



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

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I. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: Fuller-Williams
and/or Common Name: RESIDENCE OF KAREN & WALTER WILLIAMS

Preferred name for Certificate: Historic Name or Common Name

2. LOCATION

Street & Number: 164 VALLEY STREET
City: CENTREVILLE
State: Alabama County: BIBB Zip: 35042
Is the property located within the city limits? Yes No
Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____
Township: 23N Range: 9E Section: 25 USGS Quad Map: _____

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category: Building(s) District Structure Site Object
Ownership: Public Private Both
Status: Occupied Unoccupied Work in progress
Accessible: No Yes: restricted Yes: unrestricted

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: KAREN & WALTER C WILLIAMS
Address: 164 VALLEY STREET
City: CENTREVILLE State: AL Zip: 35042
Telephone: 205 926 9709
Email: PFFANCHER@gmail.com

5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

See Attached
no out buildings

6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION See Instructions for more information.

Construction date:	1940	Source:	TAX RECORDS
Alteration date:	1974	Source:	TAX RECORDS
Architect/Builder:	HAL COTTINGHAM	Contractor:	HAL COTTINGHAM & CO
Physical condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruinous)	EXCELLENT	Remaining historic fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	High
No. of stories:	2 STORIES - TOP FLOOR (ATTIC) NOT FINISHED		
Historic use of property:	RESIDENCE - NON-FARM		
Current use of property:	RESIDENCE - NON-FARM		
Architectural style category:	TRADITIONAL	Architectural style sub-category:	TRADITIONAL
Basic typology:	BUNGALOW	Basic shape:	SQUARE
Basic floor plan:	CENTER-HALL	Historic Construction material(s):	WOOD FRAME
Current exterior wall material(s):	WOOD FRAME	Roof finish material(s):	ASPHALT
Main roof configuration:	FRONT GABLE	Foundation material:	BRICK
Porch type:	COVERED - OPEN		
Window type and materials:	DOUBLE HUNG - WOODEN		
Describe alterations:	ALTERATIONS IN 1974 ARE UNKNOWN		
Number and type of all outbuildings on the property: (if significant, fill out separate survey form)	NONE		
Exterior Architectural Description:	See Attached		
Description of Setting:	See attached		

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7. SIGNIFICANCE

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

See attached

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8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

CENTREVILLE - BRENT LIBRARY - GENEALOGY SECTION
CENTREVILLE PRESS - 1935 NEWS PAPERS
BIBB COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS
BIBB COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S RECORD
ANCESTRY.COM

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: _____

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Attach a map showing the location of the property.

10. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

PAULA FANCHER

Name: CENTREVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Address: P O BOX 99
City: BRIERFIELD State: AL Zip: 35035
Telephone: 205 926 9709
Email: PFFANCHER@gmail.com

11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. Submit current, good quality digital images on a CD/DVD. Interior and exterior photos are required. Good quality 4" x 6" photos will be accepted, but do NOT staple or tape photographs. All images will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

CD attached

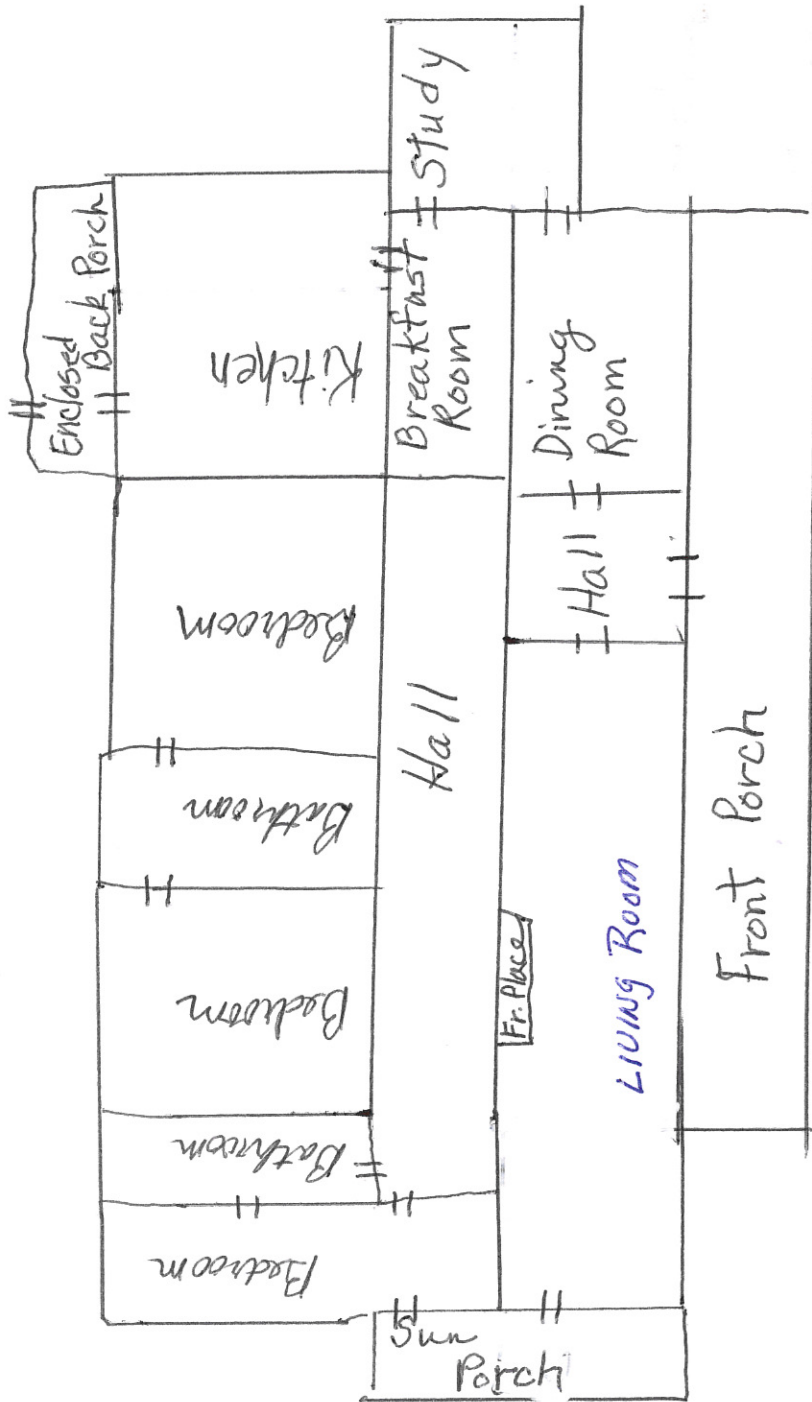
12. REMINDER:

Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 5, 9 and 11 and send them to:

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Attn: Jennifer Bailey
468 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900
334.230.2643

jennifer.Bailey@preserveala.org

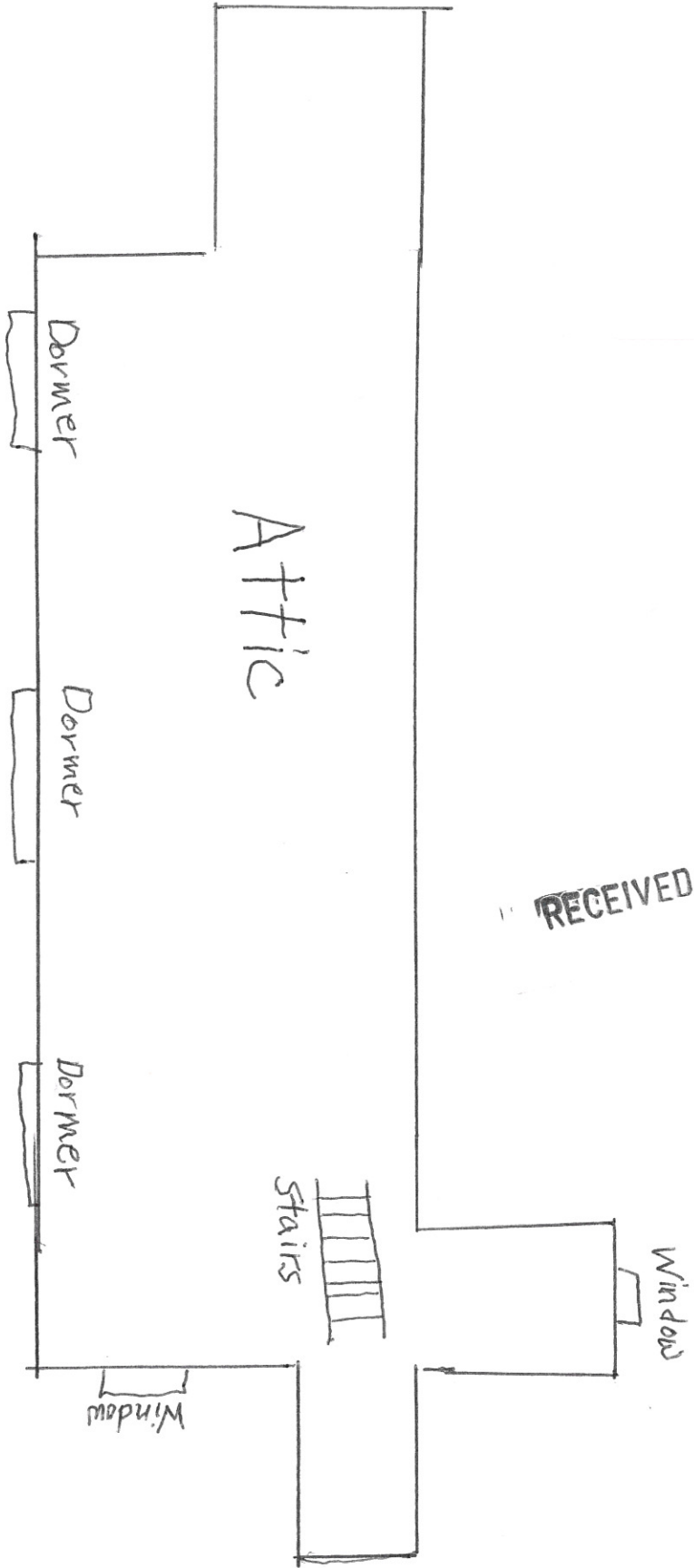
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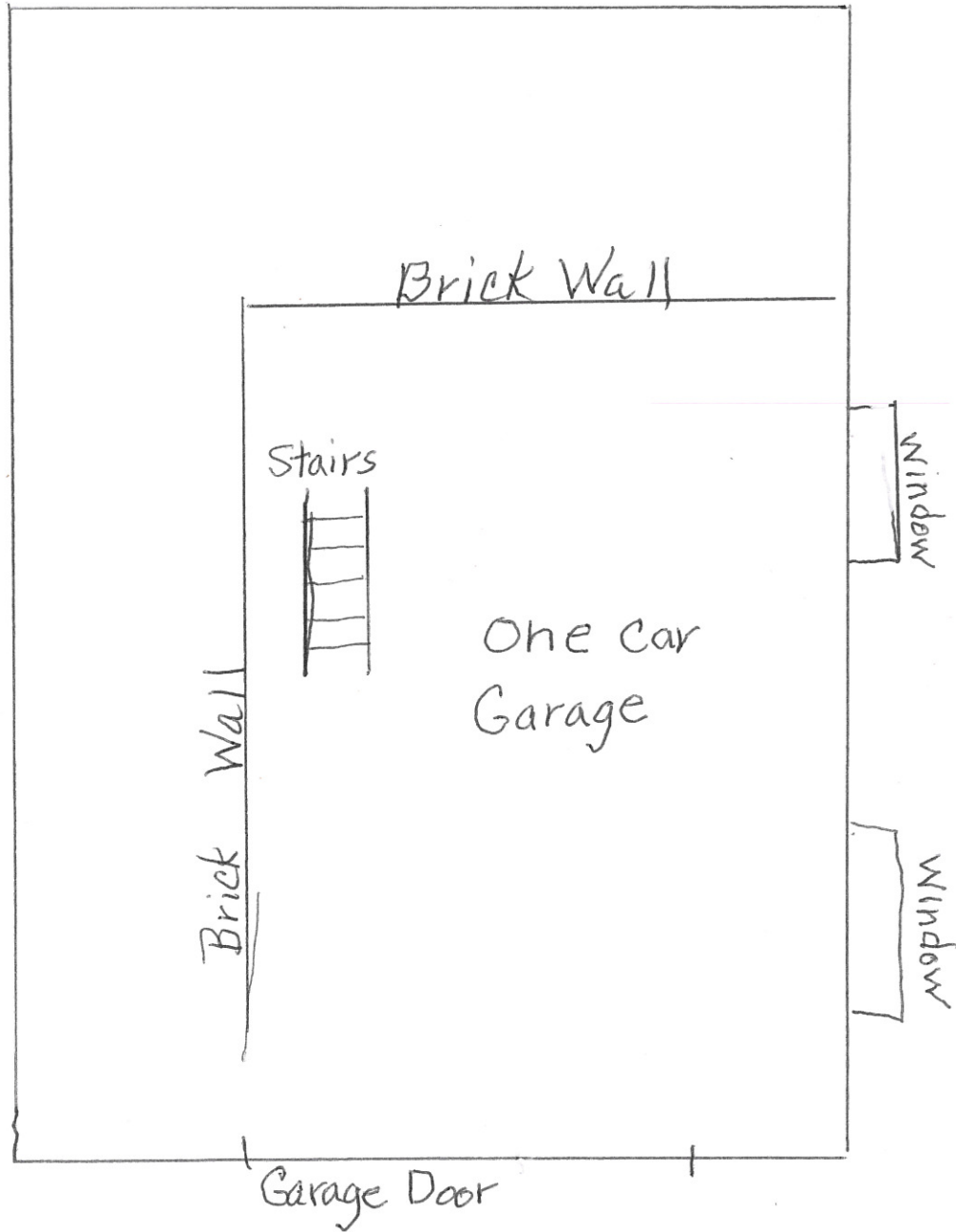
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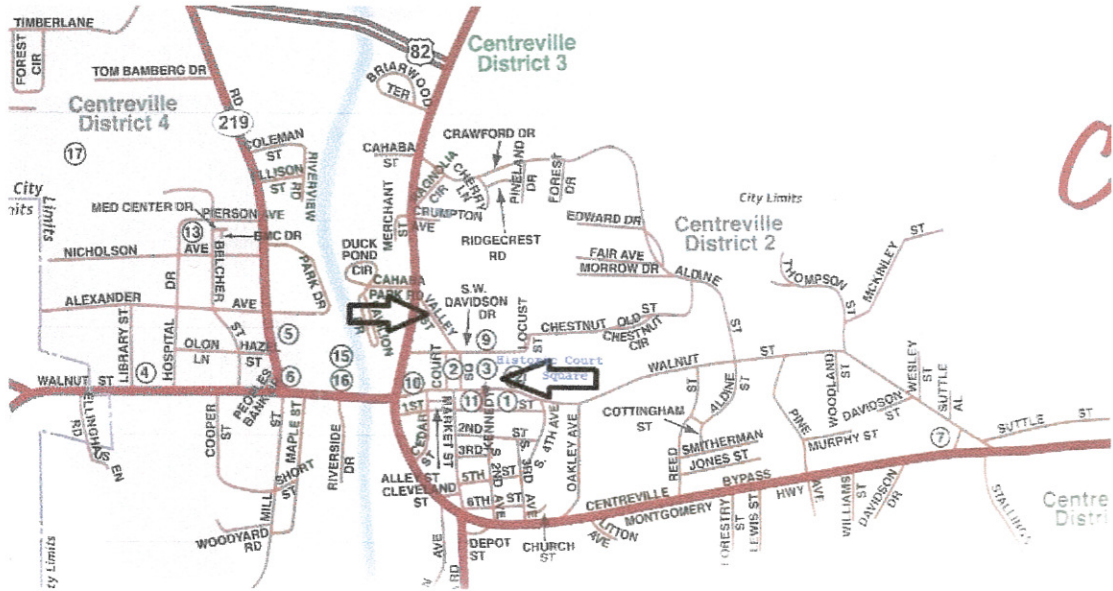
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LOCATION OF HOUSE
to Historic DIST

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Section 6.

Per tax records, the original residence was constructed in 1940 by Hal Cottingham & Company located in Centreville. There were no out buildings constructed at that and since.

The home is a two story residence-nonfarm with basement. The top floor (attic) is unfinished and used as storage. The current exterior material is wood-frame; basement is brick; windows are double hung and wooden. The style is traditional. The home's basic shape is square with a center hall and rooms on each side - noted in the attached photos. The front porch is open and covered.

The roof configuration is front gable. The material used is asphalt. In 1974, per tax Records, the house was altered; alterations and contractor are unknown.

The residence is in excellent condition with no repair work required.

The home is 1/4th block from the city of Centreville's historic court square. The Centreville United Methodist Church is across the street; county courthouse and county probate office located to the right; intersection of Hwy 25 and Valley Street to the left. This home will be included in the future re-districting of the historic square.

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Section 7. Significance
Criterion B

The Fuller family came to Bibb County, Alabama ca.1830 and purchased land on the East side of the Cahaba River.

The first generation

was Mastin Jeremiah Fuller who was born ca.1805 in South Carolina and died after 1880 in Bibb County.

The second generation

was Nelson J Fuller who was born May 20 1840 and died November 3 1920. He married Elmina Harrison Cleveland in 1868. The Cleveland family was very prominent during the 1800's and opened a store in the city of Centreville. This building is located across the street from the County Courthouse and is in the historic district. The building was recently sold. The new owners will have lofts for rent on the top floor - not sure what the plans are for the ground floor.

The third generation included

1. Jerome Theodore Fuller
built the house we are submitting an application for in 1940. Jerome was born October 21 1874 and died from the result of a vehicle accident on February 12 1935. He married in 1898 Margaret Kate Owen.

Some of his accomplishments include -

- Educated in the Centreville Male and Female College
- Read law in the office of Hogue and Lavender
- Admitted to the bar in 1896 and practiced law in Bibb County
- Centreville City Attorney for 12 years
- 1906 elected to the Legislature
- 1907 was member of the Comer Legislature; author of the Fuller liquor bill - the first state-wide prohibition law to be enacted in Alabama
- Member of the Democratic State Executive Committee for 20 years; delegate to at least 3 Democratic National Conventions
- 1930 State Campaign Manger of Governor Miller and Senator Bankhead against the Heflin-Locke ticket
- 1934 State Campaign manager for Frank M Dixon in his run-off with Governor Grave
- President of the Bibb County Board of Education
- Trustee of Southwestern University
- Member of the Centreville Presbyterian Church

2. Dr. Hawthorn Moren Fuller *(JT'S BROTHER)*
was born March 1884 and died March 7 1962. He married in 1908 Lucy Oliver Beck.

Some of his accomplishments include -

- Graduated from Vanderbilt University
- Practiced dentistry in Centreville for more than 50 years
- 1940 began a campaign for a state dental college
- Chairman of a dental group who brought to the attention of the Legislature the need for a recognized dental college in Alabama
- 1947 the legislature authorized the school
- A member of the advisory committee who formulating the plans for a dental college and selected Dr J F Volker as the Dean

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2. Dr. Hawthorn Moren Fuller - cont

- Served as a practicing dentist member of the admissions committee.
- Member of the Alabama governor's dental advisory staff since the Sparks administration
- At the time the dental school opened its doors Alabama had 13 counties without dentists

The fourth generation

was Nelson Owen Fuller who was born November 8 1908 and died October 29 1965. He married in Sep 1937 Mary Jessie Finnell.

On May 31 1975 Mary Jessie Fuller sells the home and property to Claud Eugene Hornsby, Jr.

According to Tax Records and Plat Maps, the Fullers owned the property the Williams' house is located on since the 1920's.

On May 31 1975

Mary Jessie Fuller (w/o Nelson Fuller - who is noted to be a single woman - not a widow) sells the property to Claud Eugene Hornsby, Jr.

In either May or Jun 1975

Hornsby, Jr sells the property to Michael W Jung.

On Jun 3 1975

Michael Jung makes a mortgage on the property with First Mortgage Company in Tuscaloosa, AL.

2001 the property is owned by Myron H Wiley and wife who sells to Walter C and Karen Williams - the present owners

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Bailey, Jennifer

From: Bailey, Jennifer
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 2:23 PM
To: 'pffancher@gmail.com'
Cc: Wofford, Lee Anne
Subject: Alabama Register Nomination for the Fuller-Williams House, Centreville, Bibb County
Attachments: Alabama Register Instructions (rev. Feb. 2014).pdf; Guide to Researching Old Buildings.pdf

Ms. Fancher,

Thank you for your interest in nominating the Fuller-Williams House in Centreville, Bibb County to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage. Upon initial review of your application materials, we have determined that more information is needed, as outlined below:

Section 5. Floor Plan & Site Plan

Please submit a site plan that illustrates the building's orientation to the road and any outbuildings that might exist on the property. The description of the setting states that it is two buildings from Centreville's Historic Square. The site plan will give us an idea as to where the building is located in proximity to the square.

Section 6. Physical Description

Please provide an exterior architectural description that puts into sentence format the information that was provided in the top part of this section. There should be an exterior description of each exterior elevation and a description of the basic interior layout/floor plan.

Section 7. Significance

Please indicate which areas of significance that apply to the property then explain both the Criteria choices and the areas of significance and then justify each selection in the Statement of Significance.

Section 8. Bibliographical References

Please provide a list of the sources for your information.

Section II. Photographs

Please provide exterior photographs of all elevations of the property. Also, the program requires photographs of all interior spaces. The photographs provided show the main façade of the property from the street; however, because of the tree foliage, it is difficult to see the property. Please consider taking photographs of the main façade from another angle.

I have attached the instructions and the Guide to Researching Old Buildings for your convenience. The instructions outline each section of the application in detail and provide an example of what should be included. The Guide to Researching Old Buildings is a good reference for where to find pertinent information about a property. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to receiving the information.

Thanks,

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Jennifer K. Bailey, MA, MHP, LEED Green Associate
Coordinator, Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program
and Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage
Alabama Historical Commission
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36130
Voice: (334) 230-2643
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"A country without a past has the emptiness of a barren continent; and a city without old buildings is like a man without a memory."
-Graeme Shankland

"New ideas require old buildings." -Jane Jacobs



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No. of stories:	1 STORY WITH ATTIC		
Historic use of property:	RESIDENTIAL		
Current use of property:	RESIDENTIAL		
Architectural style category:	TRADITIONAL	Architectural style sub-category:	
Basic typology:	LEVEL THEN SLOPES	Basic shape:	RECTANGLE
Basic floor plan:	RECTANGLE	Historic Construction material(s):	UNKNOWN
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Main roof configuration:	STEEP PITCH W/ DORMERS	Foundation material:	CONCRETE BLOCK - BRICK
Porch type:	COVERED OPEN PORCH		
Window type and materials:	DOUBLE HUNG WOOD		
Describe alterations:	UNKNOWN		
Number and type of all outbuildings: (if significant, fill out separate survey form)	NONE		
Exterior Architectural Description:			
Description of Setting: HOUSE IS LOCATED TWO BUILDINGS FROM CENTREVILLE'S HISTORIC SQUARE & WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT WHEN BOUNDARY LINES ARE RE-DRAWN			

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SEE ATTACHED

B. PROPERTY WAS OWNED BY THE FULLER FAMILY WHO CAME INTO BIBB Co IN THE 1840'S.

MASTIN J FULLER (B-1805) HAD A SON NELSON J FULLER (B-1840)
NELSON J MARRIED ELMINA CLEVELAND (A OTHER PROMINENT FAMILY)
AND HAD 2 SONS - JEROME T (B-1874) AN ATTORNEY IN BIBB Co
- HAWTHORN M (B-1884) A DENTIST IN BIBB Co
WHO ASSISTED IN ESTABLISHING THE UAB DENTAL SCHOOL

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8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: LESS THAN 1 ACRE

Attach a map showing the location of the property. on CD which is attached

10. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

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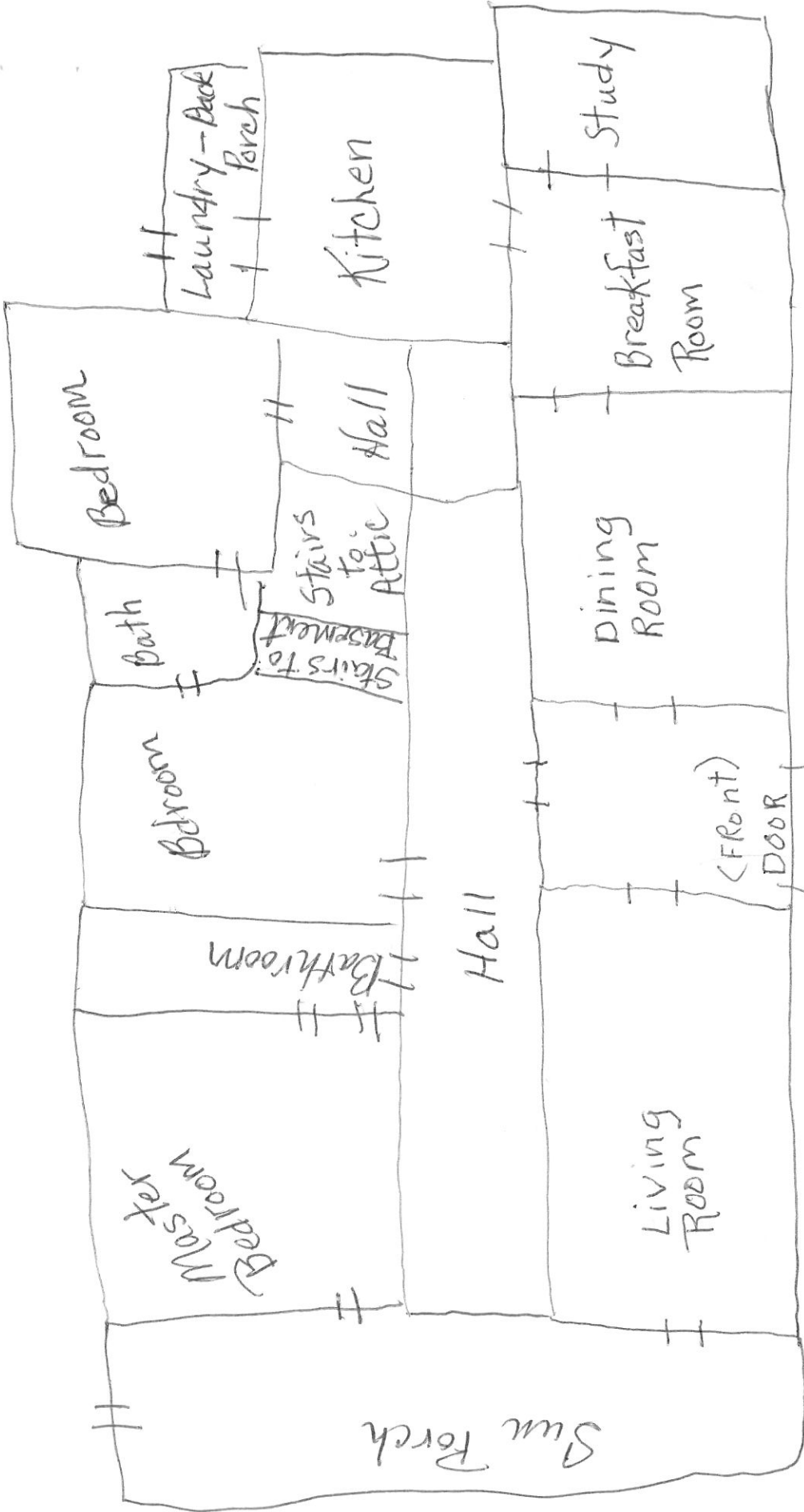
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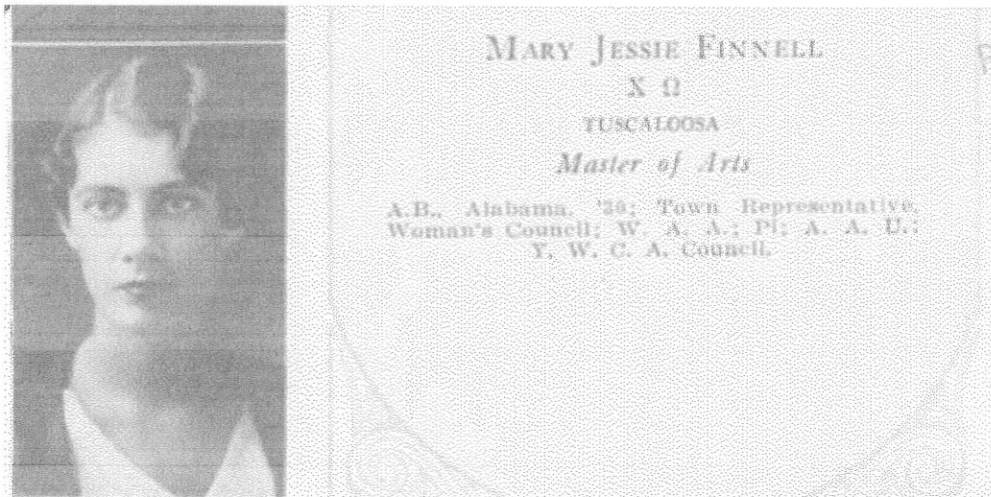
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Karen B. Williams
164 Valley St.

Misc Info on the Fullers who were a prominent family in Bibb Co, AL
J T Fuller's daughter-in-law sold the property to Claud Horsnby in 1975.



Nelson Owen Fuller and Mary Jessie Finnell probably met at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. The Finnells lived in Tuscaloosa and the Fullers were in Centreville.

Nelson O Fuller has the following information listed in the 1930 Corolla:

Nelson Owen Fuller Law
Phi Alpha Delta
Executive Committee '28 '29 '30
Crimson White
Staff: Rammer Jammer
Staff: Corolla
Staff: Pan-Hellenc
 Blackfriars

He was an attorney in Centreville, Bibb Co, AL.

Know all men by these presents that I Mary Jessie Fuller, a single woman for and in consideration of Ten and no/100 Dollars and other valuable consideration dollars to me paid in hand by Claud Eugene Hornsby Jr the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do grant, gargain, sell and convey unto the said Claud Eugene Hornsby Jr the following described Real Estate to wit:

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Beginning at a concrete monument with an iron ring in the top, the Northwest corner of Section 25 Township 23 North Range 9 East

said corner . . . lying 51.0 feet West of the centerline of Alabama Highway No 25

Thence South 89 degrees 00 minutes East for a distance of 138.8 feet along the North line Section 25 to a point

Thence South 7 degrees 54 minutes East for a distance of 1355.9 feet to an iron pipe

Thence South 26 degrees 47 minutes East for a distance of 406 feet to an iron rod on the West right of way . . . Valley Street

Thence South 39 degrees 37 minutes East along the West right of way of Valley Street for a distance of 126 feet to an iron road

the point of begining of property to be described Thence South 65 degrees 59 minutes West for a distance of 140 feet to an iron rod

Thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes West for a distance of 17.8 feet

Thence South 5 degrees 44 minutes West for a distance of 98.4 feet to an iron pipe

Thence South 87 degrees 47 minutes East for a distance of 220.8 feet to the intersection of the West . . . right of way of Valley Street

Thence North 21 degrees 42 minutes West for a distance of 170.3 feet to the point of beginning

The above described parcel of land lies in the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter Section 25 Township 23 North Range 9 East and contains 0.53 acres more or less

situated, lying and being in the County of Bibb and the State of Alabama

To have and to hold the same unto the said Claud Eugene Hornsby, Jr his heirs and assigns forever.

And I do, for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators covenant with the said Claud Eugene Hornsby, Jr his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee simple of said premises that they are free from all encumbrance and that I have a good right to sell and convey the said property that I will and my heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the said Claud Eugene Hornsby, Jr heirs, executors and assigns forever against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever.

Given under . . . my hand . . . and seals . . .this 31st day of March 1975

Mary Jessie Fuller (L.S.)

The State of Alabama Bibb County

I hereby certify that Mary Jessie Fuller a single woman . .
. . . is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known or made known to
me acknowledged before me on this day that being formed of lthe contents of the
within conveyance . . . she . . . executed the same boluntarily on the day the
same bears date.

Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1975

Jean O McCormick
Notary Public

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J T is the father of Nelson O

WWI Draft Card

Fuller, Jerome Theodore

Born - 10-21-1874 - 43 yrs

Lawyer and Farmer

Nearest Relative - Mrs M K Fuller

Medium Height / Medium Built

Signed - Sep 12 1918

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The Centreville Press
Thursday, February 14 1935

Auto Accident Proves Fatal to Jerome T Fuller

Funeral services for Jerome T Fuller, 60 of Centreville prominent Democratic leader in Alabama who died Tuesday afternoon at St Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham from injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday, will be held at 11AM Thursday at the Centreville Presbyterian Church. The body was brought from Birmingham Wednesday afternoon.

Mr Fuller whose automobile had plunged down a 10 foot embankment on the highway between Woodstock and Blocton was found unconscious and taken to St Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham where his condition was not considered serious until shortly before his death. In fact relatives had announced Monday that they thought Mr Fuller would be able to leave the hospital in less than 2 weeks.

For some years Mr Fuller had been a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee.

In 1930 he gained statewide prominence as the champion and state campaign manager of Gov Miller and Senator Bankhead against the Heflin - Locke ticket.

During the Roosevelt presidential campaign Mr Fuller was manager for North Alabama.

He also acted as state campaign manager for Frank M Dixon in his run-off contest with Gov Graves in 1934.

Born in Centreville Oct 21 1874, the son of Nelson and Elmira Harrison Fuller, the former having served in the Legislature and as treasurer of Bibb County.

Jerome Fuller was educated in the Centreville Male and Female College and read law in the office of Hogue and Lavender.

Since his admission to the bar - Sep 6 1896 he had practiced law in Bibb County and also enjoyed a wide practice over the state. After 12 years as city attorney he was elected to the Legislature in 1906.

His widow is Margaret Kate Owen Fuller daughter of James W Owen, Bibb County clerk for several years.

Mr Fuller was a member of the famous Comer Legislature of 1907, was author of the Fuller liquor bill, the first state-wide prohibition law to be enacted in Alabama.

He was a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee for 20 years and was a delegate to at least the 3 Democratic National Conventions.

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He was president of the Bibb County Board of Education which position he has held for several years.

Surviving besides the widow are

2 sons - Jerome T, Jr and Nelson of Centreville

a daughter - Mrs W H Pitts, Birmingham

3 brothers - Dr H M Fuller, W C fuller and N C Fuller all of Centreville

a sister - Mrs Luvella Logan of Logan Angeles, Calif.

In addition to his political affiliations, Mr Fuller was active in Presbyterian Church work, a Shriner and a trustee of Southwestern University.

His 2 sons, 3 brothers and W H Pitts, his son-in-law, and Vance Cleveland and William Splawn will be active pallbearers.

Dr W McFadden Alexander of the Paul Prydania Presbyterian Church of New Orleans will officiate at the funeral. He will be assisted by Dr J B McPhail pastor of the Centreville Presbyterian Church.

Hawthorn Moren Fuller / 03-24-1884 / 03-07-1962

H M was the son of Nelson J Fuller (1840-1920) and Emina Harrison Cleveland
Fuller is the brother of Jerome T Fuller (1875-1935)

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Birmingham New - unknown date

Had key role in establishment - Portrait of Dr. Fuller presented to U of A
dental school by alumni

A portrait of a veteran Alabama dentist who played the key role in establishing
a dental school for his home state was presented to his school Friday night by
its alumni.

Dr. H. M. Fuller of Centreville who has practiced dentistry for more than half
a century was on hand when the presentation was made.

Dr. Fuller's portrait was commissioned by the University of Alabama School of
Dentistry Alumni Assn and presented at a banquet at the Tutwiler Hotel
climaxing the associations' annual Southern Dental meeting.

Making the presentation was Dr. N. B. Owens of Birmingham and accepting the
portrait on behalf of the school was Dr. Arthur H. Wuehrman acting dean.

Dr. Fuller who has been on the Alabama governor's dental advisory staff since
the Sparks administration, launched his efforts to have a dental school
established in Alabama in the early 1940's.

He is credited with influencing the introduction of a bill to establish a
school, presented in the Legislature at that time by Sen. Reuben Newton of
Jasper.

The bill was shelved but a subsequent version was passed in 1947 and Dr. Fuller
was appointed by Dr. John Gallalee then president of the University of Alabama
to direct efforts to find a dean for the school.

It was Dr. Fuller who approached Dr. Joseph F. Voker and asked him to accept
the post.

He still serves on the admission board of the school and has been active in
supporting the school's administration in appearing before the Legislature on
behalf of its appropriation bills.

At the time the dental school opened its doors, alumni pointed out Friday
night, Alabama had 13 counties without dentists.

The school not only has made inroads into the state's dentist shortage but also
has been an asset in the development of a research program at the Medical
Center officials of the association said.

Participating in the Friday night program were - Dr. Frank A. Rose, president
of the University of Alabama; Dr John Sullivan, president of the Alabama Dental
Assn; and Dr. Max Gilmer of Homewood president of the dental alumni group.

Also attending were Mrs. Fuller and three of Dr. and Mrs. Fuller's four
daughters.

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Dental College booster - Dr. H. M. Fuller to receive plaque

A veteran Centreville dentist will be honored this weekend when graduates of the University of Alabama school of dentistry meet in Birmingham.

Dr. H. M. Fuller who has been practicing more than 50 years will be presented a plaque lauding him for his work in helping organize the dental college.

The award will be made by University Pres O. C. Carmichael at a Saturday night banquet in a Tutwiler Hotel ballroom.

Only three classes have been graduated since the dental college swung open its doors at the Southside Medical Center.

About 100 dentists are expected for the Alumni Assn meetings which will be climaxed Monday when new trends and advances in dentistry will be explained in open house at the dental college. The newly-graduated dentists may also attend refresher courses during the day.

Dr. George W. Matthews of Birmingham president of the Alabama Dental Assn will be a featured speaker on the banquet program. He was elected president last April in Biloxi, Miss.

A Vanderbilt University graduate, Dr. Fuller began actively campaigning for a state dental college in 1940.

Then he was chairman of a group of dentists who brought to the attention of the legislature the need for a recognized dental college in Alabama. The Legislature later authorized the school.

As chairman of the advisory committee, Dr. Fuller aided in formulating plans for the dental college and in selection of the dean, Dr. J. F. Volker.

At present, Dr. Fuller is the practicing dentist member of the admissions committee.

In addition to the plaque, the "clinic day" on Monday also will be dedicated in his honor. Then, fellow dentist will get down to business.

They will learn the latest developments in the world of dentistry.

Sponsoring the week-end program is the Dentistry School Alumni Assn composed of members of the '52, '53 and '54 graduating classes.

Officers of the group are -

- Dr. Nelson B. Owens of Birmingham, president
- Dr. Kenneth Breland of Mobile, vice president
- Dr. Max Gilmer of Homewood, secretary
- Dr. Robert A. Cummings of Cordova, treasurer