

~~Old~~ Private School (Old Ayers House) HABS No. ALA-49
57 S. Hamilton St.
Mobile, Alabama

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
DISTRICT NO. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey
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(OLD AYERS HOUSE)
~~CEB~~ PRIVATE SCHOOL (Residence)
 Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama.
 57 S. Hamilton Street.

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Ownership:

Present Owner: Madame Paul Robert. (Nee Mary Catherine Ayers)
 From 1910 to 1935.

Previous Owners: Andrew Ayers. From 1831 to 1835.
 Mrs. Catherine McCluskey Ayers.
 From 1835 to 1871.
 Ayers Estate: From 1871 to 1910.

Date of Erection: 1831.

Architect: Andrew Ayers.

Builder: Andrew Ayers.

Present Condition: Good state of preservation: From 1831 to 1871 it was used as a residence. Since 1871 the two front rooms have been used as a school room. In 1872, the only change in the original plan was made, when the partition between the North side front rooms was removed to provide required convenience for additional pupils.

Number of Stories: One.

Materials of Construction: Frame with shingle roof; the materials used in this house were left over from other buildings under construction by Andrew Ayers, and therefore noticeable examples of irregularity in sizes of joists, sills, siding-boards, piers, ect; as well as dimensional differences in walls and openings are to be found and its structural differences in wall and openings to be found, and its structural simplicity is without doubt the result of thorough knowledge of constructional economy rather than a purposeful plan of erection. The lathing is hand made and it is evident the larger beams were fashioned and trimmed with the adz.

Other Existing Records:

See: "HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF OLD MOBILE".
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Additional Data: Andrew Ayers was from Belfast, Ireland. He did a great deal of building around Mobile. By direct inheritance this house has remained in the hands of the Ayers family, never having changed hands. In 1871, in front two rooms, Miss Mary C. Mulliken, a member of the family, opened "Thee school for the Private education of the children of Southern Gentlewomen". From 1871 this school has been closely associated with the intellectual and community life of Mobile.

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