

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Wilson-Clements House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1802 20th Avenue NA not for publication

city, town Northport NA vicinity of Congressional District 7

state Alabama code 01 county Tuscaloosa code 125

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>NA</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Woodrow W. Clements

street & number P. O. Box 225086

city, town Dallas NA vicinity of state Texas 75265

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Tuscaloosa County Courthouse

street & number 714 Greensboro Avenue

city, town Tuscaloosa state Alabama

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970-present federal state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Exterior: The Wilson-Clements House is a very simple one-story, Federal style, brick cottage built during the period 1834-37. This antebellum cottage probably originally had nine-over-nine sash windows which were replaced with one-over-one sash at about the turn of the century. The three-bay facade has a two paneled central door with transom above. Some of the interior woodwork, including the mantels and pine floors, are original. The original floor plan with central hall and two rooms on either side has been undisturbed.

In 1910 a large frame addition was constructed at the rear of the earlier house. Running completely around this addition is an open porch. The current front porch with turned columns and brackets was probably also added c. 1910.

The original brick portion of the house has a cat slide gable roof and four interior brick chimneys. Originally, the gable ends had flush board trim along the roofline. Currently, however, the roofline has been extended to form an overhanging eave with corner boxing. The 1910 rear addition has a cross gable roof extending from the cat slide on the original house.

Interior: Two rooms flank either side of the central hallway. The room to the right of the hallway serves as the double parlor. The original two panel double doors lead into the room. Adjacent to the living room is the current dining room. Across the hallway, the newly modernized kitchen with vinyl flooring is updated from the former obsolete condition. The front left room contains a small parlor now used as a den. The interior features include three fireplaces which are located in each room with exception to the kitchen and rear addition. Each fireplace has a painted wood mantel with flanking pilasters in Federal style. There is a brick surround with original large square bricks used in the hearth. Trim throughout the house is painted antique white.

Chairrail molding, wood cornices and baseboards with quarter round are found in each room. Only a few of these elements, however, appear to be original. The walls and ceilings are plaster. New wallpaper covers the walls. The entire house is floored with original wideboard pine; however, the dining room and rear addition have been covered with carpet. Located in the 1910 rear addition is the bedroom, bath and utility room. The bedroom is similar in detailing to the front rooms, but the walls are sheetrock. This room was originally divided into two spaces, but during the recent restoration one partition was removed to create a single space. Moulding around the doors and windows was made to match the four rooms of the original floor plan. A porch surrounds three sides of the rear addition. It dates from the early 20th century. The posts are not original and date from the recent renovation. Other recent alterations include the addition of two windows on the front wing and extending the roof eaves by c. 8 inches. This latter work obscured an important feature of the house - the flush gable chimney end.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1835 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architecture, Criterion C

The Wilson-Clements House (c. 1835) is an excellent example of a one-story, Federal style, brick cottage. Small houses similar to it with a simple four-room central hall plan, and Federal style woodwork once abounded in Northern Alabama. The Wilson-Clements house is one of the few surviving brick examples of this type of early residential architecture in Alabama.

9. Major Bibliographical References

National Archives and Record Service
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse deed books
Tuscaloosa News
Personal Interviews

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than 1 (110 x 225)

Quadrangle name Tuscaloosa

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	6	4	4	6	1	5	0	3	6	7	6	5	9	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 26,27, & 28 of the Clements Hill Subdivision (110 x 225')
House and lot

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	NA	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Betsy Hayslip/Heritage Commission of Tuscaloosa County and Tom Dolan

organization Alabama Historical Commission date July 1984

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone 205 261-3184

city or town Montgomery state Alabama

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 2-27-85

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 4-11-85

for 
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT
WILSON-CLEMENTS HOUSE

The property on which the Wilson-Clements House is located was originally owned by early, wealthy landowner, Alexander McCown. Current research indicates that McCown's son-in-law, Benjamin S. Wilson, built the house in the mid-1830s. No information has been found to indicate the origins of either the McCown or Wilson families although the house form, exhibited by the Wilson-Clements House, indicates a probable connection with similar Federal style architecture in Virginia and the Carolinas. The house is somewhat unusual, however, in that it is constructed of brick literally from the ground up without a dug foundation.

The house remained in the Wilson family until 1910 when it was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Alonzo Clements. In that same year, a frame addition was constructed on the back of the original house. The new building included two rooms with a wide porch which surrounded three sides of the addition. In 1936 the house was purchased by Woodrow W. Clements, chairman of the board of Dr. Pepper Co. Mr. Clements is the grandson of Alonzo Clements. Recently, the house has undergone a complete restoration and is occupied by two of Mr. Clements' sisters.