

PERKINS-ORGAIN-WINSTON HOUSE

[Scruggs Home] [WRANO]  
Huntsville, Alabama  
MADISON Co.

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**Scruggs Home.**  
Two miles east of  
Chase, Madison County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Mastin Estate.

Previous Owners: Gross Scruggs.  
Gustave L. Mastin.

Date of Erection: 1812 - 1815.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Gross Scruggs.

Present Condition: Poor.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Two story brick structure; one  
story entrance porch to front; exterior chimneys.

Other Existing Records:

See: Huntsville Times. September 25, 1832.

"Historic Homes of Huntsville"  
By Pat Jones.

Additional Data: Gross Scruggs bought the land from James Vault in 1812, 320 acres for \$1,280. Later he added 625 acres, making the estate or plantation cover 945 acres.

Gustavis L. Mastin bought the property, house and 945 acres of land on January 9, 1857. Still owned by Mastins descendants.

The building stood in a grove of trees, with woods extending up to within a few hundreds yards of its rear door. A large lawn was laid out on all sides and stretched back towards the woods some 300 yards to the gate of his stable yard, where were kept scores of horses.

Today all is in ruins. The beautiful lawn has disappeared, the trees have been cut down, the negro tenants have plowed the yard up nearly to the back steps of the house. Corn, weeds and bushes surround the once lovely home, all traces of its former glory have departed.

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