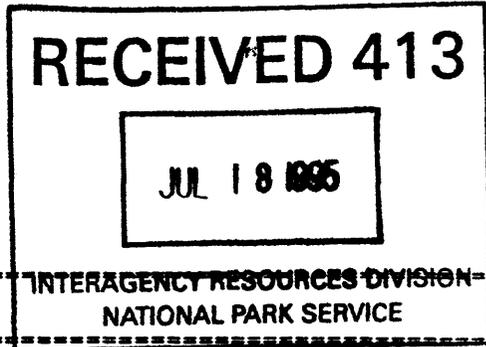


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Herzfeld, Reuben, House

other names/site number Herzfeld-Harpst-Payne House; Mistletoe Bough

2. Location

street & number 497 Hillabee Street not for publication n/a
city or town Alexander City vicinity n/a
state Alabama code AL county Tallapoosa code 123 zip code 35010

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] July 10, 1995
Signature of certifying official Date

Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall 8/22/95
Entered in the
National Register

[Signature] _____
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box.)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 3 </u>	<u> 1 </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u> 3 </u>	<u> 1 </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register n/a

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Domestic Hotel

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian/Queen Anne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Granite
roof Fiberglass
walls Wood

other Brick
Wood

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition on continuation sheet/s.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1890-1895

Significant Dates 1890-1895

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) n/a

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain significance on continuation sheet/s.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: Herzfeld, Reuben, House

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.46 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>16</u>	<u>598335</u>	<u>3645760</u>	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carlice E. & Jean H. Payne

organization N/A date March 3, 1995

street & number 497 Hillabee Street telephone 205-329-3717

city or town Alexander City state AL zip code 35010

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County and State Tallapoosa, Alabama

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Carlice E. & Jean H. Payne

street & number 497 Hillabee Street telephone 205-329-3717

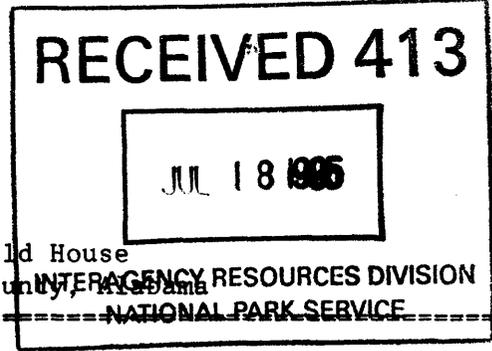
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Reuben Herzfeld House
Tallapoosa County, Alabama
INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



MATERIALS:

foundation: brick

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Herzfeld House, constructed 1890-1895, is a three-story, wood frame house designed in the Free Classical Queen Anne style and is located on Hillabee Street in Alexander City. The Herzfeld House sits on approximately 1.5 acres and is quite unique in that it is situated on a hill. Therefore, when coming from the sidewalk, one is walking and looking upward towards the house. The Herzfeld sidewalk leads upward from the street sidewalk to the wide steps of the front porch. The house is encircled by a sidewalk which then continues to the rear of the property and turns west (this sidewalk at one time led to the Frohsins' house which no longer exists). Traces of the carriage run still exist. On the east side of the yard is an approximately four foot lily pond which was recently uncovered (it had been covered up for about 50 years) and is presently being incorporated into the landscape plan. The original drain is still operable. By the lily pond is a flower arbor with concrete benches separated by a marble floor. Going from the back of the house to the outhouse, one goes down a sidewalk lined with a three foot rock wall and passes under about twenty feet of the grape arbor. From the sidewalk to the property line was a garden area (part of which is currently being planted). Rock walls line many of the sidewalks with large stones being used for the walls. Much of the yard is terraced. The yard has approximately 30 to 40 camellia bushes, 7 pecan trees, azaleas, twin magnolia trees, monkey pine trees, an oak tree reputedly over 100 years old, gardenia bushes and countless other flowers with numerous old fruit trees. The property is surrounded by the original iron fence. On the back part of the property is the original outhouse, the greenhouse and a garage of late construction. The Herzfeld House, the outhouse and the greenhouse are counted as contributing elements and the garage is a noncontributing element.

The asymmetry of the Herzfeld House is its most distinguishing feature. The house is clad in eight inch wood boards, lapped two inches. The steep, complex roof is on a 12/12 pitch and has five gables (with returns), four brick chimneys and the four original, porcelain brass lightning rods. The roof was originally clad in cedar shakes but now has fiberglass roofing. There are a variety of window styles but the majority are 1/1 double hung sash. Most of the window panes are original.

The front facade of the Herzfeld House features a projecting, three sided, two-and-one-half story, gabled bay on one corner and a multi-sided turret crowned by a bell-shaped roof with finial on the opposite corner. This facade also has a one story, wraparound porch that extends across the facade and continues to about the middle of each side elevation. At the same corner as the turret, the porch has a gazebo-like, circular section capped by a conical roof with a round finial. The porch also features paired Tuscan columns resting on brick piers. Located in the front porch area is a frontispiece consisting of a single-leaf, panelled wood door with an etched glass window, a stained glass transom and stained glass sidelights. Above this entrance, on the second story, is a two bay wide balcony featuring paired Tuscan columns on brick piers and a balustrade. In the balcony area is a 1/1 double hung sash window and a frontispiece similar in configuration to the one on the first floor.

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On one side elevation, the wraparound porch terminates at a projecting, three-sided, two-and-one-half story, gabled bay. Towards the rear of this elevation, two pairs of French doors open onto a modern deck with a lattice work railing. A small, two-bay-wide balcony is located above these French doors on the second story. Its treatment is similar to that of the front balcony. On the other side elevation, the wraparound porch terminates at a two-and-one-half story, gabled bay.

The rear elevation is crowned by twin gables at the roofline. An original gabled wing is set off center and encompassed by a one story, wraparound porch that is partially enclosed and screened in. Another gabled wing extends to the side at the other corner of the elevation.

The first two stories of the house have a central hall plan. The uppermost story is an attic.

The first floor has the ladies' parlor, the gentlemen's parlor, the formal dining room, the informal dining room, the kitchen, the storage/utility room, a bedroom, the sitting room/den, the master bath and a half bath. Some of the main rooms downstairs feature panelled, wood wainscoting, oak parquet floors, oak mantels and/or brass chandeliers. The front foyer also has a fanciful frieze screen and a staircase with a panelled newel post and heavy balustrade. Pocket doors on each side of the front foyer open into parlors. The gentlemen's parlor features panelled wainscoting, a tongue and groove, beaded board ceiling and the original, interior shutters at the windows. It also has an oak mantel and its original brass chandelier with glass globes. The ladies' parlor has plaster walls, an oak mantel and a brass chandelier with glass globes. A second set of pocket doors provide access from the ladies' parlor to the formal dining room. This room has panelled wainscoting, the oak parquet floors and a tongue and groove, beaded board ceiling. The informal dining room's walls were sheetrocked, possibly in the 1950s. The windows that were installed at that time have been recently replaced by two pairs of French doors. The kitchen has been renovated. The rear foyer has a staircase that meets the front foyer staircase at a landing. The downstairs bedroom has a tongue and groove, beaded board ceiling, an oak mantel and the original interior shutters on the windows.

The second floor has four bedrooms, three bathrooms and a sitting room. The design elements of the major rooms include tongue and groove ceilings, oak or cast iron mantels, the original brass chandeliers and the interior shutters. The attic is accessed by a staircase in the rear of the central hall. The attic is completely floored with small windows on the south (front), west and east elevations of the house.

After years of neglect, the Herzfeld House, designed in the Free Classical Queen Anne style, has been meticulously rehabilitated by Carlice and Jean Payne. It is once again a prominent landmark and a source of pride for the community of Alexander City.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPONENT

Although no formal archaeological survey has been made of the Herzfeld House property, the potential for subsurface remains may be high. Buried portions may contain significant information that may be useful in interpreting the entire property.

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Reuben Herzfeld House
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Reuben Herzfeld House, constructed from 1890 to 1895, is a locally significant example of the Free Classical Queen Anne style in Alexander City, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. It retains a high degree of architectural integrity and also historic integrity in terms of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C with the area of significance being Architecture.

The house is believed to have been designed by an architect from Auburn for the Reuben Herzfeld family. It was used as a single family residence and remained in the Herzfeld family until it was purchased by Carlice and Jean Harpst Payne in August 1993. The house will continue to be a family residence and will also function as "Mistletoe Bough", a bed and breakfast inn.

The Queen Anne style of architecture was commonly applied to residential design around the turn of the century and held a special significance in the South. Rarely seen in rural areas, the Queen Anne style was popular among the professional class in the cities and the towns. The style symbolized the transfer of power and influence from the Southern planters to the growing, urban middle class.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY:

In 1872, well before the Reuben Herzfeld House was constructed, several Methodists and Baptists gathered at the Herzfeld site and conducted a two week revival. Later that year, the Methodists acquired a minister and began meeting in a one room school house on the same hill (Kelley, Tallapoosa County).

Alexander City received its charter in 1873. Three years later, a young German immigrant named Reuben Herzfeld (1842-1913) settled in the community. His and the town's futures were to be inextricably entwined (Kelly, Alexander City and No Author Cited, History of Alabama).

Reuben Herzfeld was born at Helmarshausen, Germany and came to this country at age seventeen with five dollars in his pocket. He lived and worked in Pennsylvania and Opelika, Lee County before coming to Alexander City. He and his brother Marcus opened a mercantile business and prospered. Reuben became a prominent citizen and was involved in a variety of business and civic activities. He helped organize the first cotton mill in the community, established and was president of the first bank in town, served as president of the Bank of West Point and as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Swift Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia. Herzfeld assisted every church in Alexander City. Additionally, he was the driving force behind a successful project to solicit subscriptions for the construction of a new courthouse in Alexander City. The Opelika Daily News reported that "Alexander City is the only place in the United States that boasts a house of justice--court house--complete in every department and as neat and handsome as any in the state, that was built entirely by private subscriptions" (Kelly, Alexander City and No Author Cited, History of Alabama).

Reuben Herzfeld returned to Germany to marry Julia Hagedorn. The Herzfeld family's Queen Anne residence, constructed in the 1890s, symbolized their prosperity and social standing in the community of Alexander City (No Author Cited, History of Alabama).

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Beginning at an iron pin at the SW corner of the H. Herzfeld lot shown as Lot 8, Block K, of the R. O. Dykes of Alexander City, Alabama, recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Tallapoosa County, Alabama, in Plat Book 1, page 129; Thence proceed North 14 degrees 23'30" East a distance of 194.17' to a concrete marker; thence proceed North 15 degrees 34'02" East a distance of 115.54' to a concrete marker; thence proceed South 68 degrees 52'42" East a distance of 192.09' to a concrete marker; thence proceed South 10 degrees 06'09" West a distance of 314.45' to a point on the north right-of-way line of Hillabee Street, in Alexander City, Alabama; thence proceed North 68 degrees 39'46" West along the said north right-of-way line of Hillabee Street a distance of 218.26 feet to the point of beginning; containing 1.46 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Section 27, Township 23 North, Range 21 East, Tallapoosa County, Alabama.

Being the property known as the Herzfeld Homestead. . . .

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

These are the boundaries currently associated with the property.

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Reuben Herzfeld House
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

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PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 1) Reuben Herzfeld House
- 2) Alexander City, Tallapoosa County, Alabama
- 3) Photographer: Jean Harpst Payne
- 4) March 1995
- 5) Location of Negatives: Alabama Historical Commission

The above information refers to all the photographs submitted. Below is a listing of the photographs with descriptions and numbers that correspond to the numbers on the photographs.

- #1 Arbor and Lily Pond, camera facing W
- #2 Front Facade and Side Elevation, camera facing NE
- #3 West elevation of House, camera facing E
- #4 Front Facade, camera facing N
- #5 Rear Elevation, camera facing S
- #6 Main Entrance to House (Front Balcony Entrance is the same), camera facing N
- #7 East Elevation, camera facing NW
- #8 Ladies' Parlor, camera facing NW
- #9 Gentlemen's Parlor, camera facing S
- #10 Gentlemen's Parlor (looking towards Ladies Parlor, camera facing W
- #11 Dining Room Fireplace
- #12 Panelled Wainscoting and Parquet Floors in Dining Room
- #13 Dining Room Ceiling, camera facing up
- #14 First Floor Front Foyer, camera facing N
- #15 Staircase in Front Foyer, camera facing NW
- #16 Second Floor Front Foyer, camera facing N
- #17 Upstairs Bedroom Fireplace
- #18 Another Upstairs Bedroom Fireplace
- #19 Staircase in First Floor Back Foyer, camera facing S
- #20 Stairs Leading to Attic from Second Floor Back Foyer
- #21 Upstairs Back Room (originally nanny's room)
- #22 Kitchen