

began to abuse him and demand that he give them his gold and silver he became stubborn and irate, giving them no satisfaction. Before leaving they completely wrecked his home and furnishings, set fire to the house and hung him by his thumbs to a tree.

After the war the house was repaired and when James Douglass died he left this property to his nephew, Doctor Thomas Douglass. During the "cyclone of 1886" the old house was damaged again. The second story was completely demolished. Portions of the roof of this house were found later miles away.

The house was repaired again but this time only a half story was added, with a large gable with an oversized window in the center.

Doctor Thomas Douglass' son, another Doctor Thomas Douglass, inherited the place. He lived in a house nearby and later his family moved to Winnsboro. This old house was vacant for a long period. It is now owned by Doctor Douglass' children, Doctor John Douglass and Miss Maude Douglass of Greenville, South Carolina. They are now in the process of restoring the old place and have done much to bring it back to its former dignity. Green pastures and ponds spread to the front, sides and rear, where once the orchards flowered, but are now the habitat of a fine Black Angus herd of Scottish origin.

ALBION DOUGLAS

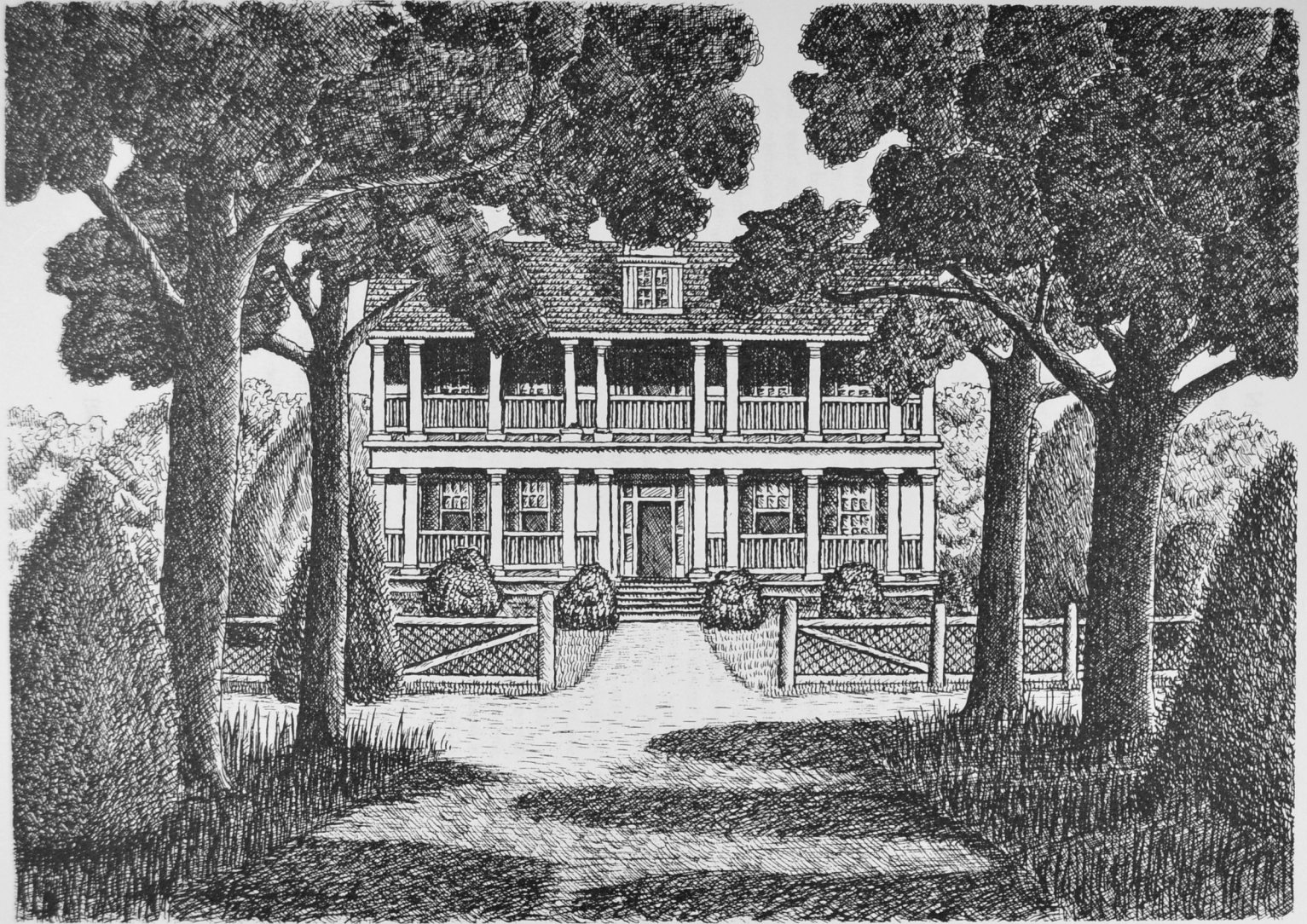
ALBION is the largest and most elegant home in the New Hope section. It is the ancestral home of the Douglas family having been built about 1840 by Alexander Douglas, who was a grandfather of the late Albert Douglas, whose widow now owns the place.

The house is beautifully located on an elevation at the head of an avenue of ancient trees. Its appearance is commanding; a true Southern plantation mansion in the best tradition. Green lawns and larger trees set it off. This tall, three-story manor house is built along simple Colonial lines. The main body is covered with a gabled roof and extends over the upstairs veranda. In the center of the roof is a beautiful gable. The mammoth chimneys are built in the house. Two-story piazzas extend across the entire front and each porch is supported by ten large square columns and are enclosed with picketed bannisters. The windows are long and well placed. The entrances are simple but decorative, surrounded by glass side lights. The decorations of the columns, doorways, windows, and trim are beautifully designed and executed.

As would be expected, the interior is spacious with elegant mantels, rosettes, cornices, and mouldings. A graceful stair of three flights domineers the front hall. A narrower stairway rises from the rear hall.

The original owner of this old house employed a builder from York to construct his home. The best of materials were used. The original locks and hardware are still in good working order. Alexander Douglas was a slave owner, a successful planter and a builder of good wagons. His wagon shop was located on the main road near the avenue leading up to his home.

Down through the years this place has remained in the Douglas family. It has been well kept and is still in good condition and with a little redecoration, proper furnishings, and landscaping it could well be one of the show places of the Upcountry.



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