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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

COUNTY Butler

PRESENT NAME Milner-Speir-Moody House HISTORIC NAME Milner-Speir House

LOCATION (Street and number) 310 Dunklin Street, Greenville, Alabama

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Greenville

PRESENT USE family dwelling HISTORIC USE family dwelling

OWNERSHIP: Public () Private () Public acquisition being considered ()

OWNER'S NAME Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Earl Moody

MAILING ADDRESS 310 Dunklin Street
Greenville, Alabama 36037

CONDITION: Excellent () Good () Fair () Ruins ()

INTEGRITY: Original site () Moved () When? _____

From where? _____ Give details in significance

THREATS: No () Yes () By what? _____

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered () Underway () Completed () Not planned ()

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land () Woodland () Scattered buildings ()

Highway building density () Commercial () Industrial ()

Residential () Rural ()

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a

Historic District? This structure is featured as one of the historic buildings in the Historic District of Greenville.

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important () associated with events, persons, or movements

Local () State () National ()

() a good example of a type or style of structure
antebellum townhouse

() other Union officers occupied the house during the Civil War. Wilson's raiders kidnapped the owner, Mr. Milner.

Explain:

SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Date of Construction 1840's Date of additions latter part of 1800'sArchitect or Builder John T. Milner

Give a complete but concise history of the structure.

Built prior to the Civil War (approximately 1848), the Milner-Spéir-Moody house is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, houses in Greenville, Alabama. Union Officers occupied the house during a period of the war. Wilson's Raiders were known to be there. Bathrooms were added after the turn of the century and slight changes were made in the porches. Slaves buried the silver and other valuables near the house during the war. The treasures are still buried, but no one knows the exact spot on the grounds. The Speir family bought the house in the 1930's and sold it in 1973 to the Cecil E. Moody family..which lives there presently ^{and} are in the process of restoring the house.

State sources of information for the above:

The Practical Dreamer is a book written by Dorothea Orr Warren.

It is a story of John T. Milner, His Family and Forebears, published

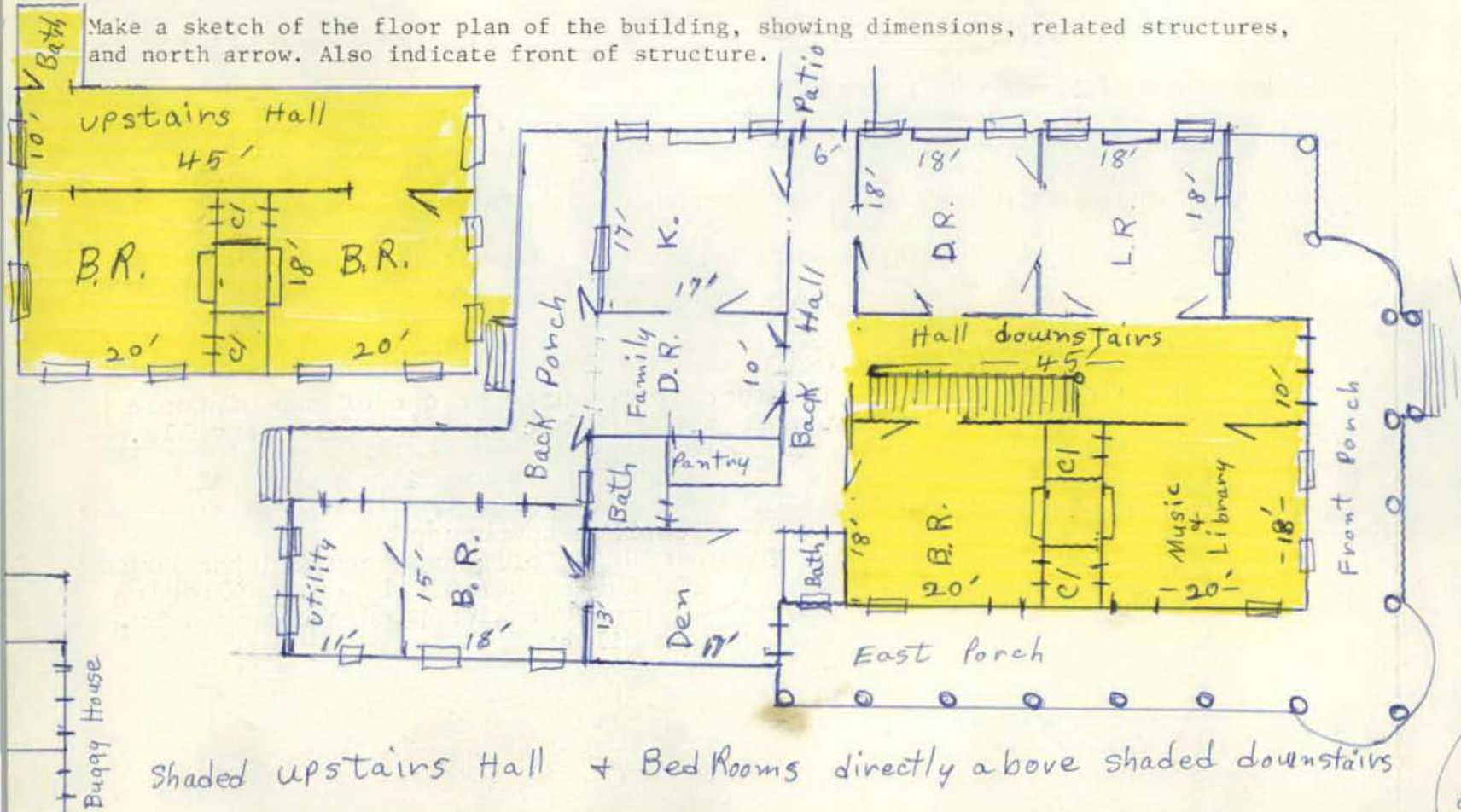
by The Southern Family Press, Birmingham, Alabama

The Greenville Advocate is another source of information.

DESCRIPTION

(For bridges, trestles, viaducts, tunnels, canals, railroad lines, or objects see supplement Form I)

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and north arrow. Also indicate front of structure.



DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Number of stories 2 Foundation _____ Basement _____WALL MATERIAL: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batton, stucco over wood or brick, metal, logs) PLEASE NOTE TYPE OF BRICK BONDING AND LOG NOTCHING.flush board, is used in one room (wide boards) inside older section.
Clap board outside. Wood shingles have been replaced by asphalt roof.

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM (If known) Wood frame (X) Load-bearing masonry () Iron or steel ()

ROOF TYPE: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)
Flared Hipped roof. Addition has gable roofROOF COVERING: Wood shingle (X) Asphalt (X) Tile () Metal (X) Slate ()
Original was wood shingle, later was metal, presently asphalt.

ROOF TRIM: (If any)

CHIMNEYS: (Number, location, and material)
5 brick chimneys 8 fire placesPORCHES Front 56' X 10' Type ceiled roof spindled banisters
Rear 52' X 7' Type L-shaped
Side 50' X 10' Type extension of front porchDOORS: Describe entrance door. pine double doors --- each 2' X 9 1/2'
Three-paned side lights & upper window above
2 sets of french doors from L.R. to D.R. & from L.R. to front Hall.
Describe other doors. 3 4'4" X 8'7" (from outer facade) outside doors. 9 outside doors in all,
each down stairs room except kitchen & dining room having own entrance
WINDOWS: Types and number of each floor
14" from floor, 10 1/2' high in older section (18 of these) 2 in L.R. to porch are
described below. 13 smaller windows.

INTERIOR: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.

Living R. mantels are matching pair. Beaded decorations, with small
square columns on each side, painted white, 4 1/2' high.
oak, mirrored, columned, 6 3/4" mantels in 3 other rooms, one Adams-
N style. Others are solid oak, plain, 5' 3" wide X 4' 7" high.
stairway has 20 steps going straight from middle of lower hall to rear of
upper hall. steps are unpainted heart pine - as are floors which have
no jointed boards, all running wall to wall except in hallway.
wainscoting 3/4" from floor (in lower hall only) chair molding & pine boards
painted white. Boards are 6" wide. Walls in 6 older rooms & 2 halls
are plastered. No plastered ceilings except hall down stairs.
Two windows in L.R. have double doors, below them, open, allowing one to walk
out to front porch when windows are raised. Two wine cellars near ceiling
in lower front bedroom.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

OTHER: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

only other building is old buggy house, unpainted.

The addition of a back East wing was added during yellow fever epidemic - 3 rooms. A back porch leading to out kitchen was walled in for a new kitchen when old one burned in later 1800's. 3 bathrooms are additions (2 down, 1 upstairs).

nine oak trees in front yard, 1 in rear. Pecan grove in rear. approximately 40 camellia bushes & 35-40 Azalias, dogwoods (pink & white), one Japanese pine, one Monkey pine, white & pink myrtles, Wisteria, & small fruit trees.

A MAP WITH THE STRUCTURE MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

Photographs: Must be black and white, glossy finish and either 5 x 7 or 8 x 10.

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Map Reference: Map _____ Site number _____

Thematic Category _____

Added to ALABAMA REGISTER _____

NATIONAL REGISTER Potential

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Latitude

Longitude