



MAGEVNEY HOUSE GARDEN

198 Adams Avenue

Memphis, TN 38103

The Magevney House, a small, white clapboard cottage, was built in the 1830's and was home to Irish immigrant, Eugene Magevney. Typical of pre-Civil War, middle-class homes, it is furnished as it might have been in 1850 and features several personal possessions of the Magevney family and other antiques. A kitchen garden and grape arbor are found behind the house. The house is one of the city's oldest remaining residences. It is owned and operated by the Pink Palace Museum Systems but has been closed for several years due to budget restrictions.

Master Gardeners have maintained the kitchen garden for five years. A great deal of research has gone into the planting of the garden to keep it consistent with a time period of the 1840's.

Several years ago, a grant was awarded that allowed for period tree plantings consistent with the time of influence over Eugene Magevney and to highlight our Early Presidents and a tree popular at that time or actually spoken of by the President. Seventeen Presidents, all the way to Ulysses S Grant, and their trees, have been identified. The Master Gardeners developed this grant and are in the process of planting these trees. Each tree has a marker identifying the President and the tree.

Master Gardener work every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and during those hours, the garden is open to the public.