

Talladega College, Swayne Hall
Talladega
Talladega County
Alabama

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE ALABAMA		COUNTY TALLADEGA COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY TALLADEGA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) TALLADEGA COLLEGE, SWAYNE HALL			HABS NO. AL-764
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1857		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Talladega College was one of the few black colleges that pursued a strong liberal arts education during the late 19th and early 20th centuries when vocationalism dominated black education. Swayne Hall was constructed in 1857 for a Baptist (continued on page 2)			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick. Wood roof truss.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular shape.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 3-story pedimented portico with fluted Doric columns, metopes and triglyphs (the last two elements are also used on the box cornice surrounding the remainder of the building); gable roof; pilasters on side elevations; balconies with cast-iron railings on second and third stories on both front and rear elevations; front and rear twin door (con't. on page 2)			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior trim is generally simple (corner blocks on door surrounds, wood wainscoting, etc). Spiral stairways			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES No major alterations done to the exterior and interior. Exterior remains the same. With the exception of the installation of modern heating and lighting systems, the original interior including floor plan has been retained.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition in most cases.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places. Nomination form for Talladega College (now filed with National Historic Landmarks division).			
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men's college by slaves, and was purchased in 1867 by the American Missionary Association, as Talladega College. Many of the school's alumni went on to graduate schools and became professionals (doctors, lawyers, architects, etc). They were among the well-educated blacks who helped create the new black middle class. Some later became involved in the civil rights movement. This building is a National Historic Landmark.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE:

entrances each have a triglyph-decorated entablature, a transom and a pair of sidelights.