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The Lafayette Gregg House occupies a site slightly less than one acre located one block from the University of Arkansas campus. A low, thick sandstone wall built in 1871 with a later addition of ornamental iron fence set the site apart from the surrounding environs. The entrance gate to the property is a stone stile, curved and double, with square gate posts topped by stone orbs. Single carved dogwood blossoms are centered in the paneled faces of the posts.

The house is a two and one-half storey rectangular building with basement arranged in a typical Georgian plan: pairs of almost equal rooms arranged about a wide central hall, upstairs and down. The central hall, of unusual width, opens on the rear through a glazed wall to a rear gallery. Stairs to the second floor, normally located conspicuously in a house of this style in the central hall, are unexpectedly concealed in a narrow volume taken from the south rear room.

A two storey gallery extends across the rear of the house, supported by 16" square brick columns. The northernmost bay of the gallery forms a link between the house and a two storey brick smokehouse/kitchen wing placed perpendicular to the main block. The southern bay of the gallery is open except for the bay between the house and kitchen wing which was enclosed in the early 20th century.

A small one and one-half storey gabled brick building, identified by the family as originally an "ice house", connects to the north facade by a covered breezeway which is paved with large sandstone slabs. It has served a variety of functions since its "ice house" days.

The exterior walls of burnt-orange brickgaverage-twelve inches in thickness and are of American common bond. Cut sandstone lintels span most windows while sandstone labels span those of the front elevation. Particularly interesting is the boxed cornice with paneled sloping soffit. Heavy scrolled wood brackets and wide brick frieze carry the roof overhang.

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7. Description (Gregg House - Page 2)

A two-storey portico with gable roof dominates the entrance to the Gregg House. A broad sandstone stairway with wide solid stone railing terminates at square stone newel matching the gate posts. The portico is completely enclosed on the ground level by glass panels. The second story of the portico is open and surrounded by a baluster of solid jig-saw patterned wood panels.

Two interior chimney stacks provide flues for eight fireplaces. Each chimney is a cluster of four separate stacks with the cluster being capped by a single sandstone cap.

The interiors of the house are simple in detail. The fireplaces have brick hearths, white marble mantels, friezes and architraves of simple design. Walls and ceilings are plaster on wood lath, painted or papered repeatedly during their lifetime. Floors are hardwood. Doors are fourpanel with original hardware and procelain knobs. During this century some of the large rooms have been modified into rental units with makeshift plumbing and kitchenettes; however, none of the original structure has been modified in a significant way.

A full attic is lighted by end gable windows and by two dormers on the west slope of the roof. This space has been used often through the years as living space. Its sloping ceiling and walls are plastered, its floor fully finished. An almost full basement, subdivided by bearing walls of great thickness, is well lighted by high windows installed just below the raised main floor.

In general the house is in excellent repair, a tribute first to the quality of its original construction and secondly to reasonably good maintenance through the years.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lafayette Gregg house maintains with ease its reputation as Fayetteville's finest 19th century house, not only by virtue of its imposing size and the elegance of its post-Civil War architectural detailing, but also for its magnificent setting amid large trees and formal gardens. Judge Gregg planned the gardens himself and maintained them throughout his life. Colorful portions are still intact. Borders of gigantic crepe myrtle, called the "Ida Gregg" myrtle for Judge Gregg's daughter, are renowned throughout northwest Arkansas.

Lafayette Gregg was born near Moulton, Alabama in 1825. His family moved to Washington County, Arkansas to a farm near Fayetteville in 1835. Gregg received his early education in rural schools and at the Ozark Academy at Mt. Comfort, Arkansas. Afterwards he studied law in the office of W. D. Reagan. Soon admitted to the Bar in Washington County, he launched a law practice which kept him in positions of leadership throughout his 1854 he was a member of the Arkansas life. In Representatives, and served as Prosecu-House of ting Attorney of the Fourth Circuit from 1856 to 1861. He was Chancellor of the Pulaski Chancery Court from 1865 to 1868, and Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court from 1868 to 1874.

When the state decided to establish a University, Judge Gregg took a leading part in canvassing Washington County to secure subscriptions for its location in Fayetteville. He was a member of the first Board of Trustees, and records of this body and other University records reveal that he devoted much time and attention to University affairs. He was continually concerned

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8. Significance (Gregg House - Page 2)

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Judge Gregg died in 1891, twenty years after building one of north Arkansas' most distinguished houses. Considered as an ensemble, from the stone and iron fence to the bold chimney caps, the Gregg house presents an image of harmonious vigor which is outstanding in this region.

For several periods of time during the 20th century, the family has made the house available as a residence for fraternal organizations of the nearby University of Arkansas. The house is now occupied by Mrs. Carolyn Gregg Magruder, a granddaughter of the builder.



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