



STATE OF ALABAMA

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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

COUNTY Colbert

NAME: Present Kernachan Plantation House Historic "Nation" House

LOCATION: Street and Number

Town (Give directions if rural) Sheffield vicinity

\*A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM\*

CATEGORY: Building (x) Structure ( ) Object ( ) Site ( ) District ( )

USE: Present Historic residence

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (x)

Owner's Name

Mailing Address

INTEGRITY: Original Site (x) Moved ( ) When?

From where? (Give details in significance.)

CONDITIONS: Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair ( ) Ruins ( )

THREATS: No ( ) Yes (x) By What?

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered ( ) Underway ( ) Completed ( ) Not planned ( )

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered buildings ( )
High building density ( ) Commercial ( ) Industrial ( )
Residential ( ) Rural ( )

Acreage

For all categories other than a district and object give a site plan with a North arrow. Show related buildings.

For a district give a verbal boundary description and attach a sketch map of the district.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Why is this landmark significant? ( ) associated with events, persons, or movements  
Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )  
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure  
( ) other

Explain: (Briefly state why the above is true)

Good example of Tidewater type cottage as transplanted from the seaboard states of the upper south to north Alabama.

Date of Construction or Period of major importance. c. 1830

Architect or Builder (Give name and biographies, if known)

Give a complete but concise history of the Landmark. Include information on important people and events associated with the landmark. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

The Nation House was originally part of the Kernachan Plantation. The house was built on land patented by David Greenlea in 1828 and is located near the dead town of Bainbridge in Colbert County. The house originally had three dormers across the front, gable slope, two of which were later removed. It also displays Federal period interior such as wainscoting, mantels and stairway. The original dining room was detached from the main body of the house. The house was used for several years as a tenant house and is now vacant.

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

DESCRIPTION: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANDMARK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Complete as directed below for each category.

BUILDING:

Number of stories 1½ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Basement \_\_\_\_\_

Wall Material: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)  
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batten, stucco over wood or brick, metal, logs)

Structural System: (If known)

Wood frame (X) Load-bearing masonry ( ) Iron or Steel ( )

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Roof Type: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)  
with one offset gable dormer on front slope and two gable dormers on back  
Roof Covering: (Wood shingle, Asphalt, Tile, Metal, Slate)  
Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.)

Porches: Front (type and description) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Rear (type and description) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Side (type and description) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Doors: Main entrance (location, description) one centered

Other entrances (location, description) two at rear

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade 4 9/9 sashing and transom over door

Types and number per floor for sides and rear 1 on each side

2 at rear

Interior: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.

Federal period interior trim, wainscoting, mantels, atairway

Other: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

On an additional sheet make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions if possible.

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

STRUCTURE: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the structure. (See examples)

OBJECT: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the object. (See examples)

SITE: On a separate sheet of paper give the present description of the site and how the site is believed to have looked during its period of importance.

DISTRICT: On a separate sheet of paper give a general description of the district. Also needed is a numbered list of the structures in the district corresponding to the sketch map. This listing should include a name for the structure, a date of construction, a brief description, a statement of why the structure is significant, if it is.

\*A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM\*

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

Photographs: Black and white, glossy finish, 5 x 7, or 8 x 10, is preferred.

FORM PREPARED BY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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STAFF COMMENTS:

MAP REFERENCE: MAP \_\_\_\_\_

U. T. M. Reference      Zone      Easting      Northing

Thematic Category \_\_\_\_\_

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