



STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130
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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

COUNTY Washington

NAME: Present The Dave Turner Home Historic Old Dr. Williams Home

LOCATION: Street and Number Highway 43 - at Sunflower, Ala.

Town (Give directions if rural) Fifty miles north of Mobile on Hwy. 43
17 miles south of Jackson, Ala. at Sunflower

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

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

USE: Present Home of Sally Turner Stanley Historic Home of Dr. W. A. Williams

OWNERSHIP: Public ( ) Private (X)

Owner's Name Mrs. Neal C. Stanley (nee Sally Turner)

Mailing Address Rt. 1 Box 113, Wagarville, Ala. 36585

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

From where? (Give details in significance.)

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

TREATS: No ( ) Yes (X) By What? Widening of Highway 43

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

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

Acreage 27 acres, mostly creek, swamp except narrow ridge adjacent to road, where house is located.

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) Believed to be the oldest house in the county. Lived in continuously since 1871 by only two families - Williams and Turner.

Date of Construction or Period of major importance. 1871

Architect or Builder (Give name and biographies, if known) Unknown except for a carpenter named "Kelly," employed by Dr. Williams

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)  
Washington A. Williams had house built circa 1871 using materials from the surrounding land, the bricks being made on the place, and the timber cut & floated down Tombigbee River to Mobile to be sawed and planed on one side, then sent back to Gulfport by steamboat. Lime rocks from Old St. Stephens were used for 2 Chimneys - brick for others (2), made on place.

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data: All information about the building of the house etc. was given to my parents by the son of the builder, L.H. Williams Sr., when my father purchased the place in 1916. The graves of Dr. W.A. Williams & his wife are on the site, near the house.

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

Complete as directed below for each category.

BUILDING:

Number of stories one Foundation brick pillars Basement none

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

Entire outside walls of clapboard. All framing and foundation sills of large hand-hewn timbers

Structural System: (If known)  
Wood frame (X) Load-bearing masonry ( ) Iron or Steel ( )  
Hand-hewn timbers

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) Portico with two square columns of heart cypress. Plain banisters.

Rear (type and description) long straight porch on south side of house

Side (type and description) See above

Doors: Main entrance (location, description) Front: 7 1/2 foot, paneled door with side panels and transom of red stained glass.

Other entrances (location, description) Back: Plain paneled door.

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade 4 double-hung each (6 panes each each) across the front of house.

Types and number per floor for sides and rear 20 of some type. All the window frames + sash are of cypress. Most of the glass panes are original to the house. Sun porch on south side has 6.

Interior: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features. The house has two double-fireplace chimneys made of limestone blocks from Old St. Stephens area.

Mantels are plain hand-made ones of heart pine, hand-planed. Walls and ceilings are of hand-planed, random width, heart pine boards, most being the length of the rooms. Floors are of 6 inch heart pine boards put down with square head "cut" nails. All boards are one inch thick or more. Front ceilings 10 ft - Back ceilings 11 1/2 ft. Central hall shows drop in ceiling.

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

No alterations to original house except the addition of a bath room, and closing in of back porch with double-hung windows. One small outbuilding, of pre-Civil War vintage has peeled cypress poles for framing and original clap-board siding. The original shingle roof has been replaced with cedar or fir shingles - Back porch closed in with double hung windows (6) two windows

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

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!

between sq. cypress columns (4)

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 Mrs. Neal C. Stanley (née Sally Turner) Date Jan. 11, 1980  
Address Rt. 1 Box 113 Telephone 246-2747  
Town Wagarville, Ala. 36585  
Organization Private owner

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STAFF COMMENTS:

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

U. T. M. Reference      Zone      Easting      Northing

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

Added to ALABAMA REGISTER \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER Potential

# ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

Alabama Historical Commission  
725 Monroe Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC Dr. Williams Home

AND/OR COMMON  
Williams-Turner Home

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Eastern side of U. S. Highway 43

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sunflower

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Alabama

Washington

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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 Mrs. Neal C. Stanley

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1 P. O. Box 113

CITY, TOWN

Wagarville

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chatom

STATE

Alabama

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Alabama Inventory

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL  STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Alabama Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Montgomery

STATE

Alabama

## 7 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

The 1871 Williams-Turner Home in Sunflower is a well-preserved example of a Greek Revival cottage. The house is a single-story wood frame clapboard structure with a central pedimented portico. The gabled portico roof with a plain entablature rests on 2 tapered square columns and 2 pilasters that flank the main entrance.

Windows of the five-bay facade are 6/6 double-hung sash and the main entrance is a single-leaf door topped by a transom and flanked by side-lights. The other windows in the house are of the same configuration as those of the facade and are original. The two end-exterior chimneys of the main block of the structure are brick, while two others are of limestone rock.

The rear el addition to the house has a recessed porch running its full length. The roofline of the porch has wooden scalloped trim. A bathroom was added to the original portion of the house at an unspecified date, and a small porch was enclosed with double-hung windows. Walls, ceilings, and floors of the interior are of random width heart pine boards.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1871 as the family home of Dr. Washington A. Williams, this house is said to be one of the oldest surviving residences in Washington County.

The home was built by a carpenter known only as Kelley who was employed by Dr. Williams. All bricks were handmade from clay found on the property; timber was cut from the land and floated down the Tombigbee River to Mobile to be sawn and planed. The finished product was then returned by steamboat from Mobile to Sunflower. Limestone rocks from Fort St. Stephens were used for two of the structure's chimneys.

The well-preserved Greek Revival cottage has been occupied by only two families, the Williams and the Turners, since its construction. The Williams family cemetery and Dr. Williams clinic building are still on the property.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Family history

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME McIntosh

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62,500

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 401300 3473000  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

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H         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Neal C. Stanley

ORGANIZATION

DATE

1-11-80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Rt. 1 Box 113

246-2747

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Wagarville

Alabama

36585

## 12 FOR ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION USE ONLY

Staff Member David Baldwin

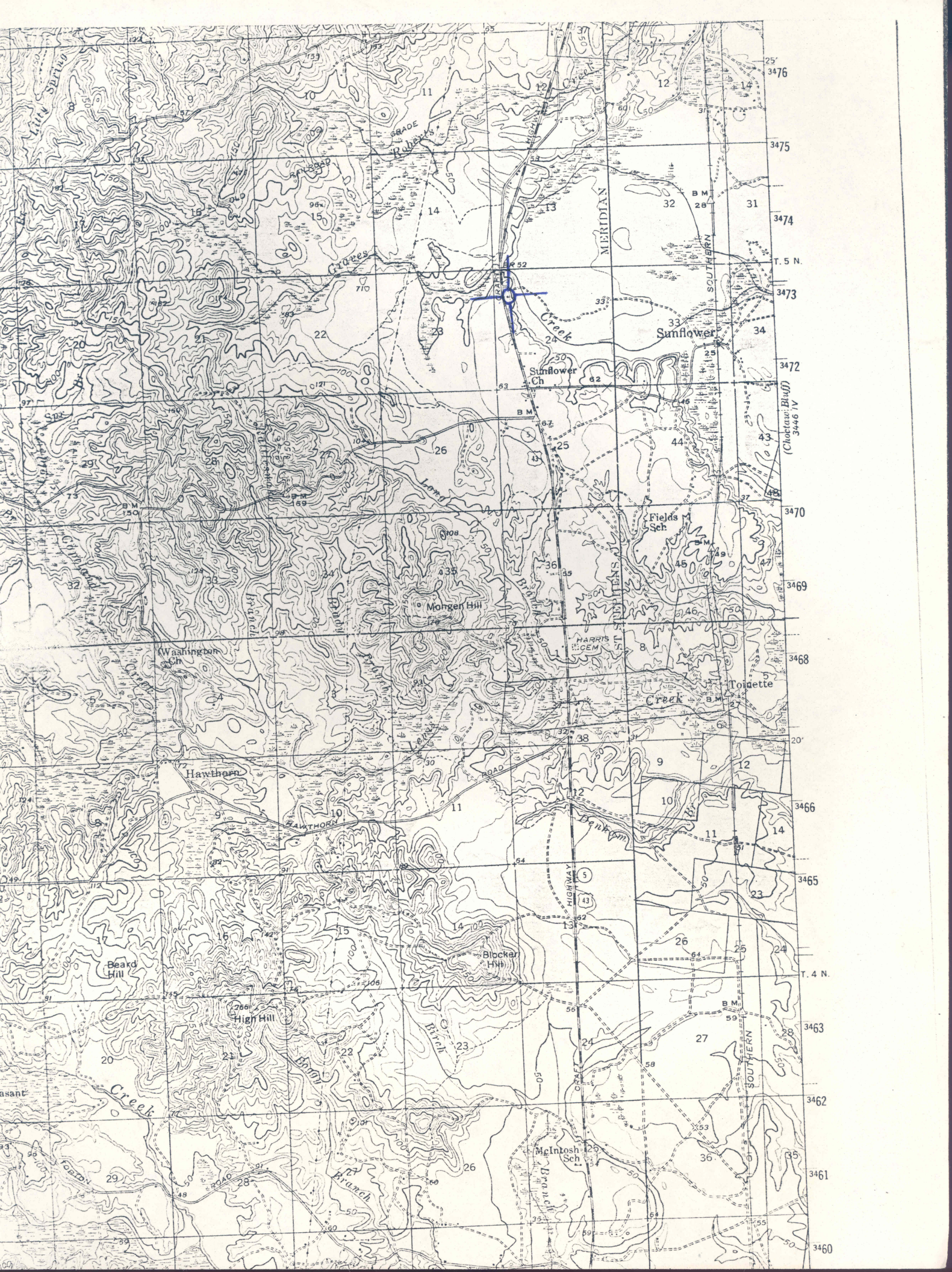
ADDED \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Thematic Category Art-Architecture

National Register Potential

Added to National Register \_\_\_\_\_







mother picture on file)  
 department.

David P. Turner Home  
 Sunflower, Ala

owner: Sally Turner Stanley

occupant

Home is on the  
east side of Highway 43

see County Map - Washington Co.  
 Ala.



well

Structure No 182





Structure No. 4



House #1



STRUCTURE #5