

MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF GREENVILLE

BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name: The Graydon House Owner: Durwood Moody
Common name: The Graydon House 507 Cedar Street
Address: 507 Cedar Street Greenville, Alabama 36037
Acreage: less than one acre UTM: 16/536/050-3521/510
Verbal Boundary: Lot 28, Block 18, 93' x 260'
Architectural Design: Vernacular
Date of Construction: c1909
Architect, Builder: unknown

Statement of Significance:Criterion C - Architecture:

The Graydon House (c1909) is an excellent local example of a South Alabama vernacular house-type featuring a square, symmetrical, exterior form with a high hipped roof and a wrap-around porch. This house form occurs throughout the southern portion of the state, but it is particularly prevalent in the southeastern region. The basic form initially appeared c1880 and continued to be built until c1915. Various stylistic architectural porch detailing occurs on these houses including Eastlake and Queen Anne Victorian, Colonial Revival and early Bungalow decorative elements. The Graydon House has very fine slender Victorian turned columns with scroll sawed brackets.

Description:

The Graydon House is situated on a large, tree-shaded corner lot partially surrounded by a picket fence. The house is basically a square, five bay, frame structure with a high hipped roof featuring a large center gabled dormer. Surrounding two sides of the house is low hip roofed wrap-around porch with very fine slender turned Victorian columns with scroll-sawed brackets and balustrade. Despite the exterior symmetry the exterior is asymmetrical with a large entry hall parlor just inside the front door flanked on the right by a smaller parlor space. The woodwork throughout including doors, baseboards, window and door surrounds and fireplace mantels reflect the Queen Anne period. An open rear porch has been enclosed in recent times and converted into a kitchen.

Historical Summary:

The Graydon House was erected around 1909 for Miss Sally Graydon. Following Miss Graydon's death the house was purchased by Mr. L. L. Williams from the estate around 1940. Mrs. L. L. Williams sold the house in 1979 to the present owners Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moody.