

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic McKleroy-Wilson-Kirby House

and/or common McKleroy Home Place: Kirby House

2. Location

street & number 1604 Quintard Avenue NA not for publication

city, town Anniston NA vicinity of congressional district 3

state Alabama code 01 county Calhoun code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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
	<u>NA</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name T-Jon Properties, John Hipp, President

street & number P. O. Box 5593

city, town Columbia NA vicinity of state SC 29250

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calhoun County Courthouse

street & number 25 West 11th Street

city, town Anniston state Alabama 36201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970-present federal state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery 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

The Kirby property is situated on a prominent sloping hill on the west side of Quintard Avenue. The house is a frame, irregularly shaped two-and-one-half story structure with a one-story north wing, a porte-cochere on the south, polytextural exterior wall treatment, and a jerkinhead roof with subordinate cross gables. Dominant features of the Queen Anne Victorian house include the three-story tourelle at the southeast corner with rounded windows at each stage and topped by a conical roof with a bracketed cornice; and the wrap-around porch along the front or east side and the south side with turned column supports, a pedimented entry and denticulated cornice, the latter feature being repeated at the roof line.

The only alterations include the removal of the wrought-iron roof cresting, the porch balusters and other ornamental porch trim, and the replacement of the round third-story window with a rectangular louvered vent.

The transomed, trabeated front entrance leads to an interior with modified center-hall arrangement with a side hall, flanking formal rooms, and an inglenook in the foyer. An eclectic character prevails throughout, though with a predominantly Queen Anne and Neo-Renaissance format. Of special note is the precise detailing of ornamentation with the use of ornate plated brass hinges, etched glass, parquet floors, and other refinements.

The shallow vestibule is floored with polychrome encaustic tile. The foyer and stairhall are dominated by the stairway and an ornate turned balustrade, closed and paneled stringer, and unusual brass dust-catchers on the stair treads, and a large stylistic artglass window on the landing, featuring a sailboat design in the center panel.

The three major formal rooms on the first floor: the parlor on the northeast front, the music room on the southeast front, and the dining room directly behind the parlor, all have ornate fireplaces with bas-relief glazed-tile hearths. The music room mantelpiece pilasters have applied lion's heads and claw feet. The kitchen has an unusual marbled wainscoting.

The second floor essentially repeats the layout of the first floor. The four large bedrooms opening off the hallway all have ornamental mantelpieces, crystal door knobs, and corner protectors. An unusual low door with a triangular head in the upstairs back hall leads to storage space beneath the roof of the one-story north wing.

The third floor is made up of open space with small ancillary storage rooms and may have been designed as a ballroom.

Just west of the main house is situated a frame one-story guest house or servants' quarters with clapboard walls, pyramidal roof, cross gable, side bay window and a central chimney. A one-and-one-half story board and batten stable or carriage house is located to the north, with a gabled roof and a central clipped gable. The grounds are covered with a variety of flowering shrubs including azaleas, dogwood trees, and bulbs, while thrift lines the rock wall to the south.

The house and the dependencies are structurally sound and remarkably unaltered.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Gates, Grace Hooten. The Model City of the New South: Anniston, Alabama 1872-1900. Huntsville: The Strode Publishers, Inc., 1978.
Northern Alabama Historical and Biographical. Birmingham: Smith and Deland, 1888.
The Anniston Star.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 2.5 acres

Quadrangle name Anniston

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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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	NA	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Grace H. Gates, Historic Sites Surveyor; and Ellen Mertins

organization Alabama Historical Commission

date May 11, 1984

street & number 725 Monroe Street

telephone 205 261-3184

city or town Montgomery

state Alabama

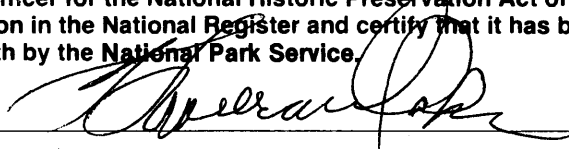
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title State Historic Preservation Officer

date July 26, 1984

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

8/30/84

for 
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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The younger McKleroy served as mayor of Anniston in 1899 and was president of both the Anniston National Bank and the Oxford National Bank. Other business activities included heading the Anniston Cooperage Company and Stuckey Valve Company.

McKleroy's widow, Susan, sold the property in 1920, and it was bought at public auction by William Coleman Wilson, a leader in Anniston's foremost industry at that time, cast-iron pipe. He was manager, then president of the Emory Foundry Company until his retirement in the mid-1940s.

After Wilson's death on February 10, 1949, Frank and Robbie Kirby purchased the McKleroy home place. Kirby was founder, president, and chairman of the board of the Anniston Electric Company. He also served on the boards of directors of the Anniston Federal Savings and Loan and the Methodist Children's Home. He was an active leader in the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, and the First Methodist Church. His wife, Robbie, was a leading musician in the community and active in women's civic affairs. Kirby died on January 20, 1981, and Mrs. Kirby's death occurred in 1983. The house was purchased in 1984 by a developing firm planning to use the property as an inn and restaurant.

The architectural detailing of the Kirby house has long been a symbol of Anniston's opulence during its primary growth period of the 1880s. It is a highly visible landmark, not only because of its physical location on the hill on Quintard Avenue and its position as the last surviving 19th century Victorian mansion on the street, but because each of its occupants has been a highly visible and contributing leader of the community.

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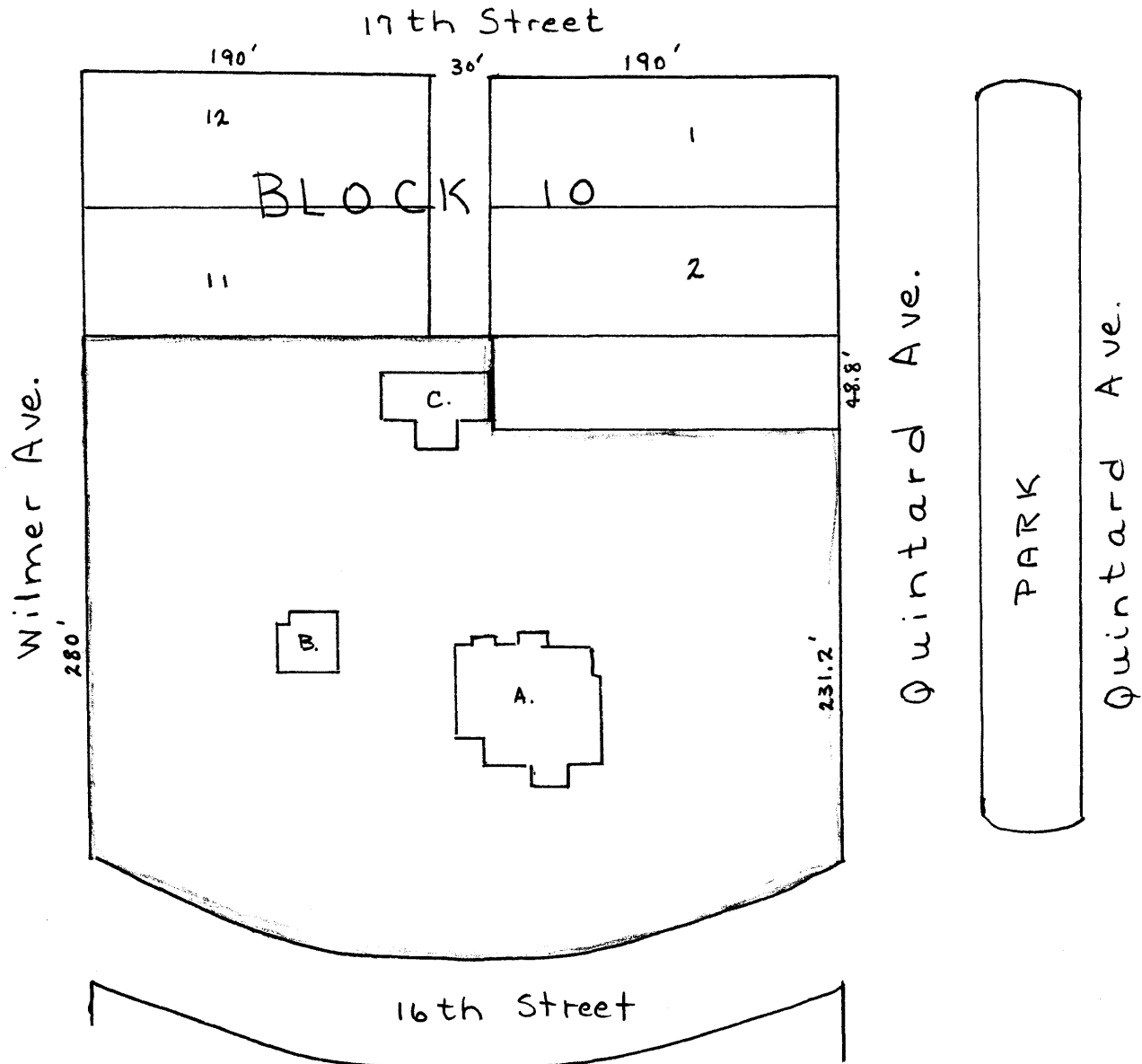
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"The McKleroy Home Place, more particularly described as, all of Block Ten (10) in the City of Anniston, Alabama, as shown by the Anniston City Land Company's map of said City, extending on the south to Sixteenth Street as now located, except Lots 1, 2, 11 and 12, and a strip of land immediately south of and adjoining Lot No. 2, and fronting 48.8 feet on the west side of Quintard Avenue, and extending back west of uniform width 190 feet."

Sketch Map
McKleroy-Kirby House



- A. Main House
- B. Guest House
- C. Carriage House

