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Oaklands is actually three houses of different periods combined into one whole. The original structure was a simple two-room house connected by a breezeway to a kitchen. This was built in the early 1800's and was like any other pioneer home in a frontier community. In the 1820's a Dr. James Maney and his family occupied the house and added eight more rooms on the south side and the equivalent number upstairs. This house was built of brick with large brick chimneys at the east and west ends.

In the 1850's a second major addition was made. This consisted of two large rooms on the ground floor, each opening from a gracious center hallway, and two additional bedrooms and a hallway on the second floor. The center south room of the older building was united with the front hallway where an elaborate semicircular stairway led to the upper floors. English craftsmen built the addition aided by slave labor. The stairway was built by a ship's carpenter and a decorator came from Chicago to fresco the ceilings in the reception suite. Ash floors were used, alternating with cherry to achieve a parquet-type border. Architects feel the house was added or about 1858-59 because of the Italianate Victorian features of the facade of the house the rounded arch over the entrance, the "Hudson River" bracketing under the eaves, the carved cornices over the windows.

Some years later in the 1890's a white colonnaded portico was added to the front and remains today.

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Oaklands is a significant house first of all because its history is something of an architectural history of the South in the nineteenth century. Secondly, the families who lived there were the leaders of the community. Dr. James Maney came from North Carolina and eventually settled in Murfreesboro, where he bought and enlarged the house as his family grew. Lewis Maney, his son, later inhabited the house and added to its furnishings. The reputation of the house as one of the most impressive in the area grew. Many famous people were entertained there, some welcomed, others not.

During the Civil War the house was occupied by both Southern and Northern officers as headquarters. Jefferson Davis, with his aide, Colonel George W. C. Lee, son of General Robert E. Lee, stayed at Oaklands when he visited troops in the area. Among the distinguished military leaders who enjoyed the hospitality of Oaklands were Confederate Generals Braxton Bragg, Leonidas Polk and George E. Maney.

In 1884, after the death of Lewis, Oaklands passed after 86 years from the Maney family. It was owned by three other families and underwent minor changes until the city of Murfreesboro bought it in 1957. The house had fallen into disrepair, but the Oaklands Association was organized in 1959 and proceeded with restoration which saved the house.



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