

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Southside Baptist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC: The Drish House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 2300 17th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Tuscaloosa

STATE: Alabama	CODE: 01	COUNTY: Tuscaloosa	CODE: 125
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Southside Baptist Church

STREET AND NUMBER: 2300 17th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Tuscaloosa	STATE: Alabama	CODE: 01
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Probate Office, Tuscaloosa County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: 714 Greensboro Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Tuscaloosa	STATE: Alabama	CODE: 01
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: HABS

DATE OF SURVEY: 1935 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D. C.	CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Drish House is a two story brick structure combining Italianate motifs with the Classic Revival style. There are two porticos. The front one having a central three story tower flanked by two Ionic columns on either side and the rear having a colonnade of six Doric columns. Originally, there were galleries behind both porticos and cast iron balconies on the sides of this square house, as well as a narrow balcony around the tower, but all have been removed. The cornice around the house was at one time adorned with scrolled supports but today they are present only on the tower. All openings on the tower are arched and the main entrance of the house is inside the arches of the tower's first floor. This, the north facade, has lost much of its original ornamentation. The Doric south facade, has a simple entrance with double doors and a transom. All original window sashes have been replaced with large two-paned sashes. Both upstairs and down two windows flank the tower north facade, on the south the same pattern is repeated with a center window over the rear entrance in place of the tower. On the west side of the house a large brick three story sanctuary - educational building has been added and a one story building has been added to the east.

Inside, there is a wide hall from front to rear with a new staircase replacing the original "double horseshoe" stair.

Both floors have four large rooms 25 X 25 and a hall, with the tower room opening onto the upstairs hall. Originally there was a wing to the southeast that housed the kitchen and dining room. The building has a hip roof and the four chimneys were removed when this roof was last repaired. There were originally 8 fireplaces, one in all major rooms of the house, but all have been covered over and the mantels removed.

This building has been altered greatly, but still retains much of its original beauty.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Drish House was built about 1830 by Dr. John R. Drish. Drish had married a wealthy widow and nothing was spared in the construction of their new home. It was the center of activity for Drish's 80 acre farm as well as his many business ventures. Tragedy plagued the Drish family for years. A daughter of Drish's went insane because of a lost lover; a niece was murdered; and Dr. Drish himself died after a fall down the great staircase. Since these tragic years, ghost stories have surrounded the history of this home. Later residents of the house were the Lilley and Snedecor families, and Judge and Mrs. W. C. Cochrane, who made it their home for many years. In 1906 the Jemison School was housed in the building. Tuscaloosa Wrecking Company occupied the building from 1925 until 1938 when the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education purchased it. Southside Baptist Church bought the house in 1943 and it is still serving this group.

The Drish House is a very unique specimen of architecture in this area. It's two porticoes and it's tower set the building much apart from the other homes of the mansion class in West Alabama. The combination of Italianate and Classical Revival styles in this structure is interesting and is an excellent example of the blending of the two popular styles.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Windham, Kathryn Tucker. Thirteen Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey.
Huntsville, Alabama: Strode Publishers, 1969.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Gregory B. Free**

ORGANIZATION: **Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society** DATE: **July 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P. O. Box 1665**

CITY OR TOWN: **Tuscaloosa** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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