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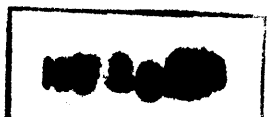
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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

Ala. Historical Commission



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTERED EDUCATION FORM
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: The Ice House

Other Names/Site Number: N/A

2. Location

Street & Number: 844 Seminary Street Not for Publication: N/A
City or Town: Moulton Vicinity: N/A
State: Alabama Code: AL County: Lawrence Code: 079 Zip Code: 35650

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Elizabeth Ann Brown _____
Signature of certifying official Date 5/16/00

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 for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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): _____

Edson H. Beall _____
Signature of Keeper Date of Action 6/22/00

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.): N/A

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Category:	Subcategory:
<u>Commerce/Trade</u>	<u>Specialty Store</u>
<u>Industry/Processing</u>	<u>Manufacturing Facility</u>
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Category:	Subcategory:
<u>Commerce/Trade</u>	<u>Specialty Store</u>
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other:One Story Commercial Block

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
roof Tar and Gravel
walls Concrete
other Glass, Metal

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our ast.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Period of Significance

1946 - 1950

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (N/A)

_____ 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 N/A

_____ State Historic Preservation Office
_____ Other State agency
_____ Federal agency
_____ Local government
_____ University
_____ Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: less than 1 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>16</u>	<u>473390</u>	<u>3815340</u>

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Gene A. Ford, Architectural Historian/Trina Binkley, AHC Reviewer

Organization: Private Consultant/Alabama Historical Commission Date: June, 1999

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City or Town: Tuscaloosa/Montgomery State: Alabama Zip Code: 35401/36130-0900

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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Arthur W. and Annette Sanderson

Street & Number: 15014 Court Street Telephone: (256) 974-0311

City or Town: Moulton State: Alabama Zip Code: 35650
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The Ice House at 844 Seminary Street, in Moulton, Lawrence County, Alabama, is locally significant as it represents Moulton's post World War II boom. The Ice House and an associated residence retain a high degree of integrity. Built in 1947, the Ice House features concrete block construction. Although the building was renovated for use as an interior decorating business in 1984, the interior, ice making equipment, and storage space were left intact. The associated owner's residence is also constructed of concrete blocks.

The Ice House is situated on a lot one block east of the Moulton Courthouse Square (National Register listed 8-14-98). Surrounding the Ice House are concrete block and brick commercial buildings dating from the 1940s through the 1960s. Court Street, a major east-west thoroughfare, passes just south of the Ice House.

The lot on which stand the Ice House and associated residence is quite flat. Asphalt covers the ground on the west side of the Ice House. Dirt with a sparse smattering of grass covers the rest of the lot. The associated residence is located 47 ft. east of the Ice House. Several trees and bushes, the sole landscaping on the lot, surround the house. The lot measures approximately 225 ft. X 151 ft.

A parapet capped with tile coping wraps around the one story, commercial block building. Behind the parapet is a flat roof of tar composition. Fenestration on the west facade consists of five openings. Three of the openings are fitted with original paneled wood doors and metal hardware. These doors correspond with ice storage rooms. A window and a door fill the other two voids. The door and window coincide with the brine tank room.

An office projects from the facade. It features two, single pane windows and awnings on its west side and a door and a single pane window on its north side. These windows were installed in place of deteriorated metal casement windows in 1984.

A shed roof canopy supported by wood posts also projects from the west facade. The roof provides shade for a rectangular pit sided by concrete block and topped by metal grating. Blocks of ice were placed on the grating for customer pick up.

The north elevation has a single opening fitted with a wood door. The door opens to ice storage space.

Fenestration on the east side consists of three openings. Partially fixed, multipane windows with awning inserts fill these openings. Two of the windows coincide with the brine tank room, the third with the compressor room.

Three partially fixed, multipane windows with awning inserts fill the voids on the south side of the Ice House. Two, original, large wooden doors with diagonally laid board construction on tracks cover another opening. All these openings correspond with the compressor room. The office has a new south side window with an awning and a concrete block stack.

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In the interior of the office, carpeting covers the concrete floor. The plaster clad walls are painted. Wall embellishment consists of a wrap around cornice. Window and door treatments are plain in design. Unlike many commercial buildings, the structural steel trusses supporting the roof are exposed. The office is now utilized as retail space. A door in the east wall of the office leads to the compressor room.

The ceiling of the compressor room is like that of the office. However, the concrete block walls lack a plaster finish. The compressor is intact, but buried beneath mattresses, furniture, and knick knacks. The room is now used for storage.

A door way opening in the north wall of the office leads to the brine tank room where ice was once manufactured. The ceiling of this room features steel trusses; the walls are constructed of concrete blocks. Steel tracks run along the north and south walls. These tracks enabled a large crane, which is intact, to carry massive blocks of ice across the entire width of the room. A built up wooden platform serves as the floor. Removable panels in the floor provide access to the brine tanks. The tanks remain in place. Located in the southeast corner of the tank room is a bathroom. The bathroom was added to the building in 1984. The brine tank room now serves as retail space.

The northern portion of The Ice House, access to which is through an opening in the northeast corner wall of the brine tank room, is divided into three compartments. Formerly ice storage units, the compartments feature exposed, wood beam ceilings and wood floors. The walls are insulated with sheets of cork. A concrete block wall with an opening in the south end separates the west and middle rooms. A concrete block wall with an opening in the north end separates the middle and east rooms. This opening is fitted with an original, metal refrigeration door. The compartments now serve as retail space.

Built in 1947, the associated residence features a front gable roof of asphalt shingles. Fenestration on the south facade consists of a second story, 6/6, double hung, sash window and a wood panel door. The door and window are original. A gable stoop with lattice work sides fronts the door. Concrete block stairs rise up to the door. Two, 6/6, double hung, sash windows fill voids on the second floor of the east side. A second floor, 6/6, double hung, sash window and a first floor, 6/6, double hung, sash window, and a wood panel door comprise the fenestration on the north elevation. On the west side, there are five, 6/6, double, hung, sash windows on the second story and two garage doors on the first floor. Projecting from the north side of the house is a carport with a second floor, wood frame room. A gable roof of asphalt shingles tops the room. Weatherboards sheath the upper floor. Openings with wood, 6/6, double hung sash windows punctuate walls. Fenestration, cladding, and construction materials are original to the house.

The upper floor of the residence functioned as a residence for the owner of The Ice House. At the south end of the upper floor is the living room. While the floor is sheathed with hardwood boards, the walls are covered with plaster. Door and window treatments and base boards feature three stepped, wood moldings. A door in the south wall of the room leads to the exterior staircase.

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Two doors in the north wall lead to a bedroom and kitchen. The floor, wall, and ceiling materials and door, window, and base board treatments of this bedroom are like those of the living room. The floor of the kitchen is covered with vinyl flooring. Wainscoting and wall paper cover the walls. Cabinets and a sink line the west wall of the kitchen.

An opening in the north wall of the kitchen leads to a hall way and a bathroom. Another opening opens into a second bedroom. This bedroom features the same floor, wall, and ceiling materials and window, door, and base board treatments as those of the first bedroom and living room. The second bedroom and carport beneath it were added to the house in 1954.

The current owners plan to apply for tax credits for restorations to The Ice House and associated residence.

Archaeological Component: Although no formal archaeological survey has been conducted of this area, the potential for subsurface remains is minimal; however, buried portions may contain information that may be useful in interpreting the entire area.

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Significance

The Ice House and its associated residence are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places based on Criterion A in the area of commerce. Built in 1946, the Ice House and associated house, which is a contributing resource, is part of Moulton's post World War II boom. Fueled by a resurgent cotton economy and savings accrued during World War II, Moulton experienced one of its most prolific construction periods in its history. Seventeen commercial buildings in the Moulton Courthouse Square proper and fifteen in the off square vicinity, one of which is the Ice house, were erected between 1945 and 1950.

The Ice House provided an important product and service to the businesses and residents of Moulton and the surrounding area. According to Everett Cantrell (1999) who operated the Ice House for several owners, the Ice House manufactured crushed and block ice for restaurants, cafes, entertainment houses, and other businesses. The Star Theater (built 1947), Mrs. Farley's Cafe, Roy A. Warren Grocery Store (built 1945), Moulton Drug Store (built 1948), and many other businesses no doubt required large amounts of ice for soft drinks and other beverages and food storage. As refrigerators were not commonplace in Lawrence County in the late 1940s and 1950s, many households relied on the Ice House for ice. Half of all non rural Lawrence County residents and only 55 out of 735 rural dwellings had them in 1950 (United States Census 1950). Customers picked up bags of crushed ice at the Ice House dock and a truck carrying 25 lb., 50 lb., 75 lb., and 100 lb. ice blocks made home deliveries. The ice blocks were left in ice boxes on house porches. In 1948-1949, a 100 lb. Block of ice cost . 50 cents. In Lawrence County, the Ice house was synonymous with the production and distribution of ice from 1946 to 1977.

Historical Summary

Construction of the Ice House and house are associated with a post World War II boom. Agriculture, on which the Lawrence County economy was, and continues to be, based was on the rise in the late 1940s. The number of farms in the county rose for the first time in a decade from 3,293 in 1940 to 4,142 in 1950 (United States Census 1950). Farmers cashing in their crops at several Moulton gins infused the economy with a good deal of money. Combined with savings accrued during World War II, cotton money enabled Moulton merchants to modernize their aging facilities. A serious construction boom occurred from 1945 to 1955. Seventeen edifices took their place among the square's fixtures during this period. The Star Theater, Roy A. Warren Grocery Store, Alexander Building, Moulton Cleaners and other businesses represent this modernization era (Ford 1996). Concurrently, construction spread eastward along Court Street. Fifteen buildings rose up along this mercantile corridor.

After World War II, Moulton was in need of a local ice supplier. An ice house ensconced in a building on the square was forced to close and the building razed to make way for new construction (*The Moulton Advertiser* 1940). Seeking to fill a void, Mr. R. W. "Rooney" Carter erected a concrete block edifice just off Court Street in

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1946, and installed modern, state-of-the-art ice manufacturing equipment (Cantrell 1999). He also built a residence for himself directly adjacent to the business at this time. Carter lived in the house until 1959. After which, various employees working at the Ice House resided in the residence.

Carter owned and operated the Ice House until 1959. A staff of four assisted Carter (Cantrell 1999). One person crushed and sawed ice and handled walk-in customer orders; one worked in ice production; a delivery man transported ice to businesses and households; an assistant served in many capacities. Mr. Everett Cantrell managed the Ice House from 1959 until 1977 (Cantrell 1999).

For the better part of four decades, the Ice House supplied ice to a variety of customers. Cantrell listed restaurants, especially in the early years, as one of the primary consumers of Ice House products (Cantrell 1999). The costs of refrigeration equipment and appliances had not sufficiently decreased after World War II such that all businesses and individuals could afford them so they relied on the old ice box technology. At .50 cents for a 100 lb. ice block in 1948-1949, the old ice box technology was quite an affordable option. Individual households continued to be a mainstay in the Ice House business as late as the early 1960s. In the late 1950s, refrigerators were not a commonplace household fixture in Lawrence County (United States Department of Agriculture 1959). Trailer loads of Ice House ice were trucked to Legion Field in Birmingham for football games (Cantrell 1999). The Ice House's customer list even included the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. Tons of 300 lb. Ice blocks were used in the construction of the plant. The ice was ground up and mixed with concrete to keep it from cracking in hot weather (Cantrell 1999).

After R. W. "Rooney" Carter died in 1959, the Ice House passed through a succession of owners. Mrs. Carter owned it from 1959 to 1961. She passed it on to Mr. Matthew and Mr. Fritz (Cantrell 1999). Fritz and Matthew conveyed the Ice House to Mr. Fred Osborne in 1972. He sold out to Mid-South Ice Company in 1975. Mid-South closed the Ice House in 1977 (Cantrell 1999). Arthur W. "Ott" Sanderson bought the property in 1977. After remaining vacant from 1977 to 1984, Sanderson and his wife Annette restored the Ice House (Sanderson 1998). They left the ice making equipment intact. Annette Sanderson opened a gift store called the "Ice House" in the historic ice manufacturing plant. The antique store is still open for business in The Ice House. The Sandersons are currently restoring the garage apartment for commercial use.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of The Ice House and garage apartment are recorded on Lawrence County tax map 15-09-32-1-106-016.000 featured in Figure 1. The scale is at 1 inch = 100 feet.

Boundary Justification

The Ice House boundaries were drawn to encompass all of the extant historic property associated with the Ice House, its associated residence, and land.

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Photograph Log

The following information is the same for each photograph:

Name of Photographer:

Gene A. Ford

Date of Photograph:

November 26, 1998

Location of Original Negatives:

Alabama Historical Commission
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

Photograph 1. West Facade of Ice House Looking Southeast.

Photograph 2. Detail of Doors on West Facade.

Photograph 3. North Elevation of Ice House Looking South.

Photograph 4. North and East Elevations of Ice House Looking Southwest.

Photograph 5. East and South Elevations of Ice House Looking Northwest.

Photograph 6. South Elevation of Ice House Looking North.

Photograph 7. Ice Dock.

Photograph 8. Interior of Office.

Photograph 9. Interior of Compressor Room.

Photograph 10. Interior of Compressor Room.

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Photograph 11. Floor over Tanks

Photograph 12. Crane in Tank Room.

Photograph 13. Tank Room.

Photograph 14. Storage Room.

Photograph 15. Storage Room.

Photograph 16. South Facade and East Elevation of Residence Looking Northwest.

Photograph 17. North and West Elevations of Residence Looking Southeast.

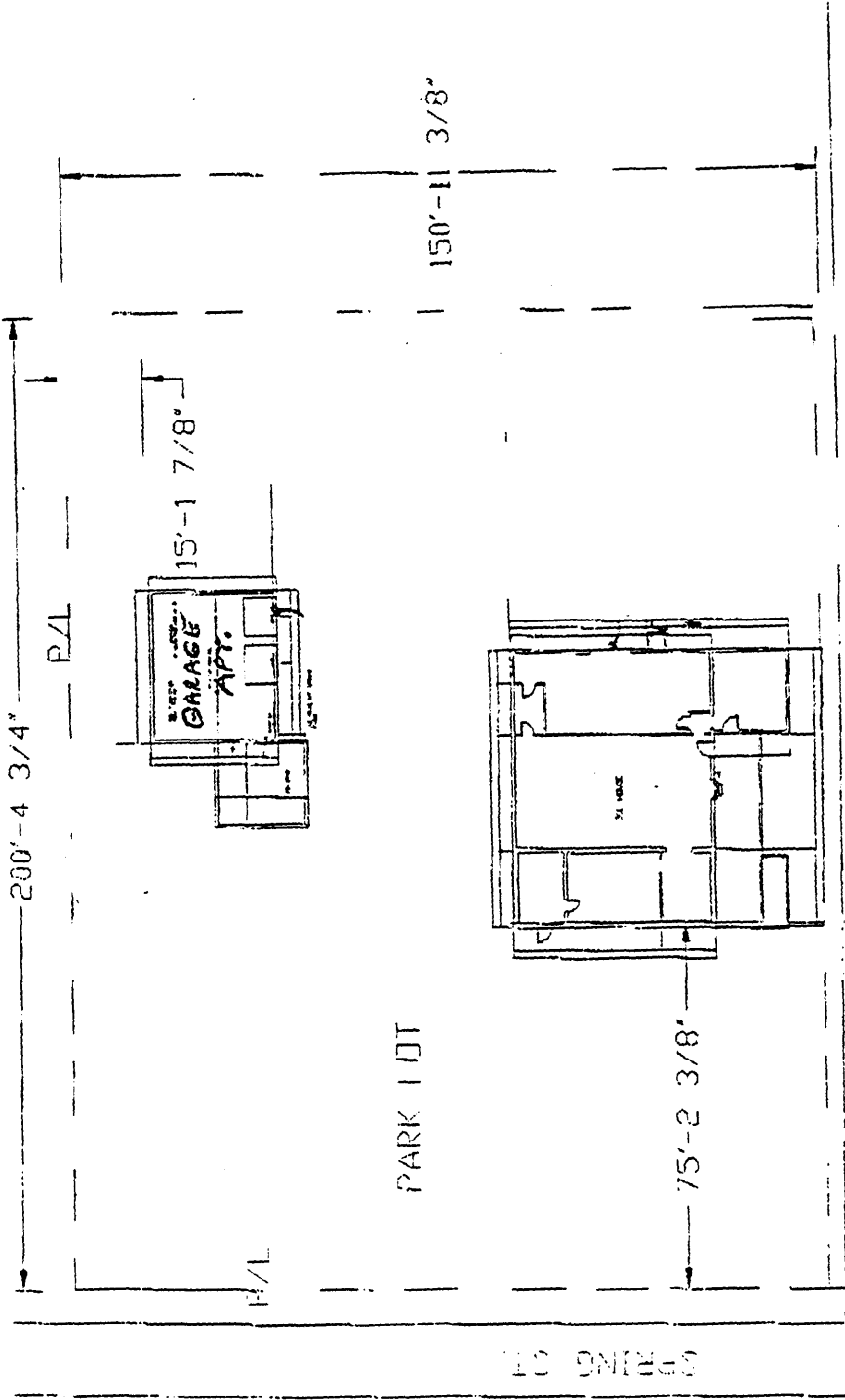
Photograph 18. West Elevation and South Facade of Residence Looking Northeast.

Photograph 19. Livingroom Interior.

Photograph 20. East Bedroom Interior.

Photograph 21. Kitchen and Hallway Interior.

Photograph 22. North Bedroom Interior.



ICE HOUSE SITE PLAN
 Lawrence County, Alabama
 -- Not to scale --