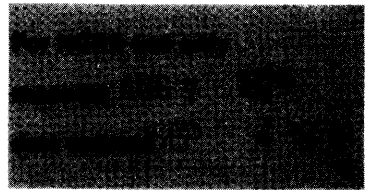


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



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

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

**1. Name**

historic Henry Home  
and/or common Jordan Home

**2. Location**

street & number 301 Blount Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  
city, town Guntersville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 4  
state Alabama code 01 county Marshall code 095

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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: Chamber of Commerce

**4. Owner of Property**

name see continuation sheet  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_  
city, town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marshall County Courthouse  
street & number 425 Gunter Avenue  
city, town Guntersville state Alabama

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 1978 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local \_\_\_\_\_  
depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission  
city, town Montgomery state Alabama

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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	minor		

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This is a two-story, frame house with a one-story "ell" rear wing. It is set back approximately 28 feet from the street on its tree-shaded, corner lot and is landscaped with shrubs, now somewhat overgrown. The roof is gabled and covered with modern, composition shingles. Cornices are boxed and gutters and downspouts are 20th-century ogee-type. Exterior chimneys are located at the gabled ends; an interior chimney, now removed, was located between the rooms of the rear "ell". Foundations consist of brick piers and walls. The rear wing appears to have been originally detached approximately 7 feet from the main house by a covered breezeway. A porch, measuring 10 feet by 38 feet, runs parallel to the "ell". In the early 20th century, the porch was enclosed and the roofline of the "ell" modified to make a single slope. Around the same time, a two-story tower was attached to the rear of the main block. Floor framing under the "ell" is large hand-hewn girder and sill and a mixture of pit-sawn and sash-sawn joists of later 19th century dimensions. Based on its irregularity, clapboarding is probably original on all portions of the house except the enclosed rear porch and the tower.

The central entry porch is two-story with 19th century scrollsaw balcony railing and one-story adjacent porch bays, making a three-bay first floor porch with a one-bay balcony above. Columns are simplified, boxed Roman Doric. During restoration, investigations of the porch will determine whether it has been modified. The railing and central, two-story part are common in this period; however, the flanking one-story portions and the rough, wood shingles on the balcony sides may be later additions. The entrance is double, four-panel doors with transom and sidelights. The trim is unmolded, and door panels are unbeveled. The balcony entrance is the same as the first floor entrance. Except for the entry sidelights, all glass in the two-story (front) part of the house is flat, modern glass; the muntins are an ogee profile not common in 1875. The sidelight muntins are of a trapezoidal profile common in the latter 19th century and contain wavy glass. From this, it appears that the 9/9 sashes in the main block are probably 20th century. Since the house was remodeled around 1920, the sashes may date from that time. The east windows of the kitchen are a pair of early 20th century 3/1 type, with evidence in the clapboards of original 19th century single sash (probably 2/2 like the south sash in the rear wing).

The interior consists of a single 20x18 room on either side of a 10x18 hall and two rooms in the "ell" measuring 20x16 and 20x15. A bath and closet were added in the original breezeway between the main block and the rear "ell". An upstairs bath is located in the two-story rear tower. A closet has been added in each of the upstairs rooms (see second floor plan). The stair is located on the south wall of the hall and has two rectangular balusters per riser and heavy square newels with tops rounded about one axis only. The stair rises to the rear corner, and winders turn 90° to arrive at the second floor. Floors are 20th century narrow oak laid over the

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1875-1877 **Builder/Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Constructed sometime between 1875 and 1877 for Pat Henry, the Henry-Jordan House is one of the oldest structures in Guntersville, an early town which was almost completely destroyed during the Civil War, and is associated with two of the county's most prominent families. The traditional plan (single rooms flanking a central hall with attached one-story rear "ell") and the use of earlier 19th century construction methods in portions of the house reflect a stylistic conservatism, as well as the economic and technological conditions of the post war period in Guntersville.

The son of a prominent merchant, Pat Henry was born near Guntersville in 1835, was educated at Cumberland Law School and returned home to clerk for his father. The elder Henry had arrived in Guntersville, a major landing on the Tennessee River, around 1818, married a daughter of the town's founder and had become one of the most successful merchants in the county. On his death in 1856, his business was acquired by two of his four sons, Pat and T. B. When the Civil War broke out, both enlisted in the Confederate Army; T. B. was killed and Pat captured. After the war, he returned home and entered into business with an older brother, Albert G., and remained in the business until 1876 when he temporarily retired. It was at this time that he constructed the house. In 1887, after the death of his wife, he sold the house to his brother Sam, possibly to acquire capital, and entered into business with his sons. Sam, more of a cotton planter than a merchant, occupied the house until 1898, when it was acquired as a town house for a local planter, Billy Jordan. The Jordan family was one of the oldest in the county, and the house remained in the family until 1974.

Current plans call for the restoration of the house for use by the Chamber of Commerce.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

see continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .33 acres

Quadrangle name Guntersville 7.5

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

**UMT References**

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

Lot 162 and 14 feet off the northwest end of lot 179 extending across said lot of equal width adjoining lot 162 and running back at right angles a distance of 99 feet from Scott Street according to the plat of the Town of Guntersville.

**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/title Ellen Mertins

organization Alabama Historical Commission date August 2, 1979

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone (205) 832-6621

city or town Montgomery state Alabama 36130

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Nils B. Toward, Jr.

title SHPO Alabama date August 2, 1979

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
Keeper of the National Register <u>Coral Shull</u>	date <u>9-4-79</u>
Attest: <u>Curt A. Huber</u>	date <u>8/29/79</u>
<b>Chief of Registration</b>	

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original wide pine flooring, which is still visible from under the house. Baseboards are unmolded with what appears to be a modern shoe mold and cap mold added. Walls and ceilings are recently papered. It is not known if the original finish is still present under the paper. The two surviving mantels (downstairs) are of a simplified, Tudor-arched design that is heavily proportioned. The fireboxes have been rebuilt in recent times. The upstairs mantels have been removed and the fireboxes closed. Doors are hand-planed lumber with four, unbeveled panels. Trim is rectangular with a small round-edge piece under the architrave. Traces of the original iron rimlocks can still be seen by the present 20th century mortise locks which appear to be c. 1920-1950. Hinges also appear to be 20th century. In the last year or so, a recent owner has installed a chairrail in the first floor stair hall.

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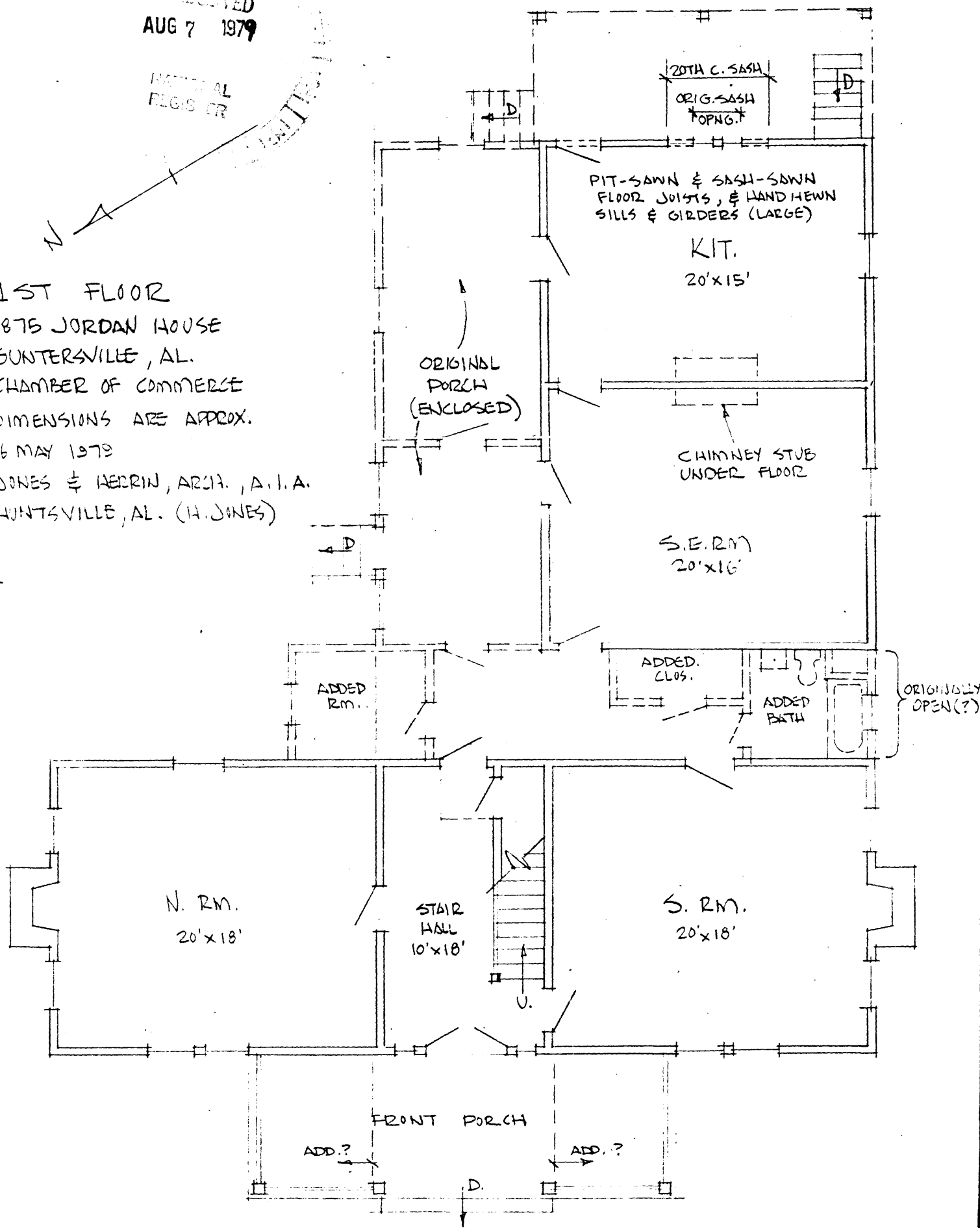
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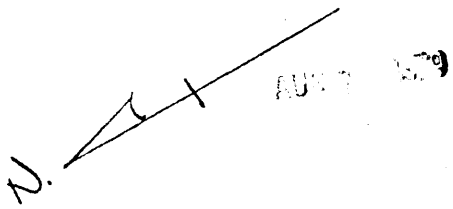
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2ND FLOOR  
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