



HISTORIC SPENCER-SHREVE FEDERAL HOUSE BUILT C. 1825

\$129,750

Address:
701 Church Street PORT GIBSON,
39150 Mississippi

Bedrooms: 3

Bathrooms: 2

The historic Spencer-Shreve House was built c. 1825 (1825-1830) in the popular Federal style, with a wide front veranda exhibiting its original four neoclassical columns and above-the-door transoms. For local businessman, entrepreneur and planter Horatio Nelson Spencer originally had the house built, but during the latter part of the Antebellum period and throughout much of the post-Civil War era it was the home of the Shreve family. It may have been the Shreves who built the "L" extensions to the South c. 1840, which includes an additional large room that exhibits much of its original Greek Revival inspired woodwork. The front facing gabled Spencer-Shreve house was built with four large rooms and galleries on the front and the back and is unlike most Southern center hall houses of the area. The two door and dual parlor entrance is not unusual in much older pioneering homes of the Upper and Lower South, and is also an important characteristic found in the local Southwest Mississippi and lower Louisiana French housing vernacular. After decades of use as tenement housing, it was rescued by the Perkins family some 30-40 years ago. Working as a "preservation architect," Mr. Perkins obtained original interior decorative elements from the c. 1825 rural Claiborne County Sillers House, which was in near complete ruin. Excluding the original cypress wide plank floors found throughout the house, the majority of the 1820s first floor moldings and mantels are from this house. The Spencer-Shreve House is listed on the National Register in association with the historic Church Street District. It also holds the rare honor as an inclusion in the WPA HABS Depression era documentation work project, which is now housed in the Library of Congress, Washington D. C. . The house also is across the street from the famous Presbyterian Church with its "Gold Finger Pointing To Heaven," the unique Gemiluth Chessed Moorish Revival synagogue, the oldest house in town and the historic "Gage House" with its original brick slave quarter and walled garden. The Spencer-Shreve House has numerous updates, which includes a complete re-plumbing from the City water meter and throughout the house in PEX and new water heaters (2016). The HVAC (heating and air-condition) unit has also been replaced (2017) and a period fence built to encircle the property. Much repair work has also been done to replace or repair damaged siding (2016-2017) Because of the homes near original unique floor plan, you will find that the house has a more modern feel and flow in relation to the now popular "open floor concept." The warm and comfortable feel of this important historic treasure is only amplified with its 4 working (completely restored) fireplaces.

MLS #:

Listing Type: For Sale

Property Type: Residential

Style: Federal

Lot Size (acres): 10,000 sqft corner lot

Size (square feet): 3,280

Year Built: 1825

Additional Out Buildings:

Submission Date: 03-10-2018

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