

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Hawthorn House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 352 Stanton Rd. N/A not for publication

city, town Mobile N/A vicinity of congressional district 1

state Alabama code 01 county Mobile code 097

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Todd

street & number 352 Stanton Rd.

city, town Mobile N/A vicinity of state Alabama 36617

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mobile County Court House, Probate Division

street & number 101 Government Street

city, town Mobile state Alabama

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1970-present  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

## 7. Description

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located at the intersection of Stanton Road and Pleasant Avenue, the Hawthorn House occupies a site which, at the time of its construction, was outside the city limits of Mobile. This simply-detailed Gulf Coast cottage possesses the typical features of this vernacular construction: gable roof with the ridge running parallel to the street; full width front porch included under the gable overhang; 1½ stories in height. In this instance, the cottage has a centrally placed entrance door, central hall plan and square Tuscan posts along the porch demonstrating the influence of the Greek Revival. This classical expression typically modified the plan and detailing of the earliest of Mobile's vernacular cottages by replacing two entrance doors along the facade with a central hall plan with evenly distributed rooms found to either side of the hall. This classical influence also resulted in a simple chamfered post being transformed into a square Tuscan column. The Hawthorn House has two plainly framed 6/6 light windows to each side of the entranceway, and a simple balustrade spans each bay. The balustrade consists of a rounded handrail and square cut balusters which rest on a square cut bottom rail.

Several additions have occurred through the years which include moving the kitchen forward on the lot and its attachment to the main house, done in the early years of the twentieth century; the addition of a shed roof dormer along the front slope of the roof when additional living space was required in the 1930's, and the addition of the east wing in the 1950's. When this addition was constructed, every attempt was made to make it harmonious with the older section of the house. To this end, exterior materials were used which matched the main block and on the interior doors and baseboards as well as flooring were made to match the existing house. In 1982, the rear porch was enclosed, leaving the original exterior weatherboarding exposed on the interior of the sunroom.

# 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 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** c. 1853, 1900, 1930, **Builder/Architect** Joshua K. Hawthorn

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** <sup>1952</sup>

Architecture:

In marked contrast to many of the summer residences constructed in the Spring Hill area of Mobile in the middle years of the nineteenth century, the Hawthorn House was built as a year-round residence. The Hawthorn House is a rather simply detailed Gulf Coast cottage with hand-chanelled door framing (one of the house's most elaborate embellishments), and demonstrates the somewhat retarditaire use of older building techniques--hand hewn lumber, wooden pegs and internal wood corner braces--while building examples in the City of Mobile during this same period utilized machine cut lumber and cut nails. The Gulf Coast cottage, despite its overall simplicity, reflects the influence of the Greek Revival style with its central hall plan and square posts along the porch.

Integrity:

Although the Hawthorn House has had alterations over the years, including moving the original kitchen building forward on the lot, the construction of a small wing at the east side of the building, the enclosure of the rear porch, and the inclusion of a bank of dormer windows under the shed roof on the front slope of the roof, the original building block remains clearly discernible. This main portion of the house has retained its original materials, detailing and plan. The modifications to the building have been additive and are thus ultimately removable.

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Reverend Joshua Kedar Hawthorn was a white minister who moved to Mobile from Conecuh County where he reputedly worked with free black churches. In Mobile he was also associated with a free black congregation and was pastor of the church when it was located at Sandy Bottom, an area near the intersection of Springhill Avenue and Ann Street. A rift in the church occurred which resulted in Reverend Hawthorn taking part of the African Baptist Church congregation to worship at a location on Springhill Avenue and Broad Street. By 1859 the congregation had purchased property on Dearborn Street and had constructed a church at that location. The congregation renamed itself the St. Louis Street Baptist Church. Hawthorn is thought to have relocated to Baldwin County in 1860 to minister to another black congregation.

The area in which the Hawthorn House is located was once known as Jacksonville. The small community, which was in existence from the mid-nineteenth century until the early part of the twentieth, was incorporated into the city limits in the early 1900s. The area was roughly defined by Costarides Road (Old Jackson Street) to Three Mile Creek and from St. Stephens Road to Stanton Road (old Owen's Lane). Not much is known about this community except that it was not a farming community since no owner appeared to own more than six acres. Joshua Hawthorn owned 5 3/4 acres in this area running from Three Mile Creek to Jackson Street and from Owen's Lane east 210 feet.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Deeds; Mobile City Directories from 1855 to 1905; 1925 Sanborn Map; interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Adams, August 17, 1982; interview with Frederick Douglas Richardson, Jr., researcher of the history of the African Baptist Church, September 22, 1982.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one (.7 acres)

Quadrangle name Mobile

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

**UTM References**

A 

1	6	3	9	5	7	7	0	3	3	9	6	6	1	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

B 

Zone		Easting						Northing					

C 

Zone		Easting						Northing					

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Zone		Easting						Northing					

**Verbal boundary description and justification** Located on the northeast corner of Stanton & Pleasant Avenue. Lot dimensions: beginning at intersection running 160' along north side of Pleasant, thence running 190' north to a point, thence running west 160' to Stanton Road, thence running 190' south along the east side of Stanton Road to the point of beginning.

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

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robin A. Lang, Research Historian, and Anne Sieller Bantens

organization Mobile Historic Development Commission date March 8, 1984

street & number P.O. Box 1827 telephone (205) 438-7281

city or town Mobile state Alabama 36633

# 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *[Signature]*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 4/17/84

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

*[Signature]*

date 5/21/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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Although Hawthorn chose to live in this area of the county, members of his congregation lived in close proximity to the church in the Campground Tract located to the north of Springhill Avenue.