

The Landeckers lived in the house until the early 1900's and were followed by the family of John B. Stevenson. Mrs. Alva Gladney Stevenson, the widow of John B., later bought the property and occupied it until her death in the 1930's. It was during this period that it became known as the STEVENSON HOUSE. After her passing it was purchased by Mrs. Maymie Wier Stevenson of the New Hope section, who was auditor of Fairfield County for many years, until her retirement. Mrs. Stevenson and her daughter now reside in the comfortable little house, surrounded by heirlooms brought with them from their country home.

McDONALD HOUSE

JORDAN – MATTHEWS – McMASTER – KENNERLY – McDONALD

This is one of the most attractive and best-preserved of the ante-bellum houses or cottages (as this type of architecture was called) that were so popular in Winnsboro and throughout the county for such a long time; some of these houses were built in the early 1800's, and they were still being constructed at the time of the War Between the States.

At first glance all these houses bear a striking similarity but each of them has an individual charm and differences reflecting the needs and tastes of the builder. The fluted columns of the portico and the triple windows in the two front rooms are unique to this particular building. On the interior a well-proportioned hall extends through the center of the house, with the stairway rising from the rear of the hall. Four spacious rooms are on the first floor in the main body of the house, with an additional room in the right wing on the rear, which also includes a porch. Upstairs are two most attractive rooms on either side of a small hallway. In these rooms inside chimneys pass through them in the center. Throughout the house the woodwork, trim, and mantels are typical of the era and are unusually well executed.

The lot on which this house is located was at one time a part of the Mount Zion College property. In 1850 Thomas Jordan purchased the three acres for \$1,300.00. During the same year he built the house on its northeast corner. On the Congress Street corner he had his shop and carriage factory.

In 1898 Mary E. Creight, W. Glover Jordan, Nannie J. Jordan, Belle Des-Portes, Frances E. Jordan widow of Thomas M. Jordan, sold this house to John P. Matthews. R. H. McMaster (Colonel) bought the place in 1900 for his mother, who lived here until her death. Her daughter, Rachel McMaster Kennerly, acquired the individual interests of her brothers and sisters in 1920. She lived here for a long period, and the place became known as the KENNERLY HOUSE. In 1940 it became the property of Mrs. Kennerly's daughter, Sarah Law Kennerly, who sold it in 1950 to Charles E. McDonald.

The McDonalds have restored and renovated the old house completely, making it a much more attractive place than it was even when it was new. The beautiful, time-mellowed old flooring has been refinished, as have the doors, accenting the lustre of the natural wood and giving it a beauty that can only be acquired with age. The fireplaces, which had been reduced to accommodate coal-burning grates, have been reopened to their original sizes and now show off the finely designed mantels to the best advantage.



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Dormer windows were added to the upstairs rooms to provide better lighting and more comfort. They accentuate the quaintness of the little building. Old brick steps with plain picketed rails replace the old stone steps and buttresses that were additions during a former remodeling and not in keeping with the place. The newel posts for the present rails are topped with an acorn design.

Wallpaper and paneling were carefully chosen for the decoration of the interior; period chandeliers were installed in the ceilings, all blending perfectly and affording an authentic background for the McDonalds' handsome antique furniture, portraits, and heirlooms.