

After the war the education of the Lemmon children was taken care of by a paid governess.

Through the years the Lemmon family has been known for its hospitality to friends and relations. Visiting ministers were entertained with loving kindness. It is said that a stranger asking for a night's lodging was never turned away.

The Lemmon home is one in which God was revered. Bible verses were recited by each one at the breakfast table through the week as well as on Sundays, and each evening family prayers were held.

Never were grandchildren given more love and consideration than by this family. For years the two maiden aunts, Janie and Belle, planned the Christmas celebration for the entire family connections, having a large Christmas Tree, decorated and laden with gifts, in the parlor and a sumptuous dinner for the many guests.

This home is today owned and occupied by a granddaughter, Marie Lemmon Wells and her husband, Johnnie Wells. It is well cared for, having been completely renovated during the past few years. Many rare pieces of old family furniture still remain in their original places in the spacious old rooms and hospitality is still practiced as it was in the old days.

MACFIE PLACE

MILLING — MACFIE

Captain David Milling, born in 1797, came to this country from County Down, Ireland in the early 1820's. He landed in Charleston, South Carolina where he remained for a short while and then moved to Columbia where he was a prosperous merchant. Other members of his family had settled in Fairfield County at an earlier period. He purchased one thousand acres in Fairfield and later came here and settled permanently. He was twice married. His first wife was Jane Wright and they had several children. One son, James, was a prominent physician who graduated from the South Carolina Medical College in 1855 and immediately afterward settled in Louisiana.

In 1850 Captain David Milling married Mrs. Sarah Yongue Milling who had several children by her first marriage. She was the widow of another David Milling, a kinsman of Captain David. She and Captain Milling had two daughters and three sons.

The house was built about the time that they were married and the family holdings had increased to two thousand two hundred acres and many slaves. The place prospered and the family was counted among the wealthy gentry of the county.

During the War Between the States the Milling plantation was in the path of Sherman. When the invaders arrived the meat supply in the smoke-houses was so great that it could not all be carried off so the surplus was burned. The soldiers heard stories of the handsome silver that had been in the house before their unwelcome arrival. When it could not be found they questioned the old Captain who refused to reveal the hiding place. After



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threatening to burn the house they took him to the big barn where preparations for his hanging were begun. His daughter, Margaret, then a young lady, learned of her father's sad plight and hastened to the barn to tell the men to release him and showed them where the treasure was buried.

In 1893, when Captain Milling's widow's estate was settled, their youngest daughter, Lorena, who had married James Macfie, bought the interests of her brothers and sister and retained the plantation and house which was famous for its corn and flour mills. The Macfies later moved to Winnsboro and James Macfie became sheriff of Fairfield County, an office that he held for many years. The place now belongs to Palmer Macfie of DeLand, Florida, a son of Lorena Milling and James Macfie.

This is a typically ante-bellum, Southern plantation house. It was a lovely old place but it has been unoccupied for a number of years and has fallen into a state of dilapidation and desolation.

LEMMON PLACE

OWENS – COPELAND – LEMMON

For three generations this has been called the BOB LEMMON PLACE. It is a stately, handsome old house, very similar in appearance to the LEMMON-WELLS place a few miles away, though this is a somewhat smaller building.

The property on which the house is located was formerly lands belonging to the Owens family, early settlers of Fairfield. It is assumed that the house was built by some of the Owens. Before the War Between the States the home was occupied by a widow, Mrs. Creecey. While living here she married a Mr. Copeland who was a native of Tennessee. He brought mules, hogs, and other livestock to South Carolina where he found a ready market for them with the affluent planters in Fairfield County. The Copelands lived here for a number of years and during that time it became known as the COPELAND PLACE.

In 1870 the father of R. Y. Lemmon, a well-to-do planter, bought the place from Doctor Owens and gave it to his son who married Miss Agnes Milling, a daughter of a prominent family in the neighborhood. R. Y. Lemmon was known to his friends as "Redhead Bob Lemmon." He was a popular man in his community and throughout the county. He was a member of the Legislature from Fairfield for a number of years.

This beautiful old home still belongs to "Redhead Bob's" descendants. Two of his sons live in the house and operate the large plantation and a country store. Stately pines, broad green pastures, and fish-filled ponds cover the spreading acres surrounding broad cotton and grain fields.

The house sits well back from the road, at the head of a wooded avenue, enclosed by an old fence. The place is neat and the remains of the old garden still give it a comfortable, home-like appearance.