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Moore Home In York One Of Most Beautiful Of Old Houses In County

Spacious Old House
Was Built In 1822;
Is Now Modernized

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If the lovely old B. N. Moore home in York could talk, it could tell many stories of historic persons, now dead, who slept in its rooms more than 125 years ago. For the Moore home was used as a stopping point for stage coaches making the long trip from Salisbury to Pinkneyville, one time seat of Union County.

Its spacious rooms might tell of troubled travelers on their slow and weary way to desperately ill relatives; of worn soldiers of the War of a Lost Cause enroute to or from battlefields; and of gay honeymooners.

About 35 years ago the late B. N. Moore remodeled the home. The one story porch was removed and the tall Corinthian columns were erected at the front. The main body of the home was left intact, but the hall wall was removed to make the present large living room, and the stairs removed to a back hall. Fewer changes were made upstairs than down. Here one may still see the wide random width, hand hewn floor planks, and the massive locks and heavy keys at the doors. The home has 13 spacious rooms.

Still in the backyard is the old well house built when the house was new. It is now used to house the furnace.

A gigantic magnolia near the side front of the home was planted by Col. William McCorkle in 1861. Today it is one of the largest trees of its kind in the county.

Mrs. B. N. Moore, present gracious mistress of the lovely house, will show you the home and its time mellowed furnishings. Among them is a unique custard set, originally owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Neely. Many years ago a favorite dessert was boiled custard, served hot. The custard set is mounted on a two tiered stand and its dainty gold rimmed cups have tops for keeping the delicacy hot. Other furnishings are in keeping with the home itself.

Beautiful York Residence



The four stately Corinthian columns, the iron grill work forming the small balcony, well proportioned lines and a pleasing setting make the B. N. Moore home in York one of the most beautiful of all the old York county homes. (Photo by Roberts).

The Moore home was built in 1822 and was originally of red brick. They are now painted a soft tan. It was sold in 1847 by John R. McElwee to Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Pearson Neely.

During the years Mrs. Neely owned the home, a number of small houses or dormitories stood in the yard to house the belles of the section, who were attending the fashionable Yorkville Female College.

Mrs. Neely sold the property to Col. William H. McCorkle, for many years probate judge of York County and a gallant Confederate soldier.

The late B. N. Moore, married Col. McCorkle's daughter, Miss Wilhelmina McCorkle. Of this union one son, Paul Moore was born. He died in 1929 leaving four children: Mrs. Ed Shipp of Texas; Miss Carolina Moore of Charlotte; Paul Neely Moore of Memphis, Mich., and B. Neely Moore of Florence.

After the death of Mrs. Wilhelmina McCorkle Moore, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Hulda McNeel. It was during her lifetime that the house was extensively modernized. After the death of Mrs. Hulda McNeel Moore, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Lillie Plonk of Hickory, N. C., present mistress of the house. Mr. Moore was for many years president of the York Loan and Savings Bank.

The Moore home presents an example of what loving care can do to an historic structure. Enough changes have been made in the home to make comfortable living; enough of the past has been left to give the visitor the feeling that real character has been achieved by living in such a home as the Moore home is and has been.

(This is one of a series of stories on old York county homes).