



**Bond County Historical Society  
Hoiles-Davis Museum  
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**Historic Greenville Home Donated to Bond County Historical Society**

One of the most historic and recognizable homes in Greenville has been donated to the Bond County Historical Society. The large white house at 409 South Fourth Street, also known as the U.S. DeMoulin mansion, was recently given to the Society by its owner, Barbara Holmes and her daughter Robin. President of the Historical Society Kevin Kaegy stated that, "Ms. Holmes has decided to move to be with family. She has appreciated her time in Greenville and the friendliness of the residents. She wanted to donate the home as a way to give back to the community and make it available for the public." Kaegy added, "the Historical Society is overwhelmed by her generosity and honored that she entrusted its care to us."

The home was built in 1900 by Ulysses S. DeMoulin, one of the three brothers who established the iconic Greenville company of the same name. The Queen Anne style house features a large rounded turret, a large foyer, and majestic oak staircase. The home was built with separate quarters and staircase for a live-in maid. At one time it also featured an outdoor tennis court and a small elevator, which was removed during renovations in the 1990s.

The house is located directly across Fourth Street from the Society's current Hoiles-Davis Museum. The Historical Society plans to move their collection to the new house and re-open as a museum in the future. "The home is in outstanding condition," Kaegy stated. "Over the past 20 years the previous owners have restored virtually every aspect of the structure. However, to open as a museum and comply with ADA laws we will have to complete a major accessibility project. So, our first focus will be fundraising efforts to get that done so we can re-open."

The Society's current Hoiles-Davis Museum will remain open Saturdays and Sundays through the end of October.