

Frances Snow Pryor Home  
Athens, Alabama

Linestone Co.

HABS No. 16-304

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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HISTORICAL DATA:

Built about 1826.

Architect or ~~Builder~~ not known.

Ownership:

Robert Clark built this home about 1826.

Luke Pryor bought this house in 1854. He passed it on to his daughter, Miss Frances Snow Pryor, who died recently.

The Estate of Miss Frances Snow Pryor has the present ownership of this home.

Present Occupants:

This house is not occupied at present but is completely furnished.

Miss Frances Snow Pryor:

Daughter of Confederate States Senator Luke Pryor. Her father was one of the largest landowners in the South and was a leading figure in political and social life of Alabama.

Died in Athens, Alabama, April 19, 1934, at the age of 73.

Miss Pryor died since this house was measured.

Source of Material:

Eugene Knight of the Measuring Force, Birmingham.

Miss Frances Snow Pryor, Athens, Alabama.

Notice of Miss Pryor's death in the Montgomery Advertiser for April 19, 1934.

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Athens, Limestone County, Alabama.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The outstanding feature of this Tennessee Valley mansion is the arched front porch rising to two storeys in height. The columns from which the arches spring are rectangular in section and have the appearance of pilasters. Originally the small two-storey porch stood at the front.

Downstairs is the great hall running through the house, with library and music room on one side, and dining room and parlor on the other. The main stairway is narrow, and boxed or enclosed. On the second floor are four bed rooms. The stairway to the square cupola or lantern is entered from the south front bed room. A slave kitchen, forty feet long, is connected with the main house by means of a short colonnade. A well-house lies off to the west of the main house and a one room office to the south. This office has a "freestanding" chimney and a cast-iron porch of good design.

The ironwork of the main building is cast-iron on the east and south sides, but wrought-iron on the north. The drawings show the designs to the very best advantage.

Source of Material:

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