

14. SAMUEL R. MURPHY HOUSE
1150 Mesopotamia St.

Mrs. Robert McQueen
1150 Mesopotamia St.
Eutaw, AL 35462

Tax Map 35-18-04-9

160 acres - see attached plat map

Latitude: 32° 51' 50"

Longitude: 87° 55' 7"

between 1850 and 1859
no major alterations

Architect/Builder unknown

SIGNIFICANCE: This is a very good example of the story-and-a-half Greek Revival Cottage with the terastyle portico.

DESCRIPTION: Externally the Murphy House resembles the Catlin Wilson and main block of the Stephen F. Hale houses, differing mainly in having octagonal piers to the portico and no chimneys on the flanks. Chimneys stand between each pair of rooms right and left, cutting awkwardly through the upper chambers. A major distinction inside is that there is a developed front hall, and the space behind widens in a room with windows flanking a center doorway, and from here rises the stairway to the upper story. A shallow, square-piered gallery survives on the rear of the house. It once had stairs at the north end descending to ground level, near whose foot is the entrance to the basement kitchen. A later kitchen was built level with the gallery back of the far end.

