

132 WALKER AVENUE (VICTORIAN)

This late-Victorian house on Walker Avenue was, in 1979, abused and cut into several makeshift apartments. The scroll-brackets at the front porch columns were gone, an awkward second-floor extension on posts projected on the west side and the house was empty and neglected. The house was purchased for about what the land alone was worth, because its owner thought the historic house was valueless.

The restoration was easy because the fundamental structural and decorative elements were mostly intact and in good technical condition. The restored cost was considerably less than for a new modern design house of the same floor area.

John & Nancy Gaine
= 1979 owners

AJ

James Herring, Arch.
HJ R Allen

699

traces of scroll-brackets showed in paint
on porch-posts ↓



RESTORED N. FRONT, MAR. 1985 photo - HJ
c.1900 (?)

LATE VIC - 132 WALKER AVE. - Huntsville, AL.

Restored 1979 - James H. Herin Arch. - HJ and
R. Allen

for Jim & Nancy Gaines

In 1979, hse was cut into several cheap apts.
Hse was bought very cheaply (land value ±)
because former owner thought it was of
little value & the west end of Walker Ave.
was heading to slum status. In c.1976 when
the Old Town Hist. Dist. was formed, the west end
of Walker opted out because they thought this was
potential comm. property. Within 1 yr. they asked to be included in the Hist. Dist.

GAINES
c.1900
WALKER AVE.

make shift 1920's sleeping
porch added →



BEFORE RESTORE - 1979 photo - R. Allen (JH Arch)





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c. 1920's
makeshift
sleeping porch
(J&H removed)

3 of 9
GAINES



S. REAR CHIM. ROOF



FL. 1 N. E. RM.



FL. 1 - N. W. RM.

N →



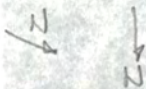
FL. 1 - N. W. RM.

N →

20
MANTEL FIN. = GOALMING



FL.1
S.E.



← blocked-up window



FL.1 S.W.

(Horiz. sash is a vertical
d.b. sash installed sideways



FL.1 BATH

5019
GAINES

cut in clapboards for window at
S.W. Rm., E. wall



BLACK PORCH
↓ N

Window blocked-up at fl. 2



↓ N



↑
Inter
Wainscot

↓ N Stair from S.W. Rm.



↓ N

ext. wall



N →

sash sill (sash blocked)



9
N →



N →

BAINKS
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FL 2
N.W.
RM.

↓
N

↓
N



↑ hall

↑ stair hall



N ←

FL 2
S.E.

↓
N





FL. 2 WC
↘ W



FL. 2
BATH

↘ W



↑ N



EST. 1820. SIZED
+ BUGGY HSE (?)

↓ N

Kept, repaired minimally of a new shop
struct. was built inside it as an independent struct.

9059
GAMES



W → E. WALL



← STOR. SHED (+ buggy hse?) → N



↖ N. WALL



S. WALL