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(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: CHAMBERS	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JAN 21 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Oliver Ernest McCarty, House.
~~Oliver Allen Tucker House~~

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
LaFayette Street North (U.S. Highway 431)

CITY OR TOWN:
LaFayette

STATE <u>Alabama</u>	CODE <u>01</u>	COUNTY: <u>Chambers</u>	CODE <u>017</u>
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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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Moses Allen Tucker

STREET AND NUMBER:
LaFayette Street North (U.S. Highway 431)

CITY OR TOWN: <u>LaFayette</u>	STATE: <u>Alabama</u>	CODE: <u>01</u>
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

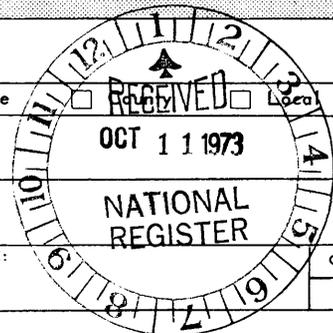
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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STATE:

COUNTY:

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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 Oliver-Allen-Tucker home in LaFayette is a two-story brick Victorian house which borrows freely from several styles of architecture. It is most influenced by the Eastlake style.

The house is irregular in plan, but distinguished by a three-story square tower topped with a steep pyramidal roof. The main roof is a modified hipped style. On either end of the house there are half-octagonal wings topped by squared-off gable roofs. The pediments of the gables, as well as the main roof, are shingled with slate.

A porch encircling part of the front and left sides is enclosed by knobbed balusters and thin milled columns. The porch roof is outlined with a complementary gingerbread design. There is a center gable in front of the tower in the porch roof and another smaller one over the entrance.

The two interior chimneys are made of brick stuccoed over. Over the windows are round and segmental arched brick hood-mouldings. The windows are fashioned of single-paned sheet glass with three-part sliding wooden shutters inside.

The outside walls are 22 inches thick and constructed of solid brick, except for two rooms at the rear which were built first, and are of rock and limestone. Inside, the walls are plaster over laths.

The entrance is at the right end of the porch. The door has a single-paned arched transom and leads into a large reception room with a corner fireplace; originally, this room was a small hallway and library. A curved self-supporting stairway with two landings leads to the second floor. The floors are of wide heart pine and the ceilings 15 feet high.

The only exterior modification is that the left end of the front porch has been enclosed.



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1. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1895**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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 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 Oliver-Allen-Tucker house was built in 1895 by Ernest McCarty Oliver. The later Victorian era in architecture had largely passed in other parts of the country, but was then at its height in the South, which had been slowed economically by reconstruction.

Oliver was a LaFayette lawyer with construction and real estate interests. He represented Chambers County two terms in the Alabama Legislature.

The property on which the house was built was acquired in 1892 from George S. Turner. All the brick used in its construction was made on the site from clay and soil found to the north of the house and baked in a kiln set up by Oliver.

Moses Allen, a LaFayette merchant, and his wife, Minnie Stanley Allen bought the house in 1904. A daughter, Dorothy, married Henry Tucker and they continued to live in the house.

Moses Allen Tucker bought the house from his mother in 1969, and he and his wife are restoring it.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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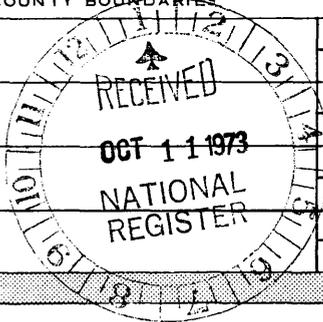
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **9.2 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director
 ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission** DATE: **October 3, 1973**
 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. Toward, Jr.
 Title SHPO - Alabama
 Date October 4, 1973

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

R. R. Mortensen
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/21/74

ATTEST:
Ronald M. Guesberg
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 1/18/74

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