National registry protects many mansions from the wrecking ball

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Tucker, but basically the building is vacant. Some gradual remodeling and renovations are being done, she said.

Many of the homes in the neighborhood were built in the late 1800s and early 1900s, and have been abandoned or neglected for years. The city is now working to preserve and restore them, and has established a registry of these historic properties.

Last May the home was made available to the Woodville Historical Society by former owner and preservationist, Dr. James Tucker, who lived in the area for many years. The society was able to purchase the property for $45,000 and began planning its restoration.

The house was once a showplace in the neighborhood and is considered one of the finest examples of Queen Anne style architecture in the city. It features beautifully crafted woodwork, ornate ceiling fans, and a grand staircase.

Other homes on the registry include the historic Van Winkle House, which was built in 1850 and is one of the oldest homes in the city, and the Home of the Good Shepherd, a former orphanage that is now a historic site.

The city is currently working to secure funding for the restoration of these homes, and is seeking partners to help with the process. They hope to have some of the homes open to the public within the next few years, as a way to preserve the city's rich history and architecture.