

GERALD HOUSE
(Loretta Academy)
Adams and Lawrence Streets
Montgomery, Ala.
Montgomery Co.

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(Now LORETTA ACADEMY) - THE GERALD HOUSE
Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: St. Peters Catholic Church.
From 1859 to 1935.
Perly Gerald.
From 1851 to 1859.

Custodian: Sister Superior.

Date of Erection: 1851.

Architect: Perly Gerald. Stephen D. Button?

Builder: Pe rly Gerald.

Present Condition: The house stand^s on the original site. It is used as a Catholic school; it has two one story wings at the rear, a second story has been added to the front. Partitions have been added to some of the rooms, and in others the partitions have been removed. There was a banquet and dance hall in the basement with marble floors, which have been replaced with cement floors.

Number of Stories: Two and a basement.

Materials of Construction: The floors of the house are of pine. The exterior walls are stucco over brick marked off in rectangular blocks fourteen by forty-three inches,. The roof is metal with standing seams.

Other Existing Records: There is a photograph of this house in Art Works of Montgomery, in part 12. This photograph shows a cast iron fence on the top of the surrounding brick wall. A copy of this publication is in the Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama.

See: Birmingham, News. January 20, 1935.

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Additional Data: The Gerald house is one of the more pretentious examples of architecture in Montgomery, there are six large columns to the front of the house, these are made of stucco over brick; the capitals are of carved wood the same type as those of the Tower of the Winds. There is a stucco frieze with carved wooden wreaths applied. In the center front of the house is a cast iron fountain, on each side of the fountain are curved steps leading to the doorway, the treads of the steps are of marble one inch thick. There is a cast iron railing on the balcony of the second floor level.

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