

# Old Crosby House Still Shows Vestiges Of Former Grandeur

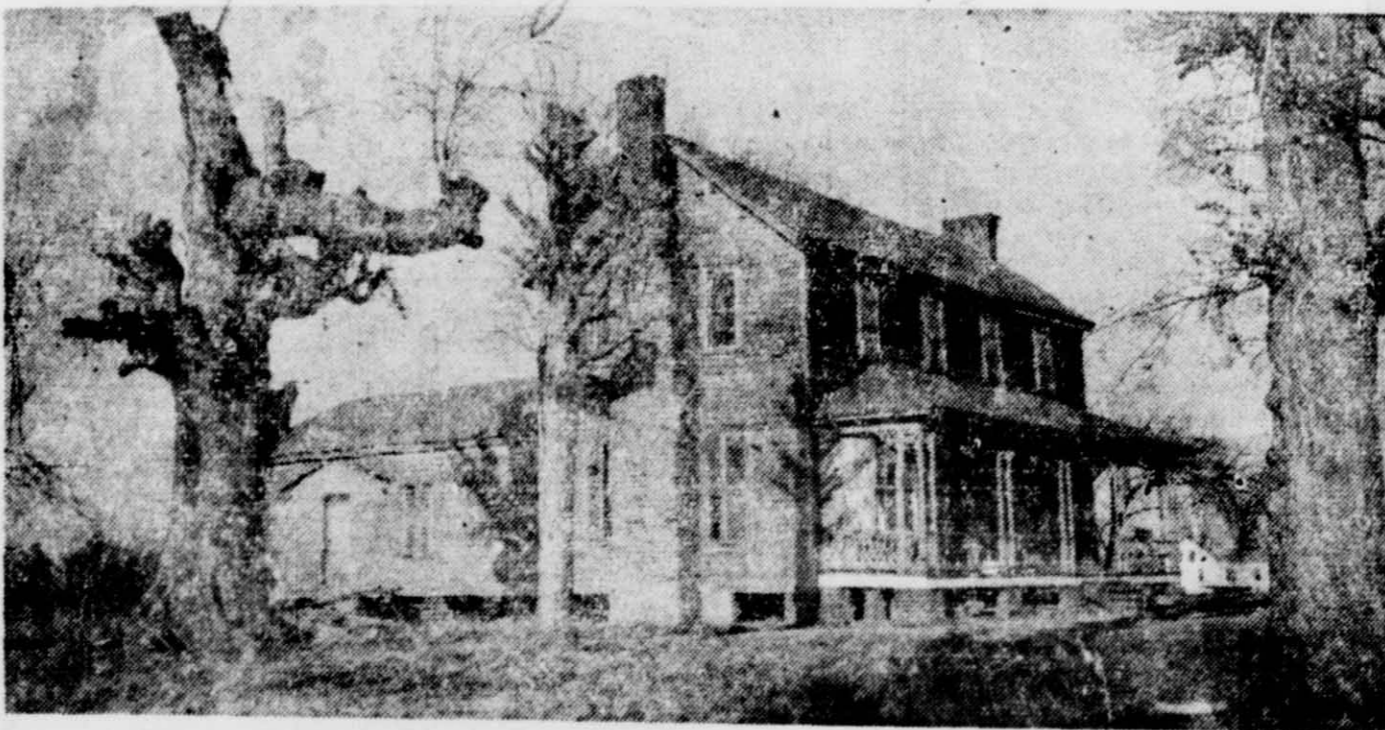
John Sherer Now Owner Of House; Plans Restoration

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If the 104 year old Crosby house near Sharon could talk, it would tell some happy tales of merry hours spent within its walls.

But, alas, old houses do not talk and the stumbling seeker for truth is forced to look at the walls, at the hand hewn laths, and at the handsome old mantels in order to "see" the kind of life that must have been lived within its walls when the house was new.

During the War Between The States, Allen Crosby, one of the



**THE CROSBY HOUSE**—This 104 year old house is now the property of P. G. Sherer of Columbia, a brother of Lee Sherer, York county superintendent of education. Mr. Sherer is making plans to restore the old home as a residence. (Herald Staff Photo.)

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wearers of the gray, hid under the nearby store while Yankees on horseback searched high and low for him. He later told his daughter Mrs. Marie Crosby Correll (Mrs. B. A.) in York that he was afraid to breathe; they came so close.

In 1873 Allen took his bride there to live. Dr. John Crosby, uncle of Mrs. Correll, died in the home. Mrs. John Erice Ross, eldest sister of Mrs. Correll, was born in the house. She later married a son of the late Dr. Ross who was for 50 years pastor of the Sharon ARP church. Mrs. Ross, 75, now lives in England, Ark.

Mrs. Allen Crosby died in 1943 at the age of 92.

John Sherer, veteran citizen of the community and father of the present owner, P. G. Sherer of Columbia, remembers that the house was bought about 70 years ago from Dennis Crosby by R. M. Carroll. Dennis Crosby, father of Allen Crosby may have built the house.

**Mr. Carroll lived in the house with his family until his death when he left it to his daughter**

**Mrs. Quinn Wallace. She in turn left the house and lands to her son Rufus Wallace who sold it a year or so ago to Mr. Sherer.**

Living in the house at the present are Tom and Fredonia Jimison who will move soon into a small house that is being constructed on the farm. Then Mr. Sherer will begin the job of restoring the home.

### The House

Built on the same general style as its neighbor, The Russell House, the Crosby house holds vestiges of former grandeur. A number of elms that formerly formed a stately avenue are to be seen as one leaves the road. Handsome bricks that formerly made a brick walk to the house can be seen still in place.

The perfectly preserved hand molded brick chimneys stand at each end of the two story house and a bay window graces the main parlor of the house.

The front stair has handsome and massive newel posts and hand turned balusters. The mantels are of a simple and graceful design with carved fluting. The plaster is

the original but has fallen away in many places. The wide board ceilings and the wide board floors were put down when the house was built.

When Mr. Carroll owned the house he built the ell, added a chimney and made other improvements.

From the room that was probably meant for a dining room a narrow stair ascends to the second floor and to the attic.

The handsome double doors at the front entrances are flanked by glass panels.

Useful information for this story of an old York county home has been furnished by Mrs. B. A. Correll of York, Mrs. Belle Gwin of Rock Hill and by John Sherer who lives nearby.