

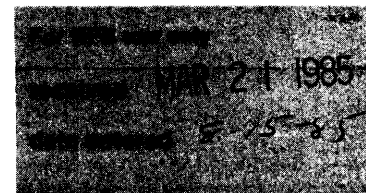
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Name: Martin House (MUG-46)Location: 144 E. Main Cross St.Owner: Mr. Felix Martin
c/o 159 N. Main Street
Greenville, KY 42345Classification: Building

Description: The Martin House is a two-story frame building constructed in 1870 and remodeled ca. 1900. The house was designed in a central hall and flanking parlor plan on both floors. Beneath the eaves of the roof are original Italianate style brackets. Alterations were made to the house ca. 1900. The main entrance displays a frame and glass double door with sidelights and a multi-light transom. Around the doorway is fluted wood molding with bulls-eye corner blocks. Flanking the main entrance on the first floor are large single light windows with stained leaded glass transoms. Windows on all other elevations are one-over-one sash. On the second story of the main facade is a central door and sidelights which originally led to a porch. The existing porch on the main facade was added ca. 1900 with Tuscan columns. The interior of the house has retained its original mantles, wainscoting and inlaid wood floors. At the rear of the building is a ca. 1900 frame addition.

Significance: The Martin house is a large frame structure constructed in 1870 and remodeled ca. 1900 with Colonial Revival detailing. A house on this site was built by the Brank family in 1840 but this house burned in 1870. The Brank family rebuilt this home on the site of the original house. The house later belonged to George Eaves who sold it to Rufus Martin in 1899. Martin remodeled the house extensively in the early 1900s. Martin was a leading tobacco merchant and was a descendant of William Martin who pioneered Greenville's tobacco trade in the 1830s. Rufus Martin was a partner in the Martin-Rice Tobacco Company in the late 19th century and also operated a dry goods store on Main Street. Martin died in 1902 leaving the house and his property to his son Charles E. Martin who built the commercial building at 106 N. Main Street. Since its remodeling the house has remained in the Martin family. The house displays ornate interior detailing and has not been altered.

Acreage: Approximately 5.25 acres.Verbal Boundary Description: The Martin House is designated on accompanying Greenville City tax maps as lot 1 of Block 16.UTM References: (Greenville Quadrangle) 16/484505/4117040



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The boundary of the Martin House is shown as the dotted line. It conforms to the verbal boundary description.

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