

It is a beautiful house, well located and elegantly landscaped. It is built twelve feet above ground level on thick brick walls that enclose the first or basement floor. The design of the building, like so many of its period in the Winnsboro vicinity, is that of the "mosquito cottage." A gabled porch covers the front entrance and a major portion of the front exposure. This is supported by hand-carved, square wooden columns and is approached by a flight of twelve wide steps. Seasoned heart pine, all pegged together, was used in the construction above the brick basement.

In the basement are a billiard room, an ironing room, and a wine-closet, with Italian tile on the floors. Above this, on the second or main story, are seven rooms, a wide hall, and a kitchen. The third floor consists of a hall, two bedrooms, and a storage room. Originally the kitchen was in the back yard.

All the wide pine plank flooring is in excellent condition and is kept brilliantly polished. Mantels, wainscotings, and cornices are all beautifully hand-carved. In the center of the parlor, hall, and drawing room ceilings are intricately designed, hand-carved rosettes from which hang the chandeliers.

The grounds and gardens are formally landscaped and are similar to the English gardens at Drayton Hall, near Charleston. Most of the plants were imported and were hauled from Charleston in wagons. Among them are many rare shrubs and some of the largest and oldest camellias in the upcountry. Walks are outlined with well-trimmed boxwoods, and hedges of cherry laurel enclose the garden. The old greenhouse is still in use but the "summerhouses" or "teahouses" which stood in the north and south sides of the grounds have been removed.

This place has long been known for its genteel hospitality. Many famous persons have been entertained within its walls; among them, General Chestnut of Confederate fame.

MOOSE HOUSE

HALL — CREIGHT — SARGENT — LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

The MOOSE HOME, long known as the Creight house, is located within the limits of Winnsboro but it is on the outskirts of the town and has all the character and flavor of a country home.

In park-like surroundings, the house stands proudly. It is large, built along classic lines, and could well be called a mansion. The wide corner styles are capped at the eave-line with Ionian capitals, giving the effect of long tall columns. The oversized windows of the first floor are topped with cornices. Well-spaced decorative brackets, just under the eaves, support an extremely low, hipped roof, which gives the appearance of being flat. The central portion of the front extends into a porch with a flat deck and bannisters. This is supported by four well-proportioned columns.

The interior is in keeping with the outward character of the building handsome but not ornate.



MOOSE HOME

This house was built in the 1850's by Mansell Hall, an architect and builder, for his second wife. After the Confederate War it became the property and home of the Creight family. At one time the grounds were beautifully landscaped in the formal tradition. Older residents of the town still recall them and the past elegance of the place.

After the passing of the last members of the Creight family the property fell into bad repair. It was later rented for several years. In 1937 Homer L. Sargent, an employee of the United States Rubber Company purchased the house site, including about ten acres. The grounds had attained a jungle-like appearance. He immediately had them cleared. Some of the shrubbery was salvaged and used in relandscaping along with other plantings which were done in the informal manner. At the same time he completely renovated the house which he later occupied and kept in excellent condition until his retirement. At this time he built a smaller house on the southern portion of the property and sold the old home and remaining acreage to the Order of the Moose. The old mansion now serves as a clubhouse and is quite an asset to the community.

FAIRFIELD INN

SHEDD – ERWIN – DOUGLAS – CLOWNEY – KILGORE

For almost four decades this charming old landmark has been known at home and abroad as the FAIRFIELD INN. Its accommodations, fine food, and atmosphere were highly praised and seldom surpassed.

The building was erected in 1861 by James N. Shedd, to be his private residence. It was constructed of brick. The outer walls, twenty-four inches thick, are plastered on the exterior with a weathered buff cement coating. The interior walls and partitions are also of brick and range from twelve to eighteen inches in thickness. They are covered with a thick lime plaster.

Originally the house was a two-story building with a square center hall. On either side of the hall, on both floors, were two large rooms, high-ceilinged and well lighted. The kitchen and service rooms were attached to the rear of the building.

Captain Shedd died about the time the house was completed. At the close of the war his estate was heavily encumbered, and by 1869 his widow had to sacrifice most of her property, her new home included. The house was sold at public auction and was bought by Thomas W. Erwin, the highest bidder at the sale, for only \$3,000.00. He held it for less than a year and sold it to S. B. Clowney, a county official, for \$6,500.00. Clowney occupied the place until 1878, at which time he moved to Texas and sold his house to Alexander S. Douglas.

The Douglas family made this their home for many years, and the old place became known as the DOUGLAS HOUSE, even after it was sold to Mary Kilgore in 1919, who, in turn, sold it to the United States Rubber Company in 1923.

The Rubber Company enlarged and completely renovated the place to serve the area as an exclusive inn. It was redecorated throughout and furnished