

# Old Pendleton District Messenger

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Barbara Clark will talk  
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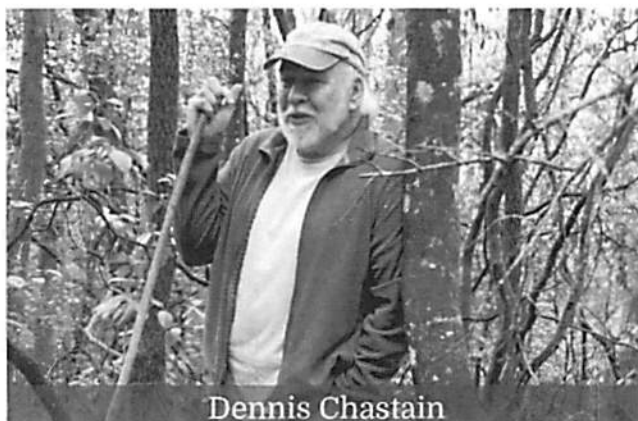
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Dennis Chastain

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about the Cherokee Culture and Customs. See  
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## About Our Newsletter

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The Old Pendleton District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society is a nonprofit, 12-36-2120(40), educational organization designed to unite those interested in the Pickens and Oconee Counties, South Carolina history and family genealogy; to encourage the preservation of documents and records; to promote educational programs; and to publish local records, history and family genealogy. The Chapter's primary goal is to assist others in their search for their ancestors and origins of birthplace.

The Chapter meets every month, except July, August and December. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Central-Clemson Library.

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## Refreshments

**January:** Brenda Meyer and Judy Long  
**February:** Pat Collins  
**March:** LaMarr Brooks  
**April:** Katie Gillespie & Nancy Holcombe  
**May:** Keith Brown & Anne Sheriff

**June:** Field Trip  
**September:** Barbara Clark and Jane Camper  
**October:** Alice Shove  
**November:** Pot Luck Dinner at Trinity Wesleyan Church

## **Minutes of Old Pendleton Genealogical Meeting of February 20, 2024**

The Old Pendleton Chapter meeting of Feb. 20 was held at the Central-Clemson Branch of the Pickens County Library System. President Keith Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After a short business session, including an update by Chairperson, Carolyn Nations of the Pickens County 250 Commission. Mrs. Nations told us of the ongoing plans for the 250 Anniversary of the America Revolution in our county and the state as well as request our help as genealogist, to locate the soldiers who settled in our area or in other counties. It would be of great help to locate their graves so markers of their service could be placed.

Keith introduced our speaker for the evening, Dennis Chastain. Dennis is well known across the state as a historian, author and journalist, and is widely in demand as a lecturer and speaker. He writes for the JOURNAL frequently and has appeared in many publications. He serves as a vice president on the board of The Pickens County Historical Society. Dennis and his lovely wife, Jane, have traced the Cherokee trail from Charleston to Tennessee including its passage through our county. Dennis presentation for the evening is an excellent slide show titled CHEROKEE CULTURE AND CUSTOMS.

The Cherokee people were extended across what is now South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. They created towns on many creeks and rivers. When the "white men" arrived, they brought with them many diseases that were unknown to the Cherokee. In 1734 a smallpox epidemic 34,000 warriors died. They took and sold the deer skin hides in Charleston. In 1740, 200,000 hides were exported from Charleston. They were worth \$1, a "buck" per skin. "Wampum" was a purple and white beaded belt which represented good faith. The leader of the Cherokee presented one to S.C Governor Andrew Williamson in 1756.

Some of the plants the Cherokee introduced to us were: Yaupon Holly which the leaves and twigs were used to make a black drink ( not the fruit). It was about 15% caffeine. Also, the Colonial Indian Pink Root, the roots were used for intestinal worms. There was Blood Root and River Cane which grew to 20 feet tall. Corn which had original come from Mexico and beans and squash grew in abundance.

In 1765 a boundary was created from the Reedy River to Savannah which the white settlers were forbidden to cross. In 1775 William Bartram came through the area and said in the Keowee Village the people were living in log structures.

There were 22 people in attendance.

Pat Collins provided delicious refreshments for the fellowship time.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Meyer

## *Descendants of Fielding (Phillip) James*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. FIELDING<sup>1</sup> Phillip JAMES was born Bef. 1775 in Virginia, and died Unknown in Anderson County, S.C. He married RHODA DURHAM Unknown in? She was born Unknown in Brushy Creek, Anderson County, S.C., and died Unknown in?

More About FIELDING Phillip JAMES:

Census-Pendleton Dist., SC: 1822, age 45+

Children of FIELDING Phillip JAMES and RHODA DURHAM are:

2. i. JOHN JACK<sup>2</sup> JAMES, b. Abt. 1801, Anderson County, S.C.; d. Aft. 1880.
3. ii. PATTY JAMES, b. Unknown? d. Unknown?

### *Generation No. 2*

2. JOHN JACK<sup>2</sup> JAMES (*FIELDING<sup>1</sup> Phillip*) was born Abt. 1801 in Anderson County, S.C., and died Aft. 1880. He married RACHAEL KELLY Bef. 1832 in Belton, Anderson County, S.C. She was born Abt. 1811, and died Unknown.

Children of JOHN JAMES and RACHAEL KELLY are:

- \* i. JAMES<sup>3</sup> ANDREW JAMES, m. LETHA (EMELINE) PHILLIPS.
- \* ii. MARY JANE JAMES.

More About MARY JANE JAMES:

Marital Status: never married

- iii. NANCY E. JAMES, b. Abt. 1832.

More About NANCY E. JAMES:

Fact 6: never married

- \* iv. JOHN K. JAMES, b. January 1834; d. 24 July 1912.
- \* v. MARTHA JAMES, b. 08 November 1843; d. 25 November 1933.

More About MARTHA JAMES:

Fact 6: never married

- \* vi. THOMAS ELIAS JAMES, b. 05 August 1845, Anderson County, S.C.; d. 17 November 1899, Six Mile, S.C..
- vii. RHODA JAMES, b. Abt. 1848.

Notes for RHODA JAMES:

Rhoda never married.

More About RHODA JAMES:

Marital Status: never married

6. viii. BENJAMIN NEWTON JAMES, b. Abt. 1850; d. Bef. 1880.
7. ix. JASPER JAMES, b. Abt. 1850.
- x. WILLIAM JAMES, b. Abt. 1850.

More About WILLIAM JAMES:

Fact 6: "Bill"

Fact 7: unmarried

8. xi. RACHAEL CORNELIA JAMES, b. 10 January 1853; d. 08 April 1946, Brushy Creek, Anderson County, S.C. She married W. BENJAMIN GARRETT 05 December 1875 in Brushy Creek, Anderson County, S.C. He was born 11 February 1850, and died 18 February 1935.

**The Civil War letters of James Andrew James.**

***By Bruce S. Allardice and Wayne L. Wolf***

During the Civil War Private James A. James wrote numerous letters home to his family, describing life in the Confederate Army of Tennessee. A collection of these has recently come to light.

James Andrew James (1839-1903) was the son of John "Jack" and Rachel Kelly James, farmers in Anderson County, South Carolina. On April 1, 1863 he enlisted in Thomas B. Ferguson's battery of South Carolina artillery, formed April of 1862 at Charleston. In May, 1863 the unit was sent to Mississippi to aid in the relief of the Vicksburg garrison. Attached to States Rights Gist's brigade, the battery joined the Army of Tennessee in late 1863 and served with that army the remainder of the war. Captain Ferguson was wounded in 1863 and leadership passed to Capt. Henry Davis Calhoun (1838-66), nephew of Vice President John C. Calhoun. The battery eventually came under the command of Rene Beauregard (1843-1910), son of the famous general. The unit was largely captured December 16, 1864, at the battle of Nashville.

[Insert image jpg of Beauregard, from New Orleans Times Picayune, Dec. 15, 1910]

Despite protestations that he'd never desert the army, J. A. James is listed as having deserted in May of 1864. After the war he and his wife Emeline Phillips farmed in Monroe County, Arkansas.

The transcripts below have been lightly edited for spelling and clarity, but not for grammar.

The first letter is datelined Columbia. It appears James has been left behind in South Carolina due to his boil. He gives advice to his family on how to dispose of his belongings, and suggests that any locals seeking to join the army could join his unit.

Columbia, S.C. August the 13 (1863)

Dear Father and Mother and Brothers and Sisters.

I seat myself to drop you a few lines that I hope many find you all well as I am the same more than I have got a very bad boil on me at this time. I received your letter and was glad to hear from you one time more. I have not got that box yet. I go to the depot every day and saw that it don't come and I want to know if you have started if or not and if you have not I want to know whether you are or not. If you have started some you had.

Better not start any more for if it don't come perhaps the next one would be the same war. I want you to tell Jane and the children all handy for me and John and family and Mom, Griffin, James and John Macklorland is a getting along and when you heard you wanted to know how I was satisfied in camps. I reckon I am as well satisfied as any man can be in camps. You wanted to know how long we would stay here. I can't tell you how long we will stay yet. But we will not stay long I reckon.

I want to know if you have sold my fiddle yet or not and if you have not sell it and return the money over to Emeline [his wife] and tell Emeline that I will send her a present in my next letter and I want to know if Tomey [brother Thomas Elias James (1845-99) is gone up to my house yet or not and if he is not I want you to send him up in a few days and take care of my things and you may have the fodder and

shacks in pay for him a staying. If John wants to go to the war to come to this company for it is a good company and if he does want to come tell him to write and I will get it arranged for him and if you no (sic) of anyone else about there that has to go tell them to write to me and I will fix it up with Capt. Calhoun.

So close write soon and oblige your son,

J.A. James

From the dateline "Atlanta" in the next letter it appears Private James is again is away from his unit, which five days later fought in the Battle of Missionary Ridge.

Atlanta Ga Nov 20th, 1863

Dear Father

I have read your kind letter today & was happy to hear from you although they have been some time since on the road they were tacked so they went to the front to Lookout Mountain Tenn. & the old company, they was a man came down from them to day & brought them to me. I am quite well at present. I have not heard from John [James' brother John K. James (1834-1912), captain in the Hampton Legion, who evidently visited his brother while on leave] since he left. John Chapman is at home, he left with him & says he is coming back & the Captain says for John to come back & it will go a heap lighter with him than if he is sent for if he comes home tell him (should) come back at once. [Private John F. Chapman is listed as AWOL from the unit Oct. 16 to Dec. 1, 1863] I want you to (post) your letters to Atlanta Ga in care of Capt. H D Calhoun's Light Artillery that is enough I have often heard tell of the devil but yesterday evening I saw him plain in the shape of a man. There was two men that stole some money at the Trout house a hotel & they caught them & tarred & feathered one of them & sheared one side of their heads and marched through the city with a fife & drum. The one that was tarred looked like a frizzly chicken only the other one had a large Board on his back with The Trout House Thieves marked on it. like The devil before day. I want to know if you have seen Henry Barkley yet to know if he is going to come or anybody else. If you have write & let me know if there is anybody & you will write maybe I can come home & get them if they will come to the company. Tell Jane and her children howdy for me & respects to enquiring friends. Be sure & write soon, nothing more but remain  
your Loving son J. A. James

Write To J. A. James Capt. H D Calhoun's Light Artillery Atlanta Ga.

[Insert jpg image of Trout House, from Library of Congress]

The next letter is written on Christmas eve. It appears Calhoun's battery awaits transportation to the front at Dalton.

Dec the 24 Christmas eve Atlanta, GA (1863)

Dear father and Mother I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know that I am Well at this Time a hoping that these few lines may come safe to hand and find you all quite well I have not got anything of importance to write you more than to let you know that we are on the eve of starting to the front we are at the Depot at this time a waiting for them to get the cars ready for to take us off we have been here since yesterday morning this is about all the News that I have got to write you at this time you wanted to know if my capt would take any more recruits or not he will take all that he can get there is one man here that says that he would take his place if the swap can be made. I will send you my [tin]type in this letter for a Christmas present as I am to for to send anything else that is worth anything. I will write to you again when we get to our journey

end and I Don't want you to write any more to me until you hear from me so I still remain your son as ever

J A James

The next letter, from Dalton, anticipates Sherman's Atlanta Campaign. The Union army indeed advanced two weeks later and took Dalton.

Camp near Dalton, Ga.  
This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1864

My dear loving Father & Mother,

It is through the kind mercy of God that I am blessed with the opportunity of writing you a short letter which will inform you that I am well & hearty hoping these few lines will soon reach your kind and lovely hands & find you all in the same enjoyment of the same like blessing of health. I can say to you Dear Father & Mother I rec'd your kind and welcome letter this evening & I was truly thankful to hear from you all one time more. I can say to you it has been a long time since I have heard from you. Before this time I think it has been about three months. I never heard a word from you your letter stated that you thought hard of me for not writing & I don't think you ought to for I have wrote several letters myself & never got no answer. You said that you had hard times back there in old Carolina. I also can say to you that there is not all the place that hard times has reached for if we don't see hard times here I don't know what you will call hard times.

You wanted me to write all the news that I knowed or have heard of. I can say to you Dear Father and Mother I have but little news to write. I can say to you we are looking for a big fight here soon. All the baggage is sent off to the rear and all furloughs is stopped and I don't know when they will start the furloughs again. I can say to you I want to come home very bad but I am out of heart of getting home soon. I will close. Nothing more your son till death.

J.A. James

John & Rachel James

The last letter, from the army's camp at Dalton, suggests that his unit was almost starving, although it was stationed near a railroad supply line. This runs contrary to the common belief that General Joe Johnston had largely solved the army's supply problems. He notes the ever-present rats that seemed to infest many wartime camps, and expresses the common soldier's wish for peace to come.

Camp near Dalton GA. April the 28, 1864

Dear sister this morning affords me the pleasure of writing you a few lines which will inform you that I am well & hearty hoping these few lines will safely reach your kind hand & find you in the same enjoyment of health. I have nothing of interest to write more than hard times & worse a coming though they are everywhere I reckoned we have but little to eat here we have nothing but

bread to eat for a few days past and but very little it does no good one third of a Pound a day & some days we get none. You wrote to me something about Tom & his wife & would be glad to know who Tom & his wife was I don't know which Tom it is that summer shoat Tom that stayed about thar. Jane I want you to write to me if that Tom can lie in the bed without pissing on the Bed or if they have quit pinning rags to him of night. ... I think Peace will be made if that don't end the war. I don't think it will stop soon. Goodbye nothing more write soon J A James to Frances James [his sister, 1836-1918]

A few lines to Martha James [his sister, 1843-1933] Dear sister I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you well I have nothing strange to write. You said you was a going to marry I would like for you to wait till I could come home though you might have to wait a long time though I would be glad that you could wait if you can't wait and will marry. I want you to send me a lock of his hair to put in a gourd to put water to for the rats to drink of & to kill them. The rats is very bad here and that is a plan that I have picked on to get rid of them.

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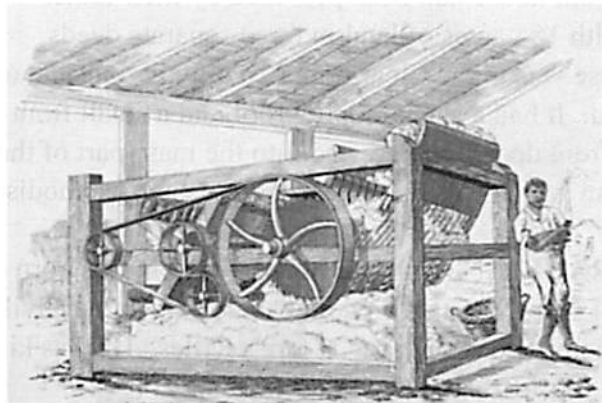
## THE MCDONALDS-ORIGINAL SETTLERS OF RICHLAND, OCONEE COUNTY, SC

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation of the McDonalds by LaMarr Brooks

**HENRY DUFFIE (DUFF) MCDONALD** was born on 11 Apr 1817 in Richland, Rock Springs Community, Oconee Co., SC. The only son and 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 2 children of **WILLIAM HENRY MCDONALD** (1792-1848) and **SUSANAH (SUSAN) ELIZABETH CRENSHAW** (1792-1871). He died on 26 Feb 1882 in Westminster, Oconee Co., SC. He married **AMELIA (MILLY) KELLEY**, daughter of **JOEL JAMES KELLEY** (1785-1862) and **MARTHA** (1789-1850), on 08 Feb 1838 in Red Hills Community near Toccoa, GA. She was born on 05 Mar 1817 in the Red Hills Community, Toccoa, Franklin Co., Ga. She died on 13 Jul 1886 in Westminster, Oconee Co., SC. Both are buried in the McDonald Family Cemetery, Richland, Oconee Co., SC.

Henry Duff McDonald and his wife, Milly lived in the original McDonald Plantation House with his parents. According to the family history, Duff built and operated the first cotton gin in the area. Prior to the introduction of the mechanical cotton gin, cotton had required considerable hand labor to clean and separate the fibers from the seeds. He located it on Colonels Fork Creek near his home. The cotton seed could be disposed of by washing it away in the water. In those days cotton seed had little or no market value.

The cotton gin was expensive to build, the equivalent price of several hundred acres of land. It was similar to the gin type of that day which was a little wooden machine described as a 40-inch cotton gin. It was held together by wooden pegs, turned by horse power and hitched up by belts and gears. It could gin a bale of cotton a day turning at 100 R.P.M. In contrast to the cotton gins today that can gin 60 bales per hour. During the time period Duff McDonald was building his cotton gin, cotton production in the United States expanded from 750,000 bales in 1830 to 2.85 million bales in 1850.



Photos: The 40-inch Reproduction of Eli Whitney's Cotton Gin: Model from The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. Right:

Perhaps his cotton gin looked similar to the first 1791 patent gin.

Duff was a good farmer and hunter. After the crops were gathered, he camped in the local mountains for two weeks and hunted deer. He always brought enough home for the family to have venison steak all winter.

Purchasing of goods was done at a local trading center. Fair Play, was one of the earliest the McDonald's traveled to. It included a post office, blacksmith shop, carriage and wagon shop, tin shop, the Beaverdam Baptist Church and several residences. They would sell and trade farm products such as bacon, beeswax, hides and buy needed supplies. The formation of other trading centers that became towns near the McDonalds were Pendleton, Walhalla (1850), West Union, Seneca (1873), Westminster (1875).

On Dec 16, 1871, Duff McDonald gave a right-of-way to the Atlanta and Richmond Airline Railway Company for \$500.00. The Land assigned contained within one hundred feet in width on each side of the tract hereinafter described. It was a portion of the land he lived on adjoining lands of Warren Stribling, Mrs. Martin and others.

Henry Duffie (Duff) McDonald and Amelia (Milly) Kelley had the following children:

1. **SELENIA MCDONALD** was born on 17 Nov 1838 in Richland, Oconee Co., SC. She died at the age of 5 on 24 Jan 1844 in Richland, Oconee Co, SC buried at Hull Family Cemetery.
2. **MARTHA ANN (SISSIE) MCDONALD** was born on 21 Aug 1840 in Westminster, Oconee Co., SC. She died on 29 Apr 1918 in Westminster, Oconee Co., SC buried in the family cemetery near the Henry Duffy McDonald homestead, Richland, Oconee Co., SC.

Three of Duff and Milly's daughters never married, they were always called the "Aunt Sissies". They were Sissie, Betty, and Sallie. They explained their spinsterhood by saying the right man never came along, but they believed in love. After the deaths of their parents and Great Aunt Selena, Duff's sister, they moved into a house on the estate near their brother Parker on Colonels Fork Creek. When Parker moved to Westminster in 1901 to become the mail carrier, they went to the home on the Seneca-Westminster Road. The 6-room house had been provided by their father along with 154 acres of land in three separate deeds.



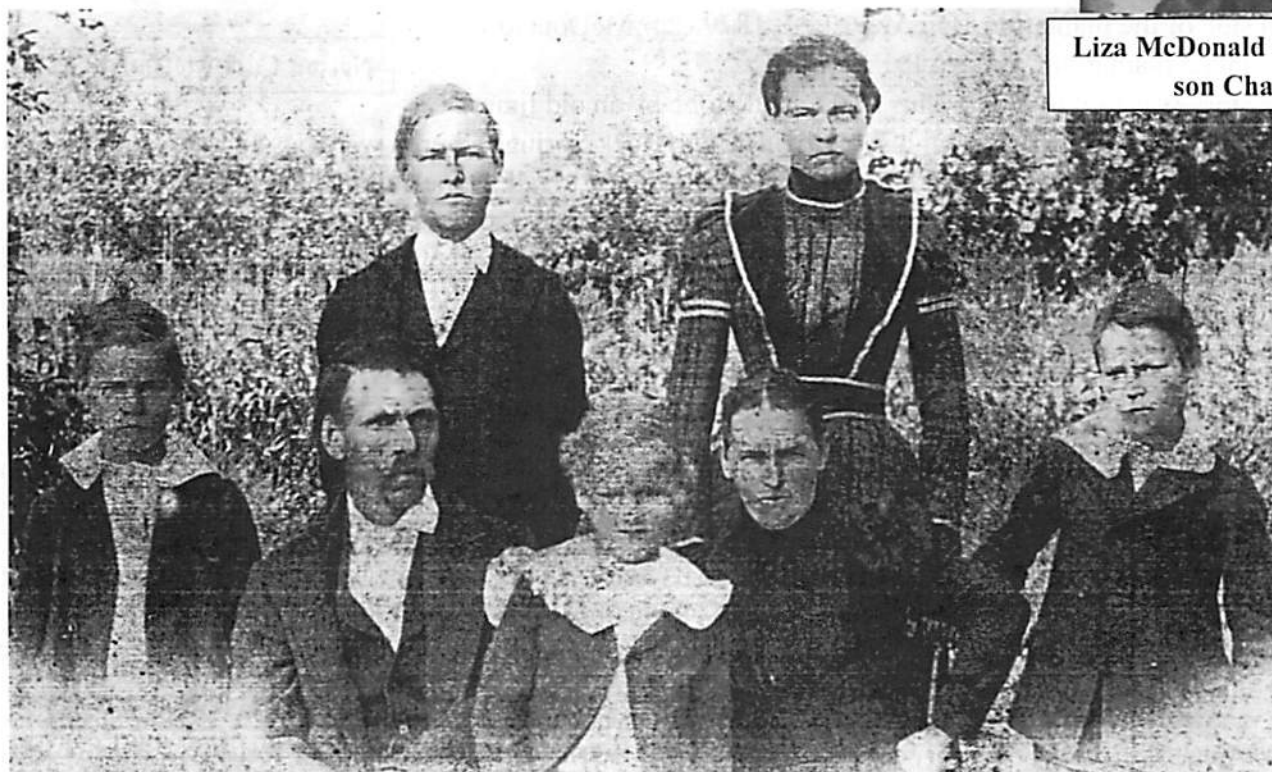
The house was in the Clearmont Community one and one-half miles west of the present town of Richland. It had a steep-sloping roof and a small front porch with a small room on the left side. There were 2 front doors, one opened into the main part of the house and the other was an only entrance to the side room which was reserved for guests and Methodist preachers.

3. **HENRY FRANKLIN (DOCK) MCDONALD** was born on 29 Apr 1842 in Westminster, Oconee Co., SC. He died on 13 Dec 1862 in Fredericksburg, VA in the Civil War. Sworn in Confederate service July 20, 1861 and was a member of Company F. Orr's Rifles. He was killed in the Battle of Fredericksburg; VA where the bodies were left frozen the day after the battle.
4. **SUSANAH ELIZABETH (BETTY) MCDONALD** was born on 27 Apr 1844 in Richland, Oconee Co., SC. She died on 01 Jun 1914 in Westminster, Oconee Co, SC buried at Rock Springs Meth Ch., Richland, Oconee Co, SC.
5. **LOUISA AMELIA (LIZA) MCDONALD** was born on 24 Jun 1846 in Seneca, Oconee Co., SC. She died on 09 Jan 1911 in Atlanta, GA buried at Rock Springs Meth Ch Cem, Richland, Oconee Co, SC. She married **JOHN MILES MARTIN** son of **EDMOND HOWARD MARTIN, JR.** (1810-1880) and **CYNTHIA ROBINSON** (1816-1897). He was born in Oct 1836 in Westminster, Oconee Co., SC. He died in 1905 in Townville, Anderson Co., SC.

Like the family tradition, her father gave her a farm that was cut from the estate and a 2-story dwelling. They sold the property and moved to the Townville area where Miles Martin died. They had 1 daughter **Martha Lorena (Lou) Martin** (1867-1918) who married **John Sanford Vandiver** (1862-1908). 4 sons: **John (Bud) Henry** (1869-1964) m. **Sally Elrod** (1870-?), **Charles (Charlie) C.** (1877-?) m. **Arvie, William (Frank)** (1885-1964) m. **Ina Whitfield** (1894-1970), and **Henry** b. 1887 d. young.



**Liza McDonald Martin and son Charlie**



Miles Martin Family: Frank, John Miles, Henry, Louisa (Liza), Charlie. Standing: Bud and Charlie

After Miles died, Louisa went to live with her sons, Charlie & Frank, in Atlanta, GA where she died. Her body was brought to Rock Springs Methodist Church in Richland for burial but there is no marker on her grave. Her daughter, Lou Vandiver and granddaughter Addie, bought a headstone but it remained under the floor of their residence and was never erected. Anyone with more information for this family would be appreciated.

6. **JOSEPH PARKER MCDONALD** was born on 15 Jul 1848 in Richland, Rock Springs Community Pickens Dist. (Now Oconee Co., S.C.). He died on 04 Oct 1906 in Westminster, Oconee Co., S.C. He married **Julia Ann Sarepta Frances Winter**, daughter of **James Cook Winter** and **Sarepta Ann Glenn**, on 26 Dec 1872 in Winter Home, Anderson Co., SC By Rev. D. L. Whittaker. She was born on 12 Nov 1852 in Star (Holland's Store Community), Anderson Co., SC. She died on 08 Jan 1926 in Westminster, Oconee Co., SC. Both buried @ East View Cem., Westminster, SC.  
Children are listed in Nov. 2023 Newsletter.



**NELSON CARR MCDONALD** was born on 24 Jul 1850 in Richland, Oconee Co., SC. He died from typhoid fever on 13 Nov 1892 in Oconee Co, SC. He married **MARTHA JANE ISBELL**. She was born on 09 Jun 1849 in Fairplay, SC. She died on 23 May 1925 in Oconee Co, SC Both buried @ Rock Springs Meth Ch, Richland, Oconee Co, SC.

The book "*The Truth About the McDonalds*" by Willie Carr McDonald Hope, 1977, documents this family in extensive detail. Duff McDonald gave his son, Carr, upon his marriage, the old home and 204 cres of land. Carr built a new home for himself further to the noth side of the plantation. On August 27, 1879 Carr McDonald exchanged plantations with A. P. Freeman.

The story was told to Willie Carr McDonald Hope by an old timer: "One Sunday the Carr McDoanlds, on their way to Rock Springs Church were passing the Freemans on their way to Clearmont Baptist Church. The two stopped to talk. One commented that they ought to swap farms so each would be handier to his church". On Dec., 30, 1880, A. P. Freeman sold the old McDonald homeplace and 204 acres to Benjamin Franklin Driver. In Jan 1893, only a few months after Carr McDonald died, the home burned down. The Drivers still own the old McDonald Property.



**Nelson Carr McDonald 1873**

Nelson Carr McDonald and Martha Jane Isbell had the following children:

1. **FANNIE ESTELL MCDONALD** was born on 25 Nov 1877 in Claremont Community, Oconee Co., SC. She died on 09 Dec 1959 in Columbus, MS. She married **WILLIAM CRAFTON FOSTER**. He was born on 26 Aug 1867. He died on 28 Dec 1916 in Oconee Co., SC. Both buried @ Rock Springs Cem.
2. **ROBERT DUFFIE MCDONALD** was born on 03 Mar 1879 in Claremont Community, Richland, Oconee Co., SC. He died on 10 Mar 1936 in Oconee Co., SC. He married **ADDIE MAYBELLE ETTIE ESTELLE BURGESS**. She was born on 11 Jul 1881 in Poplar Spring Community, Ware Shoals, Laurens Co., SC. She died on 16 Apr 1960 in Oconee Co., SC. Both buried @ Rock Springs Cem.
3. **MAMIE VICTORIA MCDONALD** was born on 06 Oct 1882 in Richland, Oconee Co, SC. She died in 1960 in Greenville Co., SC buried Oconee Co., SC. She married **JERRY PINKNEY BLACKWELL** on 07 Apr 1901 in Brides' Home near Richland, Oconee Co., SC. He was born in 1870 in Reidville, NC. He died in 1920 in Oconee Co., SC. Both buried @ Rock Springs Cem.
4. **JOSEPH NELSON MCDONALD** was born on 24 Apr 1884 in Oconee Co., SC. He died in May 1966 in Richland, Oconee Co., SC He married **HATTIE KATE STRIBLING**. She was born in 1880. She died in 1966 in Richland, Oconee Co., SC. Both buried @ Richland Presbyterian Ch Cem.
5. **LUCY SALENA MCDONALD** was born on 03 Feb 1886 in Oconee Co., SC. She died on 17 Dec 1963 in Seneca, Oconee Co., SC. She married (1) **HUGH PARKER HOLLEMAN**. He was born on 13 Jul 1881 in Walhalla, Oconee Co., SC. He died on 13 May 1933 in Seneca, Oconee Co., SC buried @ Mountain View Cemetery, Seneca, SC. She married (2) **GEORGE WALKER**.
6. **MONROE REID MCDONALD**, Attorney, was born on 11 Nov 1888 in Oconee Co., SC. He died on 31 Oct 1960 in Sebring, Highlands Co., FL. He married **MARTHA (MATTIE) MATILDA ETHEREDGE**. She was born on 20 Feb 1895 in Batesburg, SC. She died on 21 Jun 1950 in Sebring, Highlands Co., FL. Both buried @ Pinecrest Cemetery, FL.
7. **MARCUS CARR MCDONALD** was born on 07 Jul 1890 in Oconee Co., SC. He died on 30 Jun 1956 in Greenville, SC. He married **GERALDINE Z. POWER** in 1912. She was born on 16 Sep 1888. She died on 31 Mar 1971 in Greenville, SC. Both buried @ Woodlawn Memorial Park Section K, Greenville, SC.

Martha Jane Isbell McDonald was left a widow for 33 years and her son, Robert Duffie McDonald, was given the job of managing the homeplace. Willie Carr McDoanld Hope was the daughter of Robert Duffie McDonald. In 1909, after marriage and 2 children, he bought 1/8<sup>th</sup> acre in the Richland business section, built a large grocery store and later added living quarters. It did not go well, Robert sold on credit and some never paid. His sister, Lucy bought the store and his brother, Monroe ran it. Robert's family moved into the Stribling-Toney Octagon "Green House" located on 229 Old School House Road in Richland and he went to work with the Southern Railway section. They boarded the teachers of the Richland Academy which was next door in the home.



**Octagon House.** Built on 33 acres by Montford Stokes Stribling as a wedding present for his daughter in 1880. Designed and built by her brother John Verner Stribling. It has three octagon rooms with vaulted ceilings. It was bought in 1930 by Willie Ellis Toney (1883-1953) and Judy Harbert Toney (1888-1962) both buried at Tugalo Cemetery, Toccoa, GA. They lived there the rest of their lives. It still stands and is privately owned.

7. **SARAH FRANCES (SALLIE) MCDONALD** was born on 07 May 1856 in Richland, Oconee Co., SC. She died on 30 May 1911 in Oconee Co, SC Buried @ Rock Springs Meth Ch, Richland, Oconee Co, SC.

8. **MARGARET (MAGGIE) MATILDA MCDONALD** was born on 25 Jun 1858 in Westminster, Oconee Co., SC. She died on 24 Jul 1934 in Traveler's Rest, Greenville Co, SC. She married **THOMAS SUMPTER FENNELL**, son of **JOHN L. FENNELL JR.** (1822-1896) and **MARY POWERS** (1837-1912), on 25 Dec 1877 in Walhalla, Oconee Co., SC. He was born on 11 Jul 1856 in Edgefield, SC. He died on 18 Aug 1920 in Pelzer, Anderson Co, SC Both are buried @ Rock Springs Methodist Church Cemetery, Richland, Oconee Co, SC.

When Maggie married, she received a house and 44 acres of the McDonald Estate, on April 11, 1882 Thomas Sumpter Fennell added 1025 acres. They lived in Oconee County until 1895 when they sold the home and land and moved to Pelzer, SC.



**Margaret (Maggie) Matilda  
McDonald Fennell**

Thomas Sumpter Fennell and Margaret (Maggie) Matilda McDonald had the following children:

1. **JOHN MARVIN FENNELL** was born on 15 Oct 1878 in Walhalla, Oconee Co, SC. He died on 17 Jan 1883 at the age of 4 in Walhalla, Oconee Co, SC buried @ Richland Presbyterian Ch Cem, Richland, Oconee Co, SC.
2. **HENRY B. FENNELL** was born in Feb 1880 in Walhalla, Oconee Co, SC. He died in 1951 in Pelzer, Greenville Co, SC. He married **EMMA A.** She was born in 1886. She died in 1962 in Pelzer, Greenville Co, SC. Both are buried @ Lickville Presbyterian Ch, Greenville, SC.
3. **MILLIE HASELTINE FENNELL** was born on 06 Dec 1881 in Walhalla, Oconee Co, SC. She died on 28 Mar 1969 in Greenville Co., SC. She married **ROBERT LAFAYETTE WAKEFIELD** on 25 Dec 1901 in Pelzer, Anderson Co, SC. He was born on 14 Dec 1867 in Anderson, Anderson Co, SC. He died on 07 Sep 1926 in Greenville Co., SC. Both buried @ Graceland Cem, Greenville, SC.
4. **THOMAS MCDONALD (MACK) FENNELL** was born on 30 Apr 1884 in Oconee Co., SC. He died on 23 May 1967 in Augusta, Richmond Co., GA. He married **LYDIA JORDAN**. She was born

on 19 Dec 1893 in Greenville Co., SC. She died on 01 Jun 1965 in Pelzer, Greenville Co., SC. Both are buried @ Greenville Memorial Gardens, Greenville, SC.

5. **KATE FENNELL** was born on 17 Apr 1886 in SC. She died on 16 Nov 1887 in SC buried @ Richland Pres. Ch Cem, Richland, SC.

6. **RAYMOND BREMAN FENNELL** was born on 01 May 1888 in Oconee Co, SC. He died on 19 Aug 1981 in Rosemont Cem, Clinton, SC. He married **BEULAH GAINES**. She was born on 04 Oct 1891 in Pickens Co, SC. She died on 07 Dec 1971 in Clinton, SC buried @ Rosemont Cem.

7. **ERNEST LILLIAN FENNELL** was born on 25 Jan 1890 in Oconee Co, SC. He died on 20 Sep 1969 in Pelzer, Anderson Co., SC He married **AGNES ABERCROMBIE**. She was born on 15 Apr 1895 in SC. She died on 05 Dec 1973 in Pelzer, Anderson Co., SC. Both buried @ Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

8. **HARDY PARKER FENNELL** was born on 08 Aug 1892 in Pendleton, Oconee Co, SC. He died on 24 May 1981 in Greenville Co., SC He married **ANNIE HEATH**. She was born on 11 Jul 1899 in SC. She died on 10 Jan 1990 in Greenville Co., SC. Both buried @ Woodlawn Memorial Park.

9. **MARY ELIZABETH FENNELL** was born on 21 Oct 1894 in Richland, Oconee Co., SC. She died on 03 Jan 1936 in Greenville Co., SC. She married **EUGENE MONTVILLE DAVIS** on 22 Feb 1915 in Pelzer, Anderson Co, SC. He was born on 20 Apr 1894 in Greenville Co., SC. He died on 18 Feb 1975 in Greenville Co., SC buried @ Graceland Cem, Greenville, SC.

10. **MARGARET (MARGIE) FENNELL** was born on 15 Nov 1897 in Anderson Co., SC. She died on 12 Jun 1988 in Piedmont, Greenville Co., SC. She married **WESLEY CLIFTON (CLIFF) BROWNING**. He was born on 30 Sep 1889 in SC. He died on 09 Dec 1955 in Piedmont, Greenville Co., SC. Both buried @ Beaverdam Baptist Church Cemetery, Williamston, Anderson Co., SC.

11. **CLYDE FENNELL** was born on 15 Jan 1900 in Pelzer, Anderson Co, SC. He died on 03 Jun 1960 in Greenville Co., SC. He married **LULA PARKER**. She was born in 1902 in Bear Creek, ALA. She died on 11 Feb 1980 in Greenville Co., SC. Both buried @ Woodlawn Mem Park, Greenville, SC.



**The Fennell Family-1902.** First Row: Clyde, Margie, Mary and Hardy. Second Row: Raymond, Thomas Sumter, Margaret Matilda (Maggie) McDonald and Millie. Third Row: Mack, Henry and Ernest.





#### Four Generations of Fennells-1903

Standing (left) Mary Frances Powell Fennell, wife of John L. Fennell, mother of Thomas Sumter Fennell. Standing (right) Thomas Sumter Fennell. Seated (right) Millie Fennell Wakefield, daughter of Thomas Sumter Fennell. Child, William Dendy Wakefield, son of Millie.

Right: Thomas Sumpter Fennell



Children of Thomas Sumter & Maggie McDonald Fennell 1950:  
1<sup>st</sup> Row: Clyde, Mack, Henry, Millie, Margie 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Ernest, Raymond, Hardy. Mary passed away 1936.

# THE HOMES OUR ANCESTORS BUILT

By LaMarr Brooks

## The Materials:

Early pioneer ancestors that settled the backwoods of the Old Pendleton District built their homes from materials found on or near their construction sites. Before the railroads, the only means of transporting materials such as lumber, bricks and quarried stone was by water. Towns and villages along the coast and inner waterways had access to imported and domestic materials, but the use of horse and wagons limited material transportation.

Many of the first homes used walls of horizontal logs, either left round or hewn square and joined together with notching at the corners. Chink was added to the spaces between the logs with clay or other material to make them weatherproof. When local sawmills began to provide sources of cut lumber, framed additions and porches were added to log-wall houses.

Roofing materials began with thatch but were quickly converted to wooden shingles that were thin wedge-shaped rectangles cut from rough-split or sawed oak, cedar, or other durable wood. Metal roofs became the common roofing material when sheet iron coated with zinc, tin, or lead to prevent rust, first became inexpensive and plentiful in the early 1800's.

The clayey soil of our area made it possible to make brick on site. Many of those bricks were molded and baked in the sun by the land owners' slaves or farm helpers.

Chimneys were built with local stone, hand-made bricks or a combination of both. Some were actually built with wood and coated with mud to protect the wood.

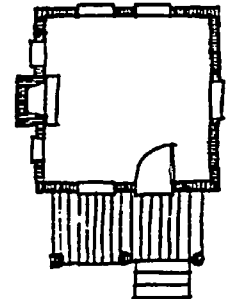
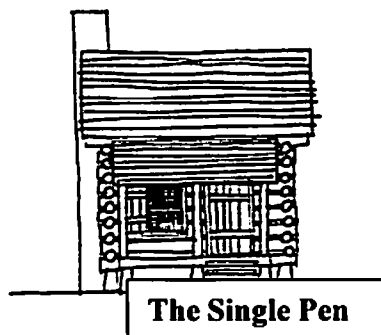
Foundations were necessary to keep the wooden members from direct contact with the damp earth. Both wood and large stones were used to support the beams that carried the floor system.

Materials for windows weren't always so readily available. "Glass in the New World was mostly imported from England and very costly. Crown glass, one of the earliest types of glass available, had existed for centuries, but only started being made in England in the late 17th century and later trickled down to the colonies. It was created by spinning a bubble of molten glass until it was flat, a technique that resulted in a bull's eye (or "crown"). From: <https://www.oldhouseonline.com/gardens-and-exteriors/evolution-old-house-windows/>. Old glass contains air bubbles and imperfections from the glass making process.

## The Plan:

### The Single Pen House:

The first house plans were a one room building. Log wall houses used a square or rectangle shape because it needed the strength of the four corner joints. It was difficult to expand them as additional space was required. It was made up of a single room with a loft area above used for sleeping. It had one door and a few windows. If window glass was not available, fabric or shutters were added to keep out insects and darken the chimney was placed at one of the gable-ends of the house. It had a steep pitched roof to shed rainwater. This plan became known as the "Single Pen House". A porch was added to provide a cool spot to sit.

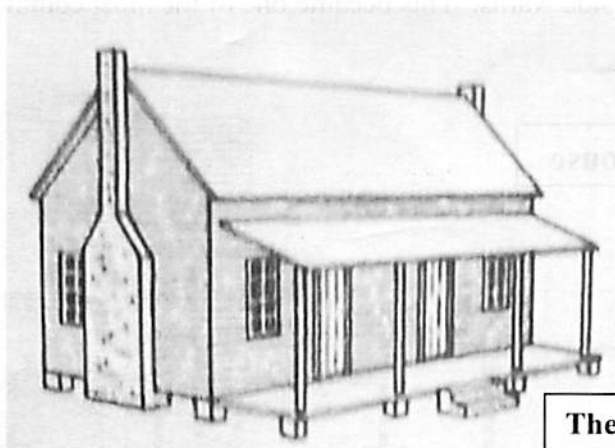


interior. A stone or brick chimney was placed at one of the gable-ends of the house. It had a steep pitched roof to shed rainwater. This plan became known as the "Single Pen House". A porch was added to provide a cool spot to sit.

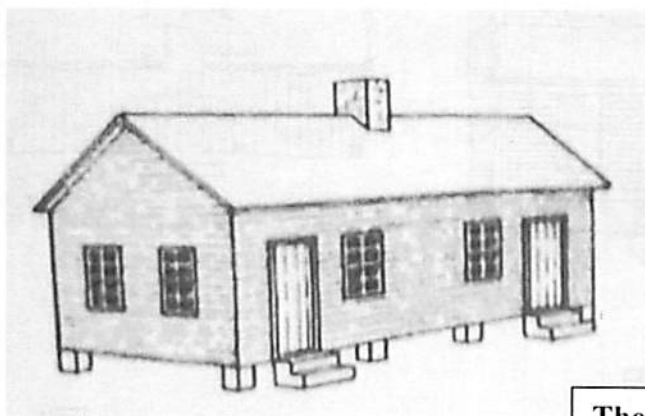
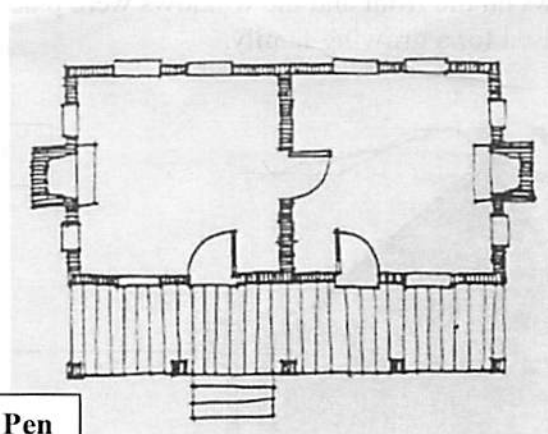


### The Double Pen and Saddlebag House

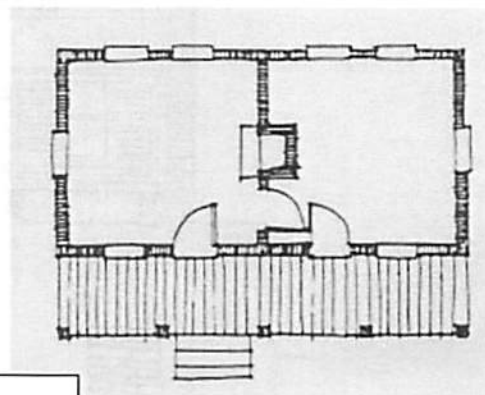
As more space was needed, an addition was added to the single pen house. If the addition was made on the opposite side of the chimney, it was called a "Double Pen House". If it was made on the same wall with the chimney, it was called a "Saddlebag House". Some were built without porches but added later.



The Double Pen

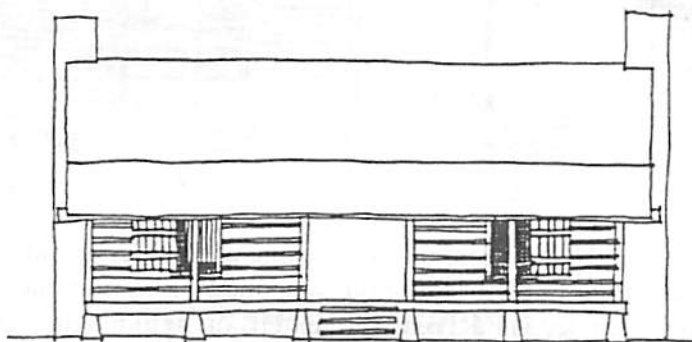


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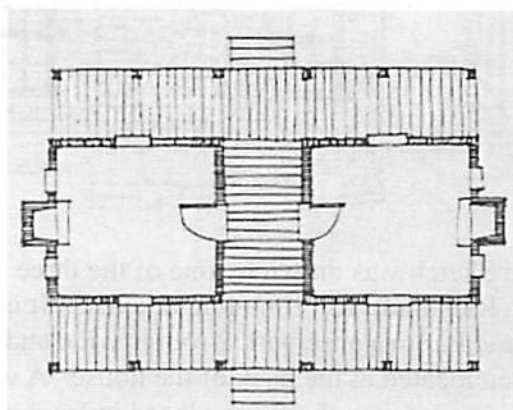


### The Dog-Trot House

This house had 2 pens separated by a central outdoor hall or breezeway. A large shade porch was added across the entire front, and sometimes the back, chimneys were placed at each gable end of the house. Windows were on the front but no doors, they were located in the breezeway between the 2 pens.



The Dog-Trot

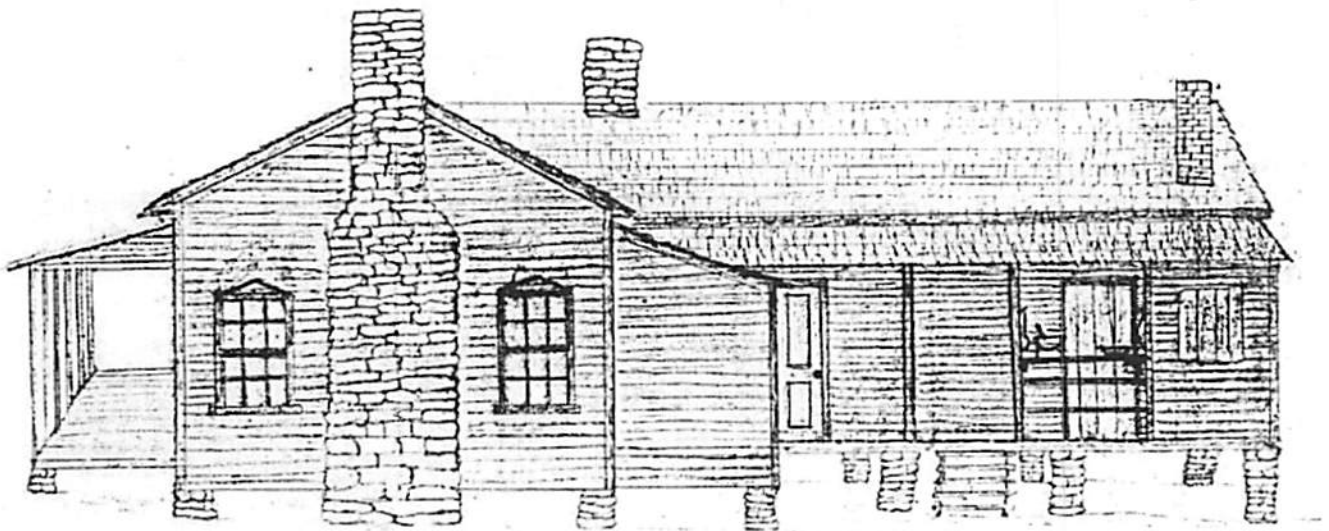
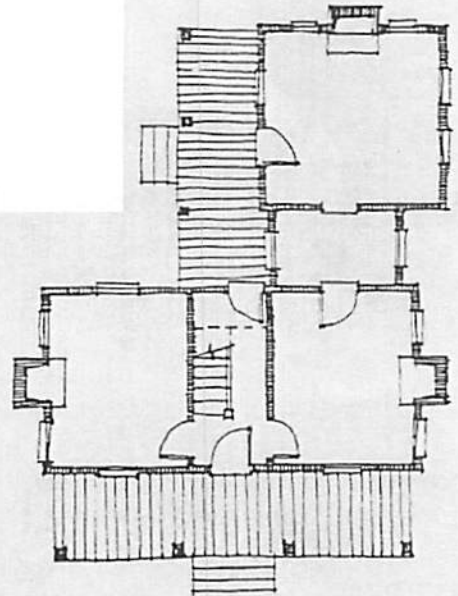
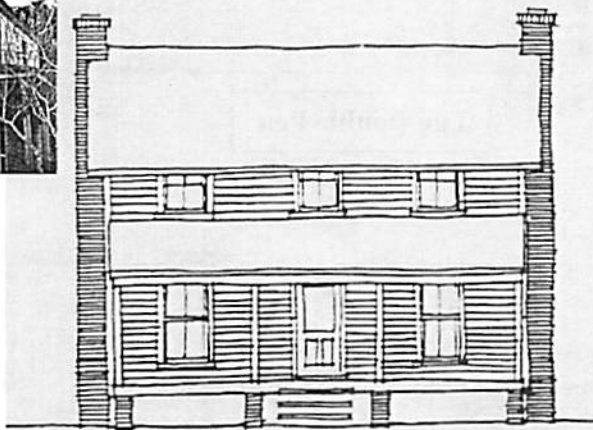


## The I-House

The Dog Trot Plan began to evolve with the addition of a kitchen and porch to the back of the house. A large fireplace with chimney was added at the end of the kitchen for cooking. The breezeway enclosed to become a large hall with the stairs to a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the front door in the center. Many times the roof covered the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows on the front and the windows were placed on the side walls. This became one of the most common plans used for a growing family.



The I-House



This hand Sketch was drawn by one of the three McDonald "Aunt Sissies". It was one of the McDonald Homes located in Richland, SC. It no longer exists. It is similar to the I-House but was one story, sometimes called the Hall and Parlor house with 2 rooms wide and one room deep and a rearward extension with the dining room and kitchen located at the back of the house. A well was enclosed at the end of the back porch, close to the kitchen door. A water shelf was placed in front of the well door. Dishes were washed at the shelf and the waste water was tossed into the yard when finished.

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