1687 Fort Lamar Road

Owner: Caroline Forgason
Architect: Dufford Young Architects
Contractor: Artis Construction
(Exterior Carolopolis Award)

Built circa 1837, Secessionville Manor is a vernacular raised plantation style house designed in the Greek Revival style and defined by its unique U-shaped piazza with classical, square, fluted columns. The house was likely designed and built by Edward H. Freer, the only skilled carpenter living on James Island at the time, as a summer residence for cotton planter, Rawlins Rivers.

The highlight of the 2017-2019 rehabilitation project was the removal of inappropriate infill at bays below the porch, as well as the refenestration of the remaining infilled bays to reflect a more appropriate treatment. Also of note was the replacement of the non-historic 1/1 window within the gable with an elegant fanlight window. Other historic fabric including windows, doors, siding, trim, and roofing were repaired or replaced in-kind, and the porch structure was stabilized by repointing masonry piers, sistering historic frame members, and realigning skewed columns.

View of Secessionville Manor in “The Battle of Secessionville,” Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper, 1862

Before

After