



Folk Period (Age (Name? Date?) in Owens Cross Rds, Madison Co. AL. photos Mar. 1991  
x10 photos by David Bowman of the "Huntsville News", others by Harvie Jones, Falls

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OWENS  
CROSS-RDS.  
FEDERAL P.

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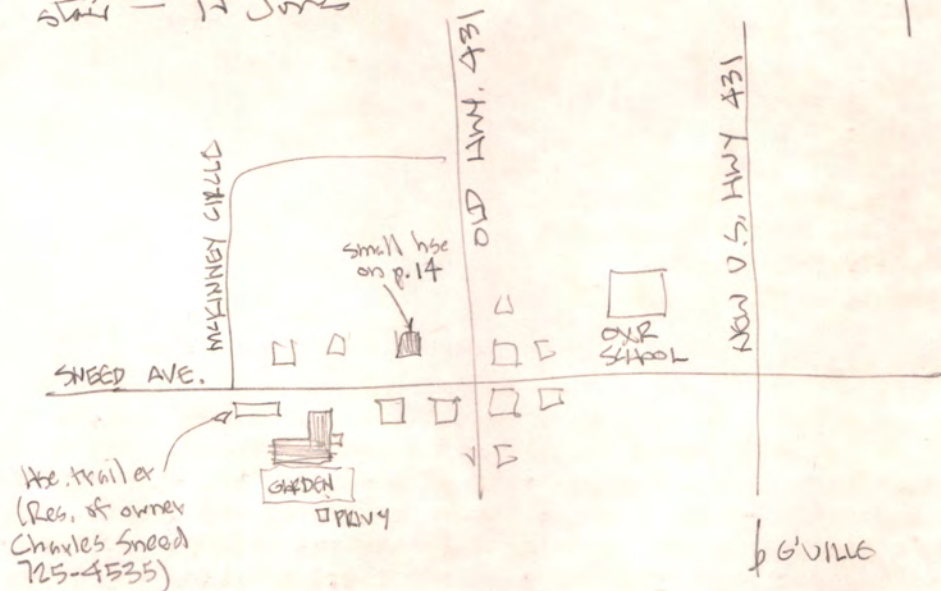
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OXR near Western Auto, south of rd 421

James W. Barker, Atty. (533-6143) says he lived here in the 1930's, of an old man  $\pm 93$  yrs (born c. 1845) came by & said he grew up here. He said the stairs was originally in the south rooms. However I suspect the number of rail are relocated from that original stair - W Jones

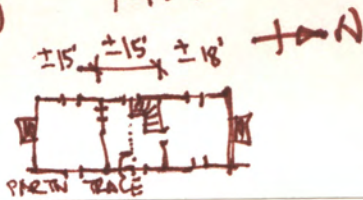
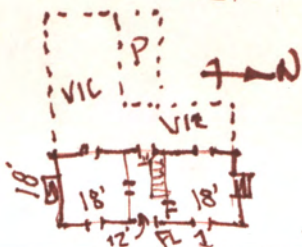
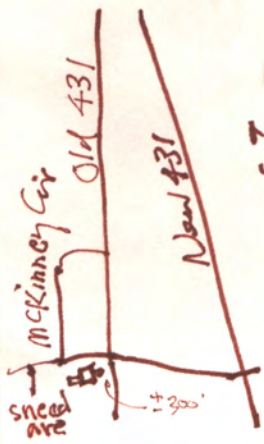


Tressy Maples  
 OXR wrote hist. of OXR

James Barker, Atty  
 (family home in OXR, Fed. per. has

Charles Sneed  
 - 725-4535 (1991 owner)

OXR Fed. Permitt  
 Use





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August 24, 1992

Mr. Harvie P. Jones, FAIA  
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Dear Harvie:

Just a note to let you know that I've established contact at last with Charles Sneed, owner of the old house at Owens Crossroads. The house has been on the agenda here ever since you told us about it, but only recently -- while in Guntersville -- did I get a chance to run up and see it. While Mr. Sneed won't restore it and is doing only minimal upkeep, perhaps we can establish a "holding pattern" by showing interest and sparking the interest of some prospective restorer. Certainly the owner appears not to mind our spreading the word.

In the course of my brief inspection, some features about the house struck me as being noteworthy. One in particular was the odd seven-panel doors on the second floor. In my experience, I have never seen any of quite the same design. These doors would appear to date from the 1830s or even earlier.

The house itself apparently has been added to and changed considerably over time, and I found it challenging to try to figure out the various remodelings that have occurred. The position of the stair seems to have been changed, although quite a long time ago. And I suspect the rear wing is later than the two-story part of the house. Likewise, the stone chimney at the south end of the house looks later than the brick north chimney. Although the floor has given in several places, the basic frame of the house appears to be surprisingly sound.

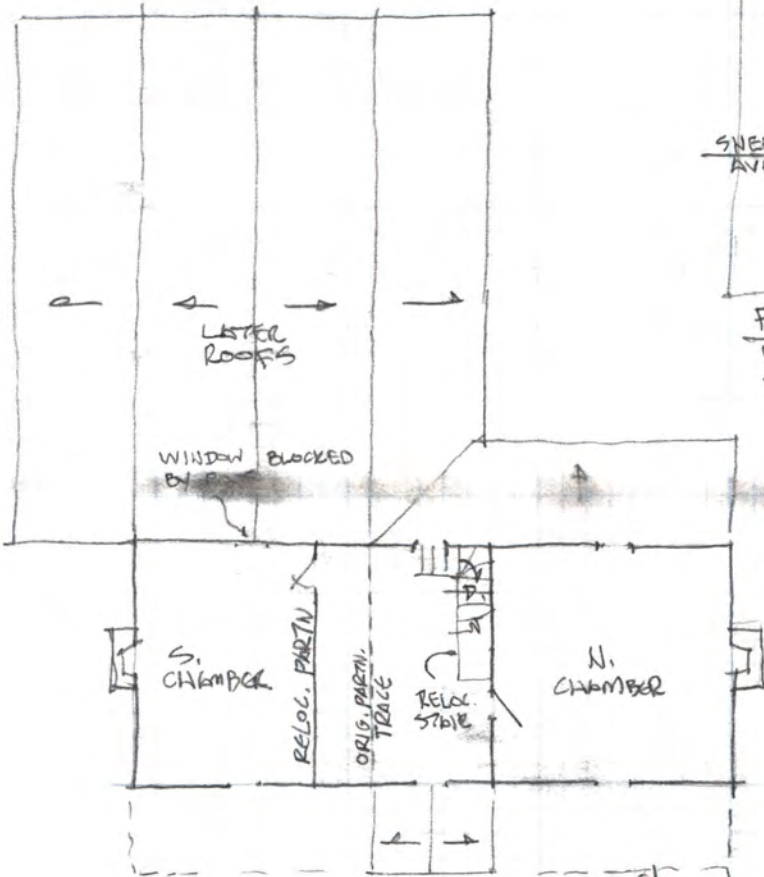
You mentioned quite some time ago the possibility of an article about the house in the Huntsville paper. Now might be a good time to do it. Could some of the Historic Huntsville Foundation folks make the appropriate contacts?

Sincerely,

Robert Gamble  
Historian

RSG/jf

f: Madison Co.



FEDERAL PERIOD USE,  
 per chimneys (dbl-hip),  
 2nd fl. mantels,  
 doors, stairs, trim,  
 sash - sawn hvy mortised,  
 tenoned & pegged frame  
 ± 20" w. side full  
 sick-glamed & beaded  
 cell. planks, etc.  
 Notes + photos  
 March 1991  
 Harvie P. Jones, FAIA  
 Huntsville, AL.

2ND FL.  
 APPROX 1" = 16' (NOT MEAS)



Hse  
 Trailer  
 (Owner  
 occupies)  
 Owner 1991 =  
 Charles Sneed  
 725-7550  
 OXR

James W. Baker  
 says there was  
 a full-width  
 2 sty. porch  
 in the 1930's  
 when he  
 lived here

1ST FL.  
 APPROX 1" = 16' (NOT MEAS)

East-West St. (Snead Ave.)

# JONES & HERRIN

Architecture/Interior Design

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Harvie P. Jones, F.A.I.A.

to Al. Hist. Comm  
~~attn~~ B.A. Gamble

Bob - The double-shoulder  
chim. nec in Over X Rls  
I sent a photo of is Fed.,  
w/ later duplts of sketches.  
The owner is considering  
demol. I'm looking for  
someone who may want it  
I have one possible  
interested person (who  
has the money)

Herrin

nc

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To: Harvie Jones  
Fr: Bob Gamble

Thanks for the picture of the house at Owens X-Rdr. I'm reminded of the old Clopton house which used to stand near Winchester Road. You're right; the house could be considerably older than 1850-60 based on chimneys.

Wide bds. at gable-rakes = late 19th c. denice  
 (hse has been re-sided).  
 Also projecting gable-eaves = later than Fed. Period

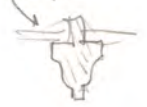


DBL SHOULDER CHIM.  
 = rare even in Fed. Period.

Vic → \* → 20th c.  
 Wing Ad.



All windows & siding  
 appear 20th c.



↑ 20th c. portico





↑ limestone



Note no projection at  
shoulder-bases.  
Very rare for Fed. Period

↖ N  
← USUAL FED.  
± 1/2"



↖ N  
↑ large (± 12x16")  
timber sill-end

← SOUTH WALL

Eave



W657  
W661  
KOT FL. 2

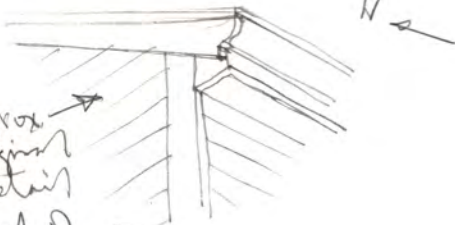
N →



20th c. side

Wide rake-bds.  
are at least late 19thc  
(Italianate device)

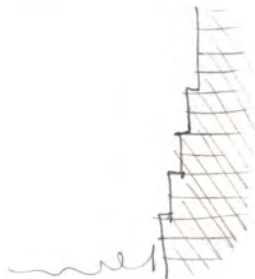
Also note later extensions of  
gable-ends



N →



Approx  
original  
detail  
(Typical of  
Federal period)



Ornis. base  
sections

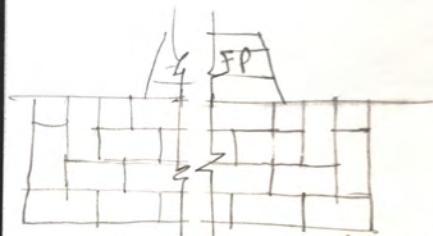
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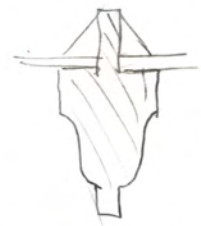
→ later Italianate  
mantel (1850-1870?)

1st fl. N. rm  
(taken through dirty glass  
before access to here was possible)



Hand-laid brick patterns  
(Typical of Fed. Period)

Hebert



Typical sash = 20th century  
(some are home-made sq. windows)

OX12 Fed.  
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X<sub>W</sub> — 1st Fl. S. Rm

Later Italianate  
mantels (c. 1850-1870?)  
at 1st fl.

— 1st fl. N. Rm ~~N<sub>W</sub>~~

See p 12 for  
remaining Fed. period  
mantels

Orig. door, transoms, —  
bd. walls, trim & stairs

1st fl. door to N. room. —

primitive  
Dahmstrade —

appears  
original, but  
James W. Baker  
says a man who  
lived here in the 1850's  
says it was orig.  
in the S. rm

N  
↑

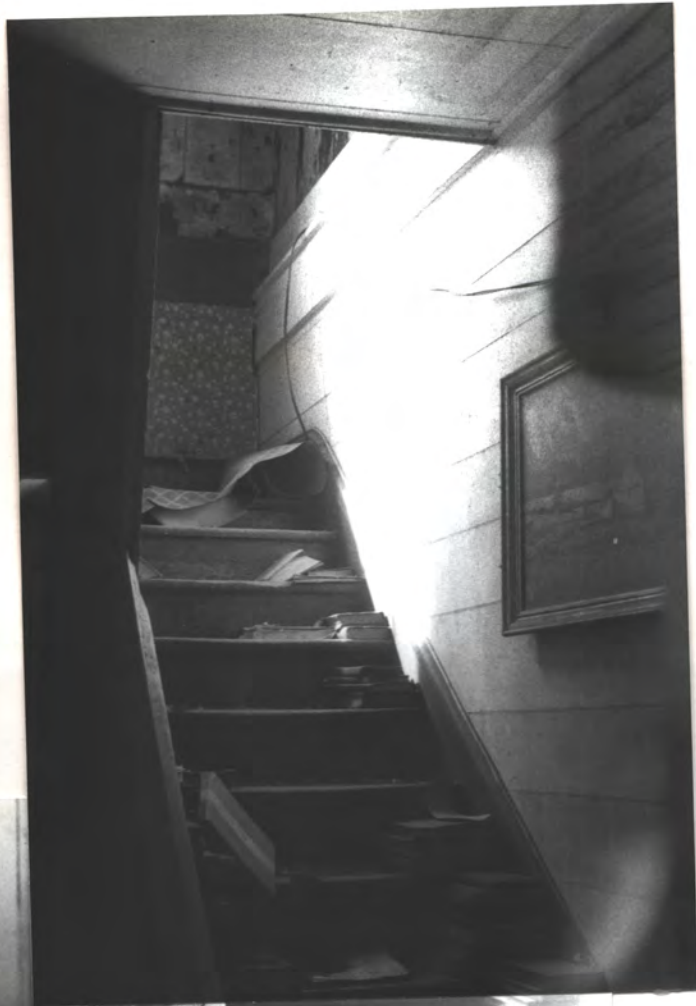
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Note oval - frame transoms  
 (glass is painted)  
 probably original, or may  
 be Italianate modif.



NA



NA

STAIR  
 appears original (printed), but  
 James W. Baker says stain was  
 originally in S. Park

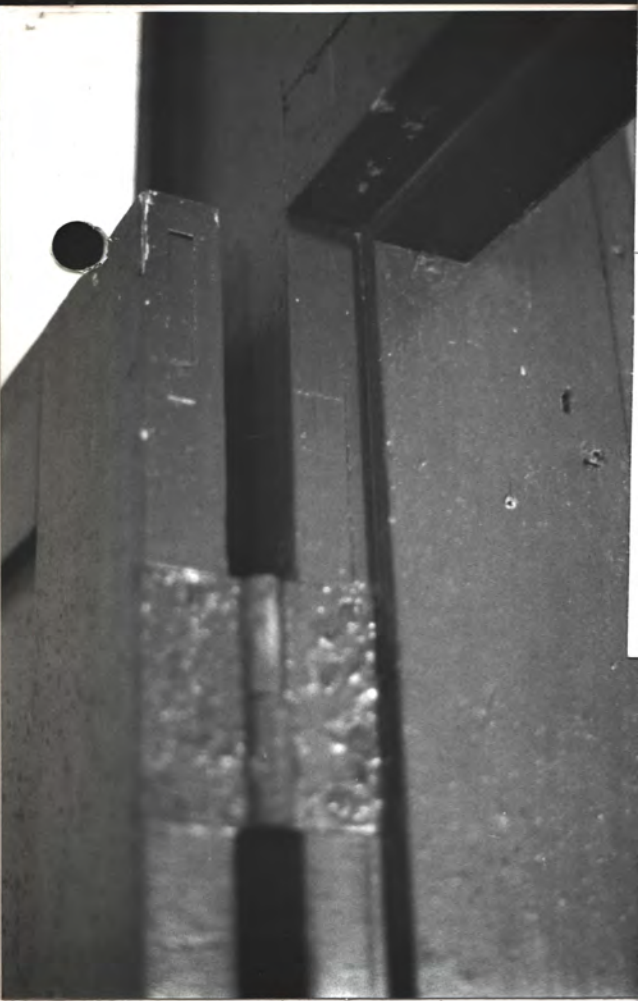
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(fraken through dirty glass)

TOP OF STAIR

NA





GLASS IS PLINTED  
NOTE JACKPLANE MARKS

5.7. IN CL. = TYPICAL OF EARLY 19TH C.



A  
THRU-MORTISE,  
TENON + PEG SYS  
typical of Fed. Period

one-pc.  
("fast-pin")  
C.I. hinges

DOORS &  
TRUSSOM'S

CAST IRON HINGES

Z  
↑

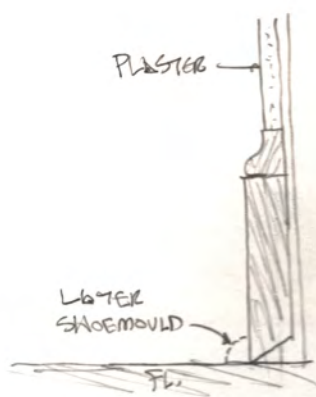


Attic at hall, fl. 2  
(some ceil. bds. removed)

N

← note very wide "slab" planks at roof deck (up to 20 inches ±)

← note sash - saw marks, typical of Federal Period



Base at West Wall of  
Fl. 1 S. Rm (typical)

N



Heart-pine fl. at 2nd fl. hall

OXR Fed. Hq  
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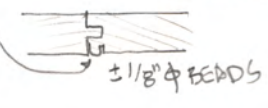


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It is orig. loc. of South partition (moved)



CELL. BPS 1ST FL. 2nd WALL = TYPICAL  
 NOTE BEADED JTS  
 NOTE SINK-PLANE MARKS



FED. PERIOD DOOR  
 (PRIMITIVE)  
 FL 2, N. RM.  
 Note beaded corner at trim = top.



It is orig. loc. of South partition. <sup>N-S</sup> ↑  
 Note - this 7 panel door not seen before by AD  
 see JAMB

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paper tacked over

FED. PERIOD MANTEL  
FL. 2, N. RM.  
(only F.P. survivor)



N  
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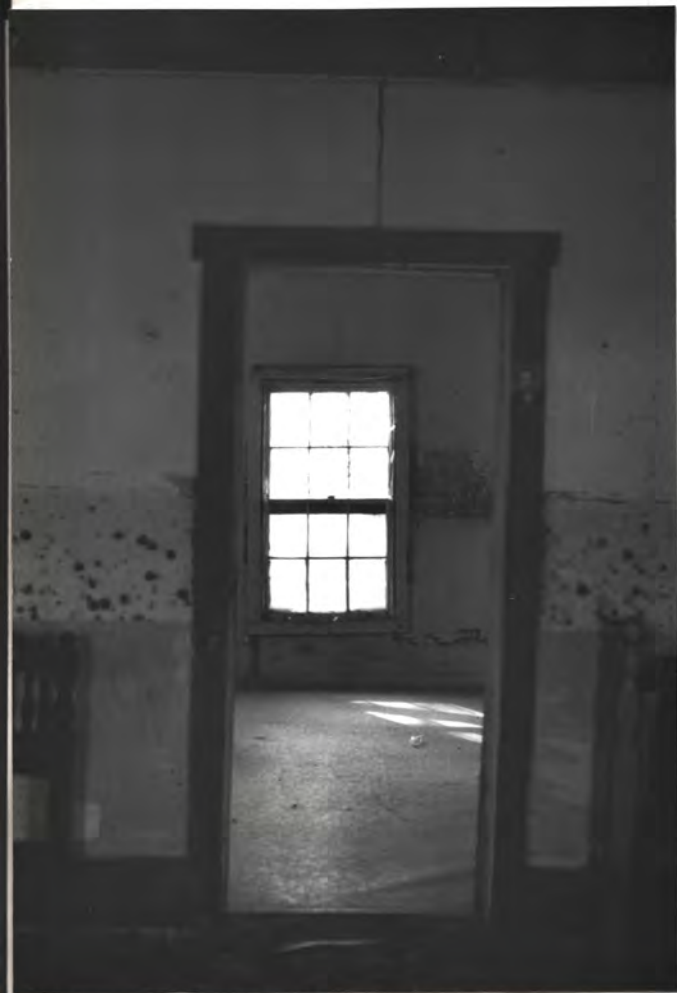
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cast iron  
 spindles,  
 hinges &  
 handle.  
 Wood Toy  
 Corp. fl.

Label on handle says  
 "ELKIW FOUNDRY  
 HUNTSVILLE  
 ALABAMA USA"  
 Date? Probably turn of 20th c.



This chim. type is typical  
 of rural Md. County.  
 (Some are entirely stone)

SMALL HSE NEARBY (see map attached on p. 2)

Couldnt tell date-period.

Perhaps c. 1870s based on  
 steep roof & half stone chim.  
 No int. trim remains.