

Stephenson Home

Formerly Rion House

HOME OF MR. AND MRS. J. W. STEPHENSON

One of the homes reflecting the French influence in its style of architecture is the Old Rion Home which was first begun in 1855 by Mr. Mansell Hall. The house then consisted of two rooms below and two above. Colonel James Rion purchased the property in 1857 and developed it to its present proportions. He employed a French decorator who directed the painting and exquisite carvings in the medallions in the center of the downstairs rooms; also, the turning and installing of the elaborate mouldings and panelling, all hand done. The staircase is of solid mahogany put together with wooden pegs.

The massive chandeliers fitted for gas have the original etched shades. The floors are the original hand-planed wide boards.

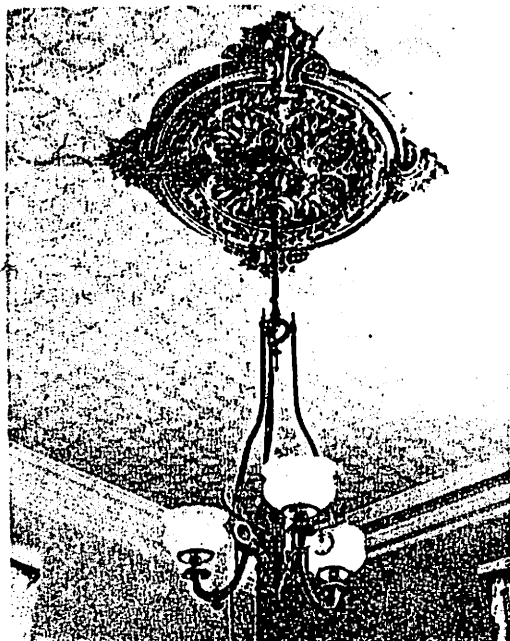
The veranda and balcony are especially beautiful. Six Corinthian columns support and decorate it. These were imported as were the iron-wrought rosettes and brackets. The banisters are massive and beautiful.

In 1908, it became the property of Mr. William Rabb, and in 1931, was purchased by Mr. J. W. Stephenson.

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