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MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF ANNISTON

CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name: Common name:	Oak Tree Cottage Oak Tree Cottage	Owner:	Christine M. Tyler Testamentary Estate SouthTrust Bank of Calhoun County NA P. O. Box 1000
Address:	721 Oak Street		Anniston, Alabama 36202
Acreage:	less than one acre	UTM:	16/609530/3724340
Verbal Boundary:	Tyler Park Addition of t	he city	of Anniston, Block 7, Lots 15, 16

and the east one-half of Lot 14, as recorded in Deed Book 259,

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Architectural Design: Bungalow

Date of Construction: 1922

Statement of Significance:

Criterion C - Architecture:

Oak Tree Cottage is significant architecturally as one of the best examples in Anniston of the Bungalow style, rooted in the Craftsman tradition, that was popular throughout the country, in various forms, during the early 20th century. The relative simplicity and lack of pretension displayed in Oak Tree Cottage are characteristic of the Bungalow style.

Description:

Oak Tree Cottage is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Oak Street and Highland Avenue adjacent to Glenwood Terrace, but in style, scale, and orientation is not a visual part of that district. The rectangular one-and-a-half-story, clapboard house is an outstanding example of the bungalow style complete with its most characteristic features: a broad, low-sweeping gable roof with a prominent central dormer; a deep porch across the front articulated by heavy turned columns; exposed rafter ends; and the purlins and diagonal brackets in the side gables. The chimney is stone.

The interior is simple in plan and largely unadorned, with no foyer, an ell-shaped living-dining room, two bedrooms and a kitchen. Upstairs are one bedroom and a hallway.

The house is unaltered both inside and out, with the original clapboards and roof shingles. The spacious side and back yards, larger than usual because of the shape and curve of the corner lots, are landscaped with a variety of shrubs and trees in addition to one of the largest oak trees in the town, a tree that suggested the name of the house.

Historical Summary:

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Oak Tree Cottage is the most outstanding example in Anniston of the Bungalow style that was popular in various forms in the early 20th century. Its relative simplicity and lack of pretension are characteristic of the style. Moreover, it is the home of the family that is the only example of a marriage between the town's two founding families, the Tylers and the Nobles.

The house was built in 1922 by Frederick O. Tyler, who at the time headed the Anniston Manufacturing Company, and his wife Christine. In later years, their daughter Nellie Tyler Bennett lived in the house, and it is now the home of her daughter, Christine Bennett Skinner.



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