

due to the superior materials used in its construction by Abraham Ferguson.

Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rion purchased the property. They have completely restored the house in a most charming manner and use it as a country home. The Rions reside in Columbia but they spend part of each week at the quiet, secluded little house on the old Camden Road near Ridgeway.

VAUGHAN HOUSE

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Many years ago Simpson's Turnout was one of Fairfield's busy rural communities. It is located on one of the main roads to Columbia, between Winnsboro and Ridgeway. One of the centers of activities in the ante-bellum days was a large old house that stood near the road. It was known as the STATION or STATION HOUSE.

On the old stage route from Columbia to Winnsboro this building was the first stop out of Winnsboro and the last out of Columbia. Horses for the "fast stage" were changed here, and sometimes, when the weather was severe, the passengers would spend the night in the rambling old house. Mail for the community was taken to and dispensed from this building.

Little more can be learned of the old landmark other than it was the scene of many gatherings, parties and entertainments. Judging from the construction of the building, it has been in existence for about a century and a half. For a great number of years it was owned and occupied by the Vaughan family.

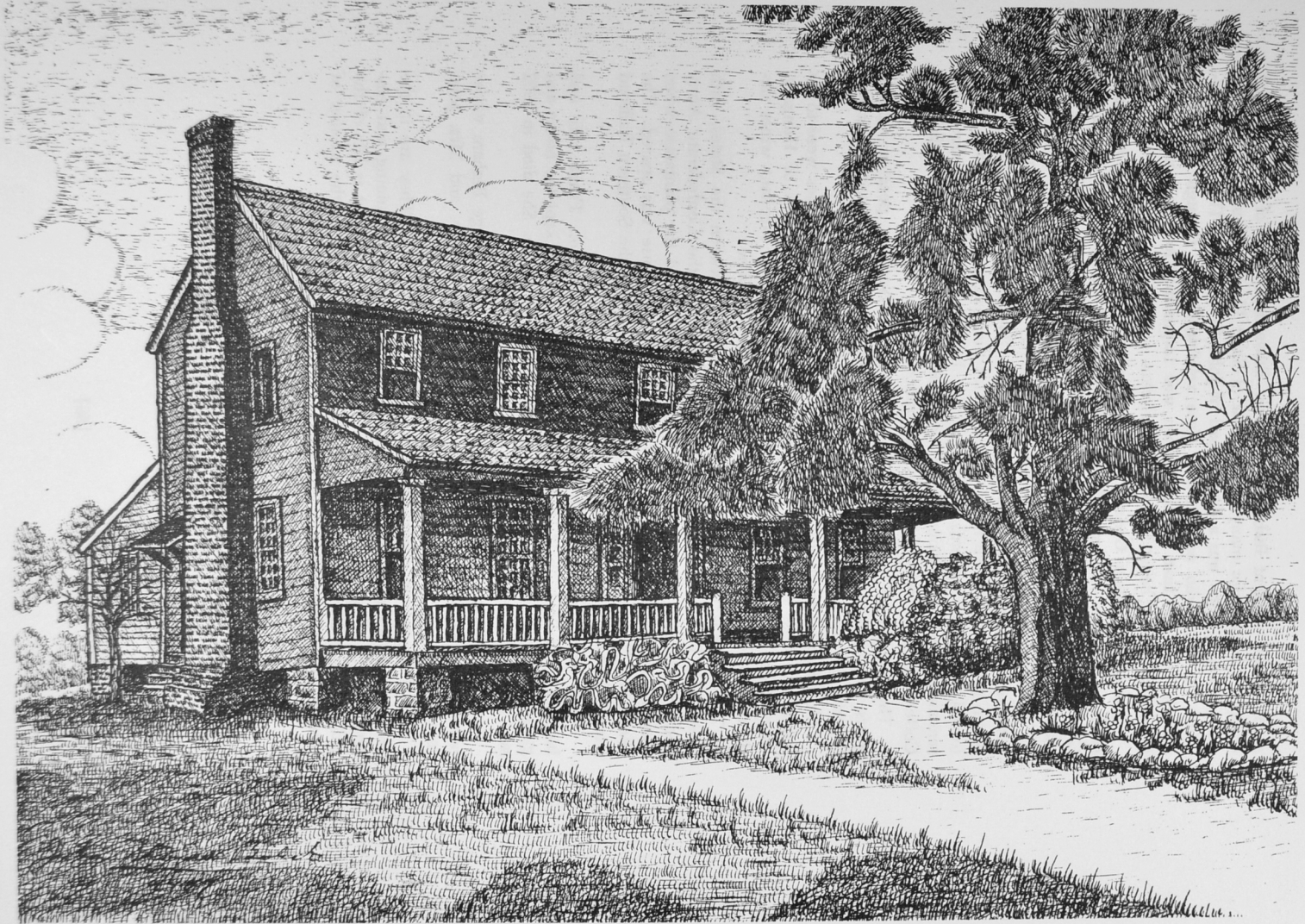
TOCALAND

WOODWARD — GADSEN — BIGHAM — JOHNSON

TOCALAND is just on the outskirts of Winnsboro, near the Rockton station. It is an interesting "Mosquito Cottage," a ground-level basement with a story and a half above. The basement walls are constructed of large granite blocks that were quarried on the property; their thickness makes these rooms delightfully cool in the summer. The pillars supporting the porch are tall granite slabs, quarried all in one piece. In the basement rooms most of the floors are tiled.

The second floor has a gabled porch across most of the front, supported with square wooden columns. A wide central hall bisects the second floor, with two rooms on either side and a quaint little stair against the left wall, leading up to the hall and two rooms on the third floor. There is also an inside stairway from the second-story hall down to the hall in the basement. The interior woodwork is refined but simple. Two massive inside chimneys afford fireplaces for each room. Originally there was a small wing on the right side of the house but in recent years it has been removed. This was used as a conservatory or greenhouse.

TOCALAND was built in 1854 by Major Woodward for his daughter, Regina, who married Christopher Gadsen of Charleston. Mr. Gadsen was



VAUGHAN PLACE