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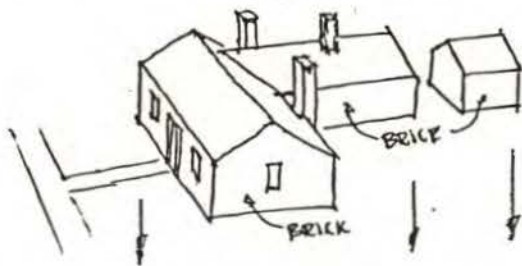
Date: 27 April '81

To: Gregory L. Smith
 member of Church Committee
 (Cent. Presby)
 c/o Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.
 505 Williams Ave. S.W.
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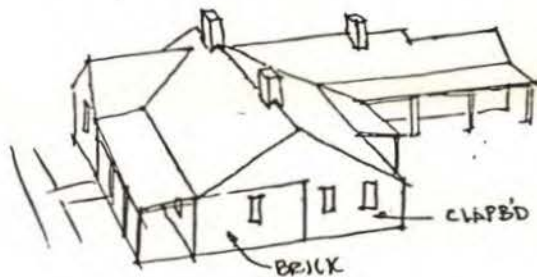
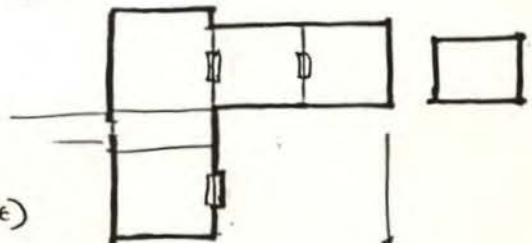
Re: Miller Hse - 1829 - Lincoln St.

Dear Greg —
 Attached are maps dated 1861, 1871 & 1884 that show the growth of the house by the Central Presb. Church. These, combined w/ arch. evidence, indicate:

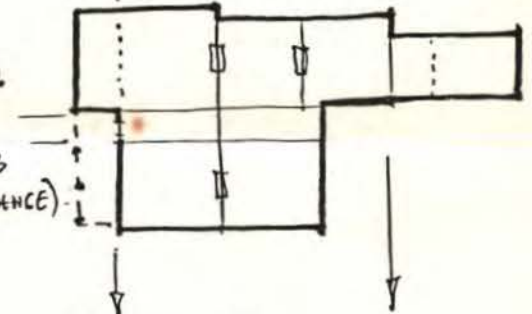
SIMILAR TO 1828 SHEPHERD HSE ON E. HOLMES, W/O VIC. PORCH



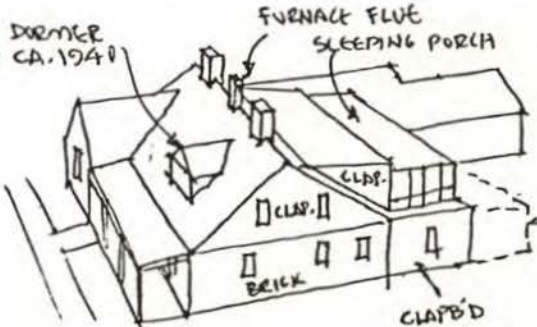
ORIGINAL PLAN
 (A. 1829)
 (SEE 1861 MAP + ARCH. EVIDENCE)



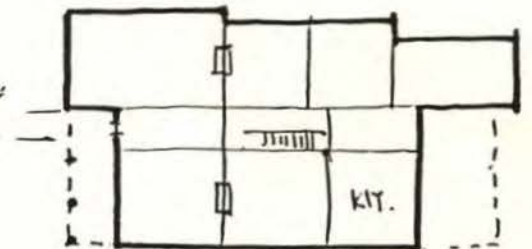
VICTORIAN PLAN
 (SEE 1871 & 1884 MAPS + ARCH. EVIDENCE)



Former owners said:



EARLY 20TH. CENT. PLAN
 (SEE 1924 MAP + PRESENT CONFIG.)



PORCH REMOVED 1970'S

ALSO: RMS ABOVE W/ EARLY 20TH. C. DOORS & TRIM

cc:

2ND FL. TRIM & STAIRS IS CA. 1920'S DESIGN. PRESUME 2ND FL. MADE IN EARLY 20TH. C.

By: Harvie P. Jones

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A more thorough study could pinpoint the growth with

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November 19, 1981

Mr. Peter P. Barber, President
Twickenham Historic Preservation District Association
414 Randolph Avenue, SE
Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Peter:

Thank you very much for your interest in Central Presbyterian Church and its property expressed in your letter of April 10, 1981. We appreciate very much all that your group has done in historic preservation in Huntsville. We believe the entire city is benefitting from your good work, including Central Church and its people, especially this area where we have had our building located since 1845.

As you know, the members of Central Presbyterian Church, after much thought, prayer and discussion, have determined that removal of the two houses (presently located adjacent to the church building) from the church property is the proper course of action to best fulfill our mission in Huntsville. You see, Central Presbyterian Church has absolutely no need for any additional classroom or meeting space which is the only advantage these houses could provide if renovated and left on church property. We do need the space that removal of the houses would provide for other purposes. However, the Church has no desire to destroy the historically valuable portions of the structures themselves (particularly the portion of the O'Neal house dating to 1829) if some other solution can be found.

The most obvious solution is to dismantle the modern portions of the O'Neal house and then move the historic portion of the house to another site within the Twickenham or Old Town Districts. Unfortunately, this promises to be a very expensive and technically difficult method of preserving the O'Neal house, but it is the only one suggested to date which will satisfy the requirements of both Central Presbyterian Church and your organization.

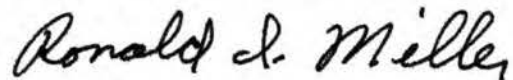
While Central Presbyterian Church recognizes the importance of preserving significant components of secular history, we maintain that it is not the function of the church to financially support this endeavor to the detriment of its primary mission. The amount of church money available for doing anything with the O'Neal house is severely limited. Our building funds must go toward preserving the church structure, which is historic itself. Since historic preservation is the function of your organization (and the other organizations to whom this letter is being sent), we respectfully suggest that you (separately or collectively) consider means and methods of

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acquiring the O'Neal house structure from Central Presbyterian Church and moving it off church property for whatever purposes you deem best. I can assure you that the Church would be happy to consider any offer to remove the house(s) from our property.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald I. Miller".

Ronald I. Miller, Chairman
Property Improvement Committee
Central Presbyterian Church

RIM:gtp

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December 17, 1980

Mr. William Truman Ryan
5715 Tannahill Cir.
Huntsville, AL 35802

Dear Truman:

I have noticed that the metal pinnacles on the roof of the Central Presbyterian Church are rusting badly. These pinnacles are irreplaceable and are very important to the appearance of the Central Presbyterian Church. I would urge that they be properly prepared and painted with a heavy duty paint before it is too late.

We have been working with Temple B'nai Sholom on the rust-protection of the stamped-metal work pinnacles on their roof, which is the same type construction as on the Central Presbyterian Church, which is also about to rust away. I am happy to attach this method in hopes that it can be used to save the appearance of the Central Presbyterian Church:

1. Remove rust, mill scale, and defective paint with very fine sandpaper. Do not cut into bare metal. Clean with Xylol.
2. Prime with "KROMIK" metal primer E41N1 - Sherwin Williams.
3. Paint two coats of Sherwin Williams "Watchguard" Heavy Duty Maintenance Coating.

Pinnacles - Gray Goose BM11-27 (is approximately a limestone color)
Ridge and valley flashing - Soft Black BM 80-8 (is approximately slate color)

This is a high quality paint, and it is most important to use a high-quality paint since it will lengthen the time between paintings. This will save money, since labor is a much bigger factor than the cost of the paint material. It would be a mistake to use an inexpensive paint, since the labor is the same to put on a cheap, short-life paint as for a longer-life paint.

Also attached is an article on the care and repair of slate roofs. Slate roofs frequently last well over a century, and are very beautiful as well.

Best wishes for the holidays and 1981,



Harvie P. Jones, AIA

HPJ/dfc
Enclosures
cc: Jeff Smith