

PROPERTY NAME: Floyd-Newsome House HISTORIC NAME: Old Floyd House  
 STREET ADDRESS: 900 22nd St. CITY: Phenix City COUNTY: Russell  
 PRESENT OWNER: Talmadge R. Newsome MAILING ADDRESS: 900 22nd St.  
 CITY: Phenix City STATE: Ala. ZIP CODE: 36867  
 PRESENT USE: Residence ACREAGE: Less than one acre  
 U. S. G. S. QUADRANGLE: Phenix City U. T. M. REFERENCE: 16 687540 3595440  
 V. B. D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 05-01-11-2-019-15 *See line on attached scale tax map*

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Victorian cottage remodeled 1908 as neoclassical "mansion": two story, wood frame, weatherboard siding; brick foundation; truncated hip roof with italianate brackets around crown, twin intersecting front gables in front; eight bays in facade, central front door first floor with transom and sidelights and two 1/1 double-hung sash windows; upper floor has central rounded small railed balcony from original victorian entrance door with transom, pilasters and entablature; upper door flanked by two sash windows on each side. Two story open porch wraps around two street sides of the house, supported by (OVER)

ORIGINAL OWNER: Dr. Franklin Ashby Floyd ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ARCHITECT/BUILDER *N/A*

HISTORIC ACREAGE: Less than one acre

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1898

DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Second floor added 1908

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): Dr. Floyd--physician, druggist, mayor, and judge--was long important in the political life of Phenix City and active in city service, promoting medical services and education. Educated at Tulane, he had four sons who entered medicine. He built a one-story home on the present hilltop site in 1898, then in 1908 jacked up the home and built a second story beneath it, adding the wrap-around two-story portico and rear kitchen. It was his home for the rest of his life. In 1933 he transferred title to son Charles Eddie Floyd. In 1958, after 60 years, the house left the Floyd family, sold to R. E. and Vera Aldridge, who occupied it for several years, until it was (OVER)

N. R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, History LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): ARCHITECTURE: The large neoclassical home is significant as an example of the few large homes constructed by prominent citizens of the Phenix City area around the turn of the century, a victorian cottage upgraded to mansion proportions in the classical style with increasing personal prosperity. LOCAL HISTORY: The house is significant as the residence of one of the most important political figures in 20th Century Phenix City, occupied (OVER)

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PRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: None

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Russell County Probate Records, Coulter's A People Corageous, Mrs. Alice Floyd (Phenix City), Columbus City Directories

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE: in 1967 to Talmadge R. Newsome, a public school teacher, who still occupies the house.

N. R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: during his terms as mayor.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITON: large brick posts; wide frieze around porch; wrought iron ornamental railing around porch; one-story extended rear kitchen with hip roof and screened porch along side; two offset chimneys in main part of house, one in kitchen; house is located on a large hilltop corner lot with about 1/4 acre of woods behind; lot obscured by overgrown originally ornamental scrubs and small trees; house in good condition. In residential neighborhood, adjacent to property number 6, surrounded by more recent houses.

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