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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Greene	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.12.01.0014	DATE 12/18/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Coleman-Banks House

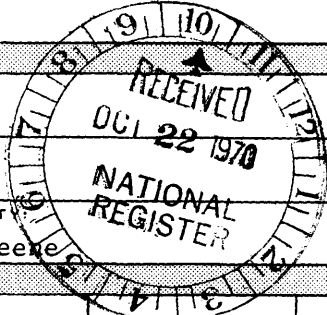
2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
430 Springfield Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Eutaw

STATE: Alabama

CODE 01	COUNTY Greene	CODE 063
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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"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Greene County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
430 Springfield Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Eutaw

STATE: Alabama

CODE: 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Eutaw

STATE: Alabama

CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS

DATE OF SURVEY: 1934, 35

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D. C.

CODE: 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

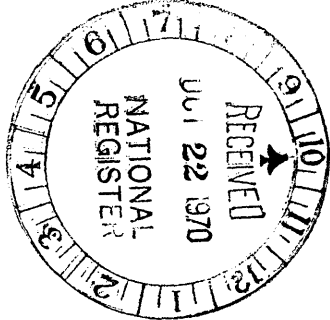
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Coleman-Banks Home, a towering two-and-a-half-story mansion, is a Greek Revival structure. The mansion features four large fluted Ionic columns and a very unusual second story overhanging balcony of full veranda length. The well designed entrances, both upstairs and downstairs, with double doors, bold pilastered sidelights, and full entablatures, add to the effect of the bilaterally symmetrical fenestration of the structure.

The wide halls, running from front to back doors on each floor are flanked by two rooms on each side of each hall.

In the yard back of the house the original kitchen and smoke house still stand in good condition. Approximately two acres of the original lot comprise this property today.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

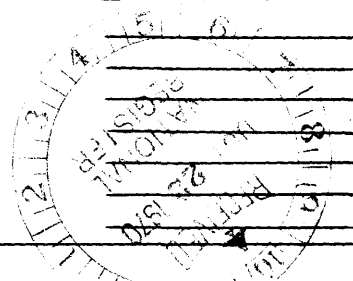
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

C. 1847-48

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Coleman-Banks Home is one of the Black Belt's prime examples of Greek Revival architecture.

Ralph Hammond's 1951 Ante-Bellum Mansions of Alabama refers to this home as the "Queen of Eutaw's Ante-Bellum Mansions." The original owner and builder, George W. Shauver, a Virginian, purchased the acreage for his home from Asa White in 1847, after moving to this county in 1839. Shauver is shown in the 1856 Snedecor Directory as proprietor of the Parapet Hotel.

In 1853, George W. and Mary Ann Shauver sold the home to James Roden, who died in 1854. On January 11, 1855, the Roden Estate sold the property to John M. Jones for \$4500.00 and on January 25, 1855, Mr. Jones deeded the property to Mrs. John Coleman of Grassdale Plantation for the above amount. It is reasonable to assume from this that Mr. Jones acted as agent for Mrs. Coleman in this transaction.

Mrs. Coleman died in 1863 and her unmarried son, Judge Wiley Coleman, and his sister Rhoda, also unmarried, inherited the property from their mother. Judge Coleman died in 1892 and his sister in 1900.

The property was then inherited by their nephew, James Oliver Banks, Jr. Judge Coleman and his sister had reared "Jamie", as their nephew was called, from infancy when his mother died. James Banks married Julia Coleman in 1888, and after her death, married Sarah Buck in 1906.

James O. Banks died in 1951 and in the division of his estate, the house became the property of his son, Hampden Osborne Banks, who lived here with his wife until his death in 1966.

Hampden Banks willed the property to his wife, Muriel, and on April 23, 1968, she sold this property to Greene County with the agreement that it would be used as the home of The Greene County Historical Society.

The Greene County Commissioners Court purchased the Banks Home for \$30,000 as a governmental investment in historic architecture in 1968. The mansion is being restored by the Greene County Historical Society.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Lancaster, Clay. "Greek Revival Architecture in Alabama." Alabama Architect, January-February, 1968.
 Moseley, Franklin S., ed. Snedecor's 1855-56 Greene County Directory of Greene County, Alabama. Eutaw, 1963 (reprint).
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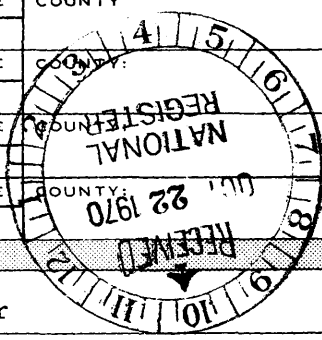
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		32° 50' 29"	87° 53' 14"	
NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission** DATE: **September 29, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Montgomery** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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, Jr.

Title State Liaison Officer

Date October 16, 1970

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

Ernest A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
DEC 18 1970

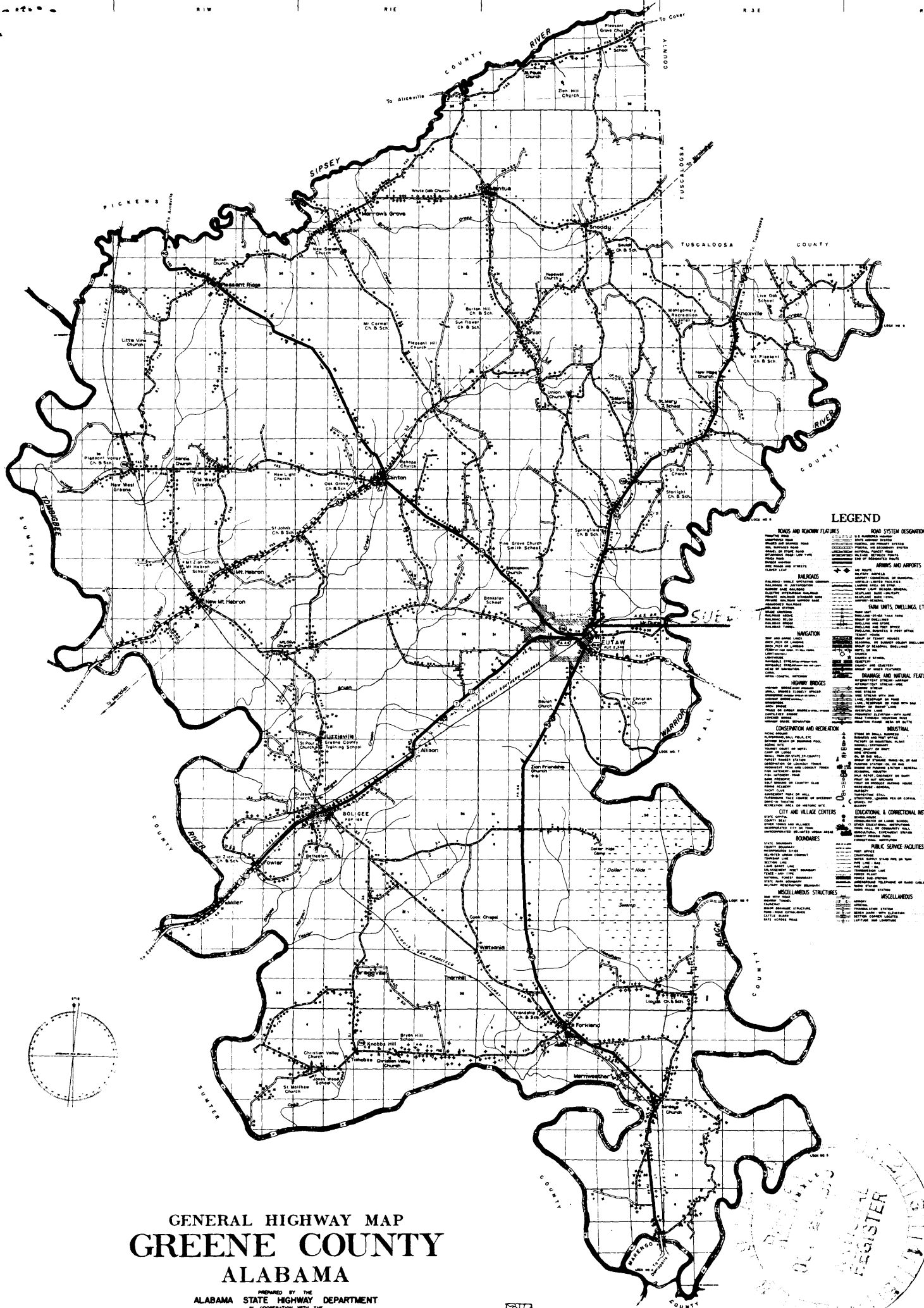
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ATTEST:

William H. Mustang
 Keeper of The National Register
NOV 27 1970

Date _____

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LEGEND

ROADS AND ROADWAY FEATURES	ROAD SYSTEM DESIGNATION
Interstate Highway	Interstate Highway
U.S. Highway	U.S. Highway
State Highway	State Highway
County Road	County Road
Other Road	Other Road

**GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
GREENE COUNTY
ALABAMA**

PREPARED BY THE
ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS
DATA OBTAINED FROM
STATE-WIDE HIGHWAY PLANNING SURVEY



THE COLEMAN-BANKS HOUSE --- GREENE COUNTY
Latitude 32°50'29"
Longitude 87°53'14"

