

Freeman Goode ~~Home~~ MAUSION.  
(John H. Skeggs, Owner)  
6 mi. N. E., Town Creek, Ala.  
LAWRENCE Co.

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
DISTRICT NO. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey  
E. Walter Burkhardt, District Officer  
Auburn, Alabama

FREEMAN GOODE PLACE.  
Town Creek, Lawrence County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Mrs. William E. Skeggs Estate.  
Decatur, Alabama.

Previous Owners: Reverend Turner Saunders.  
Freeman Goode,  
Hall Estate.  
Mrs. William E. Skeggs.

Date of Erection: 1821.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Reverend Turner Saunders.

Present Condition: Poor.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Two story brick; metal roof;  
loggia from first to second floor supporting roof; basement.

Other Existing Records:

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Source of Material: Anna Hotchkiss Gillespie and Emma Skeggs  
Crawford, Decatur, Ala.

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Additional Data: The place, known as the Freeman Goode place, to the older generation of the Courtland section of the Tennessee Valley, and as the Hall place to the younger generation, is a plantation of about 1400 acres, some five or six miles northwest of Courtland.

This place was originally bought from the Government Land Office at Huntsville, Alabama (according to the Act of Congress April 24, 1820) by the Reverend Turner Saunders, a minister of the Methodist Church. Mr. Saunders came from Brunswick County, Virginia to Franklin, Tennessee in 1808. From there he made several tours into what is now Lawrence County.

This house was built by Turner Saunders soon after he moved to Lawrence County. It is so well built that even after 100 years there is not a crack in the brick walls. From a distance the place resembles an old Greek Temple.

The brick was probably burned on the place near where the house stands, as the soil is largely red clay or clay subsoil. There is a full story cellar, about half of it being above ground.

The main doorway leads into a hall, which gives access to the large parlor and to the rooms in the right wing. To the left wing a doorway leads into a ballroom which extends across the left end of the house. Stairways lead to the upper story and to the basement from the hall. In the back room of the right wing is a stairway leading only to the floor above.

This place was sold to Freeman Goode by Turner Saunders, Mr. Goode increased the acreage to 3500 acres. He was the son of John Goode of Abbeville District, S. C. This place was the scene of much happiness before the War Between the States.

The place was bought by the Halls, from Mr. Goode, they in turn sold it to Mrs. William E. Skeggs, of Decatur, Alabama. This home is said to be one of the best specimens of the Southern Architecture in the Courtland section of the Tennessee Valley.

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ADDENDUM TO:  
SAUNDERS-GOODE-HALL HOUSE  
(Hall House)  
(Freeman Goode House)  
(Saunders Hall)  
State Highway 101  
Town Creek vicinity  
Lawrence County  
Alabama

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