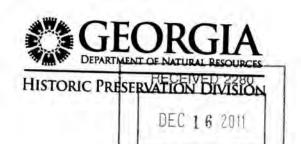
William and Minnie Pearce House DeKalb County, Georgia Photograph 12 of 14



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NAT. REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MARK WILLIAMS COMMISSIONER

DR. DAVID CRASS DIVISION DIRECTOR

November 21, 2011

J. Paul Loether National Park Service National Register of Historic Places 1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W. 8th floor Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Please find enclosed the following nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for your consideration:

Oak Hill Cemetery, Coweta County, Georgia Pearce, William and Minnie, House, DeKalb County, Georgia

Sincerely,

Gretchen Brock

National Register & Survey Program Manager

Historic Preservation Division

Enclosure