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

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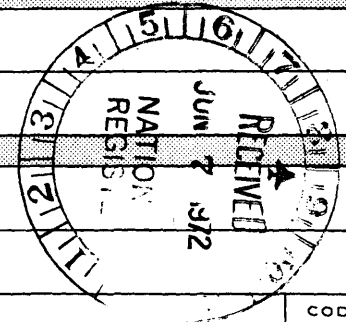
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COUNTY: Dallas	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON: John Tyler, Morgan, <sup>House</sup> home  
AND/OR HISTORIC: same

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 719 Tremont  
CITY OR TOWN: Selma  
STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Dallas CODE: 047



**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<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: State of Alabama - Alabama Historical Commission  
STREET AND NUMBER: 305 South Lawrence  
CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery, 36104 STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dallas County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER: 105 Lauderdale  
CITY OR TOWN: Selma STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: HABS  
DATE OF SURVEY: 1934, 35  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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Morgan House is a two-story rectangular structure. Curtain walls, as well as pillars are of brick, and wooden siding was used in construction. The original kitchen which still stands was attached to the rear by an enclosed porch. This porch was extended into a wing. There is a partial basement.

The roof is gabled and has two end-interior chimneys and one exterior chimney located on the rear of the house.

A wide (8' 4") porch and balcony run the length of the facade. Both project in front of the doors, and a small pediment above is supported by columns on the balcony.

There are six square paneled columns at each level, connected on the balcony by a wooden bannister. Three small columns have been added on the first floor, apparently to add support for the balcony.

At the first floor level are two windows which are floor length and open onto the lower porch. The window molding is simple. The central double front door is bayed. Two paneled pilasters flank the double doors and rectangular transom. Floor length windows three lites wide set at an angle and return to the main plain of the facade. An entablature covers door and windows.

On the second floor are four windows with pedimented architraves. The double doors opening onto the balcony have a rectangular transom divided into seven lights and side lights, and are flanked by two square paneled pilasters.

INTERIOR

Two rooms lead off of a central entrance foyer. The room on the right runs the length of the house (34') and served as the drawing room. The room of the left is rectangular (19'x19') and served as the master bedroom. Both of these rooms have the original white marble fireplaces, original cornices, wainscotting and plaster medallions in the ceiling. Window and door pediments are unusual.

The central foyer has a semi-circular stairway leading to the second floor. A door beneath the landing of the stairs leads to a back room which served as the dining room. Originally this dining room opened onto a small porch which connected with the kitchen in the rear. At present this porch has been extended and enclosed to allow room for a modern kitchen.

The floor plan of the second floor is similar to that of the first, having an additional bedroom over the present kitchen.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

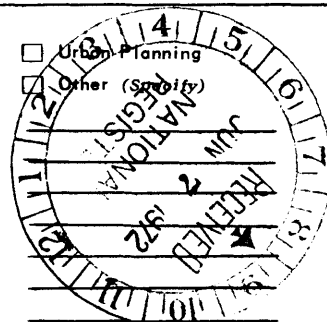
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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              |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input 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 Morgan Home in Selma was the residence of one of Alabama's most honored political and military leaders, John Tyler Morgan. Morgan, a Confederate General and U. S. Senator for 30 years, purchased the house from it's builder, Thomas Wetmore, in 1865.

Thomas Badger Wetmore, Confederate Provost Marshall of Selma, built the home in 1859. ✓

Morgan was born in 1824 in Tennessee and moved to Alabama with his family as a young boy. Although lacking in formal education, he had a brilliant mind and studied law in an office in Tuskegee, where he was admitted to the bar in 1845.

In 1855 he moved to Dallas County, locating first in Selma, then in Cahaba and finally returning to Selma, where he retained his residence until his death.

✓Morgan was a leader in the Secession Convention, ranking second only to William Yancey in influence and power of debate. During the war he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private and was promoted through the grades to the rank of Brigadier General. ✓

✓After the War he again practiced law in Selma and actively opposed Radical Reconstruction. In 1876 he was elected to the United States Senate and his 30 year tenure proved to be one of the longest in Alabama history. ✓

✓Though he took an active part in many issues, he is best known as the "Father of the Isthmian Canal" and for his services on the Bering Sea Fisheries Commission, which prevented the extinction of seals and other forms of sea life in Pacific waters. At the time of his death in 1907, he was still serving as United States Senator from Alabama. ✓

In 1903 the house was purchased by William C. Agee who sold it to Edward C. Johnson in 1950. From 1965 to 1966 it was used as a private school, and since that date has been the private residence of William H. Bernos.

The Alabama Historical Commission is in the process of acquiring the home.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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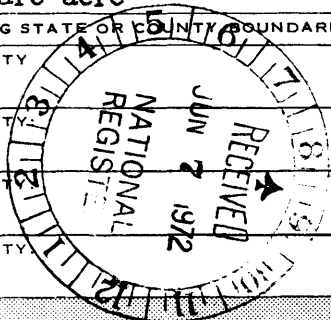
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	32	24	51
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	87	01	24
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.4 square 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 24, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**305 South Lawrence**

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 Miss B Howard Jr.

Title SLO

Date May 25, 1972

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

Robert M. Wiley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/27/72

ATTEST:

William J. Bennett  
Keeper of the National Register

Date 9-25-72

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