

“Maplewood”

THIS beautiful farm of fourteen hundred acres, situated four miles from Nashville, on the Gallatin Pike, will always be a spot of interest to the people of this community on account of the owners and occupants who have lived and loved, married and died there.

The residence was built by Colonel Josiah Williams of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. It was one of the first brick houses erected in this vicinity, and, in its day was considered a model of architectural beauty and elegance.

“Maplewood” was the scene of the marriage of three of Colonel Williams’ daughters to the three distinguished Ewing brothers, Edwin, Andrew and Orville. Mrs. Andrew Ewing was the mother of Mrs. Henry Watterson. On the occasion of her marriage the weather was so cold that the wedding guests were driven across the river on ice. The other daughters were Mrs. James C. Warner, Mrs. A. J. Duncan, Mrs. Whitaker, and Mrs. Kennedy.

From Colonel Williams the place passed into the possession of Dr. David W. Yandell, who afterwards moved to Louisville and became one of the most eminent physicians of Kentucky. He was the uncle of the sculptress, Miss Enid Yandell.

Dr. Yandell sold the place to Mr. George W. Payne, grandfather of Miss Mary Hannah Johnson. The next owner was Colonel Henry Blood, who sold it to Colonel Jere Baxter. Colonel Baxter improved the place, retaining intact, however, everything of intrinsic beauty. The old flower garden and the fine lines of the Colonial house were left undisturbed—not even the interior was touched except to put in modern conveniences. The paneled doors, high mantels and the quaint staircase were retained.

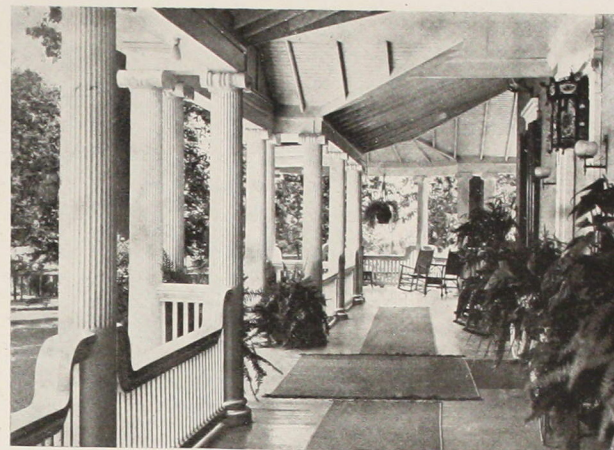
Colonel Baxter had for many years been a collector of objects of art and “Maplewood” was filled with treasures brought from all over the world. There was also an extensive library, containing many volumes of rare editions.

Colonel Baxter imported direct his Welsh and Shetland ponies, Holstein and Jersey cattle, and Norman and Percheron horses.

He gave fourteen acres of the land to the Masonic Widows’ and Orphans’ Home. He added the McIver place to “Maplewood,” thus greatly extending the property. When the city grew out to the farm and made the land very valuable, Colonel Baxter was persuaded to sell it to a land syndicate, and with him passed from “Maplewood” its last individual owner.



"RENRAW"



A Portion of Front Veranda

“Renraw”

THE country home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Warner, located two and one-half miles from the city on the Gallatin Pike, was purchased by Mr. Warner's father, Mr. James C. Warner, for his summer home, in 1890. He remodeled the house and beautified the grounds.

This is one of the oldest places in the county, and when purchased by Mr. James C. Warner, it had not changed hands for one hundred and four years. At his death, in 1895, it became the home of Mr. Percy Warner.

The gardens at “Renraw” are very beautiful, having been the special care of Mrs. James C. Warner, whose love for flowers prompted her constant care, which the gardens liberally rewarded with their beautiful flora. In her greenhouse she has rare plants which she has cared for more than forty years.



*“This garden planted by some lovely hand
That keeps it fragrant with its memory.”*

Mr. Percy Warner's collection of rare pheasants and fowls is one of the most complete in the country, comprising nearly thirty varieties of pheasants from all parts of the world—Africa, India, Borneo, New Guinea, Sumatra, Java, China, Formosa, Manchuria and other countries being represented, while there are cranes from Africa, India and Australia. The aviaries are very extensive and well arranged, having each variety of fowl kept as near natural conditions as possible.



The Cranes on Dress Parade



Attendant Feeding the Pheasants