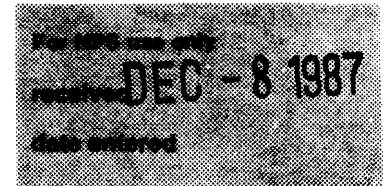


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Property: Senator Edward C. Walthall House (Historic)  
Walthall-Townes House (Common) Classification: Building

Owner: Dr. R.B. Townes, 950 Dogwood Drive, Grenada, MS 38901.

Location: 73 College Boulevard, Grenada, MS

Contributing Buildings: 3

Non-Contributing Buildings: (1 Non-Contributing Structure - Shed)

Description:

The Walthall-Townes House is a one-story frame residence built in 1856. When the house was purchased in 1871 by Edward Walthall the Eastlake design porch was added along with new rear wings. The main facade is dominated by the porch which extends across the facade. The porch features square columns, a milled railing and extensive vergeboard brackets. The main entrance has a ca. 1900 glass and frame door with a single light transom and leaded glass sidelights. Windows on the original section are six-over-six sash with architrave molding. The house has a gable roof with a ca. 1870 gable peak on the main facade.

The added wings at the rear of the house have six-over-six sash windows with simple moldings. These wings also have original doors and gable roofs. On the east facade is an added ca. 1970 frame garage attached to the one-story wing. At the rear of the house a shed roof addition was added at the upper floor which is not visible from the main facades. The interior of the house has not been greatly altered and features both original Greek Revival and added Eastlake decoration.

In addition to the main house there are also three significant outbuildings. The largest structure is a one-story frame kitchen or servant's quarters building built ca. 1875. This structure has a central brick chimney and original frame doors. Also at the rear is a small ca. 1875 one-story well house with decorative posts and lattice work in the gable. Both buildings are contributing in the property boundary. Also on the property is a ca. 1920 frame shed which was built outside the period for the property's significance and is included as a non-contributing structure.

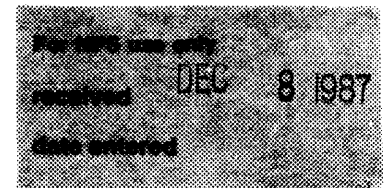
Period of Significance: 1871-1898

Area of Significance: Government/Politics

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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Statement of Significance:

The Walthall-Townes House was built in 1856 and was originally a Greek Revival style cottage. The original builder and owner is unknown. The house was purchased in 1871 by Edward C. Walthall, a noted Confederate general and Mississippi politician. Walthall lived in the house from 1871 until his death in 1898.

Edward C. Walthall was born in Virginia in 1831 and at age ten moved with his family to Holly Springs, Mississippi. In 1852, Walthall began practicing law in Coffeerville and became a prominent attorney. At the outset of the Civil War Walthall was elected first lieutenant of the Yalobusha Rifles which became part of the 15th Mississippi regiment. Walthall quickly rose in rank and was appointed brigadier-general in 1862 and given command of a Mississippi brigade. Walthall's brigade was heavily involved at Chickamauga and Chattanooga. In fighting on Lookout Mountain Walthall was wounded and much of his brigade was captured. Walthall and his brigade later fought in the Atlanta and Nashville campaigns.

At the end of the war, Walthall returned to Coffeerville and resumed his law practice. In 1871, Walthall moved to Grenada and purchased this house on College Boulevard. Walthall renovated the home by adding a new porch on the main facade and rear wings. Through his law practice Walthall became allied with L.Q.C. Lamar and was actively involved in Mississippi politics in the Reconstruction era. In 1885, Walthall was elected U.S. Senator from Mississippi and served in the senate until his death in 1898. During his years as senator Walthall continued to reside in his Grenada residence when not in Washington. After Walthall's death in 1898 the house was purchased by Dr. R.B. Townes, a prominent Grenada physician. His descendants continue to occupy the house.

Acreage: Approx. .5 acre.

UTM References: Grenada Quad: 16/240360/3740875

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the Walthall-Townes House is shown as lot 9 in the Snider Survey on accompanying Grenada County Tax Map 262 which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'. The boundary is drawn to include all property historically associated with the house. The boundary includes three contributing buildings and one non-contributing structure (shed).

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Walthall-Townes House Property Location

Grenada County Tax Map 262, lot 9  
in the Snider Survey.  
Scale - 1" = 100'

