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GREEN - MELDRIM HOUSE

Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

Owner: Mrs. Peter Meldrim.

Date of Erection: Approximately 1855.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Foundation walls brick stuccoed. Floors of piazzas around three sides of house are flagstones; floors of first story tile on concrete base; second story floors wood. Exterior walls brick stuccoed. Roof metal.

Other Existing Records: Records by P. Thornton Mayre, District Officer HABS 1934. GARDENS OF COLONY & STATE, p 6, 119.

Additional Data: Designed after English Abbey showing Gothic influence is characterized by oriel windows. Built by Chas. Green, grandfather of Julian Green, the French American novelist. Was Sherman's headquarters while occupying Savannah. For many years home of Judge Peter Meldrim. Cast iron supports front of porch. Garden fence of cast and wrought iron.

Elaborately decorated interior. Doorways capped by overhanging gothic cornice of carved wood. Ornamental cornice and ceiling medallions and the arch motives in East rooms of plaster. Gilt mirrors. Curved stairway to left of central hall between front and back rooms with marble treads and risers, and iron railing.

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE GEORGIA	COUNTY CHATHAM	TOWN OR VICINITY SAVANNAH
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE		HABS NO. GA-222
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE SHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS CHARLES GREEN HOUSE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 327 Bull Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) begun 1853, finished 1861	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) John S. Norris (?)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Served as Sherman's headquarters from December 22, 1864 to February 1, 1865.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Victorian Gothic		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with stucco, stone trim.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two stories, rectangular with service wing on west, 64' x 56'. Central hall plan.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Flat roof with crenellated parapet, four end chimneys flush with exterior walls, cast iron entrance porch, cast iron verandas, bay window with crenellated parapet, cast iron oriel windows over east veranda, entrance doorway with paired arched doors with arched sidelights set within recessed Tudor arch.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Freestanding marble stairway with wrought iron railing and domed skylight, tile floors in first floor rooms, elaborate foliated archivolt in wall niches, elaborate foliated plaster cornices and medallions, marble mantels with flowers carved in high relief and arched cast-iron grates.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Stucco removed after 1934. House purchased by St. John's Episcopal Church in 1943 and west wing converted to rectory.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Two story west wing contained servant's rooms, kitchen, carriage house and stables. Garden on east side of the house is surrounded by a cast iron fence with motifs which match the veranda treillage.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Linley, John. The Georgia Catalog, Historic American buildings Survey, Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1982, pp.122,131,329.		
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