

## **Architecture-Calhoun Avenue**

**Contents:** Documents featuring homes on Calhoun Avenue in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

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Photo by Jason Patterson

## ***Close Call***

This home on Calhoun Avenue just narrowly avoided major damage when a large tree was broken during the high winds that accompanied a storm system in Yazoo County Tuesday night. According to Civil Defense Director Bernice McGinnis, no major damages were reported in Yazoo County.

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## Harlow House

William G. Harlow 122 Calhoun Ave.

(Corner of Calhoun & 2nd St. - east  
side of the street, facing west)

torn down in the 1950s

current location of C.L. Graeber house

built prior to 1905 (listed in 1905 City Directory)

Graeber house torn down about 2009.

House is pictured in 1902 Sentinel special Issue



*The Olden Home*

*138 Calhoun Ave*

## **Blue Tour**

**March 11-12**

**Friday and Saturday**

Homes on the Blue Tour include  
The Gilder Home, 505 E.  
Broadway; The Olden Home, 138



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Olden House (1894) 138 Calhoun Ave.



**HOME TOUR**—Sam Olden's "Victorian Cottage" on Calhoun Avenue will be a part of the Discover Yazoo home tours in April. This photograph features a portion of the living room containing furni-

ture from the home's builder, Edgar Olden, Sam's grandfather. Notice the bric-a-brac unit at the right, also a part of the original furnishings.

## Olden's 'Victorian Cottage' on tour

Spring is here and Yazoo County is eagerly anticipating the arrival of Discover Yazoo's Spring Spectacular—a combination of events April 8-12—when Yazooans will boast their treasured heritage in the form of open houses, a special musical production, walking tour of downtown churches, and a barge ride on the Yazoo River.

Among those homes open to the

public will be the Victorian home of Sam Olden located at 138 Calhoun Ave. His home will be featured April 10 in addition to Robert and Amanda Bailey's "Sherwood Plantation" at Wolf Lake and Griffin and Jane Norquist's home at 627 E. Broadway.

Olden's house was called a "Victorian Cottage" when it was built in the summer of 1894, some 93 years ago. It was constructed by Edgar G.

Olden, a merchant on Main Street at the time, but later for many years the City Clerk of Yazoo City until his death in 1929. He was Sam Olden's grandfather.

The lot was bought for a sum of \$300, from the Lintonia Building and Loan Association, a group developing the then new town extension of Lintonia. The house was constructed at a total cost of \$2,500 and was only the second one on Calhoun Avenue at the time. The other one was immediately next door to the north and was owned by Edgar Olden's brother-in-law and only sister, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Harlon (grandparents of Billy Brister and great-grandparents of Marie Cato). It was torn down some 25 years ago to make way for the C.L. Graeber home, so the Olden house is today, the oldest home on Calhoun and one of the two oldest remaining houses north of Canal Street.

Sam's father, Samuel B. Olden, was six-weeks-old when the family moved in during 1893. He died in the same home in 1948, but Sam's mother, Catherine Clark Olden, continued to live there until her death three years ago.

Some of the original furnishings, pictures and bric-a-brac in the home are original, but much also has come from Sam's mother's home on Linden Plantation up the river some four miles.

The house is now partially furnished too, with items brought from Spain, Peru and other countries where Sam has lived and worked for 30 years as an overseas executive for the Mobile Oil Corporation before retiring and returning to Yazoo City in 1975.

An interesting feature is the attic of

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**LOVELY WOODWORK**—The hallway leading to the dining room of the Olden house features this gorgeous archway, an example of Victorian woodwork. It is an original of the house. Sam Olden will welcome visitors to his home as a part of the Discover Yazoo tour in April.

### Olden's house

the home which in the manner of most houses of the day, were almost never developed into usable space because of the intense heat most of the year. Ten years ago, however, the late Yazoo architect Jack DeCell, was able—thanks now to insulation and air-conditioning—to transform the attic effectively into a second story with ample storage space and a most interesting library and study.

connected to Sam's bedroom by a tubular steel circular stairway.

All Sam's forebearers on both sides have been residents of Yazoo City or County since the 1830s, immigrating here from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York.

Sam is an avid supporter of the arts and preservation of historic buildings.

served on the local and state levels in various positions. As a loyal member of the Yazoo Historical Society, Sam is particularly proud to be the possessor of his great-great-grandfather, Elijah Clark's service record in the Revolutionary War showing that as a young Virginia militiaman, he was with General Washington at Yorktown and witnessed the British surrender.

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## BAD FIRES YESTERDAY.

### Residences of C. H. Hanson and Mrs. L. V. Judkins Destroyed.

The residences and contents of Mr. Chas. H. Hanson and Mrs. L. V. Judkins in North Lintonia, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock. The fire started in the family room of the Hanson residence, and it was in a light blaze before discovered. Mrs. Hanson had gone out of the room but a short while before, leaving her three year old child in bed, who was recovering from an attack of measles. But for the heroic work of a colored woman, the child would have been burned to death, the woman rushing into the room and bringing it out in her arms.

Mr. Hanson estimates his loss on his house at \$5,000, with insurance of \$2,500. His furniture loss is estimated at \$3,000, with \$1,800 insurance. But little of his household goods were saved.

Mrs. Judkins loss is \$1,500 on house, and \$1,000 on furniture, with only \$850 insurance on both.

A few days ago Mr. Hiram S. King moved his furniture from his home in the country to Mrs. Judkins, and it was destroyed. Mr. King had no insurance.

The losses are severe and the parties have the sympathy of their friends.

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