

FAIR VIEW

THOMPSON — GLENN — McEACHERN — MARTIN

This lovely old columned country manor house was built by the Thompson family who held extensive grants of land in this area before the Revolutionary War. The house was built some time after 1800. In 1830 Doctor John Milton Glenn bought the property from the Thompsons.

Doctor Glenn and his talented wife were very gay and hospitable social minded people as well as being large slave holders and successful planters. Their home was almost constantly filled with guests and the place was one of the social centers of the Jenkinsville-Monticello community.

The Glenns took great pride in their grounds and gardens which were immaculately kept. The formal boxwood plantings, in geometrical patterns, were on either side of the big front yard. Stately magnolias flanked the house and the semi-circular driveway leading up to the building which crowns a high rolling knoll.

Louise, the Glenn's only child, was twice married. Her second husband was Furman McEachern, a salesman who at one time (1909) served in the Legislature from Fairfield County. She deeded FAIR VIEW to him after they were married. After her death McEachern married Mary Chappell and gave her the plantation as a wedding gift. The widow McEachern did not live in the old house and it was rented for a number of years during which time the gardens were greatly abused. The boxwoods became overgrown and were cut down rather than being pruned and trimmed.

The present owner and occupant of the old home is the Reverend L. K. Martin, a retired Presbyterian minister from Georgia. He saw the old place, became attracted to it and purchased it from Mrs. McEachern during the 1930's.

During the Confederate War the house was set afire by the Northern troops and left to burn. After their departure the flames were extinguished and the grand old place was not destroyed. It still stands proudly on its high, green hill among the gaint magnolias.



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