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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

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COUNTY Walker

NAME: Present William Cook Home Historic Same Ala. Historical Commission

LOCATION: Street and Number Carbon Hill Road County Road 11, 7.1 miles from Carbon Hill, Alabama, U.S. 78 West from Birmingham
Town (Give directions if rural) Nauvoo, Alabama

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

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

USE: Present Private Home Historic

OWNERSHIP: Public () Private (XX)

Owner's Name Miss Elizabeth Cook

Mailing Address c/o Jean K. Dillon, 929 Parkwood Drive
Montgomery, Alaama 36109

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

From where? (Give details in significance.)

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

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

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

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

Acreage 9.35

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 (X) State (X) National (X)
() a good example of a type or style of structure
() other

Explain: (Briefly state why the above is true)

William Cook came to the United States from Scotland about 1887 and settled in Nauvoo, Alabama around 1900. He was a mining engineer and became one of the pioneers in developing the coal mining industry in Walker County, Alabama, and the United States. Walker County became a thriving community because of William Cook and others like him. Coal mining became a leading industry in the United States, also.

Date of Construction or Period of major importance.

Around 1900.

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

Andy and Luther Ingals, local people from Parish, Alabama. They also built a number of the mining camp houses over near #2 mine east of the William Cook home. A Mr. Whatley also was involved to some degree.

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)

William Cook and his bride, the former Jeanie Nelson, came to the United States from Scotland in 1887. He worked as a miner in Pennsylvania when they first arrived in this country. He then worked as a miner in White County, Tennessee, Galloway Mines in Carbon Hill, Alabama, and in the Oklahoma Territory. He then brought his family back to Alabama and to Nauvoo where he became part owner and operator of several mines.

He built this home for his family circa 1900. He planned the construction of the home and selected the trees from which the lumber in this home was built. The lumber was, of course, hand-dressed at his own sawmill

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State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Jeanie Nelson Cook, widow of William Cook; Elizabeth Cook, daughter of William Cook; Andrew C. Dillon, Sr., son-in-law of William Cook (married to Nell Cook).

DESCRIPTION:

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANDMARK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Complete as directed below for each category.

BUILDING:

Number of stories 2 Foundation _____ Basement 1

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 () Load-bearing masonry () Iron or Steel ()

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Roof Type: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)

Roof Covering: (Wood shingle, Asphalt, Tile, Metal, Slate)

Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.)

Porches: Front (type and description) _____

Open with columns

Rear (type and description) _____

Enclosed

Side (type and description) _____

Open with columns

Doors: Main entrance (location, description) Front; panel with glass

Other entrances (location, description) Side; panel with glass
Back; screen door

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade See copy of Plans attached.

Types and number per floor for sides and rear See copy of plans attached.

All windows solid pane.

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

One mantel in sitting room.

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!

Copy of Plans Attached.

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.

USE ONLY PENCIL TO MARK ON MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

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

FORM PREPARED BY

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Town Montgomery, Alabama 36109

Organization _____

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STAFF COMMENTS:

MAP REFERENCE: MAP _____

U. T. M. Reference Zone Easting Northing

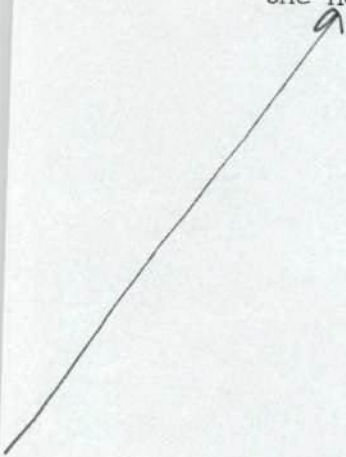
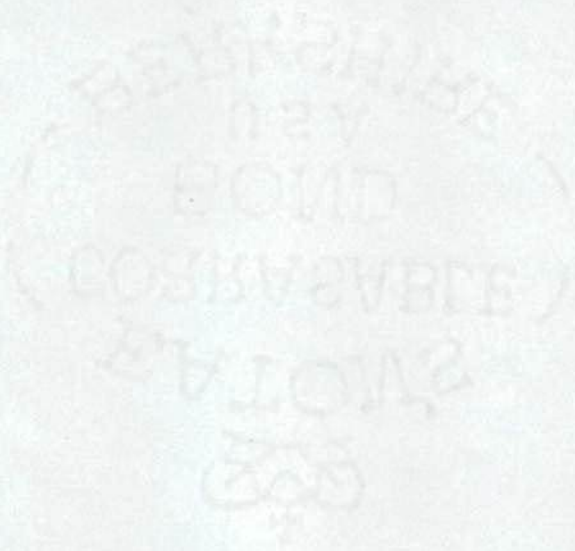
Thematic Category _____

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which was very near the home. The architectural plans for this home are in the possession of the owner of this home, Elizabeth Cook. She plans to have the plans on exhibit at a later date. An interesting feature of the house is that Mr. Cook had a room for a bath drawn into the plans. Inside plumbing was not installed in the house, however, until some time after Mr. Cook's death in 1923.



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COOK HOUSE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE

The **William Cook House** in Nauvoo was added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage on March 23, 1990.

The William Cook House was constructed around 1900 for a Scottish immigrant who became one of the pioneers in developing the coal mining industry in Walker County. After working in Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Oklahoma, Mr. Cook moved to Alabama to operate several mines in the area. His success is reflected in his home which was one of the finest in the community. Andy and Luther Ingals built the Cook House as well as a number of mining camp houses located in the county.

Still retaining many of its original features including its two-story wraparound porch, the house is currently occupied by William Cook's daughter, Elizabeth.

The Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage is a prestigious statewide listing of buildings, structures, objects, and districts that possess architectural or historical associations.

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