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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia
COUNTY: Bibb
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ENTRY DATE NOV 30 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Home of the Goodwin Rankins

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Davis - Guttenberger - Rankin Home *How is used that name*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
134 Buford Place

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
8th Williamson S. Stuckey

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Bibb CODE: 021

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

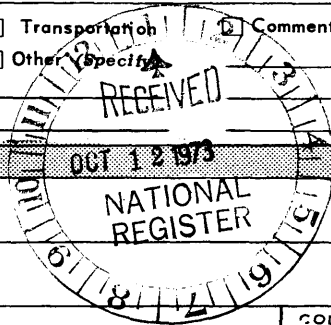
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Myrtle T. Rankin (Mrs. Goodwin Rankin)

STREET AND NUMBER:
134 Buford Place

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Bibb County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
1. The Historic Architecture of Macon by Carl Feiss & Russell Wright

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Middle Georgia Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Macon Coliseum

CITY OR TOWN:
Macon

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2. Historical Survey by Middle Georgia Historical Society
1970 Local

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7. DESCRIPTION

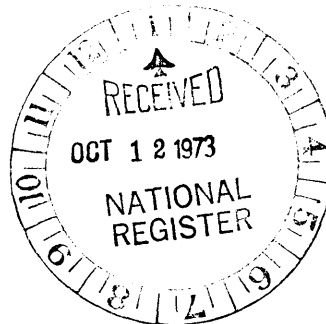
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rankin House is one of the many examples of Carpenter Gothic for which there are no rules, as each builder expressed his own individuality.

The immediate response to this rambling two story Victorian house is the heavy groupings of brackets above the pierced columns, the geometric bannister rail, the two story bay and the central three story tower. On the first floor of the bayed area are the living room and dining room that open in to each other and are both octagonal in shape, as are the corresponding rooms above. The living room has a bay window towards the street exposure and the adjoining dining room has cupboards inset into the octagonal sides. Across the hall on the right is a small parlor.

The major exterior details include the floor length, first floor two-over-four light sash windows, the cast iron railing across the flat roof, and the geometrically designed bannister and columns that continue into the pierced cornice and eave bracketing. A central cupola rising above the house is composed of two small square rooms surmounted by a smaller room with concave corner lines, a circular window on each side and a flat roof with patterned iron railing.



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9. 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) c. 1885

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rankin House is the most outstanding Victorian structure on Buford Place, a street which offers much in architectural design.

About 1885, the Rankin House was built on a twenty acre estate facing Forsyth Road (now Vineville Avenue) by John L. Hardeman. Hardeman, Judge of the Superior Court, was one of the incorporators of the Public Library and Historical Society in 1876; was named Solicitor General of the Bibb Superior Court in 1880; was Captain of Floyd Rifles Military Organization; was an organizer of Vineville Baptist Church; and was a trustee of the Georgia Academy for the Blind.

In 1890 the house was acquired by Buford McDonald Davis, a prominent attorney who moved to Macon from nearby Perry, Georgia, in 1884. During Davis' ownership, there was a circular driveway in front of the house, and a terrace on which the peacocks strutted everyday at 12 o'clock noon when the factory whistle sounded several blocks away. There was a flower garden to the right of the house, a kitchen garden behind this and a large orchard which contained every kind of fruit grown in this area. Beyond this were the carriage house and barns.

In 1911 the house was moved to its present location (134 Buford Place) when the property was converted into a residential area by running a street, Buford Place, through the middle of its 20 acres. At that time Neel Reid, a well-known Macon and Atlanta architect, replaced the Victorian staircase.

The house was later occupied by the Guttenberger and the Taliaferro families; since 1924 it has been the house of the Goodwin Rankins.

Architecturally the Rankin House is an exceptional example of Carpenter Gothic-Victorian design. Great expertise was used in combining the various shapes, roof heights, and materials including the conical, mansard, and gable roof types, the iron detail and the wood geometrical bannister rail as well as at least four different window types.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Davis, Mary C. R., daughter of Buford McDonald Davis.
 Ellamae Ellis League, F.A.I.A.
 Gholson's History of Macon.
 Mitchell, William R., Jr., personal inspection, 1972.
 Rankin, Mr. & Mrs. Goodwin, owners and occupants since 1942.
 McKay, John J., Jr., Prepared original draft of N.R. nomination form, on
 file at Historic Preservation Section.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

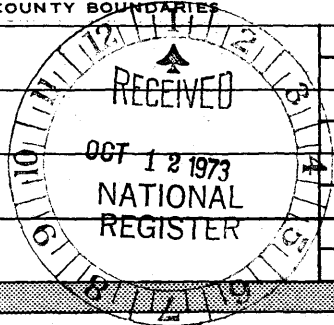
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		32	50	47
SW	° ' "	° ' "		83	39	36

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William R. Mitchell, Jr., and Staff, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Section, Dept. Natural Resources DATE: Sept. 25, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
270 Washington Street, S.W. Room 703C

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 (act. ind.)

Name Mary Gregory Jewett

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date September 26, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley
 Associate Director, Professional Services
 Date 11/30/73

ATTEST:
Charles R. Harrington
 Acting Keeper of The National Register
 Date 11-28-73