

MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF GREENVILLE

BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name: Lane-Kendrick-Sherling House Owner: Mrs. Dan Sherling
 Common name: Lane-Kendrick-Sherling House 109 Fort Dale St.
 Address: 109 Fort Dale St. Greenville, Al. 36037
 Acreage: less than one acre UTM: 16/535/530-3521/520
 Verbal Boundary: Lot 2, Block 14, 276.1' x 360'

Architectural Design: Vernacular ←

Date of Construction: c 1850

Architect, Builder: unknown

Statement of Significance:

Criterion C - Architecture:

The Lane-Kendrick-Sherling House (c 1850) is Greenville's best local example of a one story, frame, raised Greek Revival cottage distinguished by a truncated pyramidal roof topped by a flat platform. Houses of this type are found in Alabama dating between 1840 and the 1870's. These houses are primarily seen along the southeastern and central railroad lines between Columbus, Georgia and Mobile, Alabama.

Integrity:

The Lane-Kendrick-Sherling House has retained its important exterior Greek Revival cottage form including its distinctive truncated pyramidal roof. Also still intact, is the original interior floor plan and the wide heart pine flooring. The interior cosmetic detailing, however, has been altered to include elements from other houses all over the state. These elements include ceiling cornices, architraves, window surrounds, plywood wall paneling, marble mantels, mahogany doors and chandeliers (see photo # 3 & 4).

Criterion B - Politics/Government:

The Judge L. M. Lane House is significant for its association with Judge L. M. Lane who served as Probate Judge of Butler County from 1886 thru 1892.

Description:

The Lane-Kendrick-Sherling House is a single story U-shaped, raised frame house with a truncated pyramidal roof topped with a flat platform. Across the entire front facade is a recessed porch supported by square columns with recessed paneled bases. The balustrade appears to be original and features the crow's foot or wheat sheaf design (see photo #7). The exterior paneled double leaf doors are not original and were obtained from a Victorian house in Birmingham. At the back of the house are two wings

running parallel to each other forming an open space in the middle. There is a shed roofed porch running around the sides of this open area.

The interior floor plan is original but much of the detailing has been added since c 1950. The walls have been paneled with plywood with elaborate wood molding which forms square and rectangular patterns simulating a recessed paneled effect (see photos #3 & 5). The interior doors have all been replaced with turn-of-the-century, single paneled, walnut doors. Some of the rooms have wooden cornices that was added at the same time as the paneling. Also included are Victorian mantels and chandeliers salvaged from houses demolished in Mobile and Montgomery.

Historical Summary:

The first record of the Judge L. M. Lane House indicates it was sold by the Gandy family in 1868 to W. F. Parmer, a Greenville merchant. The house was sold to various members of the community who held the house for short periods of time until February 1885 when it was sold to L. M. Lane, a local attorney. Lane, who served as Probate Judge of Butler County from 1886 to 1892 held possession of the house until November 1921 when it was sold to his daughter, Mrs. Katie L. Kendrick, and afterwards was owned by Mrs. Kendrick's daughter, Mrs. Dan Sherling.