

HAPPY VALLEY

HARPER — McPETERS — FEASTER — PETTIGREW
GLADNEY — ROBERTS — HALL

This homey, very old country place was recently purchased by Mrs. John Bratton Hall (Cleora Clowney). She is now in the process of restoring and renovating the house and in improving and clearing the grounds. Since the death of the former owner the place had fallen into bad repair from neglect.

In 1920 Mrs. Genie Aiken Gladney Roberts and her brother bought HAPPY VALLEY. At that time or a little later the place was put into good repair and Mrs. Roberts made it her home and spent the last years of her life there. She was a highly educated lady who had spent most of her adult life in study and in teaching in colleges. She was considered an authority on South Carolina History and devoted a great deal of time in research on this subject.

Mrs. Roberts bought the tract from Florence G. Feaster who had inherited it from her father, Trezvant De graffenried Feaster. Mr. Feaster bought the place in 1890 from George Butler Pettigrew for an investment. Mr. Pettigrew had acquired it in 1885 from Annie C. McPeters and Maria Harper who had become the owners of HAPPY VALLEY in 1874.

HAPPY VALLEY is also known as the HARPER PLACE. Its name came from one of the first owners, a Judge Harper, who is spoken of in Fitz-Hugh McMaster's HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY thus; "Before 1785 the citizens had no court nearer than Camden, that venerable town being the center of a very large judicial district. At the above mentioned date Judge Harper used to spend his vacations in the western part of Fairfield.



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