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Historic Name: R. S. Hynson House

Date or Period: ca.1870

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Manassas

A three-story, Italianate or Steamboat Gothic Victorian House, this residence was built in two parts and moved to its present location. Also known as "The Pink House," this cross-shaped structure has a two-story rear annex and is surrounded on three sides by deep, two-story porches. Christian Mathis constructed the house and in the 1880s sold it to Robert Portner, a German immigrant and entrepreneur. Portner enlarged the house and resided in it until Annsburg, a large brick and stone Colonial Revival mansion, was completed. He then sold it to R. S. Hynson, a general merchandiser, who moved it in pieces to its present location. The house is unique in Manassas and of a type rare in northern Virginia. It has a long and well-known history, is in good condition, is located on a well-cared for lot in a residential section of old town Manassas.