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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

S. G. Atkins House (Slater Industrial Academy Residences of Columbian Heights)

AND/OR COMMON (Thematic Nomination)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

346 Atkins Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Winston-Salem

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

VICINITY OF

STATE

North Carolina

CODE
037

COUNTY

Forsyth

CODE

067

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

OTHER APARTMENTS

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Irma Lee Banks

STREET & NUMBER

346 Atkins Street

CITY, TOWN

Winston-Salem

VICINITY OF

STATE

North Carolina

27101

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Forsyth County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Winston-Salem

STATE

North Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1917-1925</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Atkins House is a two-story frame house three bays wide with frame additions in the rear. Its form and simplicity are typical of thousands built in the state in the late nineteenth century. The house is carried on a brick foundation laid in eight course and six course common bond. A central gable and a hip-roofed porch occur on the facade, and the north elevation of the original portion of the house features a bay window. The Atkins House has primarily six-over-six sash windows. The roof is pierced by a single rear, central corbeled brick chimney.

The rear wing of the Atkins House is a gabled addition with a two-story hip-roofed porch. Because of the topographical nature of the lot, the ground slopes toward the rear of the house. The first story of the porch shelters the entrance to a full basement while the main rear entrance to the addition is found on the second story.

According to the present owner, who acquired the Atkins House in 1963, the house was converted to apartment use in 1951 and continues to serve as such today. Because of the extensive remodeling done at that time, most of the interior fabric of the house was lost. The interior is now sheathed in sheetrock and commercial paneling, but retains the original plain board surrounds and narrow plain baseboards. The doors vary between four, five, and six raised panel designs with some exceptions of two flat panel types.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

JUN 7 1979

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

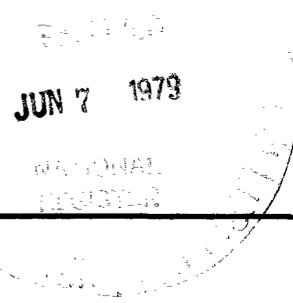
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Atkins House was built by Dr. Simon Green Atkins in 1893, the first house to be constructed in the Columbian Heights neighborhood of the city of Winston-Salem. Atkins was the founder of the Slater Industrial Academy in 1892 and envisioned a nearby community which would provide the opportunity for middle-class blacks to own their own homes rather than living in the overcrowded conditions of the area of the city traditionally assigned to the black population. As the head of a new and struggling educational institution, Atkins also saw that such an area would be a great inducement for the attraction of professional teachers for the school.

A native of Chatham County, North Carolina, Atkins graduated from St. Augustine's College of Raleigh in 1884. Atkins came to Winston-Salem in 1890 as the principal of the Depot Street Grade School after serving on the faculty of Salisbury's Livingstone College for six years. Dr. Atkins was the most prominent resident of the Columbian Heights neighborhood if only for his efforts in the founding of Slater Industrial Academy and the establishment of Columbian Heights. Atkins' additional community activities included his involvement in the establishment of the Columbian Heights High School and the founding of the Slater School Hospital, the first for blacks in Winston-Salem; Atkins was also a charter member of the North Carolina Negro Teachers Association when he was eighteen years old. Atkins' greatest achievement, however, was the establishment of the Slater Industrial Academy, later Winston-Salem State University, which he served as president from 1892 until shortly before his death on June 28, 1934.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Group Nomination Form



10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 city lot/less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES Winston-Salem East Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

A	1 7	5 6 9 4 0 0	3 9 9 4 2 6 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

One city lot located at 346 Atkins Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David W. Parham, survey specialist

ORGANIZATION Survey & Planning Branch

DATE

North Carolina Division of Archives and History

April 25, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

109 East Jones Street

TELEPHONE

919-733-6545

CITY OR TOWN

Raleigh

STATE

North Carolina 27611

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE xx

LOCAL xx

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE May 10, 1979

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Bill Ubrich

DATE July 22, 1979

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST *Carl A. Duke*

DATE 7/20/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER