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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sadler House

AND/OR COMMON

Sadler House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3 mi S of McCalla

1 mile S. W. of Pleasant Hill on Eastern Valley Rd.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

McCalla

VICINITY OF

VT

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Alabama

01

Jefferson

073

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

West Jefferson County Historical Society, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box

CITY, TOWN

Bessemer

VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jefferson County, Bessemer Division

STREET & NUMBER

3rd Avenue, 18th Street

CITY, TOWN

Bessemer

STATE

Alabama

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sadler House is a two story structure with an unenclosed central hall on the ground floor. The structural framing is of hand hewn heart pine, mortised and tenoned and the building is covered with weather-boarding.

The house rests on piers of native rock, the central two story section has a gabled roof while the rear one story section as well as the front porch have shed roofs. Originally there were four chimneys; only three remain. The chimney on the southeast is of stacked sandstone while the other two are of brick. The northeastern end of the porch was enclosed at an early date to form a small room while the remainder of the facade behind the porch is finished with flush boards approximately 14 inches wide.

The ground floor varies from the four square plan in that rooms on the eastern half of the structure measure 24 feet by 18 feet while those on the west conform to the standard 18 by 18 feet. The front eastern room is further divided into two sections and contains a stairway. This room is thought to be the earliest portion of the structure and is the only room which contains vertical beaded boarding, the remainder of the rooms having horizontal flush boarding varying from 18 to 21 inches in width. Both of the front parlors have doors leading onto the porch.

Both the central hall and the western front parlor have wainscoting painted to resemble the paneling in finer homes.

The second story is divided into half. The west half is reached by a stairway leading from the central hall which opens into a small room on the second floor where three rooms join to make a sleeping complex. The other half of this floor contains two bedrooms which can only be reached by stairs leading from the front parlor below.

All doors have the original hand forged hardware. The doors and mantels of the western parlor are of Greek Revival design while the remainder of the doors are board and batten.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1838

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Issac Sadler

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Transcribed Federal - Greek Revival

The Sadler House is a fine example of the indigenous Georgian architecture which was popular with the early planters in Alabama. Several varieties of this type of structure were once extremely common in the state, but are rapidly vanishing.

The house was constructed in 1838 by Issac Wellington Sadler, who purchased the property from Mary Loveless, a widow, on November 5, 1836. As the deed indicates that there were buildings on the property, it is possible that a portion of the structure was built by John Loveless, a local furniture maker.

Issac Sadler was born in 1813 in North Carolina and moved to the area with his father William Rose Sadler in the early 1800's. William Rose Sadler was by profession a surveyor and civil engineer and built the first grist and saw mill in the area. Additionally he was a builder and lay architect and as a highly educated man, he owned a library of fine books.

Issac Sadler was a planter and educator and a man who devoted much of his time to his community and church. He was one of the founders of Pleasant Hill Academy and was a trustee of Old Salem School.

Sadler's son-in-law, Issac McAdory also occupied the house for few years after the Civil War. McAdory was a distinguished educator and served in the State Legislature helping to draft the bill which established the existing school system in Alabama.

The house is now owned by the West Jefferson County Historical Society.

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Material in the Bessemer Hall of History Museum, Bessemer, Alabama.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM OK CD

UTM REFERENCES

A	16	498650	3686025	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION

Alabama Historical Commission

DATE

March 25, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

725 Monroe Street

TELEPHONE

832-6621

CITY OR TOWN

Montgomery

STATE

Alabama

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

SIGNATURE

Nido B. Howard, Jr.

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

March 26, 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4/23/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

APR 22 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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