Abstract

Rose Lee’s House has been designed and built for a family in a small, black community in West Alabama. It is the result of two semester’s work by the Second Year students at the Rural Studio, a design-build architecture program studio run by Auburn University. In 2008-2009 Rose’s house focused on an experimentation of the Expandable House. This house expands and grows by necessity over time; it is based on the traditional local farmhouse strategy and its design is driven by the client’s priorities and lifestyle. Rose’s house has not only been designed but also fully built by groups of students who did absolutely everything: from the foundations and finishes to the electrical and plumbing installations.

Keywords

Community projects, expandable house, courtyard house.