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Alabama Register Property Information

Alabama Historical Commission

1. Name

historic LORANZ HOUSE

and/or common LORANZ-MCCRARY HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 500 COMMERCE STREET

city, town JACKSON, ALABAMA _____ vicinity of

state ALABAMA county CLARKE

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Jackson

street & number City Hall, 400 Commerce Street

city, town Jackson _____ vicinity of state Alabama

5. Please use space below to sketch floor plan/site plan.

6. Description

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

This building is a two-storied Queen Anne house, incorporating a mixture of architectural styles and decorative details. It was constructed circa 1900 of southern yellow heart pine lumber with brick foundation and chimneys and clapboard siding. The plan is cruciform with a wrap-a-round one story porch encircling the protruding front room of the house. It also contains an upstairs and downstairs back porch with rear stairs. The interior woodwork is exceptionally fine, especially the stair hall which displays some very beautiful "curly pine" paneling and millwork. An original servants house has been restored in the back yard. It contains two rooms with a center chimney and fireplace in the larger room. Also intact is the original barn-carriage house, said to be constructed of heart pine lumber from the 19th century Jackson Methodist Church building.

The only major alteration to the house occurred in the 1930's when the Loranz family enclosed a portion of the front porch to provide a downstairs bedroom for themselves as they grew elderly.

The house was originally surrounded by a white pickett fence.

7. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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"/> 1600-1699	<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1900

Builder/Architect UNKNOWN

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This house was built by Mr. Joseph Loranz, one of the pioneers of the developing lumber industry in Clarke County, made possible by the completion of the railroad through the area in the late 1880's. It was built of the finest, hand-picked materials that money could buy, produced right here in the town. It is a fine example of the Queen Anne style of architecture that was so popular in the country and area, shortly before and after the turn of the century. After serving as a residence to both the Loranz and McCrary families, it was purchased by the City of Jackson and restored for use as the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, presently contributing to the significant areas of commerce and community planning.

8. Major Bibliographical References

See Attached

9. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property City lots (see attached)

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached.

10. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Louis M. Finlay, Jr.

organization Jackson Chamber of Commerce

date 1/3/93

street & number P. O. Box 131

telephone (205) 246-3278

city or town Jackson

state Alabama

36545

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

12. Please return ALABAMA REGISTER form to:

ALABAMA REGISTER COORDINATOR
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY ALABAMA 36130









