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John A. Denton Home, built in 1893 - Jackson Co. Site #55

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Box 6
ITEM 54

JOHN A. DENTON HOME
Jk. Co. Bp. Site #55
201 Olcott Avenue, Bridgeport

#55

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: ALABAMA
COUNTY: JACKSON
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: DATE:

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
COMMON: John A. Denton home
AND/OR HISTORIC: John A. Denton home

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: 201 Olcott Avenue
CITY OR TOWN: Bridgeport,
STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Jackson CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Object			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: John A. Denton (Mr. & Mrs.)
STREET AND NUMBER: 201 Olcott Ave.,
CITY OR TOWN: Bridgeport, STATE: Alabama CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. (block #77 lots 10 to 12
Tax Assessor's Office " " " 22 to 24)
STREET AND NUMBER: Jackson County Courthouse
CITY OR TOWN: Scottsboro, STATE: Alabama CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: DATE:

Names:

Denton, John A., Mr.
& Mrs.

John A. Denton
Home

National Register of
Historic Places

Places:

Bridgeport, AL

Types:

application

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)
☐ Altered ☐ Unaltered ☐ Moved ☐ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

An excellent example of a house built in 1893, with tower, two balconies; frame, well-preserved; front doors 10 to 12 feet high, solid oak; inside unbelievably well preserved. No alterations have been made to the original structure; only paint removal and wood refinished.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Names:

National Register of
Historic Places

Types:

application

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JOHN A. DENTON HOME 7 Box 6
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Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: Alabama
COUNTY: Jackson
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: DATE:

1. NAME
COMMON: John A. Denton home
AND/OR HISTORIC: Old Witcher Home

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: 201 Olcott Avenue
CITY OR TOWN: Bridgeport, Ala.
STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Jackson CODE:

3. MAP REFERENCE
SOURCE:
SCALE:
DATE:

4. REQUIREMENTS
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: Alabama
COUNTY: Jackson
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: DATE:

1. NAME
COMMON: John A. Denton home
AND/OR HISTORIC: Old Witcher Home

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: 201 Olcott
CITY OR TOWN: Bridgeport,
STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Jackson CODE:

3. PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT:
DATE OF PHOTO:
NEGATIVE FILED AT:

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
on Battery Hill

GPO 921-737

Names:

John A. Denton
Home

Old Witcher Home

Places:

Bridgeport, AL

Types:

application

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Jk. Co. Sp. Site #55 278 m
201 Olcott Avenue, Bridgeport 54

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal ☐ Education ☐ Political ☐ Urban Planning
☐ Prehistoric ☐ Engineering ☐ Religion/Phil. ☐ Other (Specify) _____
☐ Historic ☐ Industry ☐ Ideology _____
☐ Agriculture ☐ Invention ☐ Science _____
☒ Architecture ☐ Landscape ☐ Sculpture _____
☐ Art ☐ Architecture ☐ Social/Human _____
☐ Commerce ☐ Literature ☐ Italian _____
☐ Communications ☐ Military ☐ Theater _____
☐ Conservation ☐ Music ☐ Transportation _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is said to have been designed by the world-famous architect, Stanford White(1). It still stands in it's original form, renovated only to the extent ~~in~~ of removing paint and re-finishing the natural wood. It was built in 1893(3). Very unusual for this part of the State. Was built during Bridgeport's "boom town" days. Should be preserved as a reminder of that era.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Names:

National Register of
Historic Places

Places:

Bridgeport, AL

Types:

application

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES					
(1) "A Pictorial Walk Thru Ole Hi Jackson", Hammer, 1968, p. _____ "In and Around Bridgeport," Carmichael and Lee, _____, p. _____ "The Memphis Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee _____					
(2) Interview with Mrs. Blakemore, mother of Mrs. Denton, Nov. 21, 1973, by Christine Sumner, at the Denton home. Mrs. Blakemore showed the home to C. Sumner					
(3) Ibid.					
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA					
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0 0 0	
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0 0 0	
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0 0 0	
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0 0 0	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: _____					
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES					
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE		
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE		
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE		
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE		
11. FORM PREPARED BY					
NAME AND TITLE: Christine Sumner, Historical Research Coordinator					
ORGANIZATION TARCOG			DATE May 8, 1974		
STREET AND NUMBER: Central Bank Building, Suite 350					
CITY OR TOWN: Huntsville,			STATE: Alabama		CODE
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 <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register. _____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation		
Name _____			Date _____		
Title _____			ATTEST:		
Date _____			_____ Keeper of The National Register		
			Date _____		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

GPO 901-087

Names:

Blakemore, Mrs.
Carmichael,

Denton, Mrs.
Hammer,

Lee,
Sumner, Christine

Types:

application

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TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.


Number as appears on your county map 55

1. Name of site or structure John A. Denton home

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) Battery Hill, Bridgeport, Ala.
201 Olcott Ave.

3. Description built in 1893, an excellent example of the period,
with tower, two balconies; frame, well-preserved.

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known Said to have been
designed by architect, Stanford White;
Block #77 lots 10-12; 22-24



Names:

John A. Denton
Home

White, Stanford

Places:

Bridgeport, AL

Types:

application

photograph

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Names:

John A. Denton

Sorrells,

Forbes,

Home

Bridgeport, AL

application

photograph

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8. Condition: excellent

9. Present Use: dwelling

10. Areas of Significance: This is one of the Stanford White turreted homes. Built in 1893. Front doors 10 to 12 feet high, solid oak; inside unbelievably well preserved; all original wood; huge sliding pocket doors(oak, carved) divide parlor and sitting room. At least 3 huge carved, ornate mantels, all refinished to the natural wood; inside untouched except for paint removal and wood refinishing. Most unusual. Ref: Visit to the home by Christine Sumner and interview by C. Sumner of Mrs. Blakemore, mother of Mrs. Denton (this home has been featured in several publications including MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL)

11. Architectural Description:



12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 2/23/74

Form HS-1
p. 2

Names:

Blakemore, Mrs.
Denton, Mrs.

John A. Denton
Home

Sumner, Christine
White, Stanford

Places:

Bridgeport, AL

Types:

application

photograph

Dates:

Feb 23, 1974

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TARCOG
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: JACKSON

Field Surveyors' Names: FORBES

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: SORRELLS

Date of Photograph: 2/23/74 View Description: _____

Roll Number: _____

Exposure Number: _____

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 33
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 33
(If there is a historical notes form filled in for this place, write it in the photograph number in the upper right-hand corner of this form in space provided).

Location (Word Description): 201 Olcott Ave. Battery Hill, Bridgeport, AL.

Owner or Occupant: John A. Denton
(Name, if known)

Address: Battery Hill, Bridgeport, AL.

TYPE of Structure: ☒ House ☐ Outbuilding ☐ Commercial
(where appropriate, ☐ Barn ☐ Industrial ☐ Other, describe
check one or more)

Apparent period of construction: ☐ Federal
☐ Greek Revival
☐ Mid-19th Century
☒ Latter 19th Century
☐ Early 20th Century

Apparent period of Additions:
(if appropriate) ☐ Federal
☐ Greek Revival
☐ Mid-19th Century
☐ Latter 19th Century
☐ Early 20th Century
☒ Later 20th Century (modern) Patio.

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: Home designed by Stanford White ca. 1890. Reported to have been restored in 1960.

Date of completion: 2/23/74 Form HS-2

Names:

Denton, John A.
Forbes,

John A. Denton
Home
Sorrells,

TARCOG Historical
Survey
White, Stanford

Places:

Bridgeport, AL

Types:

survey

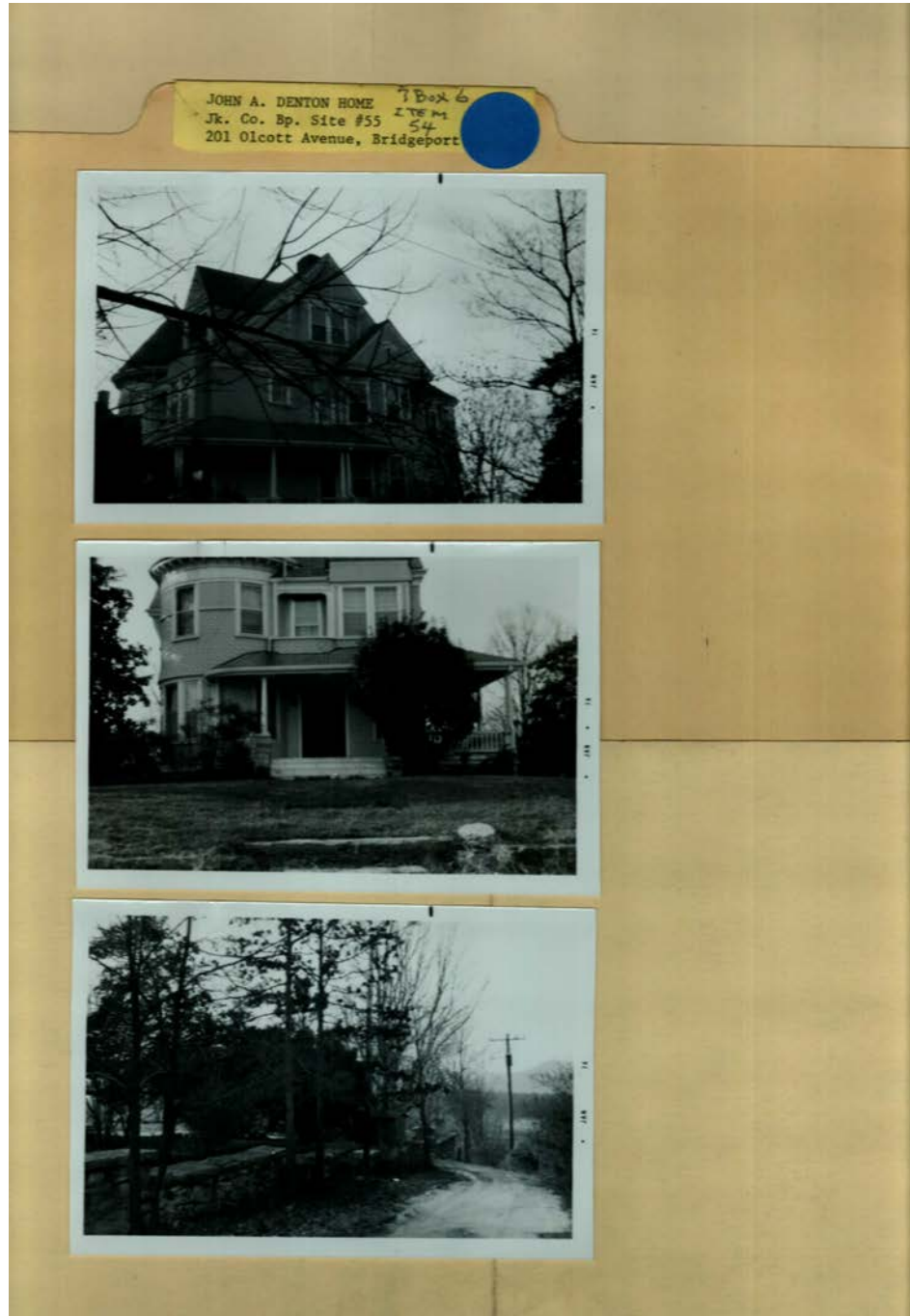
Dates:

Feb 23, 1974

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Names:

John A. Denton
Home

Places:

Bridgeport, AL

Types:

photograph

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Collection Scope and Content: The Collection of 114 Linear ft. includes a total of 156 Archival Boxes. The Frances Cabaniss Roberts collection covers the historical records of the Cabaniss Roberts family. This collection contains extensive correspondence records of the Cabaniss Roberts family circa 1830 to 1930.

Archives/Special Collections Access Restrictions: None

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