

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA  
 ALABAMA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

NO. 3

I. IDENTIFICATION	PROPERTY NAME: Morgan-Curtis House ✓	HISTORIC NAME: Morgan House
	STREET ADDRESS: 1815 Abbott Drive ✓	CITY: Phenix City COUNTY: Russell
	PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Virgil C. Curtis, Sr.	MAILING ADDRESS: 1815 Abbott Drive
	CITY: Phenix City	STATE: Alabama ZIP CODE: 36867
	CURRENT USE: Residence	ACREAGE: Less than one acre
	U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Phenix City	U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16 686200 3593860
	V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 57-05-05-15-2-204-JJ-41 - See ATTACHED MAP	
II. DESCRIPTION	ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Neo-Classical; two stories, rectangular floor plan with two story porch on north and east facade, rusticated concrete block foundation two interior chimneys, flat roof; weatherboard frame construction, composition roof, porch, columns of rusticated concrete block; main facade of house is five bays wide with a central trabeated entrance flanked on either side by two 6/9 double hung sash windows, second floor has three bays which are double leafed doors, two story porch wraps around two sides of the house, with sections of it enclosed to serve as sunrooms, columns support a frieze and cornice interior has central hall four up/four down room plan; situated on top of a hill in a setting of large hardwoods, pines, and ornamental shrubs; in rural area; good condition.	
III. HISTORY	ORIGINAL OWNER: Dr. David E. Morgan	ORIGINAL USE: Residence
	ARCHITECT/BUILDER: N/A	HISTORIC ACREAGE: N/A
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1904	DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Originally had only a front porch, in 1914 porch changed to encircle house and entrance placed on northeast corner.
	HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): In 1904, Dr. David Elias Morgan, originally from Monmouthshire, Wales, purchased the materials of a partially burned house on the west side of Lower Broad Street, in Columbus. He moved the timber, windows, doors, hardware, and entrances to a hill in Girard, and from the materials of this 1840's house constructed the existing structure. Originally Morgan had a medical practice in Columbus, but in 1914 he converted the second floor of his home into a sanatorium for the treatment of out-of-town patients. The hill on which the house was built originally had a log house. The present owner of the house is the daughter of David Morgan.	
IV. SIGNIFICANCE	N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:	Local History LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
	STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL):	
	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>LOCAL</u></p> HISTORY: This home is significant locally as the first home used as a medical clinic in Phenix City. Patients were treated on the second floor of the building. The house is associated with the Morgan family, particularly Dr. David Morgan, who was one of the leading doctors in the area.	
V. SOURCES	FORM PREPARED BY: Nancy Alexander	ORGANIZATION: Lower Chattahoochee APDC
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	REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Alabama Inventory, 1970 to present. Depository for Records: Alabama Historical Commission, 725 Monroe St., Montgomery, AL. SOURCES OF INFORMATION: "Alabama's Tapestry of Historical Places," Alabama Historical Commission, 1978.	



PHOTOGRAPHER: Nancy Alexander

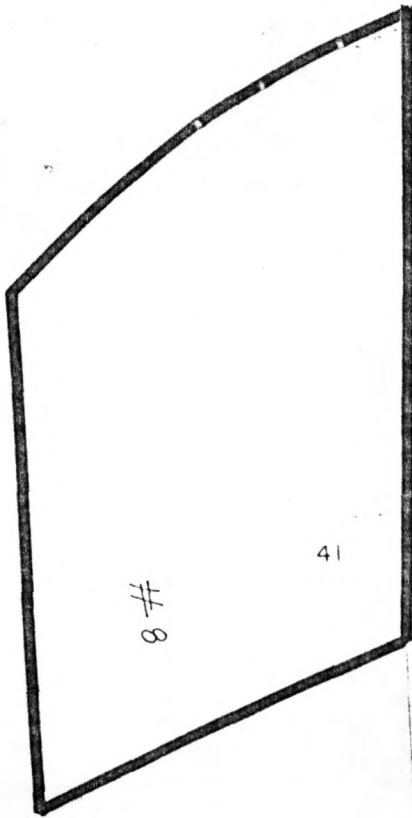
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DIRECTION PHOTOGRAPHER FACING: Southwest

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Morgan Curtis House  
1815 Abbott Drive



ABBOTT DRIVE

AVENUE

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SEVENTEENTH

EDNA STREET

EIGHTEENTH

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TWELFTH STREET

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