

JONES & HERRIN

Architecture/Interior Design

February 4, 1997

Mrs. Uhland Redd
747 North Wood Avenue
Florence, Alabama 35630

Re: 1830's Mitchell-Redd House

Dear Josephine:

It was a pleasure to see your beautiful restoration of the 1830's Mitchell-Redd House. I like to assist owners who love their historic house and want to do the best for it. Dinner with you and Uhland was the icing on the cake!

Bill Nance (garden designer) reports he gets as many as two requests a week to do a garden and since he is a full-time art professor at A & M University he simply can't take on anymore. You might talk to Zac Abramson about his experiences with the designer from Atlanta (Ryan Gainey).

I've written an architect I know in Chicago for the information on the "restoration craftsman" school in Illinois.

My compliments to you and Uhland on your good work.

Respectfully,



Harvie P. Jones, FAIA
HPJ/tm

copy: HJ

1993 owner - Uhland Redd (son of Uhland Redd

listed
in text
below)



J. J. MITCHELL PLACE

29. J. J. MITCHELL PLACE (1830s)

(Wood Avenue Historic District)
747 Wood Avenue — Florence

The Mitchell house was once known as Jonesboro Place. The earliest known reference to it is a notation in the journal of Caroline Lee Hentz of a visit there in 1836. In 1872 the house was owned by Mrs. Susan Leigh, a former matron of the Florence Synodical College, who conducted a private school in her home. In 1882 a prominent Florence attorney, Judge J. J. Mitchell, son of Dr. W. H. Mitchell, Presbyterian minister, and grandson of James Jackson of The Forks of Cypress, bought the house and thirty acres of land around it. These thirty acres were

bordered on the north by old Civil War breastworks, on the south by breastworks at Circular Road, on the east by Wood Avenue, and on the west by Willingham Road.

The plantation-style cottage is a simple symmetrical white clapboard structure with hipped roof and two identical chimneys. The side wings of the house are joined by a long front porch having four squared columns. The floors are of random width pine boards. The entrance hall goes through to another porch overlooking the backyard. On each side of the hall are three rooms shaped exactly alike, each with its fireplace and simple wooden mantel. Judge Mitchell added a rear wing on the northwest. Mr. and Mrs. Uhland O. Redd, Jr., are the present owners, and many of the fine antique furnishings were inherited by Mrs. Redd (Ellen Mitchell) from the Mitchell and James Jackson families.

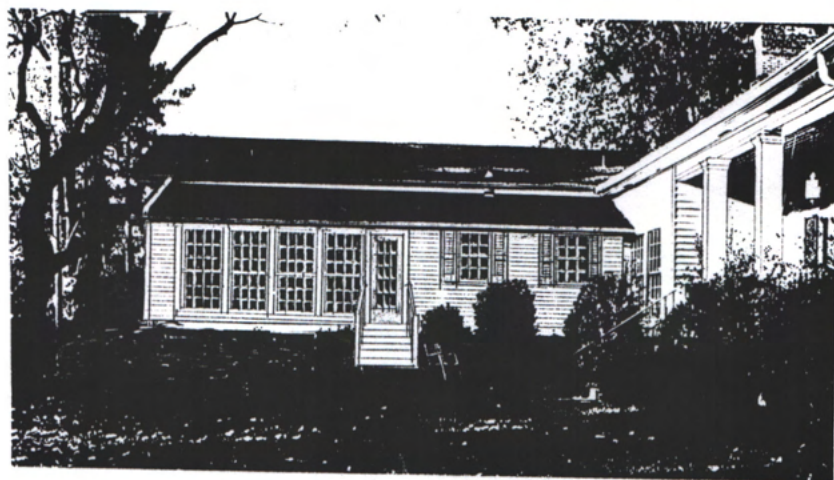
1993 owner - Uhland &
Josephine Redd

Historic House Sketches (A1)

Blair & Gitis Vol. X - 1983



EXISTING REHR
(LAK NORTH)



OPTION 1 OR 2
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PROPOSED REAR MODIFICATION
(LAK NORTH)

JONES & HERRIN, ARCHITECTS

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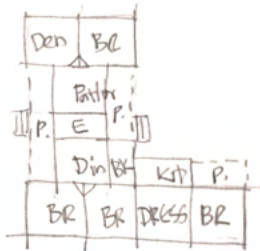
Unland Rehr Res (1830's) Florence, AL. 747 N. Wood St.
Remod. of Victorian N.W. rear wing
("Mitchell Place")



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UHLAND REDD HSE (1930 owner - his medical home)
 747 N. WOOD AVE, FLORENCE, AL 35631
 1830's J. J. MITCHELL PLACE, OR JONES BORO PLACE

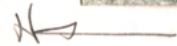
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N.P.



1830's → VIC. ADD.

4 June '68 Nov. 284,000 mi., still good as new
 PSJ Jan '97 - 107,000 mi.

1836
 MITCHELL
 REDD
 FLORENCE



E. front (metal) balms. = }
 modern
 Small such = later }
 ↑ fl. =
 1 x 4 T & G
 modern → W



1830's / Admin
 N. wing (Vic)

N. Side



E. front



2 small such at Dir. km = Vic. address (or later)

N

30810



N ← Vic. N.W. Wing →



Over →



S. Gl., Vic. N.W. Wing FN

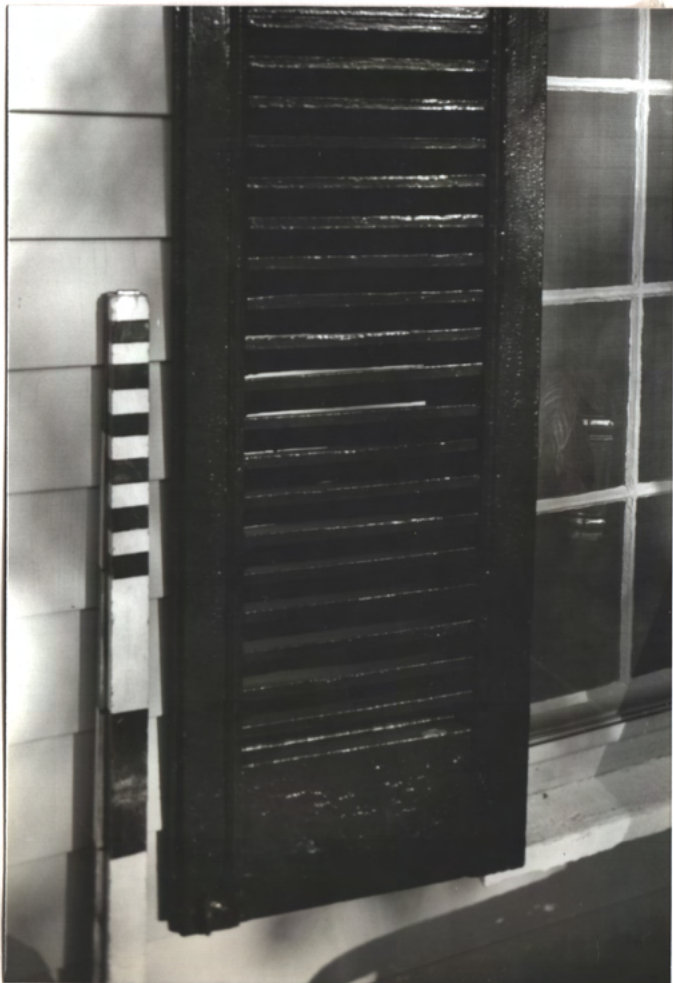


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Gar. - early 20th c. (?) Imminster

Typical 1830's
blind,
at west
new porch,
S. of door

N →



Typical
blind, at
S. WALL
of S. Wing



52110

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S. Wing



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Main
Hwy
Road

↖ N. Ave. Kit. N.W. Way



E. Front door (D.M.) 1830's
H.H.

1830's Center
entry hall,
West new
door

1830's
Parlor,
S. of center
hall

H.H.



H.H.



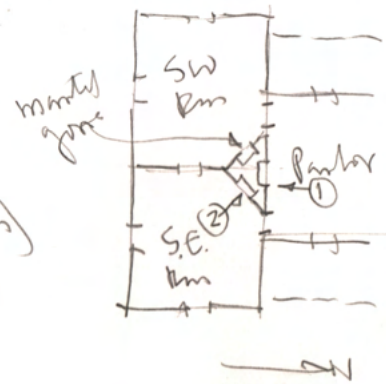
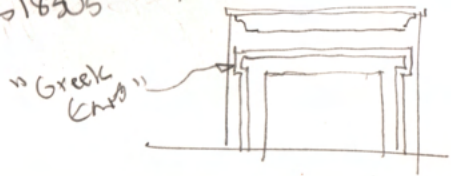
modern
crown
mould
(1950's)

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Parlor S. of cent. entry,
Federal style mantel

S.E. Rm., S.E. of Parlor
(Mantel is designed to run)
② Appears 1830's





NW Din. Rm Mantel (N. of cent. entry), appears 1830's

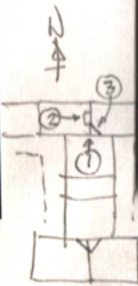


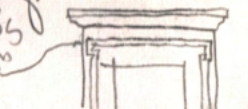
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6/2/57

NW Heart pine fl. in Din Rm. (typical in 1830's parts)



Rm. N.W. of Din Rm.
Mantel looks 1830's

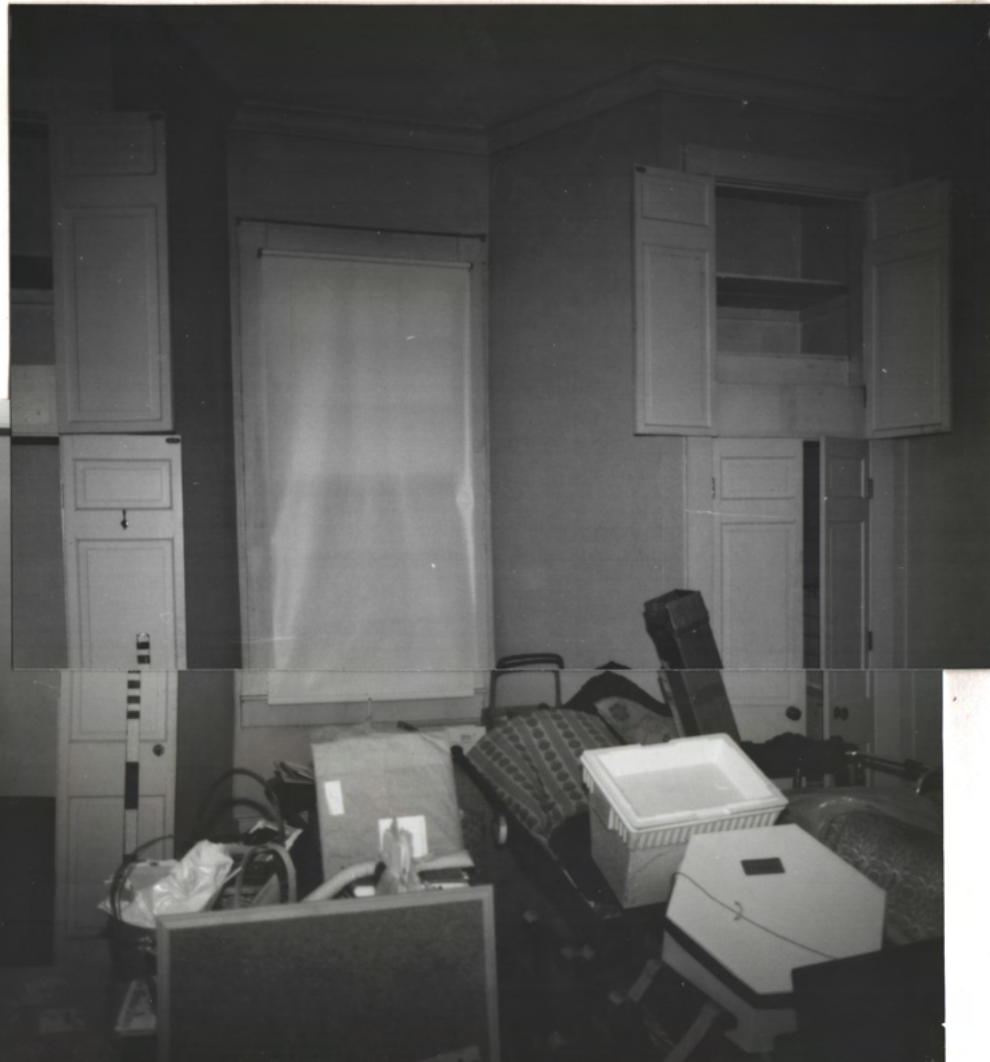


SE Rm. N.E. of Din Rm.
Mantel is designed to rm.
Appears 1830's
"Greek cor" 

9010

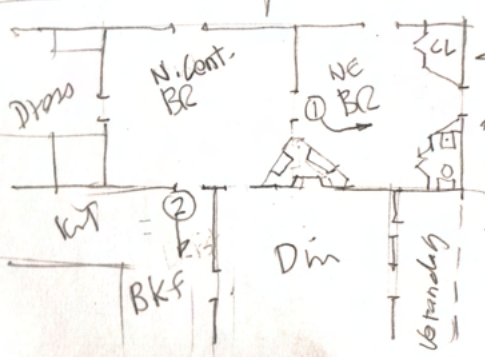
1957 Clo.

1957 bath (trim)



20th cent.
stair
↓
Relocated
1831's seat
from Din. Rm.
west wall
↓

Rm. N.E. of Din Rm.



①
Closet 1/2 bath
added in 1950's
by Washington &
Smith, Arch.
To be removed 1994
by J.H. Arch. N.J.



②

BKF at ② was an open porch. N to KIT



N
↑

N
↑

KTD.
(enclosed porch)



1950's closet

Vic. Plan, N. of KTD.

N
↑

Vic. A panel door

10 of 10

BR	DESS	BE	BC
KIT	BK	DIN	C.
		PORCH	

185



rem. cols. spread apart for wife step - not AD decision.

→ H



→ N



→ Z



→ Z

1930's MITCHELL - REDD AVE (WALTON REDD, owner 1995-7)
747 N. WOOD AVE - FLORENCE, AL. Penn./Int. remodel. 1994-5 Jones & Harris, Ar. Mo. - W.P. Jones Falk, Huntsville

photos "after" - Feb '97 H.P.J. and



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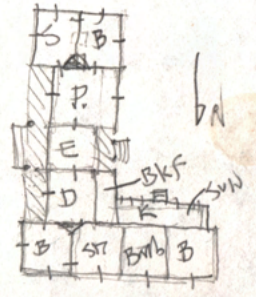
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↑ N

DIN.

↑ N



PARLOR

↑ N

PARLOR

↑ N





45° WNW f.p.

→ N

S.E.
STUDY

N
→



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BKFSZ.

(Was a back porch.
Enclosed in
mid 20th C.)

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SUN RM
BEYOND
↓



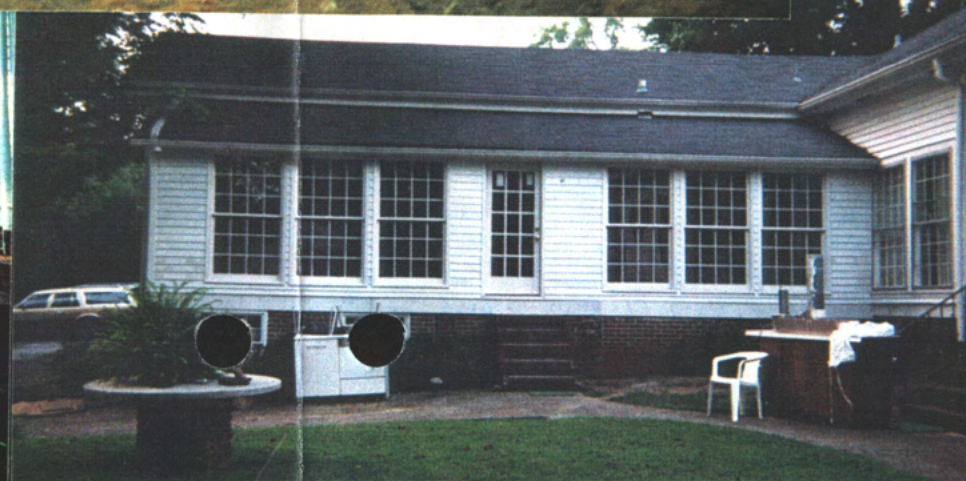
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↑ KIT.

↑ SUN RM

↑ KIT.



1830's Mitchell - Redd, Florence, Summer '94 photos by Mrs Redd (progress photos)



View from alley

gate possibly at this corner??



View from Alley

will have flowers here!



view from alley



View from Back Porch



View from Back Porch



View from Back Porch



walk from garage



walk from garage



Shrubs gone!!



Foundation level



Foundation level

Look closely - Boxwood Hedge
Summer 1994
progress photos by Mrs. Reed
1830's Mitchell - Reed 125
Florence, AL