



## JEFFERIES-CRABTREE HOUSE, CLARENDON, MONROE COUNTY

### ELABORATION

The Jefferies-Crabtree House is significant both for its association to a successful Clarendon family and the introduction of an influential architect in the town. The house was built for Alfred J. Jefferies in 1923 on land given to him by his father, William Ladson Jefferies. The architectural firm of Estes Mann and Gatling out of Memphis designed the \$12,000 dollar house. Estes Mann married one of William Jefferies' daughters, and the Jefferies house was the first of many projects Mann would design in the town of Clarendon, including the Bateman-Griffith house on the same block as the Jefferies-Crabtree house. Mann also designed primarily private residences throughout Eastern Arkansas and Memphis. Alfred J. Jefferies was active in the Jefferies and Sons mercantile business as well as the Jefferies Lumber Company. Alfred Jefferies also served as postmaster in Clarendon from 1932 to 1947. The Family of J. W. Crabtree, who among other things owned and managed the Metro Theater in Clarendon, lived in the house for many years. It is now vacant, and is owned by Dottie Ann Bateman.



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