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Cedarhurst

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CIRCA 1825 CEDARHURST, WHITESBURG DRIVE AND DRAKE AVENUE (FEDERAL PERIOD)

Cedarhurst originally had a refined double-tier, eight-columned Tuscan-order Palladian style portico as did many country houses of the early 19th century. In the early 20th century, half of the columns were removed (leaving two columns per floor instead of four) and the first floor columns were cut short and mounted on heavy brick piers in an apparent attempt to give the portico a modern bungalow appearance. However, the original interior features were mostly retained.

In 1982 the house and its once-rural surrounding acres were purchased for a townhouse development. The developer wisely chose to retain this fine Federal Period house and restore it for use as a guesthouse and for social functions for the townhouse residents.

Many developers would have bulldozed such a house without a second thought and Huntsville is fortunate that we still have this excellent early house, now carefully restored, with its original and beautiful Palladian double-tier Tuscan portico brought back.



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