**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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**TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**

### 1 NAME

**HISTORIC**

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

(Thematic Nomination)

### 2 LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

346 Atkins Street

**CITY, TOWN**

Winston-Salem

**STATE**

North Carolina

**CODE**

037

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Fifth

**COUNTY**

Forsyth

**CODE**

067

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

**NAME**

Mrs. Irma Lee Banks

**STREET & NUMBER**

346 Atkins Street

**CITY, TOWN**

Winston-Salem

**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**

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

**CITY, TOWN**

**STATE**
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.
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.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Group Nomination Form

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

UTM REFERENCES: Winston-Salem East Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

ZONE EASTING NORTHING ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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

FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION: Survey & Planning Branch

STATE: North Carolina Division of Archives and History

STREET & NUMBER: 109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh

DATE: April 25, 1979

TELEPHONE: 919-733-6545

STATE: North Carolina

COUNTY: 27611

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

DATE: May 10, 1979

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: 

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER