Hypolite Salles’ residence and office is located on 512 and 514 S. Buchanan St.

The original house contained a central hall flanked on each side by two rooms. An additional bedroom and a bath were added to the rear in 1893, two years after the house was completed.

Both structures are built of cypress throughout and the original cypress shingles are still beneath the present corrugated iron roof. The kitchen is separated by a walkway between it and the dining room.

There is a fireplace in each room.

The dentist office and residence were built by Dr. & Mrs. Hypolite C. Salles in 1890 and 1891, respectively. Salles was the son of Bernard Isidore Salles of Toulouse, France, who was a physician in Lafayette until he died of yellow fever during the Civil War.

Following his death, the family moved to Opeilousas. H.C. Salles returned to become Lafayette’s first resident dentist. His son, Paul, also became a dentist and started practicing in his father’s office in 1912. He practiced dentistry in Lafayette continuously for over 44 years. The building is now a lawyer’s office.

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