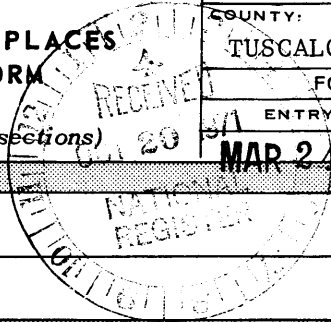


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ALABAMA	
COUNTY: TUSCALOOSA	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
George W. Christian Home

AND/OR HISTORIC:
* James Shirley Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
512 Main Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Northport

STATE Alabama	CODE 01	COUNTY: Tuscaloosa	CODE 125
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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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	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 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 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:
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Christian

STREET AND NUMBER:
512 Main Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Northport

STATE: Alabama	CODE 01
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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
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:	CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

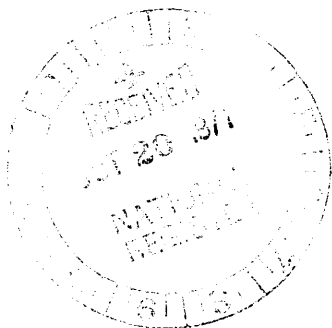
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Christian Home is a small brick Federal style raised cottage. Wide brick steps lead to a main floor portico dominated by a pediment supported by two large Doric columns. A central Federal door features an interestingly patterned transom and side lights.

The house has a gabled roof and there are three end-exterior chimneys, two on the right and one on the left. All walls are of handmade bricks which are 9" square.

There are two windows on either side of the doorway, on both floors. The windows on the main floor have six lights in the upper sash and nine in the bottom sash, while the windows on the ground floor have six lights top and bottom.

Both floors have a wide central hall and two rooms on either side. In 1936 the house was remodeled to add electricity and plumbing. At this time a back porch on the second floor was enclosed to make space for baths and closets. Care was taken to preserve the original features of the structure.



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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 |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Christian Home is one of the older Federal-style houses in West Alabama and the oldest surviving structure in Northport, a town across the Black Warrior River from Tuscaloosa.

Built in the early 1830's by James Shirley, the cottage was the first brick structure constructed in Northport. The house was built on the site of a horse-drawn cotton gin, and was a memorial to this first industrial plant in Northport. Shirley built the first brick commercial buildings in Northport in 1850 after a fire which had burned an entire district.

Shirley was a native of South Carolina, and migrated to the area in the early 1800's. After he and his wife died, the house passed to William Lewis Christian, his brother-in-law. The present owner, George Christian, is the great-great-grandson of the builder.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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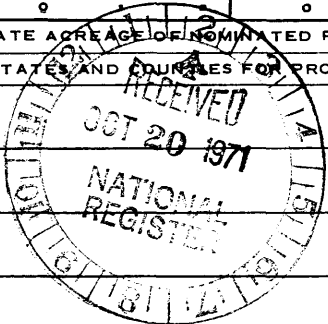
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 square acre

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: 9-15-71

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 Wils B. Howard, Jr.

Title S. L. O.

Date October 5, 1971

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

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

MAR 21 1972

Date _____

ATTEST: William M. Mouty
 Keeper of The National Register

Date FEB 8 1972

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