

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 109 East Jefferson Street
 Map and Parcel: 33-194
 Census Tract & Block: 1-107
 Present Owner: First Baptist Church
 Address: Second and Jefferson
 Present Use: Youth Building
 Original Owner: Colonel John R. Jones
 Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: "Social Hall"
 Date/Period: 1814
 Style: Late Georgian
 Height to Cornice: 21
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: B-1
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 112 x 119
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 18,400 + 12,630 = 31,030

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This building is an important example of late Georgian architecture and one of the few remaining high style residences of the early period. Characteristic of the late Georgian style is the formal, symmetrical composition, five bays wide, two stories high with a low roof. The house is built of brick laid in Flemish bond on the Jefferson and Second Streets elevations and five course common bond on the remaining sides. Notable features of the exterior include a fine Federal fanlight doorway and blind windows (to preserve symmetry). The unfortunate additions of the Colonial Revival veranda and a small two story wing on the west side tend to disrupt the purity and grace of the original design. The interior has suffered alterations but much of the original woodwork remains intact.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

John R. Jones, a merchant who occupied the southern half of Number Nothing, purchased lots 63 and 64 on April 28, 1814 from Chiles Brand for 186 pounds (ACDB 19-56). Jones, whose wealth came from his position as financial agent for several large planters in the county, set about to construct the mansion shortly after the land was bought. Jones continued to live on the property until April 1857, when it was sold to John H. Bibb, who held the title for 24 years. In 1881, Bibb sold the house to Hanna Kaufman who in turn sold it to Dr. J. Fulton Williams. It is from the Williams' estate that the present owners purchased the property. Deed References: ACDB 69-630, 79-61, City DB 31-22, 163-367.



CONDITIONS

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SOURCES

Mrs. Lucille Carr, City and County Records
 Alexanders Recollections, pp. 19-20.