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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA
 COUNTY: JEFFERSON
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: JUN 20 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Dr. A. M. Brown House
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Dr. A. M. Brown House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 319 North 4th Terrace
 CITY OR TOWN: Birmingham CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th
 STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE: 073

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 type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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 checked="" 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 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

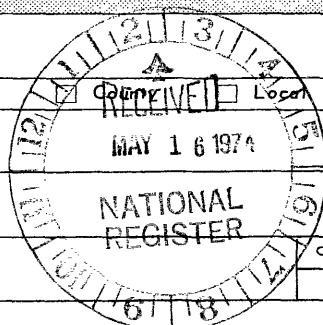
OWNER'S NAME: Dr. Walter Scott Brown
 STREET AND NUMBER: 310 North, 18th Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Birmingham STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Jefferson County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: 716 North 21st Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Birmingham STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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COUNTY:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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

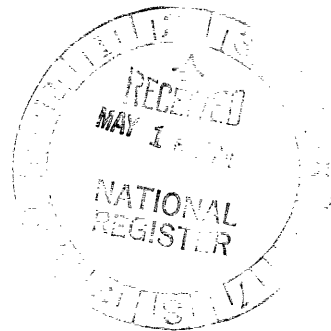
The A. M. Brown house is a one and a half story nine room structure with an attic. The first floor of this bungaloid style building is constructed of rusticated cement blocks while the upper portions are of wood.

A steep gable roof has a double pitch and extends to form the roof of the front porch. This porch crosses the entire front of the house and extends halfway around both sides of the house. Rusticated concrete pilars connected by smooth concrete blocks support the porch roof. A small gable located over the entrance to this porch projects several inches from the porch roof.

A large dormer section located on the center front of the roof has four large windows. The gables contain a central triple window flanked by single windows on either side.

There are two stained glass windows on the first floor, one on the right of the front door and one around the side porch to the right. The front door has a fanlight and sidelights.

The interior walls are of plaster and the molding and door frames are of oak. The floors are hardwood.



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8. 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"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>Black History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dr. A. M. Brown House was the home of one of Birmingham's first Black doctors, and was constructed by W. A. Rayfield, an early Black architect.

Arthur McKinnon Brown was born in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1867. On completing his schooling in Raleigh, he was sent to Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, and later entered Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor. In 1891 he graduated with honors in surgery and ophthalmology, and in that same year he received a license to practice in Alabama. He began his career in Bessemer, later moving to Birmingham. Brown also served in the Spanish-American War.

Brown was instrumental in founding Children's Home Hospital, a small hospital which for many years was the only place in which Black doctors could treat their patients in the area. He was also responsible for instituting what was known as National Negro Health Week, later changed to National Health Week.

After an illness of about a year, A. M. Brown died in 1939.

The house was constructed around 1908, by W. A. Rayfield, a pioneer Black architect who moved to Birmingham in 1907 from Tuskegee Institute where he had worked after his graduation from Pratt Institute. Rayfield designed a number of other residences in Birmingham, although his specialization was churches.

The house remained in the family after Brown's death, and in 1972 Dr. Walter Brown, a son, granted a fifty year free lease to the Birmingham Art Club in memory of his parents. The club uses the building as a community center for arts and crafts.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Phillip Holland, article, verticle file B.R.P.C.
 Personal interview;
 Phillip Holland, September 15, 1972.
 Souvenir Program, A.M. Brown Memorial Community Center, 1973.

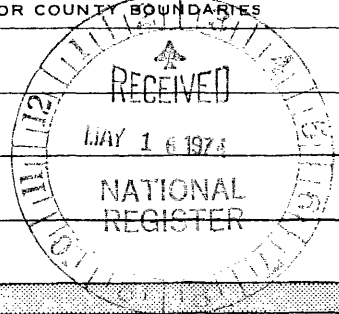
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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							
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE					
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds			
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	33°	30'	34"	86°	49'	50"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: May 1, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
725 Monroe Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Miss B. Howard Jr.</u></p> <p>Title <u>Asst. S.A.P.O.</u></p> <p>Date <u>May 8, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest A. Connolly</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation Associate Professor</p> <p>Date <u>JUN 28 1974</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Charles D. Herrington</u> Acting Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>6/18/74</u></p>
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