

## ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - DATE ADDED: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. NAME

Historic: Price, Major Edward Preston, House  
and/or Common: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. LOCATION

Street & Number: southeast corner of the intersection of AL Highway 10 & Butler County Road 7  
City, Town: Saucer community ---Vicinity of: Forest Home  
State: Alabama County: Butler Zip: 36030

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> In process	<input checked="" 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: Mr. Leland T. Moore, Sr. Telephone: (251) 473-5110  
Street & Number: 351 E. Durham Dr.  
City or Town: Mobile State: AL Zip: 36606  
Email Address: president@sssprinkler.com

### 5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

(Attach sketched floor plan and/or site plan)  
Schedule 5 is attached.

## 6. DESCRIPTION

(See attached instructions for specific guidelines on completing the description.)

### CONDITION

- Excellent     Deteriorated  
 Good         Ruins  
 Fair           Unexposed

### CHECK ONE

- Unaltered  
 Altered

### CHECK ONE

- Original Site  
 Moved    Date Moved

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.

The earliest section of the Major Edward Preston Price House was constructed in the early-to-mid 1860's. The original structure consisted only of a single-story, two-room building, with the rooms arranged side-by-side and covered by a side-gabled roof with its ridge along an east-west axis. A double door entry, complete with transom and sidelights in multi-color stained glass, was placed in the north wall of the western room. The entrance room walls are constructed of 12" wide, hand hewn heart pine, which retains its natural finish to this day. Floors, walls and ceilings in both rooms are of heart pine. One room housed a brick fireplace. A number of original windows with original glass remain and in one room, the two windows on the east wall are at differing elevations.

Major Price arrived in Saucer (now a part of the greater Forest Home community) from Virginia, and brought his wife and infant daughter, Ada. Ada was to grow up in the house and married Ambrose Murphy. Major Price told Ada that he could not do much for her, but offered, "I can build a house so you will at least have a roof over your head." He proceeded to add a third room, sited west of the double-door entry, and the middle room assumed the role of a center hall. Ada and Ambrose Murphy took up residence in the house; their son, Edward Preston Murphy, was born in about 1886 and was to be the first of six children born. As these children created the need for more space, the house received additional rooms, one to the north and three to the south, making an "S" shape plan configuration. Major Price again utilized heart pine for the floors, walls, ceilings and exterior wood siding. The original roof was of wood shingles, which was later covered by slate. The kitchen was the smoke house, which still stands approximately 20 feet south of the main house. The house itself, completed near the end of the nineteenth century, has been painted white with green shutters for 150 years.

Joe Murphy, another of the six children, later occupied the house with his wife, Myrtle Carter Murphy, and their children, until his death. At that time, the house and property were sold to John Richard Felts, who remained there until 1954. A portion of the property was a centipede grass farm until the 1950s and centipede grass still covers many roads and areas of pine woods. Henry McCrory then purchased the house and property and lived there with his wife. After his death, Mrs. McCrory and her children sold the farm and property to the Leland T. Moore family of Mobile, Alabama, in 1998.

By the time of the last sale, the McCrorys had resided in a smaller house on the property and the Major Edward Preston Price House had remained abandoned and in disrepair for some twenty years. The Moores decided to restore the house, beginning in February of 2001 under the construction supervision of Arnold Black of Greenville, AL. Included in the project was a leveling and renovation of the existing spaces and addition of a large sunroom and gazebo facing west toward a pasture. The roof was raised over the back section of the house to accommodate a loft bedroom, playroom and bath. A spiral staircase was installed for access to this newly finished attic space. The kitchen has been modernized and bathrooms have been added. All of the old roofing was removed and replaced with galvanized steel. The rehabilitation was completed in September, 2001.

## 7. SIGNIFICANCE

(See attached instructions for specific guidelines on completing the significance.)

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE-CHECK AND EXPLAIN BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	

SPECIFIC DATES: circa 1860 \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER/ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Major Edward Preston Price House has a number of significant architectural features:

- I. There are four sets of double doors with transoms. Standing on the "L" shaped front porch, facing south, the wide heart pine double doors have the original multi-colored stain glass transom and side lights with a second set of heart pine double doors across the entrance hall opposite. Facing to the west on the front porch, there is a third set of heart pine double doors, also with the original multi-colored stain glass transom and side lights and a fourth set of double doors directly opposite. One might speculate that the daughter and son-in-law wanted their own ingress and egress without going through their parents' side of the house.
- II. Each original room has a unique cornice molding that is individually designed and carved. They are carved from a single board, with different designs reaching 18 inches wide in places.
- III. A piece of the original (or late 19<sup>th</sup> century) porch balustrade was located at the site and the front and back porch balustrades have been replicated. The form is the shape of a repeating tear drop.
- IV. The quality of the wood construction is of note. The entrance hall consists of walls constructed of 12" wide hand hewn heart pine and all of the walls, floors, ceilings and outer siding are of heart pine. All of the floors have been finished to retain their natural color and richness.
- V. The original home had three single brick fire places and a fourth double fireplace constructed of hand hewn stone. The stone may have been cut in nearby Pike County, Alabama and has some sea shell fossils visible near the surface.
- VI. An old windmill (currently in disrepair) remains at the site, approximately 25 yards northeast of the house. Auburn University sent staff to climb the ladder annually for more than 20 years to count the number of eaglets hatched in the (then dry) water basket. Only when DDT contaminated the countryside did the eagles stop nesting up in the windmill.
- VII. The original smoke house was probably completed in the late 1800's, based on its location, or it could have been built earlier and moved to the south as additions were made to the home. The smokehouse sits on a stone foundation.

## 8. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: 330 acres

Quadrangle name: Forest Home, Alabama (7.5 minute series)

Enclose map showing location of property. (city or county map, state highway department map, or USGS map)

If the property includes more than one building, submit a small sketch map showing the locations and relationships of the buildings. Schedule 9 is attached.

## 10. FORM PREPARED BY

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## 11. PLEASE SUBMIT COLOR IMAGES OF THE PROPERTY WITH THIS FORM:

Images are essential to the review process. They can be 4x6 color prints or digital images on a CD. Please see the "Instructions for Completing an AR Form" for more details on images or contact the AHC at 334.230.2687.

## 12. PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORM AND DOCUMENTATION TO:

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ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
468 SOUTH PERRY STREET  
MONTGOMERY, AL 36130-0900