22. WILLIAM PERKINS HOUSE 89 Spencer Street

Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Browder 89 Spencer Street Eutaw, Alabama 35462

Lot #104

Tax Map: 35-18-08-33-4-1-4 and 8

1.58 acres (30'Spencer x 328'

x 211')

Latitude: 32° 50' 15"

Longitude: 87° 53' 11"

Late 1850's

Architect/builder: unknown

SIGNIFICANCE: Like its sister buildings (Coleman-Banks & Edwin Reese houses), this is an elegant adaptation of the earlier house form to the Greek Revival Mansion. Its extraordinarily high platform of its first floor coupled with its tall fluted Ionic columns gives it an elegant air.

DECRIPTION: The building is elevated considerably higher than either the Coleman Banks House or the Reese House, for which reason there is a banister railing around the platform of the portico. It is of wood, whereas the railing to the balcony over the frontispiece has a cast-iron guard. The plan of the house resembles that just seen in the Reese house except that the parlors (with folding rather than sliding doors between them), and the dining room and its adjunct are in reversed positions. As in the nearby Hale and Reese houses, there seems to have been a tendency to put the dining room and its porch on the south side and the parlors on the north. Service stairs in the Perkins house ascend fron the room in the southwest corner to the chamber over it, as the main staircase blocks its connection with the upper hall. The newel post of this staircase is a baluster form. Doors have four panels similar to those at Kirkwood.

