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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Askew, Wade, House other names/site number Engerson, Todd, House

2. Location

street & number 103 Florence Place city, town Mobile state Alabama code AL county Mobile code 093 zip code 36607

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

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: Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office) Date: 5-22-91

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. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:). Signature of the Keeper: Date of Action: 7/12/91

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

foundation concrete

walls Stucco

roof Ceramic tile

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Askew-Engerson House is a one-story Spanish Revival house in the Florence Place Subdivision. It sits on an informally landscaped lot, dominated by a large live oak tree. Original curbing and guttering remain.

The house is stucco on tile, 3x4 bays with a flat parapeted roof with coping. The facade is covered by an attached shed roof porch with an arched central opening and slightly lower arched openings to either side. The porch is covered by its original tile pavers. The northeast corner bay is a square block with a pyramidal tile roof, just visible over the porch. The entrance consists of a Craftsman door with sidelights, flanked by 6/1 windows. There is an exterior chimney on the south wall, and clustered drainage pipes all around. There is a shed roof covered entrance on the north elevation.

The interior plan consists of two front rooms and an interior hall. Architectural features include hardwood floors stucco walls, interior transoms and pressed glass doorknobs. The most striking feature inside is the open passage between the front room with a fan light transom.

The Askew-Engerson House retains integrity of location, style and design. There are no significant interior or exterior changes to the building.

**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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1927  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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 Askew-Engerson House is significant under National Register Criterion C as a typical middle class expression of the Spanish Revival style. Built in one of Mobile's developing suburbs in 1927, the house exhibits classic elements of the style including stucco construction ceramic tile roof 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 Avenue. Deed restrictions stipulated that no house costing less than \$400 was to be constructed and that a uniform setback had to be observed. Early efforts to require an all Spanish Revival neighborhood were dashed by buyer resistance and the Depression.

103 Florence Place was constructed for Wade Askew, an assistant freight manager, in 1927. The house was valued at over \$6000 in 1928. The house has passed through several owners since but remains in good condition.

**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 1 acre

UTM References

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Zone      Easting                      Northing

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Zone      Easting                      Northing

C 

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Begin at a point on the west side of Florence Place 75' N of the N line of Old Shell Road, thence proceed N 50' to a point, W 140' to a point, S 50' to a point and E 140' to the point of beginning.

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Boundary Justification

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

See continuation sheet

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**National Register of Historic Places  
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1. Askew-Engerson House  
103 Florence Place
2. Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama
3. John Sledge, photographer
4. April 1990
5. MHDC Negative File MB #182

Photo #	Description (Frame #)
1.	Facade, camera facing W (29)
2.	General, camera facing SW (31)
3.	General, camera facing NW (30)
4.	Rear, camera facing E (32)
5.	Interior, front room, camera facing S (24)
6.	Front room, camera facing N (25)