

Alabama Register Property Information

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1. NAME

historic: Owen Residence

and/or common:

2. LOCATION

street & number: Northwest Corner of Burnes and Evans Streets

city & town: Heflin ----- vicinity of

state: Alabama ----- county: Cleburne

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other: _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

name: ~~Bubs Hopper Eicher~~ Patrick Casey

street & number: NBC Television, Bob Hope Drive PO Box 249 ----- 36246

city, town: Burbank Heflin ----- vicinity of ----- state: ~~California~~ AL ----- zip code: 91523

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

See attached pages for floor 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

Architectural Description

The Owens House is a two story frame vernacular residence influenced by the Victorian style. The main architectural features of the exterior is the two story wrap-around porch, supported by plain square columns with picket-style corner brackets. A wide area between the floor levels on the porch has an interesting upside-down picket detail on the exterior, and from the underside of the porch is visible a paneled system (the exterior treatment is concealed under vinyl siding.) A plain balustrade wraps around the porch. The exterior of the house is sheathed in vinyl siding. The ceiling of both levels is beaded board.

The Owens House is basically one room deep. A stair hall acts as a pivot point connecting the two areas of the house. The interior consists of a series of rooms linked together in a progression, with the exception of two rooms, one upstairs and one down, that have no access to the other rooms. Each of these rooms has two doors to the exterior lower and upper porches; each of these two rooms has a very simple mantel. (Please refer to the attached floorplan for a better idea of room configuration.) The staircase, with square newel post and balusters, leads to the second floor where there are three rooms. Every room, upstairs and down, has access to the porches.

The walls and ceiling of the interior are of beaded board. Window and door trim are very simple; windows are two-over-two; doors are the four panel mail order variety.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Period

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1900 - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | |

Areas of Significance - Check and Justify Below

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific Dates:

Builder/Architect:

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Owen House is nominated to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage under Architecture, because the house represents a good and intact example of a vernacular Victorian style frame domestic dwelling. The Owen House is one of two surviving houses of its type from this period, and thought to be one of the oldest structures in Heflin.

As such, the house yields information regarding the house types and forms, construction methods, techniques and craftsmanship utilized in the community during its formative period. The structure has had very little, if any, interior modifications.

The Owen House is associated with the builder, William Irving Owen, one of Alabama's first sheriffs.

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name: _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

10. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title: Ed Hooker, Preservation Architect

Organization: Alabama Historical Commission

Date: 1/5/96

Street & Number: 468 South Perry Street

Telephone: 334/242-3184

City or Town: Montgomery

State: AL

Zip: 36130-0900

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

12. Please return

ALABAMA REGISTER form to: _____

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