

ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE

Nomination Form

1. Name

historic Jackson House
and/or common Haven Church Parsonage

2. Location

street & number 1631 Pine Avenue
city, town Anniston ---vicinity of
state Alabama county Calhoun zip 36201

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Haven United Methodist Church Phone number
street & number
city, town Anniston ---vicinity of zip

5. Floor plan & site plan. Use space below to sketch floor plan and site plan or attach additional sheet.

6. Description (See attached instructions for specific guidelines.)

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance.

Facing west at the southeast corner of the intersection of 17th Street and Pine Avenue, the Jackson House/Haven Church Parsonage is a 2-story, hipped-roof, molded-concrete block house constructed c.1909-10. It is located in a recently surveyed African American neighborhood that has been determined potentially eligible for National Register listing. Also within the proposed area is the Friendship Baptist Church that was listed on the Alabama Register 2/6/98. The house is a good example of an early-20th century hipped-roof cottage, and it is uniquely characterized by its molded concrete block construction.

An historic photograph (c.1925-26) indicates that the 3-bay facade originally featured a slightly inset full facade porch supported by square columns (wide at lower third, slender above) constructed of molded concrete block. A balcony with slender balusters extended across the second floor. Today, a wide projecting gable (not apparent in the photo) extends across the facade. Local sources believe this to be original, and it clearly dates from the historic period. In recent years, however, the upper level of the two-story porch has been enclosed and currently possesses shingle siding and small single pane metal windows. An aluminum awning extends across the lower level of the porch. A rear addition was made, probably during a c. 1969 renovation.

Many original elements have been maintained, including the molded concrete blocks, the Craftsman period 4-vertical/1 wood sash windows, the 18-pane entrance door with sidelight and transom surround, interior stair rail, 6-panel interior doors, 15-lite interior French doors, three mantels, door and window trim, and the built-in dining room cabinet. Plaster walls were covered with sheet rock.

See draft nomination for additional details.

7. Significance (See attached instructions for specific guidelines.)

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: ethnic heritage (black)

Specific dates C.1909-10 **Builder/Architect** Herman Gilbert "Fish" Jackson (builder)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph).

The H. G. Jackson House/Haven Church Parsonage is eligible for listing on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage under Criteria A and C, in the areas of ethnic heritage and architecture. As the home of Herman Gilbert and Leona Bell Jackson, it depicts the lifestyle of a prosperous black middle class family in early-20th Anniston and, furthermore, represents a good example of the early-20th century "molded concrete block" vernacular architectural trend. With materials and plans widely available to the public, the owner-builder of the era, such as Jackson, was able to construct a substantial home at a relatively low cost. The Jackson family maintained the house for a half-century, from the time of its construction until its purchase by the Haven United Methodist Church in 1969. It is situated in a proposed National Register district and remains as one of the most notable buildings within the area. As there has been little community support for neighborhood preservation, the area is threatened with abandonment and deterioration. Alabama Register listing would provide encouragement for much-needed revitalization.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY:

Herman Gilbert and Leona Bell Jackson were a successful middle class black couple who constructed their home in Anniston at 1631 Pine Street and remained here until their deaths. Both were born during the 1870s and lived until the 1960s. Both were educated and active in their respective churches. Jackson operated a meat market in the neighborhood until 1929, when he opened a fish market in his home (hence he became known as "Fish" Jackson). Local historians recall that Leona attended her husband's church as a young bride, but she felt that the Baptist church did not have enough "order" for her Methodist upbringing. As a young couple, they constructed their own home, with the assistance of a boyhood friend of Jackson's. Leona's job was to stir the molds for the concrete blocks. Today the house remains as a reminder of their success and dedication, both as amateur builders and as upstanding residents. It was purchased by the Haven United Methodist Church c. 1969, following the death of Mrs. Jackson a few years earlier. Until recent years, it served as the church parsonage, but it is currently vacant and in the process of being sold.

See brief biographical sketches in draft nomination for additional information.

8. Major Bibliographical References

Bass, Mrs. Dee. Draft nomination and correspondence.
Site visit, 9/16/98.

9. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property __less than 1 acre (150' x 48')__
Quadrangle name _____

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

Attached.

10. Form Prepared By

Sally Moore (AHC)

name/title Mrs. Dee Bass

organization _____

date 9/28/98

street & number 1215 MLK Drive

telephone 256-835-2230

city or town Hobson City

state AL

zip 36201

11. Please submit color slides of the property with this form.

Color slides are essential to the review process.

12. Please return ALABAMA REGISTER form and documentation to:

Alabama Register Coordinator
Alabama Historical Commission
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900