

## MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF GREENVILLE

## BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name:	Little-Stabler House	Owner:	Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Stabler 710 Fort Dale St. Greenville, AL 36037
Common name:	Little-Stabler House		
Address:	710 Fort Dale Street		
Acreage:	24 acres	UTM:	A-16-534-720-3522-280 B-16-534-950-3522-610 C-16-534-960-3522-710 D-16-534-860-3522-720 E-16-534-820-3522-660 F-16-534-760-3522-400 G-16-534-690-3522-460 H-16-534-620-3522-360
Verbal Boundary:	Lot 80, Block 5, 335' x 428'		
Architectural Design:	Vernacular		
Date of Construction:	c1850		
Architect, Builder:	unknown		

Statement of Significance:Criterion C - Architecture:

The Little-Stabler House (c1850) is one of Greenville's best local examples of a single story, frame, bracketed Greek Revival cottage. Houses of this type were commonly built in central and southern Alabama between 1850 and 1885 and reflect the influence of the Italianate style. Important features of the Little-Stabler House are an original T-shaped form and a hipped roof with a front porch recessed beneath the roof slope wrapping around three sides of the structure.

Description:

The Little-Stabler House is a five bay, single story, frame residence situated in Greenville's most affluent neighborhood on a large 24 acre tract of land. The house features a hipped roof with cross hipped rear extensions (c1940). A recessed porch wraps around three sides of the house supported by simple square wooden columns. A 100 foot alley of cedar trees runs from this porch to Fort Dale Street running in front of the house. A side porte cochere is a 20th century addition.

The original center hall floor plan is basically intact as are some of the original interior doors, window and door architraves, floors, baseboards etc. Victorian mantels, however, have replaced the originals. The owner recalls that during a fairly recent restoration/remodeling of the house one corner of the living room floor had a black and white painted checkerboard pattern. It is speculated that the entire floor was once probably painted in this way to emulate a black and white marble tile floor--a fairly common practice in fine homes of the early to mid-19th century. During the recent remodeling three rooms and a back hall were added (1940's) to the original four rooms and kitchen.

Historical Summary:

The Little-Stabler House (1845) was once a part of an 800 acre plantation known as the Wimberly estate. It is unknown whether or not the Wimberly family was the first owner

or builder of the house. The original house consisted of four main rooms, two halls, a kitchen and a wrap-around porch. During the late 19th century the property was owned by the J. G. Little family. In 1910, the Littles sold the house to a Mr. Morton who in turn sold it to the present owners, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Stabler in 1937. The Stablers renovated the house in the 1940s and 50s adding several rooms to the back of the main house. As part of their remodeling, they added a number of features including chandeliers and furnishings from the LeVert House in Mobile which was Mrs. Stabler's family home.