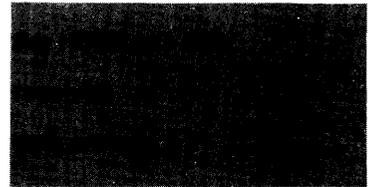


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Parks E. Ball House

and/or common

2. Location

NW of Aliceville
(NW 1/4 of SW 1/4)
street & number NW side of Old Memphis Rd. approx. 1.0 mi. W of AL 14 (S. 10, T22S, R4E) not for publication

city, town Aliceville vic. vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Alabama code 01 county Pickens code 107

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Lt. Col. Francis A. Lambert and Ruth Phipps Lambert

street & number Old Memphis Road (Route 2, Box 86)

city, town Aliceville vicinity of state Alabama

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Probate Office (Deedbook 101, p. 872), Pickens County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Carrollton state Alabama

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Sites and Structures has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 regional federal state county local

depository for survey records West Alabama Planning and Development Council

city, town Tuscaloosa state Alabama

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on a knoll about half a mile west of the wooded Beaver Creek bottomlands, the Parks E. Ball house is a two-story, gabled, rectangular brick structure with 20th century frame additions. The original part of the house measures approximately 49 feet across the five-bay symmetrical facade, by 20 feet deep. The chimneys which buttress each gable-end have stepped weatherings. Walls are laid in common bond, with flat-arches above each opening, and measure over a foot in thickness. Sashing throughout is nine-over-nine, set into five-inch framing. The original roofline has been changed only in that the eaves now project beyond each gable end, rather than terminating flush with the wall, as formerly.

Inside, the house follows the typical center-hall plan, with a single room to each side of the twelve-foot wide passage, both upstairs and down. Originally, there was a pair of double-leaf doors, surmounted by a seven-light transom, at either end of the lower hall. While the transoms remain, the doors have been replaced. There is a chairrail in the hallway, but the flanking rooms each have a simply paneled dado as well. Mantelpieces in these rooms are of rudimentary Federal design, characteristic of rural early 19th-century architecture. In the south room, a doorway to the right of the fireplace suggests that this room may have been used originally for dining and was linked to a now-destroyed outside kitchen.

Immediately to the left of the front door, a narrow stair with square newel and winders rises from the southeast corner of the hall to the second floor. Formerly, a board partition (now replaced by plywood) separated the upper hall from the north chamber. Though much of the second-floor woodwork is of relatively recent origin, the south room retains an early mantelpiece.

All existing additions to the brick core-structure apparently post-date the Second World War, with the exception of a rear porch, now incorporated into the den. This den, and a bedroom directly above, were added between 1947 and 1954. During the same period, the upstairs hall was also partitioned to form a fourth bedroom. In 1966-67, the present colonnade replaced an earlier front porch. The most recent additions date from 1969-70, when a kitchen, laundry room, bath and screened porch were built at the southwest rear, adjoining the den.

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 ca. 1830 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In an area where frame domestic construction was almost universal during the 19th century, the Parks E. Ball house is the only ante-bellum brick dwelling that has been documented in Pickens County. Moreover, it appears to be one of the earliest surviving brick structures anywhere in west central Alabama, as well as one of the comparatively few instances of Federal-period design.

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On February 10, 1826, the tract on which the house is situated was purchased from the Federal government, at the General Land Office in Tuscaloosa, by Parks E. Ball. Some time within the next decade, Ball is believed to have had the present house built. Born about 1803, Ball emigrated to Alabama from Columbia District, South Carolina, as a young man. He located first along Blubber Creek near present-day Aliceville before locating permanently on his 1826 purchase. Subsequently, he became a prominent cotton planter. The 1850 census reveals that his household then consisted of his first wife, Ziltha, four grown sons, and seven other family members ranging in age from eighteen to two years. On a parcel donated by Ball, the Enon Baptist Church and adjacent cemetery were established about a mile southeast of the house.

After Ball's death, on April 7, 1880, his second wife, Martha, retained the house and surrounding acreage until February of 1900, when it was sold to William B. Stansel. The property changed hands several times between 1918 and 1969, when the house and twelve acres of the original tract were acquired by the present owners.

As with many other rural dwellings in early Alabama, the living space contained within the brick nucleus of the Ball house may have once been augmented by frame attached or semi-detached wings, as well as the usual outside dependencies. If so, however, no trace of these remains today unless concealed by later construction. The colonnade added to the house in the 1960's, while incompatible with the original structure, utilizes six of the square wooden columns from the Phoenix Hotel in Carrollton, the county seat. Facing the north side of the courthouse square, this structure was built in 1841, and razed about 1965. In 1937, it was recorded by the Historic American Buildings Survey.

Both in general form and in some of its detail, the house recalls the frame Robert Foster house, in the Fosters community of neighboring Tuscaloosa County. It is conceivable that both houses were erected by the same builders, or that materials from a common source were utilized.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Clanahan, James F. The History of Pickens County, Alabama, 1540-1920. Carrollton: Clanahan Publications, 1964.
 Smith, Nelson Foote. History of Pickens County. Carrollton: Pickens Republican, 1856.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
 ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 15.5

Quadrangle name Aliceville North

Quadrangle scale 7 1/2'

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert S. Gamble, Architectural Historian

organization (for) Alabama Historical Commission date October 28, 1981

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone 832-6621

city or town Montgomery state Alabama

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 Wico B. Leland

title SHPO Alabama date 10/28/81

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Alon Byers</u>	Entered in the National Register date <u>1/18/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	date
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	date

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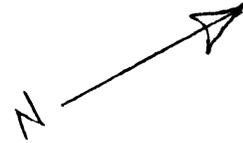
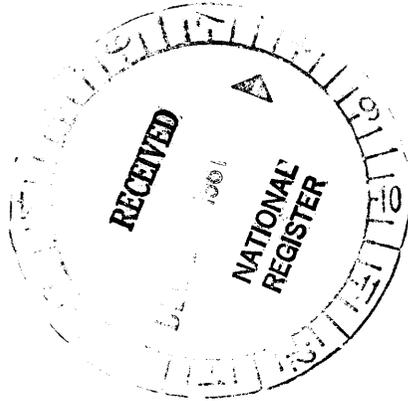
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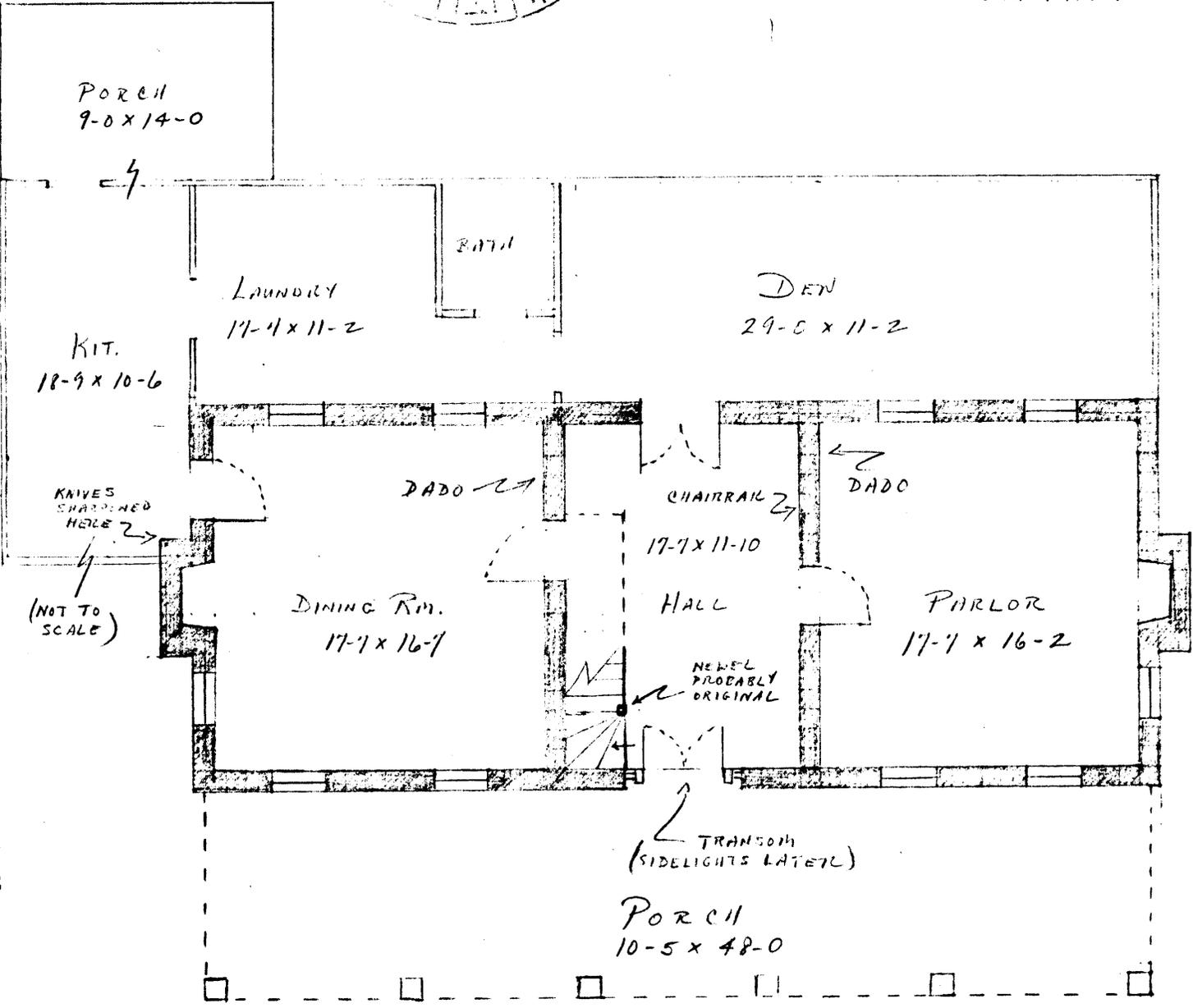
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4.24.78.
R. GAMBLE

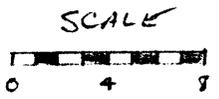
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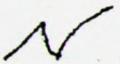


WOODEN COLUMNS FROM
PHOENIX HOTEL, CARROLLTON (HABS)
~ RAZED 1960's ~



NOTE: SHADED AREA IS
ORIGINAL (BRICK)
PORTION OF HOUSE

JAN 18 1982



Scale: 1" = 300'

SE 1/4 - NW 1/4

SW 1/4 - NE 1/4

1816'

1348'

216'

917'

NW 1/4 - SW 1/4

NE 1/4 - SW 1/4

NW 1/4 - SE 1/4

NE 1/4 - SE 1/4

1540'

Lambert

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Cherry

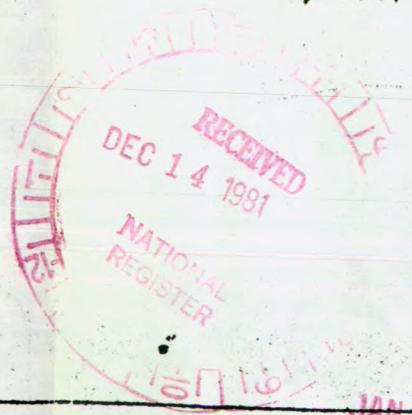
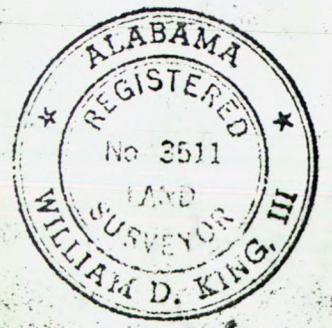
Berry

Old Memphis Road

House

SECTION 10,
TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH
RANGE 16 WEST

William D. King III
REGISTRY No. 3511



JAN 16 1992