

SAM FARKAS ESTATE, HOUSE
306 Mercer Avenue
Albany
Dougherty County
Georgia

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Georgia	COUNTY Dougherty	TOWN OR VICINITY Albany
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Sam Farkas Estate (Tax Records)		HABS NO. GA-1175-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Not Applicable		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 306 Mercer Avenue, Albany, Georgia		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1915+ Tax Records and Underwriters Map Association 1919, Map No. 52	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Significant for its association with the development of the black residential community in Albany, Georgia. Building is included within an intact row of early 20th century residences in this part of the city and contains an example of a vernacular house form typical of black housing of that era.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early 20th Century vernacular - double "shotgun"		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Light-wood frame structure with pine floors and sheet metal, hip-styled roof.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular shape; 36' x 45'; 1 story duplex (see attached sketch)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Hip roof with a front central gable with a vent window; recessed front porch is supported by plain posts; plain door and window framing with six over six windows; two interior brick chimneys, and recessed back porches located in southwest and southeast corners.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Consists of three rooms per unit (see attached sketches), with pine floors and wood interior walls.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Bathrooms were enlarged for both units, 7-22-76.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Poor, severely dilapidated. This vacant residential building has been condemned by Inspection Department.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation for this structure was prepared by Albany Metropolitan Planning Commission and Thronateeska Heritage Foundation, Albany, Ga., in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Property Record Cards, Dougherty County Tax Department; determined eligible for National Register of Historic Places.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eric Montgomery, Director Thronateeska Heritage Foundation Albany, Georgia		DATE Mary A. Teter, Planner Albany Metro Planning Comm. Albany, Georgia 5-20-82

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