

Historic Huntsville Foundation

P.O. Box 786
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30 January 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. McMurtrie
1308 Church Street
Huntsville AL 35801

*Re: 1850's serv. bldg
at 3020 Oakwood Ave*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McMurtrie:

I am writing to you on behalf of Historic Huntsville Foundation, whose goals and purposes are explained on the enclosed bookmarks, in the hope that you will grant us permission to photograph an historic building on your property.

You may be familiar with Harvie Jones, a well-known restoration architect and one of Huntsville's most respected citizens. Harvie Jones was one of the founders of Historic Huntsville Foundation and has been an essential part of our activities since then. For years Mr. Jones has been documenting the architectural history of Huntsville and Madison County by compiling a photographic archive of historic sites and structures.

Some Historic Huntsville Foundation members have noticed the interesting historic brick service building on your property at 1308 Church Street. Harvie Jones would like to take some pictures of the building's interior as part of his continuing photographic project. We would like him to be able to do this because it will add more information to an important record of the area's architectural history.

Could we make arrangements for Mr. Jones to take photographs inside this building? You can call me at home to talk about this, at 536-9393. Or you can speak directly to Harvie Jones at Jones & Herrin, 104 Jefferson Street, 539-0764. I want to emphasize that this request is purely to document an interesting and historic structure.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Diane Ellis
Chair

cc: Harvie Jones

*no response
from owner
HJ
Feb 17 '97*

1076

GREEK REVIVAL KIT.

Church St at Oakwood Ave
Huntsville, AL

photos DEC. 97
HPJ mm FAIA

attic door is boarded-up

top ± 2' of
chim. is off



H → Hst looks c. 1920's (replaced a
Greek Revival c. 1840-60 hse)

↑ orig
kit

CHURCH ST.

ORIG. KIT.

N →

shelf

Commer. zone, probably will be
demol. in 1998



↑ HSE.
↑ KIT
± 200'
↑ N
CHURCH ST.

note mixer at crown
(returns is gone)



bungalow

H → ↑ unpainted
brick

N.W. corner

6K. BEL. KIT.
CHURCH ST.
OAKWOOD AV.



← note pegs at thru-mortise & tenon

← N

N. Door
2-panel
(Greek Revival)



← N



← was a door,
now boarded up

← N



11 →

West sash = original,
w/ irregular "cylinder" glass



11 →



$\pm 3" \times 5"$ sash-sawn joints
typical, pre-1865
mortised
jts



l + Sep. 6

Cooking-fireplace Chim.
Top $\pm 2'$ is gone, back collapsed

2 prl. Greek Rev.
east door under
orig. east shed

5-6-6

later rotam sawing bld. (not part of bldg. - stored here.

wide ($\pm 16''-18''$) "slab" roof-deck planks



note
sash-
saw
marks
on rafter
N

hewn
sash
saw
frame



EBST SHED (orig)

note pegs at mortise & tenon jts. c. 1840-60 Greek Revival Door



Note
white-
paint
striped
"pencil"
jts.

typ. of
pre 1865





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