

WILLIAMS (A. B.) GENERAL STORE—Between Au-
and Loachapoka; 1915; believed to be one of the
oldest and largest rural stores in the county.
Technology, Commerce

LIMESTONE COUNTY

ATHENS COLLEGE—U.S. 31, Athens; 1822; originally
founded as a girls school, the presently co-ed Athens
State College has operated continuously since the
state charter was granted in 1842.
Education, Institution

ATHENS COLLEGE FOUNDERS HALL—Beaty Street,
Athens; 1842; the well-executed Greek Revival design
of this brick building was marred when the third story
was added in 1905.
Art-Architecture, Greek Revival; Education, Institution

ATHENS L&N DEPOT—Monroe Street, Athens; 1904-
13; one-story frame building with verticle tongue and
groove wainscoting and belt course has been converted
to the Iron Horse dress shop.
Technology, Transportation

BASS TAVERN SITE MARKER—Marion and Wash-
ington streets, Athens; 1949; the tavern located on
this corner was owned and operated by Sara and
Thomas Bass (1932-62) and also served as a Chickasaw
trading post (1811) and was the temporary courthouse
(1820).

Original Americans, Historic; Political Affairs, Es-
tablishment and Administration of Government; Tech-
nology, Commerce

BEATY-MASON HOUSE—211 Beaty Street South,
Athens; c. 1826; two-story brick Federal style home
built by the founder of Athens, Robert Beaty, was
enlarged and converted to Greek Revival in 1845 and
is now the Athens College president's residence.
Art-Architecture, Greek Revival; Education, Institution

BEATY-MASON HOUSE SLAVE CABIN—211 Beaty
Street South, Athens; c. 1826; two-room log structure
has been a slave cabin, an ammunition dump and is
now restored as the guest house for Athens College
president's residence.
Art-Architecture, Log Cabin

BELLE MINA—Limestone County 71, near Moores-
ville; 1826; the two-story brick mansion built by
Alabama's second governor Thomas Bibb (1820-21)
illustrates the tradition in styles of this period with
its Georgian entrance and interior detailing and a
Classic Revival exterior with Doric colonnade.
Art-Architecture, Classic Revival; Political Affairs,
Leaders

BELLE MINA METHODIST CHURCH—Limestone
County 71, Belle Mina; 1902; one-story frame structure
is a modified Gothic Revival style.
Society, Religion

BELLE MINA VILLAGE—Limestone County 71; late
1800s; ten structures including a doctor's office, rail-
road station and several commercial and residential
structures comprise the village near Governor Thomas
Bibb's estate.
Art-Architecture, Varied 19th Century Styles; Tech-
nology, Commerce

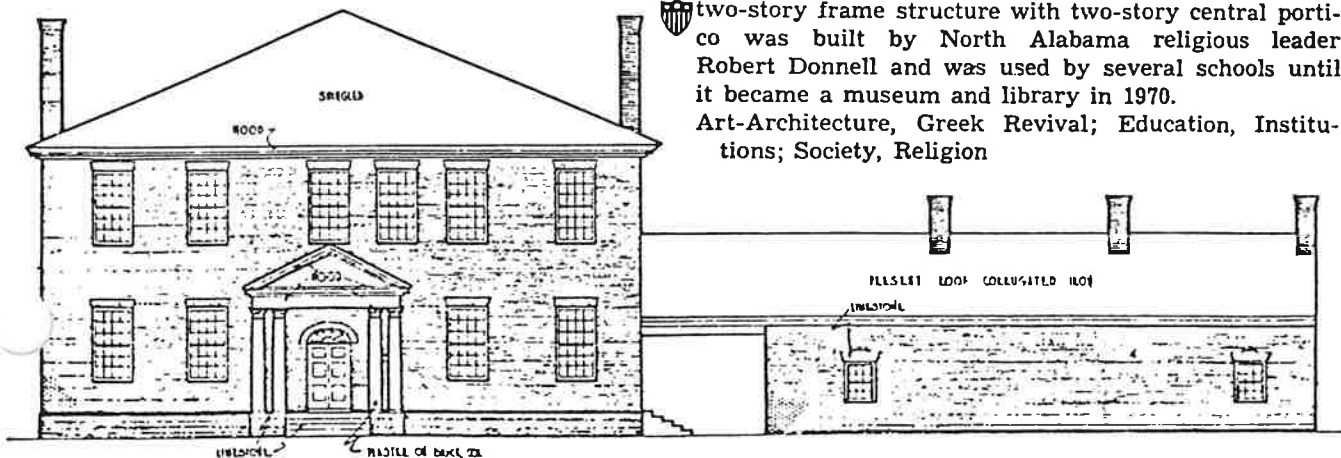
BRIDGEFORTH HOME—Limestone County 27, six
miles north of Athens; 1830; two-story brick home
with simple two-story central Greek Revival portico
was used as a hospital after the battle of Sulphur
Trestle during the Civil War.
Art-Architecture, Greek Revival; Military Affairs, Par-
ticipation in Wars.

CAMBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH—U.S. 72 and
Cambridge Lane; c. 1850; although the present frame
structure was erected in 1850, this congregation was
organized in 1818 and had to restore their building
after the Civil War.
Society, Religion

CUMMINGS-TURNER HOUSE—Copeland Road, 10
miles east of Athens; 1810s; two-story clapboard house
that was originally a four-room dogtrot is believed
to be the oldest house in the county.
Art-Architecture, Log Cabin

CURTIS LOG HOUSE—U.S. 72 east of Athens; 1974-75;
two-story log cabin was rebuilt with materials from
three other log cabins dating back to 1858.
Art-Architecture, Log Cabin

DONNELL HOUSE—601 Clinton Street, Athens; 1840s;
two-story frame structure with two-story central portico
was built by North Alabama religious leader
Robert Donnell and was used by several schools until
it became a museum and library in 1970.
Art-Architecture, Greek Revival; Education, Institu-
tions; Society, Religion



Belle Mina — HABS

ELK RIVER STATE PARK—U.S. 72 and Limestone County 5, fifteen miles west of Athens; one of three parks which are part of the Joe Wheeler State Park system, this facility includes fishing lodge and boating facilities.

Recreation

ELKMONT DEPOT—Elkmont; 1887-1910; L&N depot is one-story board and batten structure which is now owned by the city and will be moved and restored.

Technology, Transportation

ELLIOT-BLACKBURN HOUSE—Old Huntsville Road; 1830s; one-story frame structure is L-shaped with enclosed back porches.

Art-Architecture, Rustic

FORT HAMPTON (FORT ELK RIVER) SITE—On the Elk River 17 miles west of Athens; 1809; earthworks are the only visible remnant of this Army fort built to keep squatters off Chickasaw land until that land was ceded to the U.S. government in 1817.

Aboriginal Americans, Historic; Military Affairs, Defense.

GAMBLE HOUSE—Huntsville-Brown's Ferry Road, two and one-half miles east of Tanner's Crossroads; c. 1835; two-story brick house with double front entrance has especially fine brick cornice work and Adam style mantels.

Art-Architecture, Late Georgian

GARRET HOUSE—Athens; 1859; two-story clapboard dwelling is noted for the elaborate interior plasterwork.

Art-Architecture, Greek Revival

GILBERT HOUSE—Elkmont; c. 1840; two-story frame dwelling has a later Victorian porch and ground floor window treatment.

Art-Architecture, Federal

GILBERT'S FURNITURE STORE (FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)—124 North Marion Street, Athens; c. 1836; two-story brick structure with exceptional windows and Greek Revival detailing served as a church until 1928, operated as the Ritz theater until 1971 and is now a furniture store.

Art-Architecture, Greek Revival; Society, Religion

HINE-WILSON HOUSE—Jefferson Street, Athens; 1850; two-story frame residence has a two-story central portico supported by boxed columns.


Art-Architecture, Greek Revival

HOLT HOME—Yarbrough Road, one mile east of Interstate 65; 1855; one and one-half story log dogtrot is one of the few log cabins in the area that has not been covered with clapboard siding.

Art-Architecture, Log Cabin

HORTON HOUSE—Greenbrier; 1848; this two-story frame structure, the home of Judge James E. Horton who heard the famous Scottsboro Boys case, was moved from its original location in Athens to its present site in 1939.

Political Affairs, Issues and Leaders

 HOUSTON HOME (HOUSTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY)—101 Houston Street, Athens; 1843-45; two-story

frame house which now serves as a library, was once the home of Congressman (1841-61), Governor (1875-78) and Senator (1878-79) George S. Houston.

Art-Architecture, Greek Revival; Political Affairs, Leaders

JONES-WESTMORELAND HOUSE—517 South Clinton Street, Athens; 1855-61; two-story brick Greek Revival mansion has heavy Italianate influence.


Art-Architecture, Greek Revival

LIMESTONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE—Jefferson Street, Athens; 1919; the fifth courthouse on this site, serving a county older than the state (1818), this recently renovated structure is three-story brick with four raised porticos and a copper clad dome with clocks.

Art-Architecture, Neo-Classical Revival; Political Affairs, Establishment and Administration of Government

LOONEY HOUSE—416 East Washington Street, Athens; 1847; one-story frame cottage with 12-foot ceilings was remodeled with a second floor.


Art-Architecture, Plantation Style

 MATTHEWS-ROWE HOUSE—Huntsville-Brown's Ferry Road, three and one-half miles east of Tanner's Crossroads; c. 1830; two-story brick plantation home has fanlight transom over first and second-floor doors, but the two-story portico has been removed.

Art-Architecture, Georgian

MARTIN HOME—207 Houston Street, Athens; c. 1820; believed to be Athens' oldest structure, this one and one-half story clapboard dwelling was built by State Legislator, Judge Congressman and Governor (1846-47) Josua L. Martin.

Political Affairs, Leaders

 MOORESVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT—U.S. Alternate 72; 1818-1860; once the home of Alabama's second governor, Thomas Bibb (1820-21) and, briefly, Andrew Johnson, this primarily residential community retains a large number of its ante bellum structures and is virtually unchanged. The district includes:

BENN BIBB HOUSE—1870; one-story frame cottage is long and rambling.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—1854; two-story frame building was the first Church of Christ in Alabama.

HURN-THACH HOME—c. 1825; two-story frame house began as a simple double-pen one-story structure.

LEFTWICH HOUSE—1826; two-story brick Federal style home was once a general store and Masonic Hall.

MCCRARY-ZEITLER HOUSE—c. 1875; a two-story frame Plantation Style house has outstanding outside kitchen and log smokehouse.

METHODIST CHURCH—1822; this simple brick Federal style building was erected on land donated by Thomas Bibb.



The Old Tavern — HABS

OLD TAVERN—c. 1820; two-story frame shotgun style building has a shed porch.

STAGECOACH INN—1825; two-story frame building with shed porch was an early stage stop and hotel and is now an antique and gift shop.

POST OFFICE—1840; residents still use the original boxes in this simple white frame building.

SLOSS TAILORING SHOP SITE—Piney and Market streets; 1824; Andrew Johnson, 17th President of the United States, worked briefly as an apprentice with Joseph Sloss before returning to his own tailor shop in Tennessee.

WOODRUFF-CAMPBELL HOUSE—c. 1828; two-story frame home has a central two-story portico.

ZEITLER-HILL HOME—1927; two-story brick Georgian Revival mansion has an exquisite fanlight over the front entrance.

Art-Architecture, Varied 19th Century Styles; Political Affairs, Leaders; Technology, Commerce

MORRIS HOUSE—Elkmont; 1840-55; two-story frame house is the only known dwelling in the area with the unique treatment of three over six lite sashes.

Art-Architecture, Greek Revival

PEPPER HOTEL—Athens; c. 1900; two-story frame building with one-story wing is now a well-maintained boarding house.

Technology, Commerce

PETTUS HOUSE—202 Beaty Street, Athens; 1840-55; two-story frame home features the box-columned portico that was especially characteristic of Limestone County.

Art-Architecture, Greek Revival

POPLAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH—Snake Road, Poplar Creek community; one and two-story frame building with several additions serves a small congregation that was organized in 1818.

Society, Religion

PRYOR (LUKE) HOUSE—405 Jefferson Street, Athens; c. 1836; purchased by Luke Pryor, state legislator and U.S. senator (1879-84) in 1854, the house was enlarged and remodeled to its present Italianate style with cupola in 1868.

Art-Architecture, Italianate; Political Affairs, Leaders

PRYOR (RICHARD) HOUSE—U.S. 31 ten miles south of Athens; 1860s; two-story frame residence with central Greek Revival portico retains its original landscaping.

Art-Architecture, Greek Revival

RICHARDSON-SCHERFF HOME—407 South Clinton Street, Athens; 1835; two-story brick mansion with severely plain portico has an unusual recessed fanlight entrance.

Art-Architecture, Georgian

ROUND ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH—Brown's Ferry Road, five miles south of Athens; ante bellum; founded by the Reverend Jeremiah Tucker c. 1812, with possibly the oldest congregation in the country, the present brick structure was erected at this location due to the unhealthy conditions at the original Round Island site.

Society, Religion

SULPHUR TRESTLE FORT SITE—Seven miles north of Athens near Benton; 1864; the 70-yard square Union redoubt manned by two companies of black troopers, and the railroad trestle over Sulphur Creek were burned by Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest after intense shelling on September 25 as part of his north Alabama raid to disrupt Union supply lines.

Black History; Military Affairs, Battles and Leaders

TATE-ASHFORD HOUSE—Swancote, 10 miles east of Mooresville near Madison County line; 1830; two-story frame house with slender columned portico has exceptional hand-carved stairways and mantels.

Art-Architecture, Greek Revival

VINING-VASSER HOUSE—301 East Washington Street, Athens; c. 1830; two-story brick house with fanlight transom has a Greek Revival portico.

Art-Architecture, Georgian

WALKER HOUSE—309 East Clinton Street, Athens; ante bellum; two-story frame mansion is presently being restored.

Art-Architecture, Greek Revival

WHARTEN-GREENHAW HOUSE—Athens; 1902-05; two-story brick home with mansard roof has exquisite interior woodwork.

Art-Architecture, Victorian

WOODSIDE—Belle Mina; 1845; built by Governor Thomas Bibb for his daughter, this two-story frame mansion has an elegant entrance with twelve lite sidelights and almost Gothic influenced transom.

Art-Architecture, Greek Revival