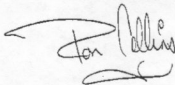


# Homes Listed in the *Vaiden Heritage*

Note: The homes listed in this file were copied verbatim from the *Vaiden Heritage* book with permission. The information is circa 1976, and some of the homes have been demolished, changed ownership, or renovated since that time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Collins". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish on the left side that extends upwards and then curves back down. The name "Tom Collins" is written in a cursive script, with "Tom" on the top line and "Collins" on the bottom line. Below the name is a long, horizontal flourish that tapers at both ends.

June 6, 2002

## HOMES

The **Thomas and Mary Pleasants** house, originally made of logs, is the oldest house in town.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



Pleasant-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  
Home 73





Stucky-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  
Mrs. Charles McEachern and Fritz  
Rehfeldt—in early 1900's.

