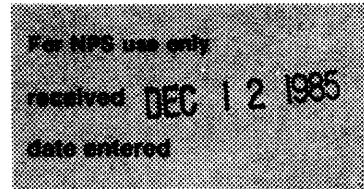


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Name: Historic: William Rogers House Location: 531 W. Church Street

Common: Tindal House Classification: Building

Owner: Mrs. Hughey Tindal
531 W. Church Street
Bishopville, S.C. 29010

Representation in Existing Surveys: South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places, 1981.

Description: The William Rogers House was built ca. 1845 in a vernacular interpretation of the Greek Revival style. The house is five bays in width with a large two-story, pedimented portico on the main (east) facade. This portico has four large square, frame columns with Doric motif capitals. In the gable field of the pediment is an elliptical blind window with sawtooth wood shingles. The house has two exterior end brick chimneys with a stucco finish. Windows are six-over-six sash. On the first floor of the main facade are central double doors with four light sidelights and a three light transom. The three central bays of the house on the main facade have narrow flushboard siding with wider weatherboard siding on the rest of the house. At the rear of the building are several one-story additions added in the late 19th century. The interior of the house has been restored over the years by its present owner and retains its original woodwork, staircase and mantles.

Significance: The Rogers House is a fine example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture and is associated with notable Bishopville families of the 19th and 20th centuries. During the early 1840s, William Rogers, a native of Connecticut, moved to Bishopville to open a store. He was joined a few years later by his relative, Charles Spencer, and together they ran one of Bishopville's most well known businesses of the mid-19th century. Both partners built large frame residences during the 1840s. Rogers constructed this house in the early 1840s and Spencer later modeled his house upon this plan (41). In 1850, Rogers is listed as residing in Bishopville with his wife and seven children. By 1860, his real estate was valued at \$4,000 and his personal property at \$36,000 (42). Rogers's grandson was Thomas G. McLeod, who served as South Carolina's governor from 1923 to 1927. During his childhood McLeod was a frequent visitor to this home but there is no evidence that he ever resided here. The Rogers family continued to own this house until the 1890s when it was sold to the Tatum family. After passing through several other owners it was purchased by Hughey Tindall, whose widow continues to own the home (43).

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Acreage: Approximately .9 acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the Rogers House is shown as the dark line on accompanying Lee County Map 30-6, lot 15 which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'. This boundary includes all property historically associated with the Rogers House.

UTM Reference Point: 17/568665/3786850 (Ashwood Quad)

Other Information: In 1965 this house was mistakenly identified as the birthplace of Gov. Thomas G. McLeod and a marker placed in the front yard of the house to that effect.