5. DAVID RINEHART ANTHONY HOUSE 307 Wilson Avenue

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Lot 95; Tax Map: 35-18-08-33-1-12-8

Latitude: 32° 50' 23"

c. 1860 date of construction no major additions



1.58 acres (201 'Wilson, 118 'Main, 346')

Longitude: 87° 53' 17"

David Rinehart Anthony/Builder

SIGNIFICANCE: This building is a good example of the two-story cut-under porch house first seen in Eutaw in the Asa White House (1838) and is one of the few houses in Eutaw attributed to a builder. David R. Anthony came from North Carolina to build Rose Hill, the home of William M. High in Forkland in the late 1840's. In 1851 he built the First Presbyterian Church at Eutaw and constructed his own home around 1860. The octagonal piers and ornament at gable end reflects the incipient Victorian taste evident in Eutaw only at very end of antebellum period.

DESCRIPTION: This is a reduced version of Rose Hill (now demolished) having two full stories and garret, but it is only three bays wide, and in place of the Ionic columns it has octagonal piers with plain capitals. The balcony over the frontispiece is like that formerly on Rose Hill, with the "Crow's foot" balustrade found throughout the blackbelt. The window in the north gable has three lights, that in the center rising higher than the narrow outer voids. The plan consists of a central hall with chimneys between paired rooms to either side. An atypical aspect is the staircase rising from the rear of the hall. Interior trim is light and seems early, the doors tapering in and having "Greek ears" at the upper corners. Doors themselves are four-paneled, mantels are pilastered but plain.

