MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF GREENVILLE

BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Historic name: Hinson House Owner: William L. Ingram

208 Oliver St.

Common name: Hinson House Greenville, AL 36037

Address: 208 Oliver Street

Acreage: less than one acre UTM: 16/535/510-3521/600

Verbal Boundary: Lot 44, Block 13, 116' x 205'

Architectural Design: Vernacular

Date of Construction: c1875

Architect, Builder: unknown

Statement of Significance:

Criterion C - Architecture:

The Hinson House (c1875) is a good local Greenville example of a vernacular house form distinguished by a one story, ell-shaped, central block with a gable roof with extended boxed eaves flanked on either end by a stuccoed exterior chimney and a low hip roof porch across the entire facade. Houses of this type built between c1840 and 1890 can be found all over Alabama.

Description:

The Hinson House is a one story, three bay, ell-shaped, frame house with a gable roof flanked on either end by a stuccoed fireplace chimney. The rear ell of the house was once connected by an open porch to a detached kitchen no longer standing. A former open back porch in the angle of the ell has been enclosed. On the south side of the house is a semidetached one story frame wing which is connected to the main house via the back enclosed porch. This wing is reported to have been built a few years after the main block.

The interior floor plan is original except for the back porch enclosure. The original woodwork including four paneled doors, architraves, baseboards, wide pine floors, and 6/6 sash windows is completely intact.

Historical Summary:

The Hinson House (c1875) was occupied in the 1870's by Alex T. Hinson, a local Greenville cotton broker who owned a cotton warehouse on the corner of Oliver and Commerce Streets. It is unknown whether Mr. Hinson was the original owner or builder of the house. The property remained in the Hinson family until 1982 when it was sold to Mr. E. Talbert. Mr. Talbert, in turn, sold the house to William L. Ingram in 1985.