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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: TUSCALOOSA	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	DEC 4 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: Guild-Verner House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Guild House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 1904 University Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Tuscaloosa

STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Tuscaloosa CODE: 125

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) none

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation Authority

STREET AND NUMBER: Bowers Park

CITY OR TOWN: Tuscaloosa STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: 714 Greensboro Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Tuscaloosa STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

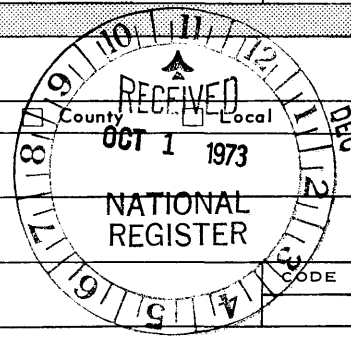
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Guild-Verner House is a two-story brick structure with a gabled roof, two end-exterior chimneys and one interior chimney located on the rear of the east wing. The red brick set in common bond has been twice stuccoed over; the first coat was a pinkish hue, while the second and present coat is beige.

Numerous additions to the house presently obscure its original Georgian simplicity. The five-bay facade has simple double hung windows with flat arches, now stuccoed over, located two on either side of the central entrance which has a segmented arch and side lites. This pattern is repeated on the second floor where a central door with transom and side lites gives access to a balcony, supported by large ornate wooden brackets. The portico, a 1900's addition, consists of four Ionic columns on square piers, supporting a flat portico roof. Two pilasters at either end are also raised on piers. A single dormer window projects out onto the portico roof.

A side, or east portico, also a 1900's addition has two small pairs of matching Ionic columns each resting on a pier. A room has been added above this portico.

The main block of the house is rectangular with two rooms, each with a matching mantel, and a central hall. The gabled roof of this section of the house has wide overhangs. A three-room ell on the west also has a gabled roof, two windows and a door on the first floor and three windows on the second floor. The windows and door have flat brick arches, stuccoed over.

A one-room ell on the east also has a gabled roof, and a bay window. The central hall extends the length of this room and a double run stair, now gutted by fire, rose to the second floor. Additions to the rear of the building are of wood, and consist of several rooms and a garage.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) 1822

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Local History</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Guild-Verner House is the oldest brick residence still standing in the county of Tuscaloosa and has served as the residence of several prominent Tuscaloosans. Construction was completed in 1822 by Dr. James Guild, the year following his arrival in Tuscaloosa. Guild was a prominent West Alabama doctor, who later became nationally known as a surgeon, and was one of the few early doctors of Tuscaloosa to study medicine at a college, having received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Transylvania.

Additionally he contributed to the early development of Tuscaloosa and Alabama serving as a trustee at the University of Alabama and the Alabama Insane Hospital, and also as a member of both the State Senate and the Alabama House of Representatives from Tuscaloosa County. His son, Lafayette Guild, who was born and spent his boyhood years in this Tuscaloosa landmark, later became a doctor and served as chief medical officer on Robert E. Lee's staff.

In 1881 Dr. Guild sold the house to Henry Snow who in turn sold it to Dr. Charles Snow. The Snows had moved to Tuscaloosa in the 1820's.

A daughter of Dr. Charles Snow, Julia Penn, married Dr. W.G.B. Pearson, and they also lived here. Dr. Pearson was born in North Carolina and moved to Tuscaloosa in 1858 where he was a druggist and served a term in the State House of Representatives.

The Pearson family sold this landmark home to another important early Tuscaloosa County family in 1911, Mr. C.B. Verner. Verner was a lawyer, a solicitor of Circuit Court, a member of the House of Representatives, and a Land Commissioner for the University of Alabama. He was also President of the Merchant's Bank and Trust Company and a member of the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education. Later he was appointed U.S. Assistant Attorney General. Subsequently the house has been used as an office for an insurance company, a funeral home and most recently, as a restaurant. At present it is vacant.

Tentative plans call for restoration of this early landmark by the Tuscaloosa County Commission in cooperation with the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Materials owned by Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society.

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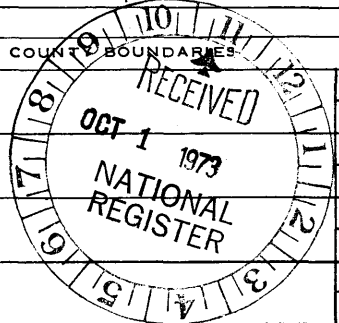
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		33	12	42
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		87	33	43

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Alabama Historical Commission DATE: September 25, 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: Miles B. Howard, Jr.

Title: SHPO - Alabama

Date: September 26, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Associate Director, Professional Services

Date: 12/4/73

ATTEST:

Charles Offenberg
acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11-30-73