

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: CRENSHAW	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
FEB 25 1975	

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Bradley House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Kirkpatrick House *use this*

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
U. S. 331 - directly across from the Crenshaw County School

CITY OR TOWN:  
Highland Home congressional District: II

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: Crenshaw	CODE 041
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. and Mrs. Theron Bradley

STREET AND NUMBER:  
U. S. 331

CITY OR TOWN:  
Highland Home

STATE:  
Alabama

CODE:  
01

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
\_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN:  
Luverne

STATE:  
Alabama

CODE:  
01

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
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DATE OF SURVEY:  
\_\_\_\_\_  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
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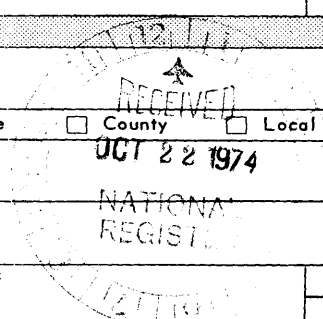
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CITY OR TOWN:  
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STATE:  
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

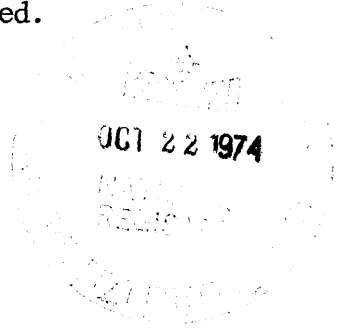
The Kirkpatrick-Bradley Home is a two story frame structure, rectangular in plan, with a hipped roof and four-end-exterior chimneys.

The central bay of the facade features a two-story pedimented portico and is faced with shiplapped wood while the remainder of the structure is covered with clapboard. Slender colonettes support each level of the portico. Balusters on the first floor level are simple and rounded while on the second floor they are of the original jigsaw cut design. Ornaments are within the colonettes of the second floor level. Colonettes at the second floor level have small brackets from which spring decorative wooden arches.

The four windows on the facade are symmetrically placed and have simple trim. The entrance centered on the portico consists of a single door with a two lite transome above. Directly above this entrance is a double door entrance which gives access to the second floor of the portico, and is flanked by side lites. A diamond shaped louvered vent is located in the pediment.

A one-story L shaped wing extending from the rear was added in 1919, and contains the kitchen and eating area. The interior of the house is of the central hall plan with four rooms, each measuring 15' by 15', on each floor. Stairs leading to the second floor have a flat jigsaw cut balustrade.

The exterior of the house is unchanged with exception of painting and repairs while the interior has been remodeled. The floor plan remains the same, but all but one of the original mantels have been removed, and most of the rooms have been paneled.



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**8. 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kirkpatrick-Bradley House is one of the two remaining structures associated with the Highland Home College, a co-educational post bellum institute of higher learning. The school is representative of the more than 100 private and denominational high schools, academies, colleges and institutes which were chartered between 1880 and 1900 to meet the educational needs of the people.

The structure was built some time prior to 1870 by Col. M. L. Kirkpatrick, who along with his brothers-in-law, Professor J. M. Barnes and Professor Samuel Jordan, founded the Highland Home College.

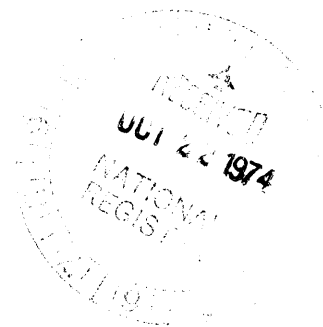
Professor Barnes founded a school at Strata in Montgomery County in 1856, but in 1881, the school was closed due to its unhealthy location. Barnes then joined with his brothers-in-law in founding a school at Highland Home. Originally called the Highland Home Institute, the name was changed to the Highland Home Male and Female College in 1889, when the three men petitioned the state legislature for a charter.

The school was co-educational and offered a B. S. or A. B. degree under a four year program, but the majority of the students were there only to earn a teacher's certificate and few ever graduated. The school, like many of its kind, also offered courses of instruction to primary and secondary students.

Kirkpatrick died in 1892, but the home, then occupied by his son, Dr. A. B. Kirkpatrick, continued to be used as a dormitory for students until the college was closed in 1916, because of financial difficulties.

The home is presently owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Theron Bradley.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Materials on file - Library of the Alabama Archives.  
 Owen, T. M., History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biograhly,  
 S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, 1921.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

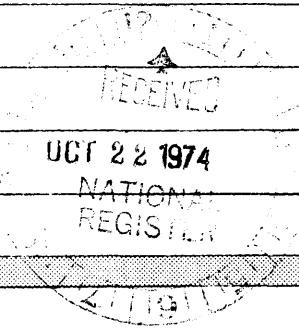
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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: October 10, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
725 Monroe Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montgomery STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Miss B. Howard J.

Title SHPO Ala.

Date Oct. 14, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. R. Montrose  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 2/25/75

ATTEST:  
Charles A. Starnes  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 2-24-75

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8. Significance - Addendum

The Kirkpatrick-Bradley House played a substantial role in the history of the Highland Home Institute and is the only remaining building associated with the early history of the school. It was originally constructed as the private residence of Colonel M. L. Kirkpatrick, who helped to found the Institute and was instrumental in locating it in Highland Home.

When the Institute was opened Kirkpatrick, Jordan and Barnes designated their own homes as the official dormitories of the school and provided room, board and strict chaperoning for the students. Many of the smaller schools of this era could not afford the high cost of constructing dormitory space, and frequently the homes of founders and principals were used to board students, particularly girls whose parents were insistant on proper chaperoning for their daughters.

In 1880 slightly over 50 per cent of the adult population of Alabama was illiterate, the public school system was inadequately organized and the shortage of qualified teachers was severe. The University of Alabama and a few other state and denominational colleges were beyond the popular reach and were thought of by the majority of the people as existing for the benefit of the rich.

Between 1880 and 1900 more than 100 private and denominational high schools, colleges and institutions were chartered by the state legislature to meet the educational needs of the people. The Highland Home Institute, the only institution of higher learning to locate in Crenshaw county, was one of the better of these schools, and primarily trained students to qualify for teachers' certificates.

The Kirkpatrick Home is the oldest structure in Highland Home, which prior to the locating of the college was a small farming community. The college brought a measure of prosperity to the area and the village grew to a year round population of 90 by 1910. At present the unincorporated town contains about 200 residents.

