Homes Listed in the *Vaiden Heritage*

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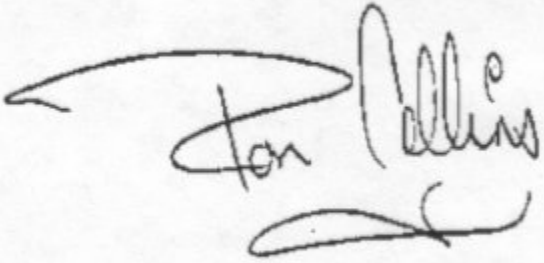

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The **Thomas and Mary Pleasants** house, originally made of logs, is the oldest house in town. This is the house referred to as "grandmother's", in the newspaper article written by Mrs. M.V. Kennedy entitled "Terror Ahead, Death and Ashes Behind." This newspaper article, contained in this book, is a detailed account of Grierson's raid on January 1, 1863. Another newspaper article written by Mrs. M.V. (T.B.) Kennedy entitled "The Heroines at Home During the Civil War" is also contained in this book and gives further details of the raid.

Later the home was owned by the J.M. Wright family. The house was remodeled by installing new walls and ceilings over the logs but the original logs were still visible inside some of the closets. The house has been partially demolished leaving only four of the original rooms still standing.

Present Owner: Bob Williams

The **Henry Blackmon** house was built in 1832 by carpenter John Eades. The original house was built in an "L" shape and was used as a hotel or inn. Later the house was sold to Charlie Bennett. When it was remodeled, only one original room was retained. This room, which was the parlor, is now the kitchen.

Present Owner: C.A. Weaver

The **Kennedy** home, "Mimosa," built in the early 1830's, was a two-story colonial house with a wide front porch and square columns. The upper story had a long balcony with iron balustrade. This is the house where Mrs. M.V. (T.B.) Kennedy was living when Grierson's raiders came to her home in 1863. Her accounts of this raid are contained in this book.

The house has been remodeled. The upper story has been removed and the back and side porches have been enclosed but most of the first floor rooms are the original size.

Present Owner: U.S. Cattle Corp.

The **Armistead** house was built in 1833 by carpenters John Eades and Mr. Hudson, an Englishman. It is a two-story colonial house with a mahogany stairway and beautiful ceiling medallions. The two large front parlors have not been changed but the other rooms have been modernized. The exterior is exactly as it was built originally.

Present Owner: M.T. Watkins

The **A.M. Wilson** home, "Briarwood," located two miles east of Vaiden was built in 1836. Part of the house is still standing but it has been ravaged by time, vandals, and vacancy.

Present Owner: R.W. Baskin

The **Herring** home is a ranch-type house built in 1860 by Sam Bains, Jr. The Herring family acquired it in 1881 and it has remained in the family since then. The two front rooms, the hall, and the front porch are the original parts of the house.

The house is almost completely surrounded by porches. There is only one room in the entire house that does not open on to a porch. The house still contains some of the original furniture.

Present Owner: Mrs. Alice Herring Pierce

Other old homes are:

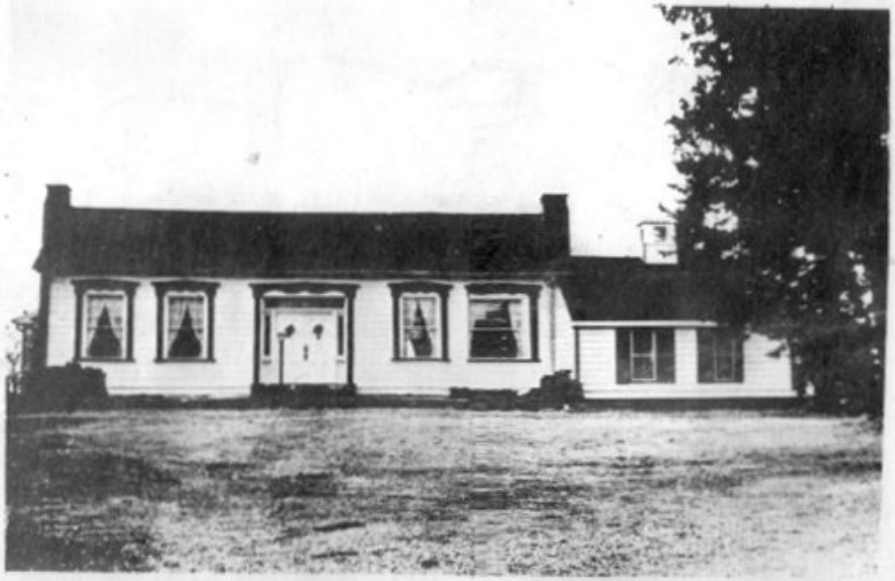
Home	Present Owner
A.A. McPherson	Mrs. Lynn Wiley
Dr. T.W. Fullilove	George Griffin
A.J. Sanderson	Herman Johnson
James Somerville	J.F. Herring
Benjamin Rosenthal	Ralph Hogue
W.P. Johnson	Mrs. A.C. Long
John Avery	Mrs. W.A. Avery
Robert Wilson; J.Z. George	Howard Briscoe
J.S. Colmery	L.C. Spruill

Houses seem to take on the characteristics of the people who have lived in them, making history a vital experience.

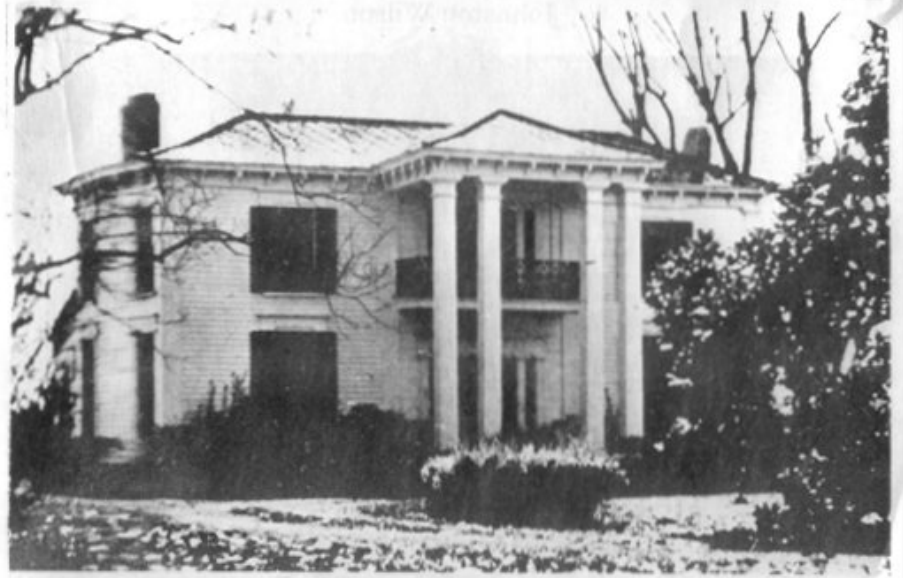
"All houses wherein men have lived and died are haunted houses. Through the open doors the harmless phantoms on their errands glide with feet that make no sounds upon the floor."

Longfellow

Pleasants-Wright Home

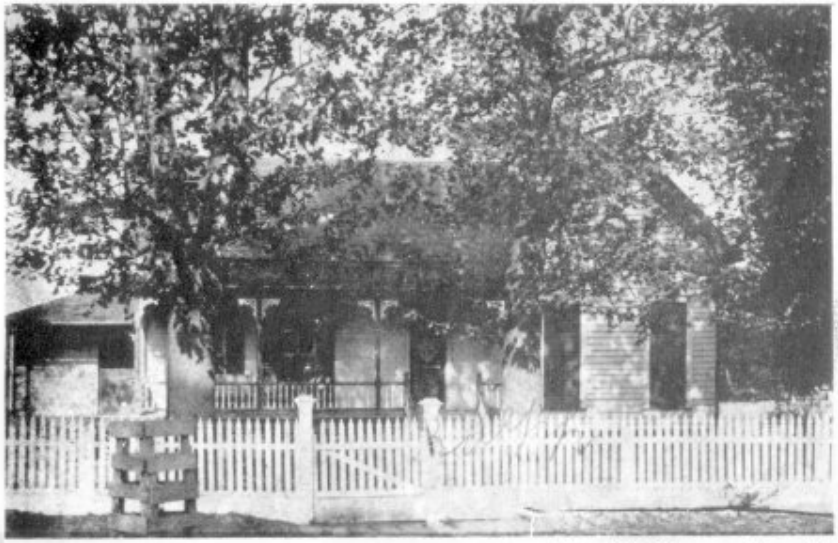


Kennedy-Lampin Home—Parade of Homes 1974



Armistead-Watkins Home

Briarwood—1836—Home of Milton Amos & Jane Johnston Wilson



Dr. Fullilove-Hawkins-Griffin Home—Parade of Homes 73

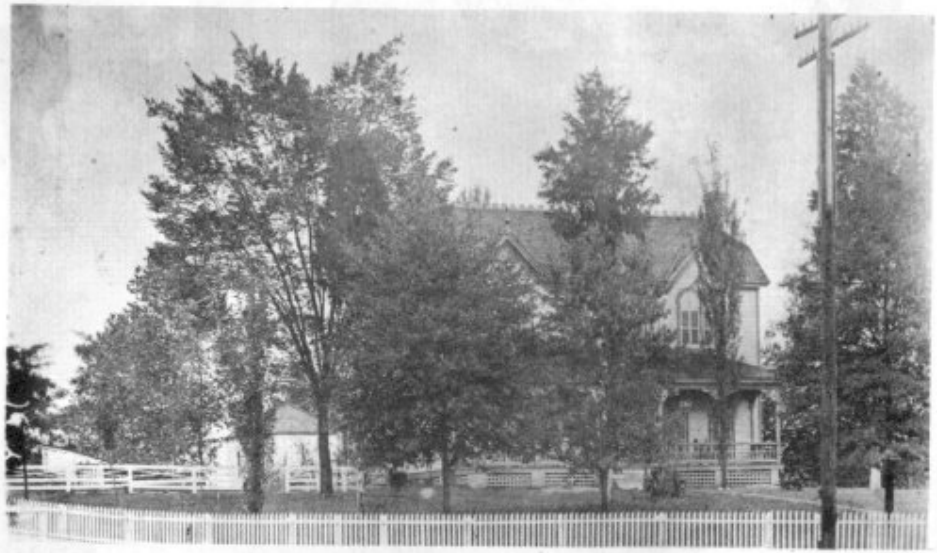
Stuckey-Holmes Home

McPherson-Wiley Home

Herring-Arrington-Canon Home

Steve Armstrong Home—Now demolished

T.H. Armstrong Home & Formal Gardens



McConnico-Anderson Home, Parade of homes,
1973 & 74

Hawkins-Bennett Home

Sanderson-Johnson Home

Gordon-Fullilove Home

Somerville-Herring Home

Armstrong Home

Coleman-Briscoe Home

Blackmon-Bennett-Weaver Home—
Parade of Homes 1973 & 74

Present home of Rev. & Mrs. John A. Wade—former office of Drs. Charles McEachern and Fritz Rehfeldt—in early 1900's.