

114 N Madison. **BRONSON HOUSE. Also known as Napier-Reid-Rainey-Stubbs House & Eagle Tavern.c 1816-1822.**

In 1816 this was the Eagle Tavern Inn.

In 1818 The Rising Star Masonic Lodge held a Christmas feast here (Dec 28th 1818)

1820 it was owned & occupied by Thomas Napier. It was worth \$3500 on the tax digest whereas other structures were valued around \$500.

1830 William Wilkins (a local famous Tavern operator) bought it & lost it in a Sheriffs sale in 1835 to wealthy planter brothers Andrew & Alexander Reid who operated it as Reid's Hotel.

1846- Andrew Reid sole owner and in 1848 made it into private residence. James Broadfield was the architect who turned it into the Greek Revival residence you see today.

1874 Reid estate sold it to Frances Asberry Leverette CSA who was the US Marshal for southern district of GA (by Pres Cleveland). He moved to Macon where he died but had sold it to James Rainey in 1894 who rented rooms for \$2 a day incl a dental office in 1901. The Bronsons (Mr & Mrs Emerson Bronson)rented it in 1911 and then bought it in 1908. He was the depot agent for the new central GA railroad.

1931 his widow Nena Bronson converted it into a boarding house & 7 apts including her own.

Her daughter Eunice Bronson (1896-1985) inherited it & continued to preserve it. Her 6 children sold it to the EP Hist Soc in Dec 1985. It was in danger of being razed to place the Post Office on the site. The EP Hist Society raised the buying price from local contributions very quickly to save the house.

The house is now primarily a museum with some rooms rented out and is open to the public on certain occasions.