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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

Ala. Historical Commission
NATIONAL REGISTER

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 Paterson, J. E. House
other names/site number Bush, Ed and Betty House

2. Location

street & number 118 Florence Place NA not for publication
city, town Mobile NA vicinity
state Alabama code AL county Mobile code 097 zip code 36607

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u> </u>	<u> </u> 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] 5-22-91
Signature of certifying official Date
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. entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet. *[Signature]* 7/12/91
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

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 Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Paterson House sits on a 75x124 foot lot opposite the island in the Florence Place Subdivision. The island originally contained a fountain but is now a flower bed. The house occupies one of the larger lots in the development. An original metal lamp-post with glass light globe is in the front of the house by the sidewalk.

The house itself is a two story, stucco, 3x4 bay Spanish Revival structure. The facade is dominated by a two story hip roof block with a one story flat roof ell south adjacent. The two story portion features three 3/1 windows at the first floor facade, and casement windows upstairs, the center one with a fan transom. The one story flat roof section contains the entrance, a multi-light door with fan transom, and a pair of 9/1 windows. A shed roof porch with square posts abutts the two story block and features a stucco knee wall, with a small wing wall south. The flat roof is parapeted with coping. The side elevations feature 9/1 windows.

The interior features an irregular plan. The two story block consists of a large rectangular room entered from the tiny foyer. A central open space leads into the various bedrooms and up the stairs. The interior features hardwood floors, stucco walls and single panel doors with pressed glass doorknobs.

Integrity

The Paterson House retains its integrity of location, plan and design. There are no significant interior or exterior alterations.

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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

1929

1929

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

NA

Architect/Builder

NA

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

CRITERION C: ARCHITECTURE

The Paterson House is significant under National Register Criterion C as a typical middle class expression of the Spanish Revival style. Erected in one of Mobile's developing suburbs in 1929, the house exhibits classic elements of the Spanish Revival, including stucco construction and casement windows.

Florence Place was platted in 1926 by George Fearn and Son. Early efforts to require an all Spanish Revival neighborhood (inspired by Hollywood) foundered on buyer resistance and the depression. The house at 118 Florence Place was constructed in 1929 by J. E. Paterson, who rented the house. It has since passed through a succession of owners.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Alan Gowans. The Comfortable House. Cambridge, Mass.: The MIT Press. 1986.

Mobile City Directories, 1929, 1930.

Mobile City Tax Records.

Mobile County Deed Books.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository:

Mobile Historic Dev. Commission

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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D

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Begin at a point on the east side of Florence Place 500' N of the N line of Old Shell Road, thence proceed N 75' to a point, thence E 124.1' to a point, thence S 75' to a point, thence W 124.1' to the point of beginning.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

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

See continuation sheet

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Section number photo-
graphs Page 1 Paterson-Bush House

1. Paterson-Bush House
118 Florence Place
2. Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama
3. John Sledge, photographer
4. August 1990
5. MHDC Negative File--MB #186

Photo #	Description (Frame #)
1.	Facade. Camera facing E. (22)
2.	Same. Camera facing E. (25)
3.	General. Camera facing SE. (26)
4.	Interior. First floor. Camera facing W. (16)
5.	Same. Tower room. Camera facing W. (19)