

ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - DATE ADDED:

1. NAME Rev. Dr. Hillary James Hawkins

The Brown Hawkins Farm/Community and Spiritual leader.

Historic:

and/or Common: His nickname was Brown Hawkins.

2. LOCATION Brown Hawkins Road is off 84 Highway.

Street & Number: HCR 32 Box 97A

City, Town: Evergreen

---Vicinity of: Fairview Community

State: AL County: Conecuh

Zip: 36401-

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category

District

Building(s)

Structure

Site

Object

Ownership

Public

Private

Both

Public Acquisition

In process

Being considered

Status

Occupied

Unoccupied

Work in progress

Accessible

Yes: restricted

Yes: unrestricted

No

Present Use

Agriculture

Commercial

Educational

Entertainment

Government

Industrial

Military

Museum

Park

Private residence

Religious

Scientific

Transportation

Other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Mamie Hawkins

Telephone Number: (334) 288-6409

Street & Number: HCE 32 Box 97A

City, Town: Evergreen

State: AL

Zip: 36401

5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

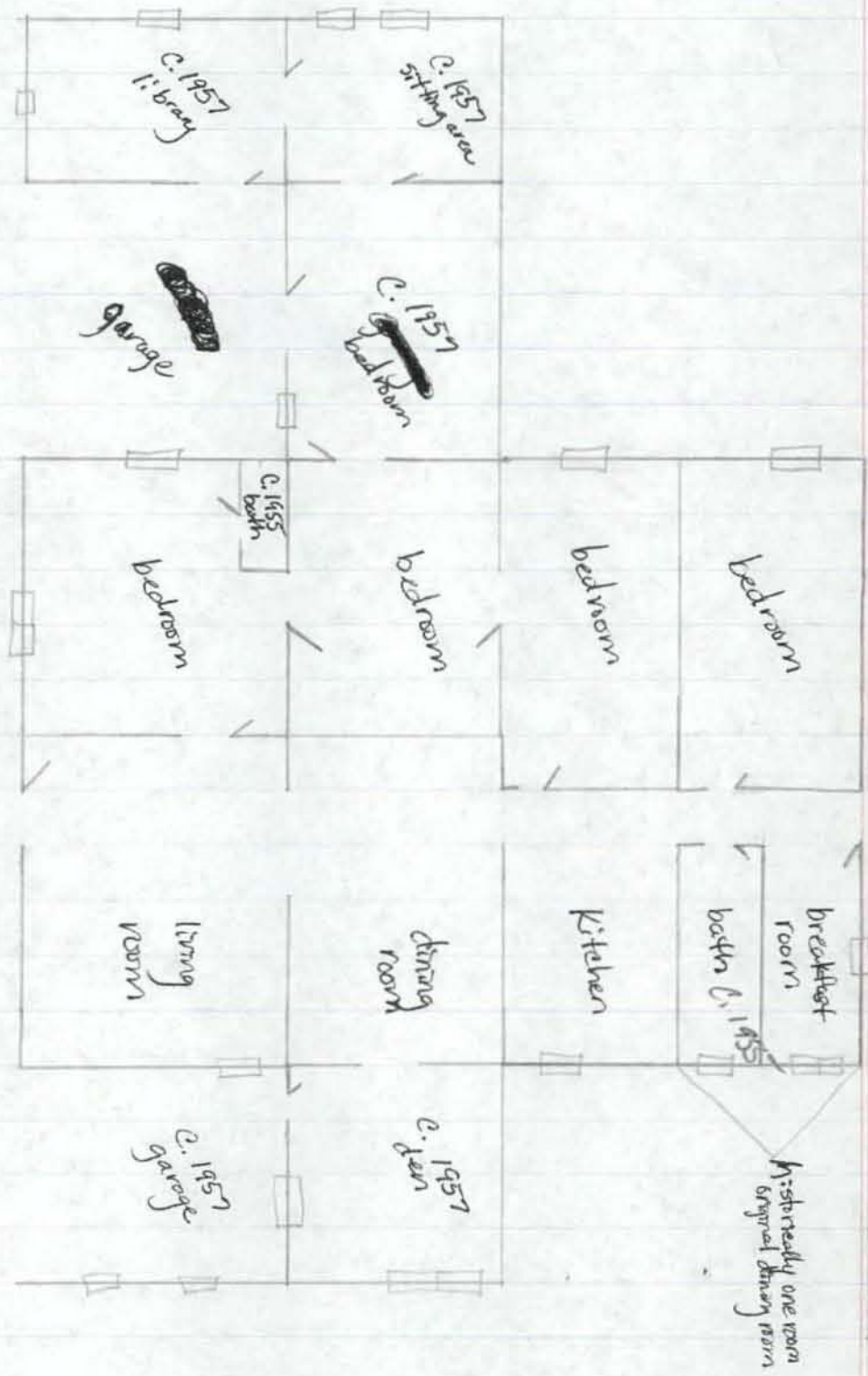
(Use space below to sketch floor plan and site plan or attach additional sheet.)

RECEIVED

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Ala. Historical Commission

C. 1943
Barn



C. 1943
Smokehouse

also a
historic
house
demolished

C. 1955
house
built by
Mr. Brown
Hawkins

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 Brown Hawkins house was built by Brown Hawkins in 1945. Before the house was completed, Brown moved his young family of eight into this seven room house and set up homestead. He soon completed the interior of the house by installing sheetrock and painting. The original house had 4 bedrooms, living room, dining room, and a kitchen. The house was built with an arch that separated the living room from the dining room.

Years later, additions were added on to the house. The living room was made larger, two dens, two carports, two bathrooms, a breakfast room, a bedroom and a library were added. This house was enlarged to a 13 room house with aluminum siding added on part of the house. The house was built with three fire places, and a ten top roof. One of the fireplaces was town down and two still exist but they are enclosed. The house has wood floors.

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"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	

SPECIFIC DATES: _____

BUILDER/ARCHITECT: _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brown Hawkins house was constructed in 1945 by the owner, Hillary James Hawkins. His nick name Brown Hawkins was widely used and most people thought it was his birth name.

As a young boy growing up, Brown felt the pain of his father moving from plantation to plantation as a sharecropper. His parents were forcibly removed from their 330-acre track of land in rural Butler County in 1911 by policemen. At the age of 20 Brown moved from McKenzie, Alabama to Evergreen to look for employment. He was determined to raise his family in an independent environment that would allow him to be self employed. In 1945 Brown bought 120 acre of land from Adams Stallworth in the Fairview community and set up homestead for his family. His wife Mamie was always by his side. During this period in history most Blacks were still sharecropping or working for low wages. Brown made a decision to travel on muddy roads and clean up new grounds for planting so he could be self supported. He worked hard and did whatever it took to have an independent lifestyle. Brown's hard work paid off and he became a successful farmer. In 1953 he produced the Conecuh County's first bale of cotton.

Doctor Hawkins (Brown) gave most of his adult life rendering spiritual guidance and reaching out to people in need. People viewed him as a community "giant" in the area of providing inspiration, leadership and guidance to the Black population of the Evergreen and surroundings communities.

During 1940-1970 Doctor Hawkins went to a number of towns in Alabama pastoring churches. He organized church programs and physically built most churches. Some of the churches he served were: The New Oak Grove Baptist Church, McKenzie, Alabama; Union Baptist Church, Evergreen, Alabama; West Side Baptist Church, Evergreen, Alabama; Lily Baptist Church, Firsco City, Alabama; Bethel Baptist Church, Burnt Corn, Alabama; Roxanna Baptist Church, Luverne, Alabama; Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Evergreen, Alabama; Jerusalem No. 1 Baptist Church, Evergreen, Alabama; Greater Nazarene Baptist Church, Evergreen, Alabama; and First Baptist Church, Evergreen, Alabama.

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9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: 113

Quadrangle name: _____

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

10. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/title: Maxine Hawkins Ervin/Daughter

Organization: _____

Date: July 29, 2002

Street & Number: 3936 Rouse Ridge Court

Telephone: (334) 288-6409

City or Town: Montgomery, Alabama 36111

State: Alabama Zip: 36111

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

Color slides are essential to the review process.

12. PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORM AND DOCUMENTATION TO:

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

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Inter-Baptist Theological Center. Houston, Texas. Hillary James Hawkins.
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Meeks, John F., 208 Pine Street, Evergreen Alabama

Shappard, Rev. C.F., Highway 31, Evergreen, Alabama

Stallworth, Marie. HCR 32 Box 115-A, Evergreen, Alabama 36111

Tuskegee Institute. Merit Rural Pastor Certificate, January 21, 1959.