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"Winston Place," built in 1836 - DeKalb Co. - Valley Head

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ITEM 36

WINSTON PLACE  
DK. Co. Site #14  
Sec. 29, T5S, R10E; Valley Head

TARCOG  
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: Dekalb  
Field Surveyors' Names: Evans  
Booth  
Historical Notes Number: 10  
(Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: D-23 & D-24  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Winston Place

2. Location: U.S. 11 at Valley Head

3. Owner of Property: Haralson Hammond

4. Geographical Data: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Classification: Building  
Home

7. Integrity: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Names:**

Hammond, Haralson

TARCOG Historical  
Survey

Winston Place

**Places:**

Dekalb Co., AL

Valley Head, Dekalb  
Co., AL

**Types:**

form

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Sec. 29, T5S, R10E; Valley Head

8. Condition: Good

9. Present Use: Home

10. Areas of Significance:  
Built 1836, with hipped shingle roof.  
1763 - Used as headquarters for Federal troops under Col. Jefferson  
C. Davis.  
House has 44 windows.

11. Architectural Description:

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 3/22/74

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**Names:**

Winston Place

**Places:**

Valley Head, DeKalb  
Co., AL

**Types:**

form

**Dates:**

1836

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TARCOG  
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: Dekalb

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: Booth  
Forbes

Date of Photograph: 3/23/74 View Description: Winston Place  
-valley Head.

Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exposure Number: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 10  
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 10  
(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): U.S. 11 at Valley Head, Across R.R. tracks,  
1/2 block south of R.R. station

Owner or Occupant: Haralson Hammond  
(Name, if known)

Address: Valley Head, Alabama

TYPE of Structure:  House  Outbuilding  Commercial  
 Barn  Industrial  Other, describe

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

Apparent period of Additions:  Federal  
 Greek Revival  
 Mid-19th Century  
 Latter 19th Century  
 Early 20th Century  
 Later 20th Century (modern)

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of completion: 3/23/74 Form HS-2

**Names:**

Hammond, Haralson

TARCOG Historical  
Survey

Winston Place

**Places:**

Dekalb Co., AL

Valley Head, Dekalb  
Co., AL

**Types:**

form

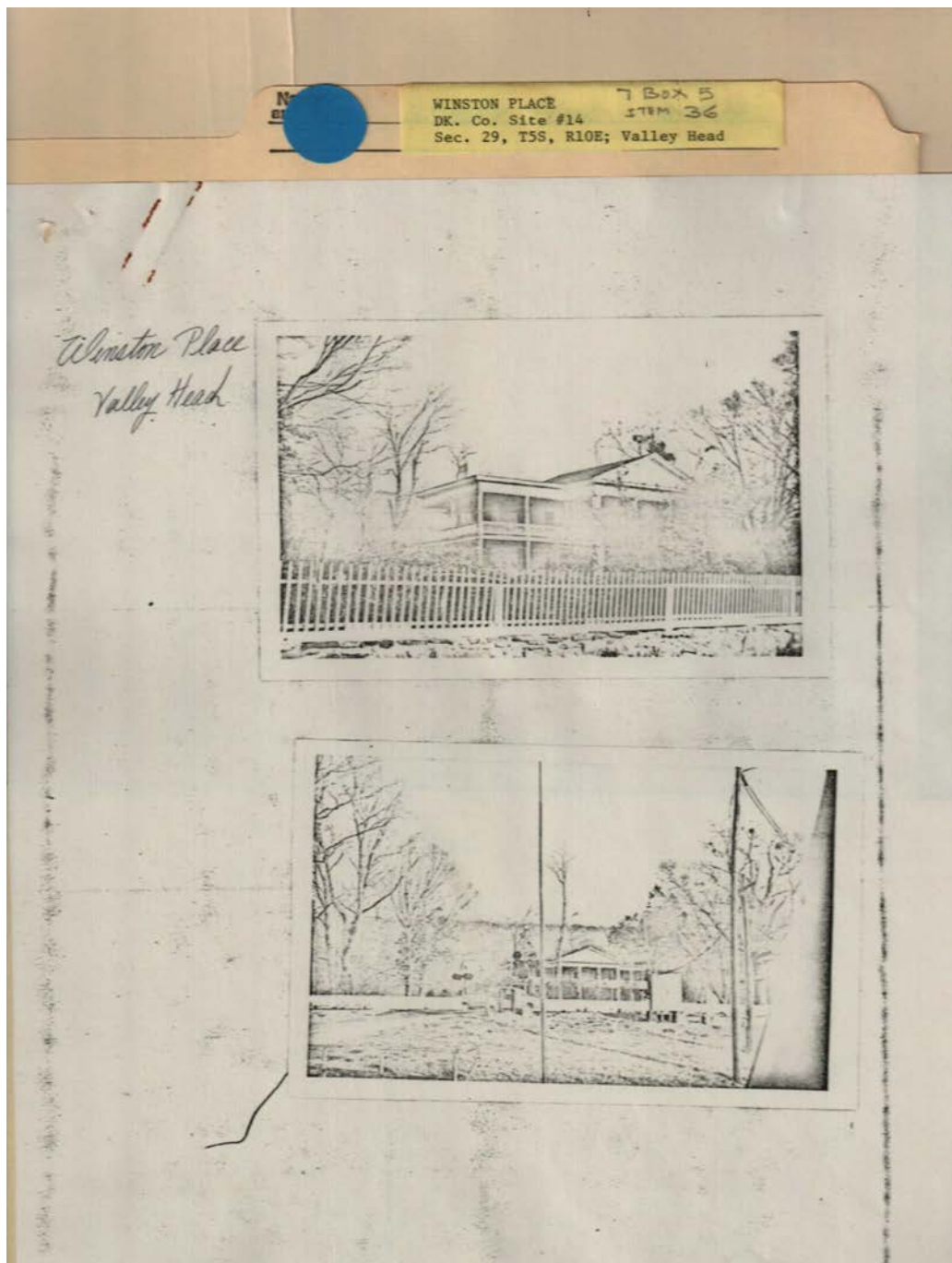
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Mar 23, 1974

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**Names:**

Winston Place

**Places:**

Valley Head, DeKalb  
Co., AL

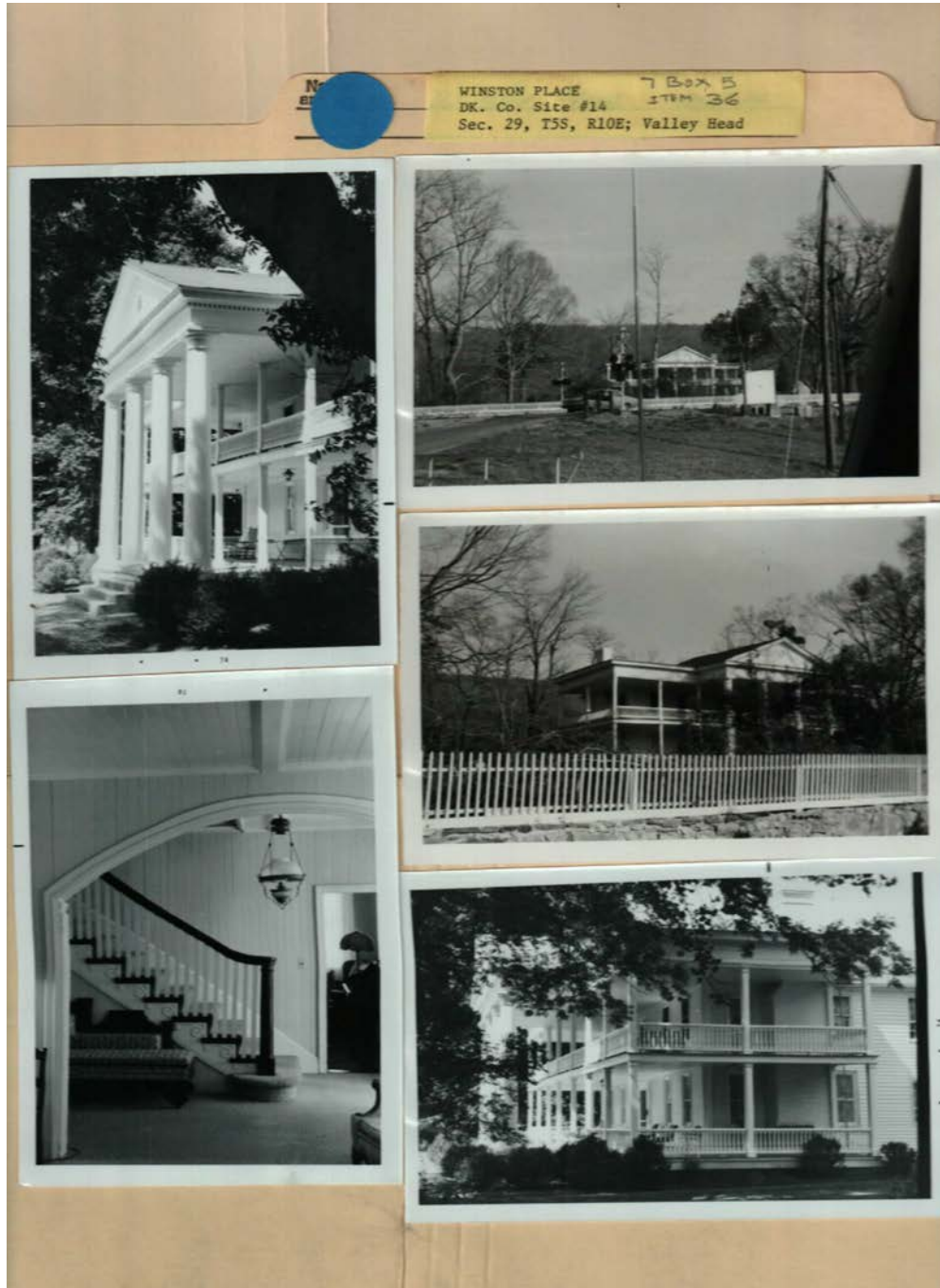
**Types:**

photographs

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**Names:**

Winston Place

**Places:**

Valley Head, DeKalb  
Co., AL

**Types:**

photographs

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ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: DeKalb  
Field Surveyors' Names: Evans  
Booth  
Historical Notes Number: 10  
(Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: D-23 & D-24  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Winston Place

2. Location: U.S. 11 at Valley Head


3. Owner of Property: Haralson Hammond

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage:

6. Classification: Building  
Door

7. Integrity:



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interior door

**Names:**

Hammond, Haralson

Winston Place

**Places:**

Valley Head, DeKalb  
Co., AL

**Types:**

form

photograph

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DK. Co. Site #14 ITEM 36  
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8. Condition: Good

9. Present Use: Home

10. Areas of Significance:  
Built 1836 with Federal style notes  
1963 - Used as headquarters for Federal troops under Col. Jefferson  
C. Davis  
Home for 44 years

11. Architectural Description:



12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 3/23/74

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**Names:**

Winston Place

**Places:**

Valley Head, DeKalb  
Co., AL

**Types:**

form

photograph

**Dates:**

1836

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Sec. 29, T5S, R10E; Valley Head

TARCOG  
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: DeKalb

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: Forbes

Date of Photograph: 3/22/74 View Description: Winston Place

Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_ -Valley Head

Exposure Number: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 10  
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 10  
(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): 0.5 MI at Valley Head Across RR tracks  
1/2 block south of RR station

Owner or Occupant: Hanson Howard  
(Name, if known)

Address: Valley Head, Alabama

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

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

Apparent period of Additions:  Federal  
 Greek Revival  
 Mid-19th Century  
 Latter 19th Century  
 Early 20th Century  
 Later 20th Century (modern)

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of completion: 3/22/74

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TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY  
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map 14

1. Name of site or structure Winston Place

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Description Building

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known The first known white settlers on the Valley Head area, Dr. James Overton, built a double log cabin, which later became the nucleus for Winston Place.

*William Overton Overton was born in Virginia in 1804, migrated to Tennessee and became a lawyer. In the 1830's he and his family settled in Bethon, the county seat of DeKalb County. Soon afterward Overton secured a 2,000 acre estate and built his permanent home at Valley Head near a large spring, the source of Wells Creek.*

*After several years of hauling heavy timbers, the twelve room house was constructed, with the aid of slave labor. The rooms all contained a fireplace and a number of windows (there were 94 windows in the house). The large kitchen was built separately on the back yard.*

*Later, three more rooms were added, the porches made deeper, and four massive Doric columns added to the front. This beautiful home became well known as a place of entertainment and hospitality.*

*In 1863, when 60,000 Union troops occupied Wells Valley for three weeks, 30,000 infantry camped around Winston Spring, led by a general named Jefferson C. Davis.*

**Names:**

Davis, Jefferson C.,  
Gen.  
Gardner, James, Dr.

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Survey  
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Winston, William  
Overton

**Places:**

DeKalb Co., AL

Valley Head, DeKalb  
Co., AL

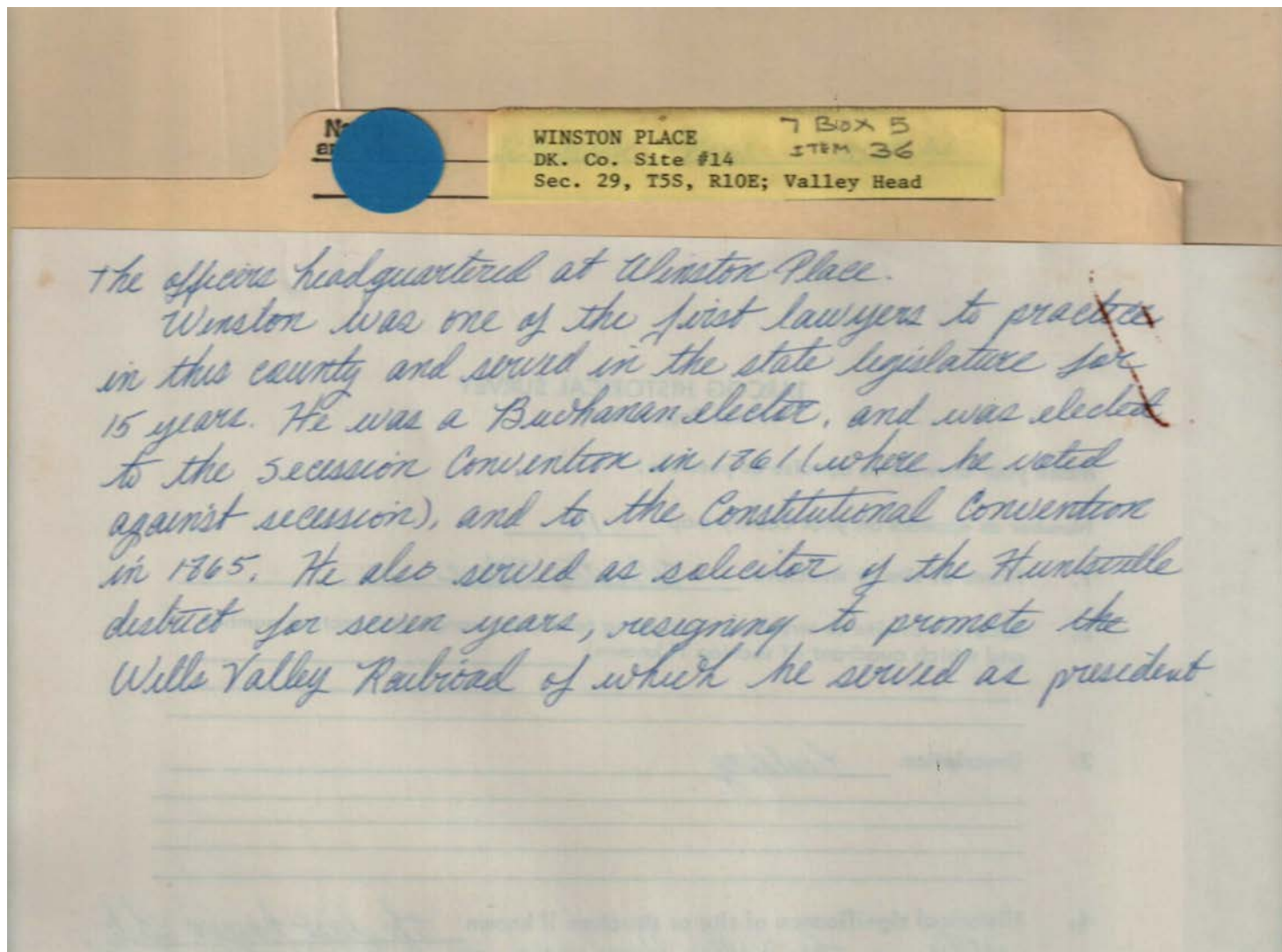
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Valley Head Railroad

Winston, William  
Overton

**Places:**

Valley Head, Dekalb  
Co., AL

**Types:**

form

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DK. Co. Site #14 STRM 36  
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Form 10-300 (July 1969) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Alabama  
COUNTY: DeKalb

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

**1. NAME**  
COMMON: Winston Place  
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: Valley Head  
STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: DeKalb CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted No: <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
OWNER'S NAME: Haralson Hammond  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: Valley Head STATE: Alabama CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: 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:**

Hammond, Haralson

National Register of  
Historic Places

Winston Place

**Places:**

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**Types:**

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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**Types:**

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**II. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD: (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 DATES: (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**Types:**

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1. Alabama Sunday Magazine, March 22, 1970

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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6. Pilgrimage of Homes, 1973 Pamphlet of Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc.

**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			O R
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	
Center	°	'	"	°	'	"	

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: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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**Names:**

Brewer, W.

Haagen, Victor B.

Hammond, Ralph

Winston Place

**Places:**

Valley Head, DeKalb  
Co., AL

**Types:**

nomination form

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# Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection

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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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