MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF GREENVILLE

BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name:	Evens-McMullan House	Owner:	John Durham 1575 Eighth Street Slidell, LA 70458
Common name:	Magnolia Manor		
Address:	303 Bolling Street		
Acreage:	one acre	UTM:	16/535/220-3521/100
Verbal Boundary: Lot 1, Block 47, 163' x 385'			
Architectural Design: I-House			
Date of Construction: c1870			
Architect, Build	er: Holden Evens		
Statement of Significance:			

Criterion C - Architecture:

The Evens-McMullan House (1870) is Greenville's best local example of a mid-century vernacular house type that features early victorian elements--a central peaked gable, extended boxed eaves and a trellis work porch--incorporated into the basic I-house plan. This house type is found in Alabama from the 1860s until around 1885, but is not very common. In addition to the above mentioned features, the house contains a fine curved center hall stair--the only extant example in the town.

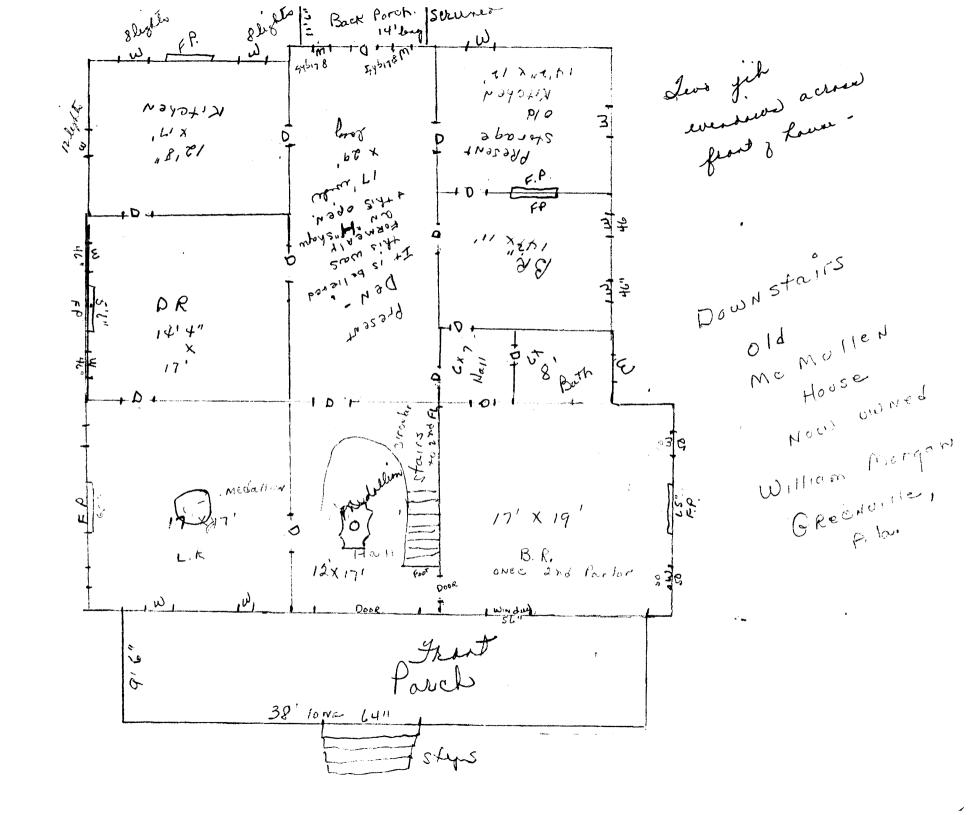
Description:

The Evens-McMullan House is a two story, frame structure that follows the basic I-house form--one room deep, gable roof, end-exterior chimneys. At the rear are two, one story frame wings which run perpendicular to the main block and give the overall structure a U shape. The once open space between the two wings is now enclosed and a small screened porch has been added to the back (see attached floor plan). A one story, low hip roofed front porch features very fine Victorian latticed supports separated by similarly latticed arched spandrels and a scroll sawed balustrade. Other notable exterior features include a small, peaked gable in the center of the facade, a deep boxed cornice which breaks on either side of the center gable to avoid creating a pedimented effect, but has pronounced returns on the gable ends.

The interior features an unusually fine curved staircase in the center entry hall and plaster medallions on the hall and living room ceilings. Both front rooms have jib windows which open out onto the front porch.

Historical Summary:

The Evens-McMullan House, also known as Magnolia Manor, was constructed by Holden Evens in the late 1860's although no definite date is available. Evens was a lumberman from West Florida who moved to Greenville around 1860. He selected the timber for use in the construction and included a spiral staircase and heavy molding and plaster fresco work around the ceiling. According to Even's son, Captain Holden Evens, he also planted the large Magnolia trees that still surround the house. The house was purchased in 1891 by Frank McMullan, a prominent Greenville jeweler, and was in the family's possession for over sixty years. It was last owned in the 1970's by William Morgan.



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