

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 The William Winston House

and/or common The Winston House

2. Location

street & number N¹ North Commons Street, Deshler High School Campus NA not for publication

city, town Tuscumbia NA vicinity of congressional district 5

state Alabama code 01 county Colbert code 033

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u>NA</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Tuscumbia City Board of Education

street & number P. O. Box 149

city, town Tuscumbia NA vicinity of state Alabama

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Colbert County Courthouse (Book 147, Pages 308-309)

street & number North Main Street

city, town Tuscumbia state Alabama

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title HABS has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1934 federal state county local

depository for survey records Library of Congress

city, town Washington state D. C.

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Winston House is a two-story, double-pile, brick residence with a truncated hipped roof. The symmetrical five bay facade measures 55' across, and the building is 40 feet deep. There are four end-interior chimneys, a full basement and a modern rear addition. The notable exterior decoration consists of a small, one-story, tetrastyle portico on the front, flemish bond brickwork on all four faces and stone lintels incised with a bulls-eye pattern. The front door is emframed with side-lights, a transom and engaged Tuscan columns in a nicely-detailed surround. Several alterations have taken place to the exterior. The balustrade for the roof deck was demolished during the late 19th century, and the balustrade was removed from the upper level of the front portico when the building was converted to a school in the 1950s. At that time the second floor door enframent was removed and the doors and window sashes replaced with aluminum sash. The rear portico, kitchen and pantries were removed and replaced with a brick structure and a portico on the east side removed and the door above it bricked in.

Interior: The interior consists of a central hall plan with a continuous spiral staircase running from the first floor hall to the attic. A narrow side hall on the east had a servants stair leading to the upper floor and a ground floor exit. Although the manetls have been removed, the original finely detailed window and door trim and baseboards still remain, as does much of the original hardware. The original flooring is intact throughout, but is currently covered with modern materials. Some minor modifications have occurred to the floor plan and are indicated on the sketch-plan.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1835 c. 1840 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

ARCHITECTURE: The William Winston House is architecturally significant as one of the few remaining antebellum brick residences in Tuscumbia. A large and nicely-detailed structure, it was begun by a local merchant and completed by a planter. In its overall shape and detailing, particularly the bullseye incised stone lintels, the house reflects the traditions of Middle Tennessee. The house is noted for its fine interior woodwork. Although the mantels have been removed, the continuous spiral staircase and the finely fluted interior door and window facings remain.

POLITICS: The house has associations with the politically prominent Winston family. Initially begun by a local merchant, it was purchased and completed around 1840 by planter William Winston and his second wife, Judithe. Their daughter, Sally Miller Winston, married Robert Lindsay, Governor of Alabama from 1870-1872. Winston's son by an earlier marriage, John Anthony Winston (1812-1871), became the first native born Alabamian to serve as governor (1854-1857).

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The house is now flanked by large classroom buildings, but the view of the house from the street is unobstructed. Although minor modifications have been made to the interior floor plan and the original mantels and window sash are missing, the house retains sufficiently its exterior appearance and much of the fine interior detailing.

It is believed to have been begun around 1835 by Clark T. Barton, a Tuscumbia merchant and completed by 1840 by the Winston family. It remained in the family until 1948 when it and the surrounding property was sold to the city by the administrator for the estate of Mary Jackson Winston. The building has served as part of the campus since. Current plans call for the restoration of the interior.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than 1 **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**
 Quadrangle name Tuscumbia **UTM NOT VERIFIED** Quadrangle scale 1:24000
 UTM References

A	<u>1</u> <u>6</u>	<u>4</u> <u>3</u> <u>5</u> <u>8</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>	<u>3</u> <u>8</u> <u>4</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached plat

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	<u>VA</u>	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Robert W. Clemmons, Superintendent
 organization Tuscumbia City Schools date _____
 street & number P. O. Box 149 telephone (205) 383-6045
 city or town Tuscumbia 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Robert W. Clemmons*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 2/24/82

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u><i>Alanus Byers</i></u>	Entered in the National Register date <u>4/15/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

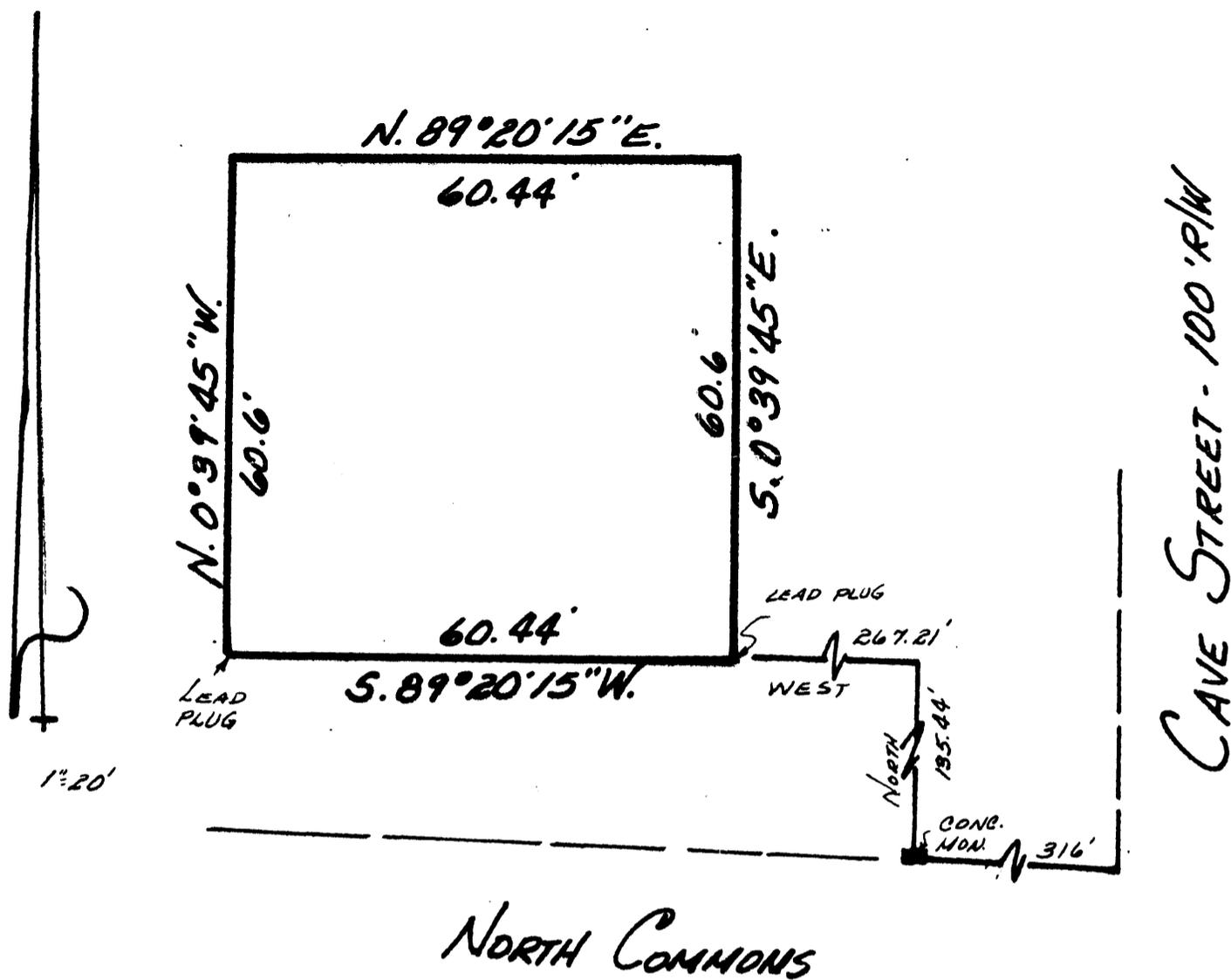
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State of Alabama
 County of Colbert

I, Gerald R. Martin, a Registered Land Surveyor in said State and County, hereby certify that to the best of knowledge, information and belief, the above is a true and accurate map or plat of the following described property, to-wit:

A portion of Deshler High School (formerly Shirley Center Addition, according to the map or plat of said subdivision recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Colbert County, Alabama, in Plat Book 3 at 87, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Begin at a point where the west line of Cave Street intersects the north line of North Commons and run thence in a Westerly direction along said North Commons for 316 feet to a concrete monument; run thence North and parallel to Cave Street for 135.44 feet to a point; run thence West and perpendicular to Cave St. for 267.21 feet to the point of beginning; run thence S 89 degrees 20' 15" W for 60.44 feet to a point; run thence N 0 degrees 39' 45" W for 60.6 feet to a point; run thence N 89 degrees 20' 15" E for 60.44 feet to a point; run thence S 0 degrees 39' 34" E for 60.6 feet to the point of beginning.

According to my survey this the 1st day of September, 1981.

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