

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY VanderSys, Jacob, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Spanish Revival Residences in Mobile MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ALABAMA, Mobile

DATE RECEIVED: 5/29/91                      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/12/91  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/28/91                      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/13/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91000862

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    7/12/91 DATE

**Entered in the  
National Register**

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
\_\_\_applicable criteria  
\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps      \_\_\_USGS maps      \_\_\_photographs      \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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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 VanderSys, Jacob House  
other names/site number Tanner, Eva House

2. Location

street & number 129 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	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Spanish Revival Residences in Mobile, Al. 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.  
 See continuation sheet.  
 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

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

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walls Stucco

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roof Ceramic tile

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other 

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The VanderSys House sits on a 50 by 140 foot lot in the Florence Place Subdivision. The yard is informally landscaped. The house itself is a 3x4 bay, stucco, one story Spanish Revival house with a centered two story square tower with a hip, ceramic tile roof. A one story flat roof Mission parapeted porch with coping covers the facade. Three arched openings define the porch front and there is an arch at each end. The front door is multi-light with multi-light sidelights and transom. Paired 9/1 windows are to each side. There are casement windows in the tower. There is one exterior chimney at the south elevation, and wing walls at the north and south elevations of the house and the second story of the tower.

The interior plan is irregular, consisting of a front living room and dining room with open archway between, interior hall with staircase, bedrooms and bath. The interior features include hardwood floors, baseboards and picture molds, two-panel doors with original hardware, original bath and kitchen cabinets and fixtures.

Integrity

The VanderSys House retains its integrity of location, style and design. Exterior changes are limited to the addition of a rear garage. Interior changes are limited to carpeting in the front rooms.

**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)  
Architecture

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

1927

1927

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

NA

Architect/Builder

VanderSys, Jacob

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

CRITERION C: ARCHITECTURE

The VanderSys 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 growing suburbs in 1927, the house exhibits classic features of the style, including stucco construction, ceramic tile roof and interior and exterior arches.

Florence Place Subdivision was platted in 1926 and house construction began soon thereafter. Jacob VanderSys, a local builder/contractor, constructed 129 Florence Place in 1927. The house initially served as rental property and has passed through several subsequent owners.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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

Mobile City Directory, 1928.

Mobile County Deedbooks, Various

Mobile City Tax Records.

See continuation sheet

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: Mobile Historic Development Comm.

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one

UTM References

A 16 395660 3395540  
 Zone Easting Northing

C         

B           
 Zone Easting Northing

D         

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Begin at a point on the west side of Florence Place 520' south of the south line of Springhill Avenue, proceed thence south 50' to a point, thence west 140' to a point, thence north 50' to a point, thence east 140' to the point of beginning.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

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

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**United States Department of the Interior  
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**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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1. VanderSys-Tanner House  
129 Florence Place
2. Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama
3. John Sledge, photographer
4. August 1990
5. MHDC Negative File--MB #188

Photo #	Description (Frame #)
1.	Facade. Camera facing NW. (29)
2.	Same. Camera facing W. (28)
3.	Interior. First floor, Camera facing NE. (24)
4.	Same. Second floor room. Camera facing E. (27)
5.	Same. Staircase. Camera facing N. (26)