

MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF GREENVILLE

BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name: Fort Dale/College Street Historic District

Address: Fort Dale St. - 312-520; College St. - 105-412; Hamilton St. - 402-424; Oliver St. - 222-228; South St. - 509

Acreage: 32.5

Verbal Boundary: See enclosed scaled map.

UTM:

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Statement of Significance:

Criterion A - Education

The Fort Dale-College Street Historic District is significant for its association with the early development of organized education in Greenville. The Thigpen School-Smith House (#11) is the last known remaining building in Greenville associated with the early development of an organized 19th century school in the town. Constructed in 1875 the building was erected by Dr. Job Thigpen to house the Greenville Male School which was organized by Dr. Thigpen's brothers, J. Mack and George Thigpen. The school originally operated as a boys grade school but the curriculum was later expanded to include both high school as well as college level courses.

Criterion B - Politics and Government

The Fort Dale Street-College Street Historic District is significant for its association with several government and political leaders of Greenville and Butler County who lived in the district.

Judge Arthur E. Gamble (#19) who was a member of the Greenville city council, chairman of the county executive committee, a member of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in 1910.

W. J. Nicholson (#21) who was a member of the Alabama House of Representatives in 1911 and served several terms as Butler County Tax Assessor during the early 20th century.

Other governmental and political leaders associated with houses in the district include James Law Dunklin (#32) who served as Butler County Treasurer from 1874-1885, Samuel Ott (#21) Mayor of Greenville in 1875, Joel Flanagan Thames (#31) who served as Mayor from 1878-1879, Claude E. Hamilton (#18) Mayor from 1906 to 1910, and Boughton Wilkinson (#10) who served as Mayor from 1917 thru 1919.

Criterion B - Commerce and Medicine

The Fort Dale Street-College Street Historic District is significant with several 19th and 20th century professional men, both doctors and merchants, who are associated with houses in the district. These professionals include merchants William M. Wimberly

(#46), F. E. Dey (#46), Martin Teague (#19), Joel Flanagan Thames (#31) and James Law Dunklin (#32). The doctors who are associated with the district include Dr. William Hamilton (#41), Dr. Job Thigpen (#10) and Dr. T. E. Greene (#31).

Criterion C - Architecture

The Fort Dale-College Street District is significant as one of Greenville's oldest surviving affluent residential areas (c 1850-1936). Also included are a few modest income late 19th and early 20th century cottages. Architectural styles represented are Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Second Empire, Bungalow and Arts and Crafts.

Description:

The Fort Dale-College Street District is located in northwest Greenville and includes some of the city's oldest residential architecture. The large houses in this area were primarily built for the affluent, although a considerable number of smaller middle class late 19th century dwellings are also present. The older houses are set well back off the street on large tree-shaded lots while the later smaller houses are more densely spaced on much smaller lots. Architectural styles represented are Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Second Empire and Colonial Revival. Also included in the district are a few early 20th century Bungalow and Arts and Crafts cottages.

Historical Summary:

The earliest known development in the Fort Dale-College Street district area began during the 1850's. A large amount of the land was originally owned by William A. T. Dunklin who had claim of the land which during the 1820's was owned by the Federal Government. Dunklin moved to Cahawba and allowed William Burnette to take over the claim. Burnette paid the Government \$2 dollars per acre and received a grant on the land. The original grant was issued for acreage that was located on both sides of what is now Fort Dale Street and extended from the Parmer Elementary School to the present Greenville Country Club site. Burnette sold sections of the land and gave other sections to family members. One section that he gave was to his son-in-law James Law Dunklin and daughter who built a house on their land (#32) in 1857. Other houses that were built in the area during this period included the Otts-Nicholson-Lee House (#21); the Dr. Job Thigpen-Porter House (#10) both on College Street and the W. M. Wimberly House (#46) on Fort Dale Street. The Otts-Nicholson-Lee House was the residence of a Greenville Mayor, Samuel B. Otts who served as Mayor after the town was incorporated as a city in 1871 and W. J. Nicholson who served as a member of the State Legislature in 1911 and as Butler County Tax Assessor for several terms during the early 20th century.

The Dr. Job Thigpen-Porter House was constructed around 1862 for Dr. Job Thigpen who served as a physician in Greenville from the late 1850's until his death in 1894. The W. M. Wimberly House was built by W. M. Wimberly who operated a general merchandise establishment during the mid and late 19th century.

Following the Civil War, development continued within the district as the Joel Flanagan Thames House (#31) was constructed in 1865 on land that had been given to him by his father-in-law, James Law Dunklin. Thames had moved to Greenville from Mobile immediately following the War and later served two terms during the late 1870's as Mayor of Greenville. The Teague-Gamble House was constructed around 1866 by William Martin Teague, who had moved to Greenville and opened a mercantile business and in 1883 disposed of that business and moved to Montgomery. The house was also the residence of Judge A. E. Gamble who was influential in Butler County politics during the early 20th century.

In 1875 Dr. Job Thigpen constructed a small building (#11) on what was to later be named College Street for his two brothers, J. Mack Thigpen and George A. Thigpen, to house their private school. The school originally housed a grade school but later the curriculum included high school and college courses and led to the naming of the street that fronted it. The building was later converted to a residence after the school moved to larger quarters.

During the early years of the 20th century the area around College Street was the location for a large number of the more exclusive houses in Greenville although there were also a number of smaller houses built within the district during the same period. During 1901 Major Claude E. Hamilton constructed his large residence (#18) on the corner of College Street and Hamilton Street. Hamilton removed most of his childhood home from the site (with the exception of the room in which he was born) to make way for his new house. The room was moved to the rear of the house for use as an outbuilding.

Other houses that reflect the development of College Street during the early 20th century include the Winkler-Hopper House (#14), the Upton-Willis House (#15), and the Elisha Poole House (#16).

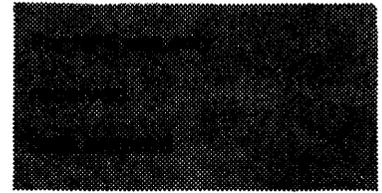
Development in the district during late teens and the 1920's indicate a withdrawal from the larger houses built during the first decade of the 20th century. The best examples of this trend include the Black-Mixon-Salter House (#56), a bungalow constructed in 1918 on Fort Dale Street and the Dr. Ewing Cater House (#8) also on Fort Dale Street. An exception to this trend is the large Tudor style Robert Burnett House (#12) which was constructed on College Street in 1928.

By the 1930's the expansion in the district had slowed with the major development being the Broughton Wilkinson House (#9) and the Calvin Poole House (#4) both on College Street and the renovation of the Howard Cheatom House (#47). This house was converted into a residence in 1938 from the carriage house and stable which served the Judge Julius C. Richardson estate.

Although not on the grand scale of some of the houses located on College Street a house that is unique architecturally is the J. E. Jerkins House (#3) at 107 North College Street. This small Spanish style house was constructed during late 1928 and is the only house found in the district that displays the style.

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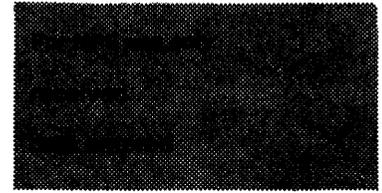
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BUILDINGS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE FORT DALE/COLLEGE STREET
DISTRICT

1. 105A N. College St.: c 1910; one story frame, metal gable roof w/ projecting cross gable over front porch, bay window on end, originally a part of 105B N. College St. (#2). Roll 1, Neg. 21.
2. 105B N. College St.: c 1910; one story frame, gable roof w/ cross gable projecting octagonal end bay, slant roofed porch in angle formed by main block and projecting bay, originally a part of 105A N. College St. (#1). Roll 1, Neg. 1.
3. 107 N. College St.: c 1925; Spanish Revival one story brick w/ Mediterranean elements, gable roofed center block flanked by flat roofed porte cochere on one side and flat roofed wing on opposite side, wing has recessed porch w/ two enantis columns in arched entry. Roll 1, Neg. 23.
4. 121 N. College St. (Calvin Poole House): 1932; Neoclassical, one-and-a-half story brick, gable roof w/ central cross gable projecting portico, side porte cochere topped w/ balustraded balcony, one interior chimney. Roll 1, Neg. 2
5. 509 South St.: c 1910; one story frame, pyramidal roof w/ center dormer, porch across entire facade supported by six Doric columns. Roll 2, Neg. 27.
6. 201 N. College St. (Judge James T. Beeland House): c 1900; one-and-a-half story frame, gable roof w/ slant roofed large central dormer w/ balustraded balcony over front porch which spans width of entire facade, central entry has transom and sidelights. Roll 1, Neg. 3.
7. 206 N. College St.: c 1930; one story frame, multigabled roof, front porte cochere. Roll 21, Neg. 30.
8. 203 N. College St. (Dr. Ewing Carter House): 1926; one story frame, gable roof w/ gable side wing, cross gable projecting portico w/ lunette in pediment, portico supported by four Tuscan columns, three exterior chimneys, central entry has transom. Roll 1, Neg. 4.
10. 215 N. College St. (Thigpen-Powell-Porter-Solomon House): 1862; one story frame, hipped roof, flat roofed front porch across entire facade w/ projecting cross gable porch roof elaboration over central entry, porch is supported by paired columns on brick piers, entry is flanked on one side by a pair of French doors, house has obvious early 20th century alterations. Roll 1, Neg. 6.

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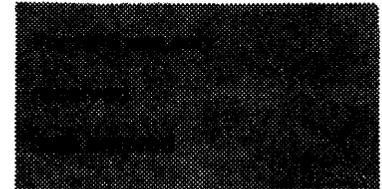
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11. 225 N. College St. (Thigpen-Davis House): 1862; one story frame, gable roof, flat roofed porch across entire facade supported by square columns on brick piers, one exterior and one interior chimney, central entry w/ transom and sidelights. Roll 1, Neg. 8.
12. 226 N. College St.: c 1925; Tudor, two story stucco and brick, gable roof w/ cross gable dormer and projecting end bay, side porch, covered central entry, exterior front chimney. Roll 1, Neg. 9.
13. 429 Oak St.: c 1930; two story frame, gable roof, central entry has been recently altered to include broken pedimented architrave replacing earlier small portico. Roll 5, Neg. 30.
14. 305 N. College St. (Winkler-Hooper House): c 1903; one story frame, steep pitched hipped roof w/ small central cross gabled dormer flanked on either side by larger dormers, low hipped wrap-around porch supported by Ionic columns, two interior chimneys, central entry w/ transom and sidelights. Roll 1, Neg. 10.
15. 309 N. College St.: 1905; one-and-a-half story frame, steep truncated pyramidal roof w/ central cross gable dormer, slant roofed wrap-around porch w/ Ionic columns, central entry w/ transom and sidelights. Roll 1, Neg. 11.
16. 310 N. College St.: 1904; two-and-a-half story stuccoed brick, hipped roof w/ large center dormer, one story hipped roof porch wrapping around three sides of house supported by square columns on brick piers, double leaf central entry w/ transom and sidelights. Roll 1, Neg. 12.
17. 313 N. College St. (Sumpter McGowin House): c 1865; one-and-a-half story frame, mansard roof w/ large central front dormer, flat roofed wrap around porch supported by Ionic columns, four exterior chimneys, central entry has transom and sidelights. Roll 1, Neg. 13 and 14.
18. 402 N. College St. (Hamilton House): 1901; two-and-a-half story frame, mansard roof w/ numerous dormers, top of mansard roof is balustraded for widow's walk, flat roofed curved projecting one story front porch w/ paired Ionic columns, slant roofed porch across entire side facade w/ paired Ionic columns, double leaf front entry w/ transom and sidelights. Roll 1, Neg. 15 and 16.
19. 401 N. College St. (Teague-Gamble House): 1865; one story frame, hip roof, recessed porch across entire facade w/ four square columns, two interior chimneys, single leaf door w/ transom and sidelights. Roll 1, Neg. 17.

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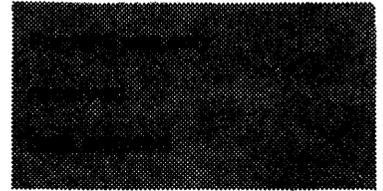
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21. 407 N. College St. (Gamble House): c 1890; one-and-a-half story frame, gable roof w/ center cross gable dormer, recessed porch across entire facade, two interior chimneys. Roll 1, Neg. 18.
22. 410 N. College St.: c 1900; two story brick, hipped roof, front porch supported by four square columns, porch topped w/ metal railing, bay window, shed roof rear extension. Roll C, Neg. 3.
23. 411 N. College St. (Flowers-Thigpen-Stallings-Smith House): 1869; one story frame, gable roof, small shed roofed, center portico over entry w/ transom and sidelights, two interior chimneys w/ later European chimney pots. Roll 1, Neg. 19.
24. 412 N. College St.: c 1920; one story frame, gable roof, main block flanked by porch on either side, small portico supported by two square columns on brick piers, two interior chimneys. Roll C, Neg. 4.
25. 525 Fort Dale St. (Lewis-Chambliss House): c 1900; one story frame, pyramidal roof, gable side wing and cross gable dormer, slant roofed front porch supported by five square columns on brick piers. Roll 2, Neg. 8.
26. 521 Fort Dale St.: c 1900; one story frame, steep pyramidal roof w/ cross gabled dormers on three sides, flat roofed wrap-around porch supported by paired square columns on brick piers, single glass paneled door w/ transom and sidelights. Roll 2, Neg. 7.
27. 520 Fort Dale St. (Hartley House): c 1850; one story frame, pedimented gable roof, slant roofed porch w/ latticed supports, central entry w/ transom and sidelights, four exterior chimneys. Roll 2, Neg. 6.
30. 509 Fort Dale St.: c 1925; one story frame, gable roof w/ cross gable over central portico, one interior and one exterior chimney, entry has fanlight. Roll 2, Neg. 5.
31. 508 Fort Dale St. (Griffith House): c 1856; Second Empire, two story brick, combination mansard and hip roof w/ gambrel dormers, low pitched, hipped one story porch supported by four Doric columns, entry has transom and sidelights. Roll 2, Neg. 4.
32. 504 Fort Dale St. (Dunklin-Kendrick House): 1857; Greek Revival, two story frame, hipped roof, full height tetrastyle portico w/ Corinthian columns, three second story balconies. Roll 2, Neg. 3.

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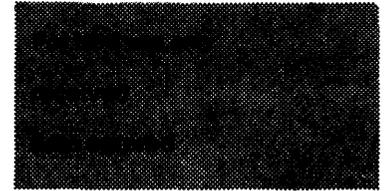
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34. 503 Fort Dale St. (Cater-Moody House): c 1900; one story frame, steep pitched roof w/ projecting cross gable extensions, wrap-around porch w/ Doric columns, two interior chimneys, entry has transom and sidelights. Roll 2, Neg. 1.
35. 500 Fort Dale St. (Whittington-Ernest-Abraham House): c 1925; one story frame, gable roof, separate gable over porch supported by six brick piers, two exterior chimneys. Roll 2, Neg. 2.
36. 410 Fort Dale St. (Wimberly-Stewart-McGehee House): 1868; one story frame, gable roof, low hip-roofed wrap-around porch, double leaf entry w/ transom and sidelights, porch columns, and balustrade are obvious late 19th or early 20th century alterations, columns have unusual bracketed capitals, two interior chimneys. Roll 1, Neg. 37.
37. 420 Hamilton St.: c 1930; one-and-a-half story frame, gable roof w/ dormers and cross gable projecting end bays, cross gable over fanlighted entry. one interior chimney. Roll C, Neg. 1.
38. 416 Hamilton St.: c 1930; one story brick w/ Tudor decorative elements, gable roof w/ gable end wings, arched transom over door. Roll 30, Neg. 4.
40. 415 Hamilton St.: c 1935; one story frame, gable roof w/ extended end gables, flat roofed porch w/ arched supports, H-shaped floor plan. Roll C, Neg. 2.
41. 411 Hamilton St. (Hamilton-Massey-Wright House): 1865; one story frame, gable roof w/ large cross gabled center dormer, slant roofed porch across entire facade, double leaf entry w/ fanlight transom and sidelights. Roll 30, Neg. 7.
- 41A. 409 Hamilton St.: c 1935; one story frame cottage, gable roof w/ gable front addition, gable portico w/ metal supports. Roll 30, Neg. 8.
43. 402 Fort Dale St.: c 1910; one story frame, double gable roof w/ three front dormers, flat roofed porch supported by four square columns, two exterior chimneys, screened side porch. Roll C, Neg. 9.
44. 400 Fort Dale St.: c 1930; two story brick, gable roof w/ projecting cross gable, one exterior chimney, arched entry, side porch. Roll C, Neg. 10.
45. 407 Fort Dale St. (Richardson-Zeigler House): 1920; English Cottage style one-and-a-half story brick, slate roof, exterior front chimney, arched entry under small gabled shelter. Roll 22, Neg. 10.

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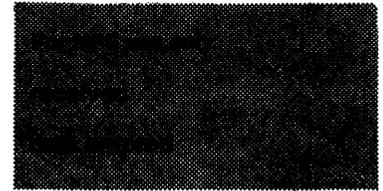
46. 330 Fort Dale St.: c 1930; one story frame, gable roof w/ cross gable over entry, one interior chimney. Roll C, Neg. 11.
47. 403 Fort Dale St. (Cheatham House): 1860 and 1939; one-and-a-half story brick converted from barn, gable roof w/ front gable extension, arched doorway w/ fanlight window, two interior and one exterior chimneys. Roll 2, Neg. 24.
48. 327 Fort Dale St.: 1927; one story frame, hipped roof w/ projecting cross gable front bay and side wings, recessed corner porch w/ two entries, porte cochere, two interior chimneys. Roll 1, Neg. 36.
50. 324 Fort Dale St.: c 1920; one story frame cottage, gable roof, flat roofed portico topped w/ metal balustrade, interior chimney, rear addition. Roll 1, Neg. 35.
51. 228 Oliver St.: c 1935; one story frame, gable roof, entry porch on both gable ends, two interior chimneys. Roll 22, Neg. 16.
52. 222 Oliver St.: c 1930; Bungalow, one story frame, hipped roof w/ cross gabled porch, tapered square columns on brick piers. Roll 22, Neg. 17.
53. 323 Fort Dale St.: c 1910; one story frame, gable roof w/ projecting cross gabled octagonal end bay, slant roofed porch supported by seven paired columns on brick piers, one exterior and three interior chimneys. Roll 1, Neg. 34.
55. 318 Fort Dale St.: c 1900; one story frame, gable roof w/ one projecting cross gable end bay and one cross gable end extension, low hipped hood over entry w/ metal supports, one interior chimney. Roll 1, Neg. 31.
56. 312 Fort Dale St.: c 1918; one story frame, low hipped roof w/ projecting cross gable bay, low hip roofed wrap around porch supported by paired columns on brick piers, frame rear addition. Roll 1, Neg. 28.

BUILDINGS WHICH CONDITIONALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE FORT
DALE/COLLEGE STREET DISTRICT

- 53A. 301 Oliver St.: c 1920; one story asbestos siding, gable roof w/ gabled side addition, shed roofed rear addition, aluminum framed windows and aluminum canopy over door, probably originally a dependency of inventory #53 converted into a dwelling. Roll 22, Neg. 18.

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54. 322 Fort Dale St.: c 1910; one story frame w/ vinyl siding, steep truncated pyramidal roof w/ side gabled projections, low hip roofed wrap-around porch supported by slender Ionic columns, two interior chimneys, entry has transom and sidelights. Roll 1, Neg. 33.

BUILDINGS WHICH DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE FORT DALE/COLLEGE
STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

9. 211 N. College St.: 1946; two story brick, gable roof w/ dormers and one-and-a-half story side wing, one story brick side addition w/ gabled roof, recessed dormers and center cupola, arched auto drive through in center of brick addition, full height hexastyle portico on front of main block. Roll 1, Neg. 5.
20. 408 N. College St.: c 1940; one story brick, hipped roof, attached carport, central chimney. Roll 22, Neg. 34.
28. 518 Fort Dale St.: c 1960; one story brick, gable roof w/ end extension, one interior and one exterior chimney. Roll C, Neg. 5.
29. 515 Fort Dale St.: 1985; one story frame, gable roof, two exterior chimneys. Roll C, Neg. 6.
33. 505 Fort Dale St.: c 1960; one story frame w/ asbestos siding, gable roof. Roll C, Neg. 7.
39. 414 Hamilton St.: c 1950; one story brick, gable roof, cross gable over entry porch, front chimney. Roll 30, Neg. 6.
42. 408 Fort Dale St.: c 1960; one story brick, hipped roof, carport, central chimney. Roll C, Neg. 8.
49. 326 Fort Dale St.: c 1950; one story ell-shaped frame, gable roof. Roll C, Neg. 12.