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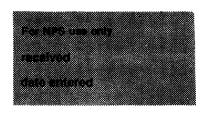
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Centrally situated between downtown Tuscaloosa and the University of Alabama campus, Caplewood Drive Historic District is a long narrow lane with roughly 45 variations of modest bungalows and cottages constructed primarily between the early 1920's and mid-30's by local builders. The east side of the street with its predominance of larger homes and large terraced lawns that slope towards the street reflects the street's original name, Caplewood Terrace, while the west side of the street has smaller front lawns and in most cases smaller homes. Unity within the district has been achieved by the use of common building materials, primarily wood, brick and a notable concentration of stucco, as well as the replication of architectural designs and motifs. Yet, each house displays sensitive attention to craftsmanship and style interpretation.

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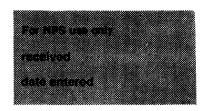
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#### CAPLEWOOD DRIVE HISTORIC DISTRICT: CONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES

- 4. 417 Caplewood Drive. c. 1923; 1-story clapboard bungalow with a deeply set L-shape porch underneath the broad, projecting gable roof. Short square posts are set on a balustrade of rough stone. Touch of craftsmanship is illustrated with the use of knee-bracing.
- 5. 409 Caplewood Drive. 1929; 1-story brick cottage with cross gable roof slightly flared at one side. Front gable features a segmental relieving arch and diagonally mullioned windows. A small gable dormer sits on the main side gable roof which covers a recessed porch supported by square brick supports. A porte cochere is situated on the side with the garage in back.
- 6. 405 Caplewood Drive. c. 1922; 2-story stucco bungalow with interior chimney, western stick porch details and a through-the-cornice dormer above. Dominant 1st floor windows are tripart sashes with shutters while second-story windows are doubled. Entrance is deeply recessed under porch roof.
- 7. 401 Caplewood Drive. c. 1930-35; 2-story coursed brick with side gable roof. Flat top stoop entry is supported by slender columns with triple 6/plate sash windows to the side. Second story 6/plate sash windows are evenly spaced. Full two-story addition at side containing a sun porch.
- 8. 329 Caplewood Drive. c. 1929; 2-story stucco with very steeply pitched side gable roof. A 2nd story recessed veranda is situated atop the side porch which contains a tripart window and is supported by large, round concrete columns. Other windows run primarily in ranges of twos, but differ in size. Front entry is protected by a simple roof-mounted arch.
- 9. 327 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 1-story frame bungalow with gable roof and knee-bracing. Front gable covers a spacious porch containing double windows with shutters and is supported by wood columns set on brick pillars with an open wood balustrade.
- 10. 321 Caplewood Drive. c. 1922; 1-story weatherboard with slightly pent gable roof and interior chimney. A section of the side gable roof supported by lacy iron supports is carried in front of the front-facing gable as a shelter for the front porch entry. Sash windows with shutters run along the front with a louvered door at the entrance. Deep eaves supported by knee braces show Craftsman influence.
- 11. 317 Caplewood Drive. c. 1930; 1-story frame Craftsman-styled bungalow with bracketed eaves and paneled columns supporting a wide front gabled porch. A coursed brick balustrade partially fronts the porch and bands of vertical pane-over-plate triwindows are dominant on facade.

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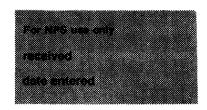
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- 12. 315 Caplewood Drive. c. 1927; 2-story brick and timber cross gable with Tudor influence. Prominent front-facing gable features half-timbering slightly projected above the brick clad 1st floor. The Praire-styled front porch which also serves as a 2nd floor veranda features contrasting stone coping and trim which renders the feel of a Tudor arch. The long slender windows are banded together and grouped primarily in two's and three's.
- 13. 311 Caplewood Drive. c. 1930; 1-story frame with side gables. The double pedimented entrance features free-standing columns with cushioned capitals, a curved fanlight surmounting a door of glass panes and flanked with pilasters. Pilasters also mark corners of the house. The windows are symmetrically placed double 6/6 light sashes with shutters and the chimney is exterior.
- 14. 305 Caplewood Drive. 1930; 1½ story brick English Cottage with steep gable roof and one end chimney. The front features a large stack top chimney gable which flares at one side to cover an arched walkway and a turret-topped, terraced entry. Small casement windows are asymmetrically placed and feature diagonal tracery with one band of four on terrace wall.
- 15. 301 Caplewood Drive. 1928; 1-story tiled flat-top Spanish Colonial styled cottage. A Venetian window balcony with keystones highlight the slightly stepped and projected arched double entry. One door faces the street and the other faces a bricked terrace with stone steps. Decorative ironwork situated just below the roofline is symmetrically grouped with the square multi-light terrace windows.
- 16. 1415 Caplewood Drive. 1932; 2-story English influenced clapboard cottage with gable roof. The projecting gable entrance features an arched doorway with fanlight. The arch treatment is featured again in both the brick chimney and the screened porch at the side. Sash windows are grouped in two's with one small port hole window in the eave of the second front gable.
- 18. 1409 Caplewood Drive. 1923; 2-story weatherboarded English Cottage with steeply pitched front-facing gable. Projecting eaves are bracketed and the pedimented main entrance is supported by columns. Another recessed side entrance is at east side of the front elevation. Nine lights/plate sash windows are grouped in three's and the brick chimney is exterior.
- 20. 16 Caplewood Drive. c. 1927; 1½ story coursed brick cottage with English influences. Majestically situated atop a hill on a corner lot, the cottage features large cross gabled wings. The gabled main entrance is diagonally set between these two wings and features an ornamental arch and keystone over the doorway, two small windows on each side, and a long walkway downhill to the sidewalk. Another entrance is centered in the main gable wing and is a pedimented enclosed stoop. Other gables are visible from Reed Street. A double-windowed shed dormer with 6/6 light sashes sits atop the main front-facing gable wing.

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22. 21 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 3-story clapboard with projecting gable wing. A double tier veranda with the lower tier featuring monumental columns and one untapered pier has an upper tier with smaller columns set between a balustrade. The gable eaves have boxed cornices and a wide bed molding. Triple plate-over-plate windows are predominant on the 1st floor while the 2nd story windows run in ranges of two's. The door is flanked by wood-filled side panels and a glass-filled transom.

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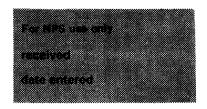
- 23. 22 Caplewood Drive. c. 1920's; 1½ story stucco with decorative stone inserts is multi-gabled with 2 steeply pitched front-facing A-frame-like gable pavilions. The 1/2 story features a band of 6/6 windows with 3/3 transom windows above. The arched entry is recessed to one side on a terraced porch. At one side the A-frame pavilion, which extends to the ground, is interrupted by a small arched garden entry.
- 24. 23 Caplewood Drive. 1929; 2-story flat-top tile stucco Spanish Colonial influenced with curved arcade and recessed entry. Three two-pane wide French doors are situated at the side of the front door and repeated once again on the front porch. The one-wing 2nd story sits far back above the 1st story and features a curvilinear cornice above double sash 6/6 light windows separated by pilastered columns. An additional room and bath were added in back in the 1950's.
- 25. 24 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 2-story brick bungalow with sloping side gable roof and a large shed dormer with 4 pane-over-plate sash windows. The front porch extends the full width of the house and is supported by 4 colossal columns. Triple sash windows are symmetrically placed at each side of the front door which is also flanked by sidelights.
- 26. 25 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 2-story frame with a steep roofline pierced by prominent gables, with a gable dormer. The entrance is recessed in an arched portico with a multi-lighted door and concrete terrace. Symmetrically arranged bands of windows with shutters are featured on the front-facing gable.
- 27. 26 Caplewood Drive. c. 1930; 2-story weatherboard with gable roof. Double French doors flank the main entrance and open onto the pent roof front porch with exposed rafters which is supported by 4 round columns with unenriched capitals. The vertical pane-over-plate sash windows at the 2nd floor are symmetrically arranged with 2 double sashes flanking a single sash to balance 1st floor bays.
- 28. 27 Caplewood Drive. 1923; 1-story weatherboard with hip and gable shingle finished roof. The bracketed front-facing gable covers the front porch which has been enclosed with glass. Bays include 6-light front door, sash windows and one aluminum door entrance on the hipped roof section to the side.
- 29. 1309 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925; 1½ story weatherboard apartment cottage. The steep sloping side gable roof features simulated thatching and an eyelid vent. The front-facing gable has a set of triple windows. Two entrances separated by double plate/plate sashes are on the front porch which also has a thatched segmental pediment with paired dentils and square porch supports.

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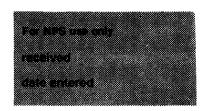
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- 30. 1416 Caplewood Drive. c. 1935; 2½ story brick and stucco gable roof craftsman cottage apartment house with large gable dormer. The dormer features a band of 4 sash windows set behind a mock balcony and surmounted by exposed rafter ends and a single 6/6 sash window. The long, deep front porch recessed under the slope of the side gable is supported by 4 large columns with unenriched capitals.
- 32. 304 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 2½ story brick with belt coursing and steep side and front-facing gables. Large front-facing gable dormer has a band of 4 panes-over-plate sash windows surmounted by a single plate-over-plate sash window in the gable eave. Immediately under, a hipped roof section with projecting eaves and exposed rafters features 4 larger sashes with vertical panes-over-plate windows with brick end window sills. The entrance is recessed at the side under the main side gable and features battered porch piers and a tile porch floor.
- 33. 308 Caplewood Drive. 1926; 2-story clapboard, slated gable roof designed by G. P. Turner of Birmingham. The narrow gabled front projection features a large arched window. Two dormers, one a gable with a 6 lights/plate sash window and the other, a large shed with 4 6/6 lights sash windows, are situated one roughly to each extreme side of the sloping gable roof. A massive brick chimney, which is slightly tapered, intersects the projecting eave, and the asymmetrical bays on the first floor vary in sizes with small 4-light windows predominant.
- 34. 312 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 2-story 5-bay clapboard with 6/6 sash windows on the upper level and 8/8 sash windows on the lower level. The pedimented portico features boxed eaves supported by slender paired columns and a six panel front door with an elliptical fanlight. The portico floor and adjoining walk feature herringbone style brickwork.
- 35. 316 Caplewood Drive. c. 1932; 2-story brick and timber with a large exterior brick chimney and steep roofline broken by the 2nd story. A prominent front-facing gable protrudes and is accented by a compound arched portal containing an arched door and a 6/6 sash window. Half timbering and a double window shed dormer are the major 2-story features with a band of four 6/6 sash windows situated immediately below the dormer.
- 36. 320 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 2-story brick features front-facing gable wing with casement windows on each level. Marble is utilized to contrast the brick on window sills, belt coursing, copings and inserts. The entrance is deeply recessed and flanked by slender square paired columns and brick pilasters. A tall brick chimney balances in height with the front-facing gable wing.
- 37. 324 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 2-story brick with tiled hip roof and brick belt course. Portico has a small bricked terrace and graduating brick steps. 2nd story windows are sashed with louvered shutters and a small porthole window at center. 1st floor features a bay window with 3 sash windows and a flat top wing with three large sash windows. A large end interior chimney is situated behind the flat top wing.

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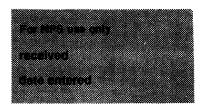
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- 38. 328 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 2-story stucco 4 square plan with combination hip and gable roof. (While roof is predominantly hipped, it gradually gables to form a side gable.) A louvered hip dormer is centered over the off-center hipped front porch supported by massive square pilasters with a single pier connecting an open balustrade at one side. Both levels feature vertical pane-over-plate sash windows ranging in two's on the 2nd floor and 4's on the 1st floor.
- 39. 400 Caplewood Drive. c. 1935; 2-story brick 5-bay with hip roof and central louvered eyelid roof dormer. A simple large portico with a flat top supported by large square carved columns with brick terrace extending at each side. Windows are primarily double sashes with 8/8 lights. An arched brick porte cochere is on the side and a garage and a concrete block gameroom are in the rear.
- 40. 404 Caplewood Drive. c. 1922; 2-story clapboard modified to serve as a duplex. The hip roof features projecting eaves and exposed rafter ends. The centered shed dormer contains three 2/2 light windows. The full, deeply set front porch features slender wooden porch supports set on a wood balustrade with narrow horizontal slits aligned with the porch floor and balancing the narrow 1st floor double windows and 2nd floor single double-hung panes-over-plate sashes. While the entrances have been altered, the basic form of the house has been well maintained.
- 41. 408 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 1-story brick cottage with cross gable roof. The projecting front gable entrance features a raised stoop with flanking brick pillars supporting concrete flower pots and a compound arched doorway and door. The front facing is broad, slightly extending behind the projecting entry and contains a louvered arch ventilator. A deep set porch supported by massive brick pilasters houses a side entrance and a band of 3 6/6 sash windows are situated at the other side.
- 42. 412 Caplewood Drive. 1926; 2-story brick bungalow. The sloping hip roof with projecting eaves and exposed rafter ends is supported by large brick pilasters and features wide slightly segmental frieze supported by knee-bracers. Two large gable dormers, one in front, the other at the side, contain a band of three sash windows as is the primary window grouping throughout. A brick balustrade extending to the foundation with brick piers flanks the steps and walkway. A tall brick exterior end chimney is located at the west side of the house.
- 44. 420 Caplewood Drive. c. 1923; 2-story hip with a centrally located chimney. The 3-bay facade features basket-weave brickwork surrounding each of the 8 pane-over-plate sash windows on the 2nd floor and triple windows flank the front door. Massive brick pillars with lacy porch supports are built into a brick balustrade on the porch which extends the full width of the house and has a wide frieze beneath the slightly pitched hip roof. A brick porte cochere is attached to the side and a frame double garage with hip roof and 1/2 pane plank doors.

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45. 430 Caplewood Drive. c. 1925-30; 2-story weatherboard bungalow with a low pitched, broad gable roof. The wide porch features a solid balustrade with brick pillars and tapered porch posts. Knee braces support the extended eaves and ornamental wood siding enriches the gable ends. A 2-story gable wing with pane windows surmounted by single pane transom repeats the front gable ornamentation treatments.

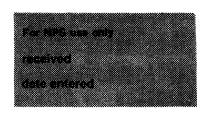
#### CAPLEWOOD DRIVE HISTORIC DISTRICT: CONDITIONALLY CONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES

- 2. 425 Caplewood Drive. 1940; 1½ story frame apartment building with slightly pitched gable roof and shed roof of large dormered-like half story. Pedimented stoop is supported by two columns with cushioned capitals. Windows run primarily in ranges of two's.
- 3. 419 Caplewood Drive. c. 1940; 1-story frame cottage with side gabled roof. The entrance is defined by an arch with knee braces set into the roofline covering the stoop. The double sash windows are symmetrically located on each side of the main entry.
- 17. 1411 Caplewood Drive. c. 1935-40; 1½ story frame with aluminum siding and wide sloping roof features boxed eaves and a fanlight louvered vent. The front and side porches are supported by square columns and the windows are 8/8 light sashes with louvered shutters. House has aluminum siding.
- 43. 416 Caplewood Drive. c. 1940-46; 2-story gable with large front-facing gable dormer featuring long double-sash windows and 1/2 timbering. The stoop entry with its compound archway and door is covered by a bracketed cornice hood and slightly recessed between a brick chimney and bay window. A flat top porch supported by lacy iron supports sits at one side while a porte cochere extends at the other side. Rear of house features a full two stories.

#### CAPLEWOOD DRIVE HISTORIC DISTRICT: NON-CONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES

- 1. 1418 University Boulevard. 1975; 1-story rectangular-shaped brick veneer building with truncated pyramidal roof which extends beyond the walls of the building.
- 19. 200 Reed Street. c. 1940's-50's; 2-story brick apartment building with gable roof and brick belt course. Windows are predominantly paired in ranges of 4's with 2/2 horizontal panes. Portico is a small enclosed arcade with flat top covered with Spanish tiles.
- 21. 1216, 1214, 1212 Caplewood Drive. c. 1940's; 2-story brick apartment house with three units has a hip roof with a hip dormer vent and belt coursing. The facade features three pedimented stoop entries with one leading to a screened porch. Window treatment includes one set of triple windows on the 1st floor and 2 sets of double windows on the 2nd floor, all with 3 vertical panes over a single plate. Window framing features brick soldier members above and there is one large brick chimney. A 2-story frame garage is in the rear.

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31. 302 Caplewood Drive. 1950's; 2-story hip roof brick apartment building with three entrances under a wrought iron supported stoop. Pairs of triple plate windows flank the stoop on each side.

#### 8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Caplewood Drive Historic District is significant as an early example of a planned neighborhood developed by a local builder in Tuscaloosa for families of moderate means during the early 20th century. The district encompasses a concentrated collection of houses constructed from early 20th century magazine plans and house design guides for builders and contractors. The latest of three similar planned communities developed during this period that influenced the eastward expansion of Tuscaloosa proper, Caplewood Drive survives as a fine display of creative interpretations and design variations employed by Tuscaloosa builders utilizing quality materials and workmanship.

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HISTORICAL SUMMARY
Caplewood Drive Historic District

The Caplewood Drive Historic District is the latest of three early 20th century subdivision projects planned by local builders or real estate developers in Tuscaloosa. Preceded by the exclusive Pinehurst development in 1908, and later, the Audubon Place development in 1912, the development of Caplewood signaled the beginning of a peak in rapid expansion eastward initiated by the Pinehurst development which extended as far as Alberta City, an adjacent municipality. Between 1924 and 1929, 41 other subdivisions were platted as part of a "feverish real estate expansion eastward."

Originally known as Caplewood Terrace, the subdivision was planned and developed by J. D. Caples, Sr. (1860-1934) in 1922 along a creek and the site of a natural ravine that precluded direct travel to the University of Alabama campus from Tuscaloosa proper. He filled the low areas on the drive with dirt excavated from the City National Bank (NRHP 3/7/85) building site and had sewers and water pipes installed by manual labor. Caples then planted trees and paved the street.

Most of the homes along Caplewood Drive were constructed by local building associates of Caples. Of the 45 structures in the district, Caples is known to have built five (nos. 22, 23, 26, 42 and 43), and possibly one other (no. 30). His son-in-law, B. D. Sumner, also a local builder is credited with three (nos. 16, 35, and 45), while only one (no. 33) is attributed as the design of an architect (George P. Turner of Birmingham).

Today, Caplewood Drive survives as a quiet lane close to campus with many of its residents claiming association with the University. In hope of insuring the integrity of Caplewood, several of the resident owners are purchasing other homes within the district (that were formerly multiple family rental dwellings) for future restoration, maintenance and resale as single family dwellings.

