

154 Maple St.  
Madison, AL

### Lanier Homestead

Built sometime before the late 1850's, the original structure faced due south. After the Railroad was built through Madison the entrance on the west and south sides have served as the front entrances to the home.

The original owners, not known at this time, built this wooden, L-shaped home by milling most of the lumber on site, insulation consisted of wood lathing packed with red clay found on the property, ceilings measure 11 to 11-1/2 feet. As was the custom in those days, the kitchen was built separate from the house until years later when cooking over an open fire became a thing of the past.

To the best of our knowledge, the Lanier Family has always owned the house, generation after generation since the late 1800's through today, each generation adding another room, outdoor structure or improvement as time has passed.

Born in 1820, John Ford Lanier is known to be the first Lanier to own this home. He married Ada Elizabeth Johnson in October of 1881, they raised 6 children here together until his death, shot and killed in the line of duty as Deputy Sheriff. Some of the records, expenses reports, are still on the property today.

One of the 6 children, David Shelby Lanier, born in 1887, was the next owner of the house and Mayor Elect of the City Of Madison 3 times, occupied the home until his death in April of 1963. Married to Mary Bradford they had two children, David Shelby Lanier Jr. and John Logan Lanier.

John Logan Lanier, one of the two sons of Mary and David Lanier, grew up in the house and then built his own home next door, across the RR tracts on Martin St. and the home on Maple Street eventually became the property of his youngest of 3 children, David S Lanier and family who still live there today.

Starting in 1992, the present owners David and Lou Ann Lanier have carefully and massively renovated and upgraded the home's interior, surrounding structures and improved the landscaping of the property. As with any home completion of these renovations is undetermined.