

liest in Shelby.

It was also at this home that the young men of the town came seeking her heart and hand, and since there were no telephones in that day, many of the notes were delivered by hand, with Thomas Blanton, Jr., then a long-legged lanky fellow, bringing many of the messages from the men. The fee for carrying the notes in those days was five cents a trip. It is told on the other hand that he must have peeped at some of the notes to get some of the romantic ideas which later appeared in his numerous novels.

Possibly the largest and most expensive of the early homes is the "Bankers' House", known now as the Blanton home on North Lafayette street, which since its erection by slaves before the Civil War, has been occupied by several families of Shelby bankers, the Lees, Jenkins, Blantons and possibly others. It is now occupied by George Blanton, Jr.



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OLD RESIDENCES RETAIN BEAUTY

Early Homes In Shelby Still Hold To Charm

Despite the fact that Shelby has grown like Topsy, some of the early residences remain with much of their beauty, charm and interest.

A little summary of some of these early residences is given in the Scrapbook of the late Miss Oeland Washburn which lists the home of Mrs. Lily Button and Miss Jessie Hamrick as one of the earliest. It was erected before the Civil War and was purchased shortly after the war by a Mr. Tidwell who in turn sold it to the father of the present owners.

Originally there were only four rooms, two upstairs and two down, with the large chimney in the middle. The kitchen and dining room, according to the custom of the day, was in a separate building across the yard. When the Charleston earthquake occurred in 1886 the chimney was injured to the extent that it had to be replaced. Later the kitchen and dining room were added to the present building.

Sisk Home

Another very old residence is that of Roy Sisk and his sisters on East Marion street, having descended to them from the Hoke family. It has been remodeled from time to time, but has remained its original line and appearance.

There is a residence on West Warren which formerly was occupied by the late Miss Mattie Adams, who was born and reared in Shelby and was conversant with the peoples and customs of the very earliest days.

The two hotel-dwelling houses, the Old Courtview and Cleveland hotel buildings were only recently replaced, by the Sterchi store and by the new city hall, respectively. The town's No. 1 "upping" block, a block of stone to assist horsemen to mount, was in front of the Courtview.

Zulia, the daughter of C. C. Durham, builded of Courtview, stood on this upping block in the early sixties to present a flag to the men in gray who marched off to fight the Yankees.

Ebeltoft Home

Another of the earlier homes was that of the Fullenwiders, known to present day Shelby as the Ebeltoft home. It was here that Mrs. Mary (Fullenwider) McBrayer, now one of Shelby's oldest residents, played as a child. She recalls the planting of the large boxwood in the yard and that in the desire to be helpful to a friend and a playmate, Kans Andrews, with their bare feet tamped the earth around the bush after it was set out. It is now one of the lov-

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