

Tullie Smith house architecture tour

Stop one: front of the house.

- Introduce self and ask the group what all they know about architecture.
- Talk about the family a little bit.
 - House was built in 1845 by Robert Smith.
 - Mr. Smith owned 11 slaves and 800 acres of land that he farmed.
- Start talking on the house.
 - The house is a plantation plain style with weatherboard siding and a gable roof.
 - The porch was remodeled in 1855 to give it a shed roof.
 - A traveler room was added on the side of the house on the porch, disconnected from the rest of the house.
 - Ask what they think this room was for.

Stop two the inside of the house.

- Before going into the house, show the floor plan and how the house is laid out.
- Once in the house, speak on each of the room and what they were used for
 - Hall: where the family would gather to socialize and eat.
 - The parlor: most like the parent bedroom the where work company would be entertained.
 - The workroom and office.: where work was done. Talk about why work was separated in the house. Ask why they think work was in the back of the house.

Stop three: the kitchen.

- Ask why they think the kitchen was detached.
- Once in the kitchen, talk about what life was like for the cooks during this time.
 - Most lived in the kitchen and were female.

Ask for questions and conclude with thanks for joining you on the tour.

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