

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 7, Box 5, Item 33

Shannon House, Lebanon County Courthouse (from 1853-1876), built in 1842 - DeKalb Co. - Lebanon

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Name and No. SHANNON 7 Box 5  
DK. Co. Site #11 ITEM 33  
Sec. 5, T8S, R7E

TARCOG  
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: DEKALB  
Field Surveyors' Names: FORDS  
BOOTH  
Historical Notes Number: 6  
(Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: D-11-0-13  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Lebanon Courthouse  
2. Location: Lebanon  
3. Owner of Property: Mrs. Paul Shannon  
4. Geographical Data:  
5. Acreage:  
6. Classification: Building  
7. Integrity: unaltered exterior.

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**Names:**

Lebanon Courthouse  
Shannon, Paul, Mrs.

TARCOG Historical  
Survey

**Places:**

DeKalb Co., AL

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

form

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Name and No. SHANNON 7 Box 5  
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8. Condition: Good/Excellent

9. Present Use: Home

10. Areas of Significance: Was court house when Lebanon was county seat of DeKalb County for 20 years, 1853-1876.

11. Architectural Description: Small Revival  
Two story brick with two columned porch.

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 3/22/76

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**Names:**

Lebanon Courthouse

**Places:**

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

form

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Sec. 5, T8S, R7E

TARCOG  
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: DeKalb

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: Forbes

Date of Photograph: 3/23/74 View Description: Lebanon Courthouse

Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exposure Number: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 6  
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 6  
(If there is a historical notes form filled in for this place, write it in the photograph number in the upper right-hand corner of this form in space provided).

Location (Word Description): Lebanon

Owner or Occupant: Mrs. Paul Shannon  
(Name, if known)

Address: Lebanon, AL

TYPE of Structure: (X) House ( ) Outbuilding ( ) Commercial  
( ) Barn ( ) Industrial ( ) Other, describe  
(where appropriate, check one or more)

Apparent period of construction: ( ) Federal  
(X) Greek Revival  
(X) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century

Apparent period of Additions: (if appropriate)  
( ) Federal  
( ) Greek Revival  
( ) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century  
( ) Later 20th Century (modern)

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of completion: 3/23/74 Form HS-2

**Names:**

Lebanon Courthouse  
Shannon, Paul, Mrs.

TARCOG Historical  
Survey

**Places:**

DeKalb Co., AL

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

form

**Dates:**

Mar 23, 1974

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DK. Co. Site #11 ITEM 33  
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TARCOG  
HISTORICAL NOTES  
HISTORICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR  
VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION FORM

County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coordinator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Historical Notes Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Blue Ink)

1. Name: "Shannon" Old DeKalb County Court House  
at Lebanon

2. Location: Lebanon

3. Classification: Building, privately owned, Private residence

4. Owner of Property: Mrs. Paul Shannon

5. Location of Legal Description: DeKalb County Court House  
East Payne, Grand Avenue

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**Names:**

Shannon, Paul, Mrs.

Shannon Old Dekalb  
County Court

House

**Places:**

Lebanon, Dekalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

form



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6. Representation in Existing Surveys: TARCOG Historic Survey  
TARCOG Office, Central Bank of Ala. Building  
Square, Huntsville, Ala.

7. Description: Condition good, structure altered only slightly,  
on original right.

8. Historical Significance

A. Period: Late Greek Revival

B. Specific Dates: constructed 1842 on land donated by the  
Fraser & DeLoe families to serve as the first permanent  
county court house. Lebanon was center of activity  
during the 36 years it served as county seat.  
The post office was established in 1837 and the Federal  
land office was located here. The Indian Land of  
Christie'scession of 1735 were sold here.  
This community thrived as a commercial center and  
seat of justice until the era of railroad building  
in White's Valley. After 1876, when the county seat was  
moved to Fort Payne, the community began to decline.

(See final report form)

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**Names:**

Lebanon Courthouse

TARCOG Historical  
Survey

**Places:**

DeKalb Co., AL

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

form

**Dates:**

1842



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Landmarks of DeKalb County, Ala. Landmarks, A Pictorial History  
of DeKalb County, Alabama. Washington, D.C. College of Tennessee,  
College Press, 1971.  
National Union of Miners' History of Fort Payne

10. Verified Geographical Data: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Names:**

Jacoway, W. V.

**Places:**

DeKalb Co., AL

**Types:**

references

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Name and No. SHANNON  
DK. Co. Site #11  
Sec. 5, T8S, R7E

**TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY**  
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map 11

1. Name of site or structure SHANNON

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) Range 8 East, Township 8, south Section 5 East 4 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 5

3. Description building 6.5 acres, more or less

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known \_\_\_\_\_

*This building was constructed in 1842 on land donated by the Frazier and Dobbs families to serve as De Kalb County's first permanent court house. Lebanon was the center of activity during the 36 years it served as county seat. The Lebanon post office was established in 1835. A federal land office was also located here and the Indian lands of the Cherokee cession of 1835 were sold here.*

*The community of Lebanon thrived until the era of railroad building in White Valley. After 1876, when the county seat was moved to Fort Payne, which was located on the A.C.S. railroad, Lebanon began to decline in population and prosperity.*

*Today, the old court house, a number of other houses of buildings, and one small store are all that remain of a former town.*

*James Dobbs and Dorcas Frazier*

**Names:**

Dobbs, James  
Frazier, Dorcas

Shannon

TARCOG Historical  
Survey

**Places:**

DeKalb Co., AL

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

form

**Dates:**

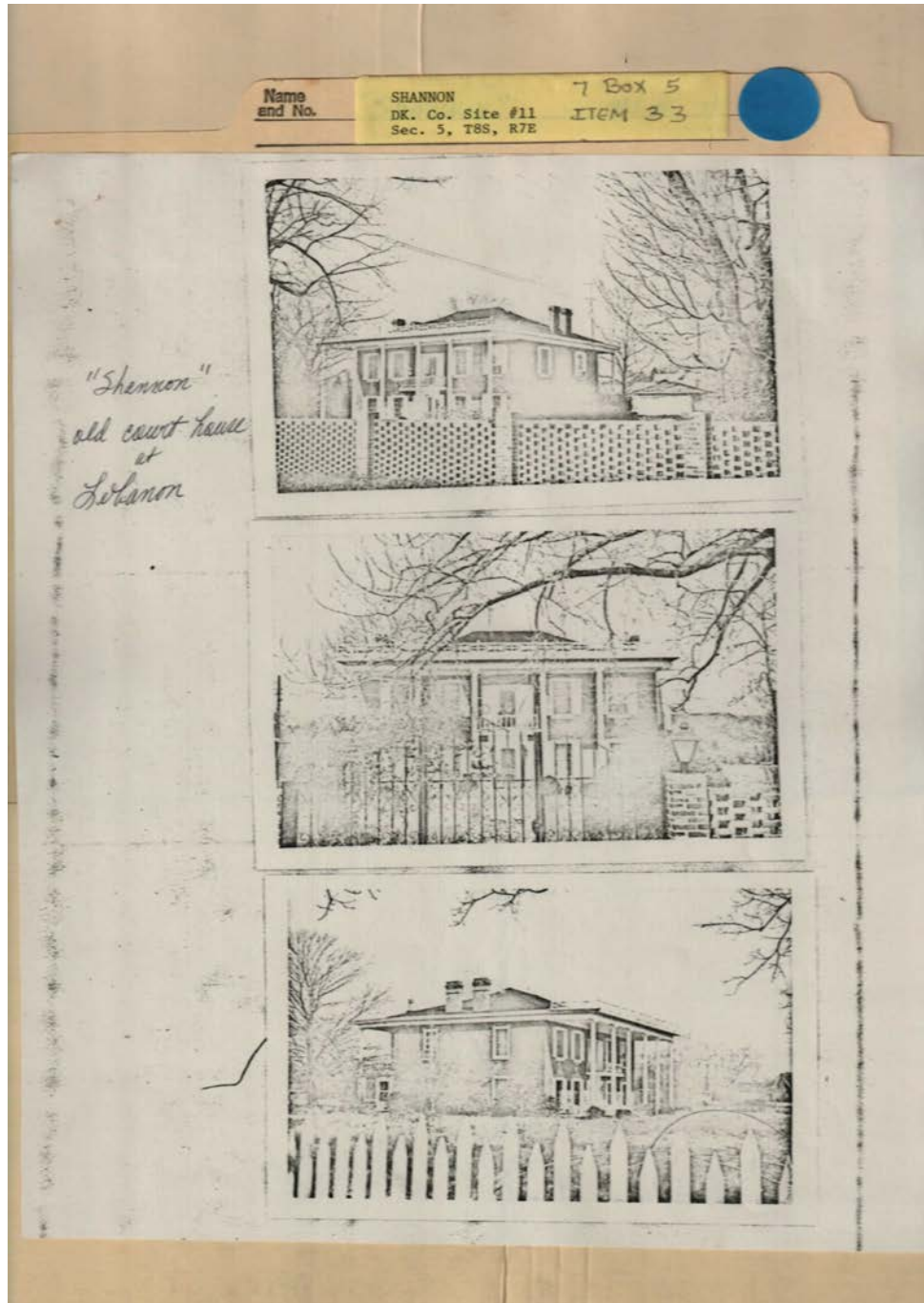
1842



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**Names:**

Shannon Old Dekalb House  
County Court

**Places:**

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

photographs

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**Names:**

Shannon Old Dekalb House  
County Court

**Places:**

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

photographs

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DK. Co. Site #11 ITEM 33  
Sec. 5, T8S, R7E

TARCOG  
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: DEKALB  
Field Surveyors' Names: FORDS  
BOOTH  
Historical Notes Number: 6  
(Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: D-11 - D-13  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Shannon Courthouse

2. Location: Lebanon

3. Owner of Property: Mrs. Paul Shannon

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage:

6. Classification: Building  
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7. Integrity: unaltered exterior.

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**Names:**

Lebanon Courthouse  
Shannon, Paul, Mrs.

TARCOG Historical  
Survey

**Places:**

DeKalb Co., AL

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

form

**Dates:**

1842

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	Sec. 5, T8S, R7E	

8. Condition: Good/Excellent

9. Present Use: Home

10. Areas of Significance: The court house when Lebanon was quarter  
out of D. A. Co. County for 20 years, 1853-1876.

11. Architectural Description: Two story brick  
Two story brick with two columns west.

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 3/22/76

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Name and No. SHANNON 7 Box 5  
DK. Co. Site #11 ITEM 33  
Sec. 5, T8S, R7E

TARCOG  
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: DeKalb

Field Surveyors' Names: Fugates  
Bentley

Photographer: Fugates

I. Information on Photograph  
Date of Photograph: 3/23/74 View Description: Lebanon Courthouse  
Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exposure Number: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Information on Site  
Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 6  
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)  
Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 6  
(If there is a historical notes form filled in for this place, write it in the photograph number in the upper right-hand corner of this form in space provided).  
Location (Word Description): Lebanon  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner or Occupant: Mrs. Paul Shannon  
(Name, if known)  
Address: Lebanon, AL  
TYPE of Structure: (X) House ( ) Outbuilding ( ) Commercial  
( ) Barn ( ) Industrial ( ) Other, describe  
(where appropriate, check one or more)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Apparent period of construction: ( ) Federal  
(X) Greek Revival  
(X) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century  
Apparent period of Additions: ( ) Federal  
( ) Greek Revival  
( ) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century  
( ) Later 20th Century (modern)

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of completion: 3/23/74 Form HS-2

**Names:**

Lebanon Courthouse  
Shannon, Paul, Mrs.

TARCOG Historical  
Survey

**Places:**

DeKalb Co., AL

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

form

**Dates:**

Mar 23, 1974

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Form 10-300 (July 1987) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
STATE: Alabama  
COUNTY: DeKalb  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR NPS USE ONLY  
ENTRY NUMBER DATE  
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME  
COMMON: "SHANNON"  
AND/OR HISTORIC: Old Lebanon Courthouse

2. LOCATION  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: Lebanon  
STATE: ALABAMA CODE COUNTY: DeKalb CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION  
CATEGORY (Check One):  
 District  Building  Public  Private  Object  Structure  Both  
OWNERSHIP: Public Acquisition:  
 In Process  Being Considered  
STATUS:  Occupied  Unoccupied  Preservation work in progress  
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes:  Restricted  Unrestricted  No  
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):  
 Agricultural  Commercial  Educational  Entertainment  Government  Industrial  Military  Museum  Park  Private Residence  Religious  Scientific  Transportation  Other (Specify)  Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Paul Shannon  
STREET AND NUMBER: 3741 East Fairway Drive  
CITY OR TOWN: Birmingham, Alabama STATE: CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

**Names:**

National Register of  
Historic Places

Shannon, Paul, Mrs.

Shannon Old  
Lebanon Court

House

**Places:**

Birmingham, AL  
DeKalb Co., AL

Lebanon, DeKalb Co.,  
AL

**Types:**

nomination form



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	<b>6. SIGNIFICANCE</b>			
	PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century			
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)				
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phil. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Isosophy    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Science    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Itarian    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Theater    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation    _____				
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE				



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES			
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2. <u>DeKalb News</u> , (Crossville, Alabama) November 7, 1972.			
3. <u>Jacoway, W.V.</u> "Brief County History." <u>Fort Payne Journal</u> , August 26, 1925.			
4. <u>Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc.</u> , <u>A Pictorial History of DeKalb County, Alabama</u> . Colledgeale, Tennessee: The College Press, 1991.			

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA				
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY		D R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES	
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	° ' " .	° ' " .	° ' " .	° ' " .
NE	° ' " .	° ' " .	° ' " .	° ' " .
SE	° ' " .	° ' " .	° ' " .	° ' " .
SW	° ' " .	° ' " .	° ' " .	° ' " .

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY	
NAME AND TITLE:	DATE:
ORGANIZATION:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**Names:**

Jacoway, W. V.

National Register of  
Historic Places

**Places:**

DeKalb Co., AL

**Types:**

references

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# Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection

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