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DR. WILLIAM P. ANDREWS

1. On January 20th, 1844 James Love sold to Logan B. Cline or (Clyne) for \$55.65 one acre and seventeen rods.
2. On December 3, 1849, Logan B. Cline sold to Dr. William Parham for \$325 one acre and seventeen rods.
3. On Dec. 18, 1850, James Love sold to Dr. William Parham for \$54.57 a lot containing one and one half acres adjoining Parham's home lot.
4. On October 2nd, 1858 Dr. William Parham sold to Dr. William P. Andrews two acres two rods and seventeen Perches including the house and lot where said Willaim Parham family lived and known as the Cline lot and a purchase made by Parham from Jimmy Love. Dr. Andrews paid Dr. Parham \$900.
5. On November 24, 1871, Dr. W. P. Andrews purchased from Mrs. A. W. McAfee two acres, two rods and thirty-seven and one half perches, adjoining Dr. Andrews line, for \$89.56.

THE ANDREWS HOME

My grandfather, Dr. William Perry Andrews, built his home on S. Washington St. in 1858. The lot had been purchased from Dr. William Parham (and was at one time owned by James Love, my great grandfather). Several of my grandfathers, his children were born there and inherited the place at his father's death. He lived there until 192 , his year, then sold the house to Dr. S. S. Royster for \$3000, which did not include the lot on which Dr. Royster brick veneered the house, added a front terrace, porch on the North side and a sun parlor on the south. A few changes were

made on the interior but the lines of the house remain as originally built.

The old house was two stories, wooden frame of white clap boards, with a chimney at each end. It was about feet from the street. A wide lawn of grass, elm trees, crepe myrtle, cedars and two pecan trees, (brought from Miss. by grandpa) made a pretty setting for the home. On each side of the walk were box wood bushes, planted by my grandmother and aunts. At each side of the porch were mounds of rock, covered with grape vine or bluests.

The entrance to the house was a small porch with four small double columns. The door was a solid paneled one and overhead and down each side were narrow windows of small panes of glass. Through the center of the house was a narrow hall. Steep stairs led to the second floor. On the right of the hallway was the parlor, a large sunny room with windows facing east and west and two south on each side of the chimney. In my grandfathers life time the furnishings were victorian in style. A hassel carpet of gay colored flowers, square piano, love seat and straight chairs with lovely carving and upholstered in black horse hair. Two large oil paintings and family photographs hung on the plain white walls. A marble top table and a walnut one held the copper lustre pitcher, family album, Bible, etc. The mantle was a plain white colonial type one. Brass andirons held the glowing wood fires. In summer, a jar of asparagus fern was kept in the fireplace. (From vegetable garden). A long ~~xxxxxx~~ back porch extended from the back hall door to the end of the house. Grandpa's bed room

and the dining room opened on this porch. A shelf on the porch held two oaken buckets and dipper for water. Holes were cut in the shelf for the wash basins.

To the left of the hall was a large bed room. A roomy closet was under the stairway.

From a door in the dining room, at the back, a walk of planks led to the kitchen (about 15 feet) which was a small house itself. It consisted of two large rooms and a stairway led to the left. Here things were stored and long strings of pepper hung on the wall. At the north end of the kitchen was a wide fire place, once used for cooking, a large pine cupboard held dishes and a square walnut table (brought from grandpa's father, Ben F. Andrews home on cane creek) held two oaken buckets of water. On this table was a large gourd of salt. Hanging by the fireplace was a coffee mill, in which coffee was ground each day. In this kitchen many delicious meals were cooked by "Aunt Hannah Hunter" the colored cook. Pound cakes, beaten biscuits, batter cakes in high stacks, and other good things were cooked each day and for family gatherings at Christmas time, Dave Toms, colored, helped Aunt Hannah. He brought in wood, milked, etc, and played with my father, When they were little boys. The second floor of the "Big House" consisted of two large bed rooms and a long attic over grandpa's room and the dining room. Trunks of old letters and books, godey magazines, bedding etc. were stored there. South of the house about 15 feet was grandpa's "Apothecary Shop". In the two rooms with fireplace in one, were his medical books installments, mortar and pestle for mixing pills and other things

used in the practice of medicine. Back of the kitchen was a large vegetable garden. Beds of asparagus, artichokes, bushes of sage, horse radish and other vegetables in rows were on each side of the central walk. At each corner in the back yard were two "garden houses". The one on the corner being grandpa's private one and woe be the "kid" who used it, nice stacks of magazines and newspapers served as toilet paper.

An orchard of apples (tender skin) sugar pears and other fruits was between the garden and barns. From the barn yard a long lane (now Anthony Street) led to the "woods" and "flat rock" where we as children played, gathering wild flowers, johnny-jump-ups, and pinks, in the spring. Wading in the branch, the boys swimming and always having a good time. Along this lane were persimmon and locust trees. On the north side of the house was the well. It was enclosed in the well house. To one side was a dark cool room in which milk and butter were kept, Near the well house was a large black walnut tree and a tree of dark red apples (late fall). Not far from the well was the lye hopper which held wood ashes used for soap making and lye honey making. On the south side of the house, just back of the "Shop" was the corn crib, always full, and the wood house stacked with oak and pine wood for winter use.

It was a comfortable house and two generations of Andrews children were born there, They enjoyed life, as children should, playing their games "there aint No bears out tonight", over the box wood bushes, and other games. This is the home as I remember it, and I hope it will prove interesting to future generations.

Sue Andrews, grand daughter of Dr. Wm. Perry Andrews.