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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: ALABAMA | |
| COUNTY: Tuscaloosa | |
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| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
| | JAN 14 1972 |

1. NAME

COMMON:
President's Mansion

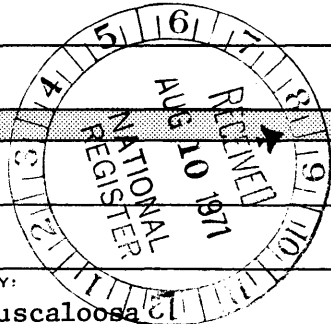
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
University of Alabama campus

CITY OR TOWN:
Tuscaloosa

STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Tuscaloosa CODE: 125



3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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)

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|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
University of Alabama

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Tuscaloosa STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
714 Greensboro Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Tuscaloosa STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 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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COUNTY:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| 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 type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

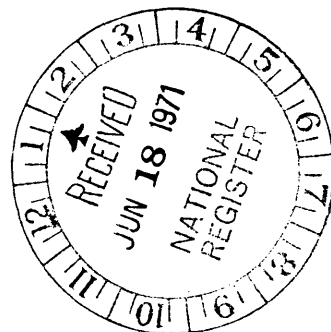
The President's Mansion is a three-story brick Greek Revival mansion, stuccoed over and painted white. It is composed of a full basement at ground level and two floors above. The loggia was constructed with five arched openings, the middle one in the center of the double winding front stairs, giving access to the main floor. The double curved stone steps with wrought iron guard-railing meet on the raised portico over the center arch facing the main floor doorway.

Six Ionic columns support the roof of the two-story veranda. The cornice has heavy boxlike dentils. A wrought iron balcony supported by nine heavy brackets decorates the iron wall. Access to it is provided by three full-length windows on the second floor.

All three levels of the structure have the same general floor plan. There are two larger rooms on each side of a wide central hall which exits onto a rear porch with an outside stairway. An interior spiral staircase from the main floor to the top floor is located at the back of the hall. A smaller flight descends from the first to the ground level.

The windows on the first floor opening onto the portico are full length. Those on the sides and second story, except balcony windows are conventional with recessed panels between floor and window sill. Ornamental frescoes and medallions in the double parlors were molded by skilled slave labor. The medallion motif is repeated in simplified form in the hall.

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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"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The President's Mansion on the University of Alabama campus at Tuscaloosa is a Greek Revival structure which was built in 1841, ten years after the university had begun conducting classes. Dr. Basil Manly was its first occupant.

William Nichols, who had designed the earlier buildings on the campus, came back to design this house after he achieved national fame for his work on the Mississippi State Capitol.

The wife of President Landon C. Garland is credited with saving the house from burning by troops under command of Union General John T. Croxton in 1865. The fire had already been kindled in the hall when Mrs. Garland insisted that only public buildings were to be burned. She demanded that the men extinguish the fire, which they obligingly did.

After the war, plans were made to use the ground floor of the house for classrooms, but only one student made application. Classes were not resumed until 1870 when buildings had been constructed.

This house is still used by presidents of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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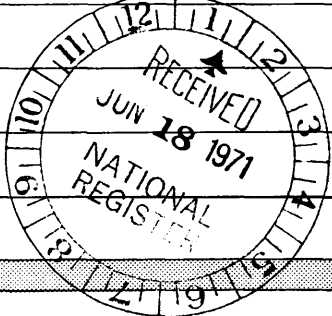
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 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 21, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South Lawrence Street

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 Milo B. Howard Jr.

Title SLC

Date June 11, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historical Preservation
 JAN 14 1972

Date _____

ATTEST:

W. Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date Jan. 17, 1972

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