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Historic Name: E. E. Hibbs House

Date or Period: ca. 1900

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Manassas

This is one of the more elaborate older houses on Grant Avenue between Lee and Portner Avenues. Stylish architectural elements include the one-story, semicircular front porch held up by plain Ionic columns; a bracketed cornice containing dentils beneath a hip roof; and two Palladian windows, one on the second floor and the other in a gable-roofed front dormer. There is a large picture window on the first floor, the upper portion of which has a lozenge-motif tracery design. The wide counterboards are fluted pilasters have Ionic capitals. E. Humphrey Hibbs, who had this house built, owned with Eugene G. Giddings in Manassas clothing store, which they founded in 1898. Though there are other houses in Manassas of the same period using many of the same architectural elements (including the Palladian windows, the two-story bay window, and the one-story porch), few contain all of these features.