

7. WILLIAM A. ROGERS HOUSE
1149 Mesopotamia Street

Estate of Martha McGee
c/o Rad and Robert McGee
c/o Joe M. McGee, Jr.
Clinton Road
Eutaw, Alabama 35462



Lot 167 Tax Map: 35-18-09-29-1-4-4 and 35-18-09-29-4-1-2 11 acres (510' x 1350')

Latitude: 32° 51' 19"

Longitude: 87° 54' 26"

Between 1850-1860 date of construction
no major alterations

Builder/unknown

SIGNIFICANCE: Like the Cockrell House, this is a good example of a mid-century stylish Greek Revival House in the one-story version. The front of the house was constructed in mid-century for William A. Rogers, while an earlier portion makes up two rooms to the rear. It is a variant on a single-pile 1-story dwelling in that the front pavillion was grafted onto an earlier rear portion. One of four examples of a pedimented 3-bay tetrastyle portico applied to a 1-1 1/2 story house in Eutaw.

DESCRIPTION: The front pavillion, with its portico with four octagonal piers, was constructed in the mid-1850's for William A. Rogers. The rear two rooms were, however, apparently already on the lot when Rogers purchased it in 1848. They are distinguished by their low ceilings, chairrailing and six-paneled doors, with fireplaces on the back gabled walls. Their roof ridges run perpendicular to the later front mass and a low shed roof covers the space between them, forming a room with similar features.

The front pavillion's portico spans the windows adjoining the wide pilastered doorway. The wood piers are set on square brick plinths, and vented brickwork screens the crawl space below first floor level. The structure contains two square rooms separated by a hall, and the three interiors have 14 foot high ceilings. Doors are four-paneled and windows have paneled aprons, the frame of both having corner blocks. Mantels are pilastered.