



1861 Map of
Hartsville, SC

c. 1856
 Rev. Banister (see in 1861)
 Note 20x12' pool
 (also shows this size on
 1871 view of Riv.)

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 Dr. Thos. Fearn

J.J. Fackler

Jas. L. Walker

W. D. Hale
 Gus L. Maslin

Saml. Cruse

Watkins

Barnard
 Mrs. John

Saml. Cruse

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 J. B. Trotman

Mrs. John Bernard

Maslin
 J.H.M. G.L.M.

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WATERMILL BRIDGE

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 Geo. P. Beirne

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The Banister-Lowry Home



702 Adams Street

The Banister-Lowry home, located at 702 Adams Street, is on land originally acquired from the U.S. Government by LeRoy Pope on August 26, 1809. It changed hands many times and finally was bought by Margaret McClung in 1858 as a two-acre lot, and it was she who built the present house.

In 1860 Mrs. McClung sold it to the Church of the Nativity for use as a rectory. The Reverend John Monro Banister occupied the home and gave catechism classes to many prominent Huntsvillians in his downstairs study. In 1866 he personally acquired title to the property from the church. The wooden filigree around the front and side porches is hand-carved with religious symbols typical of its Gothic Revival styling. At Dr. Banister's death in 1909 the property passed to his heirs.

After changing hands many times, the house was purchased in 1967 by Colonel and Mrs. Samuel H. Lowry. The Lowrys spent two years working with architect Harvie P. Jones, F.A.I.A., to restore and enlarge the home by adding an

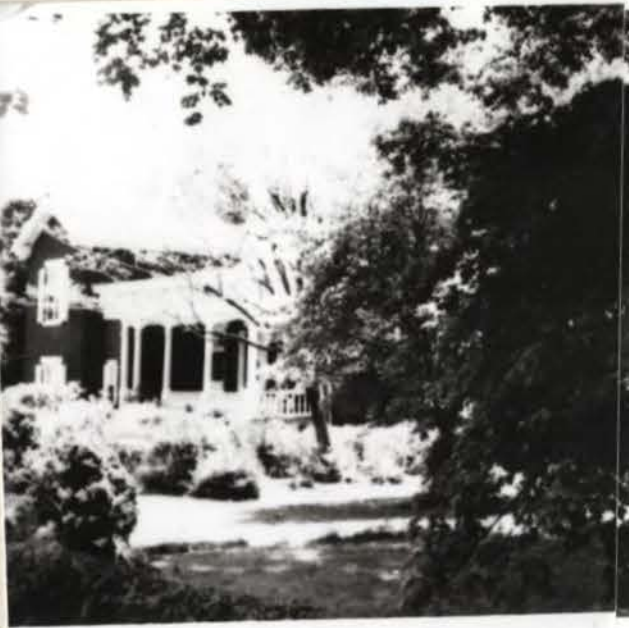
attractive back porch and patio and pool area. Mrs. Lowry continues to reside here.

The original structure consisted of three rooms downstairs and three rooms upstairs, each measuring twenty feet by twenty feet. The downstairs rooms had fourteen-foot ceilings and the upstairs rooms had twelve-foot ceilings. These rooms opened onto center hallways.

During restoration, dressing rooms and bathrooms were added upstairs, and a spacious family room, kitchen, guest room, bathrooms, and workshop were added downstairs. A large patio and carport were added at the rear. The result is such a perfect blending of the old with the new that many guests have to be told where the new part begins.

Mrs. Lowry has a friendly "ghost" who moves about the old part of the house, opening and closing doors and moving small objects about. He has been seen by members of the family and guests. They affectionately call their ghost "Dr. Banister."

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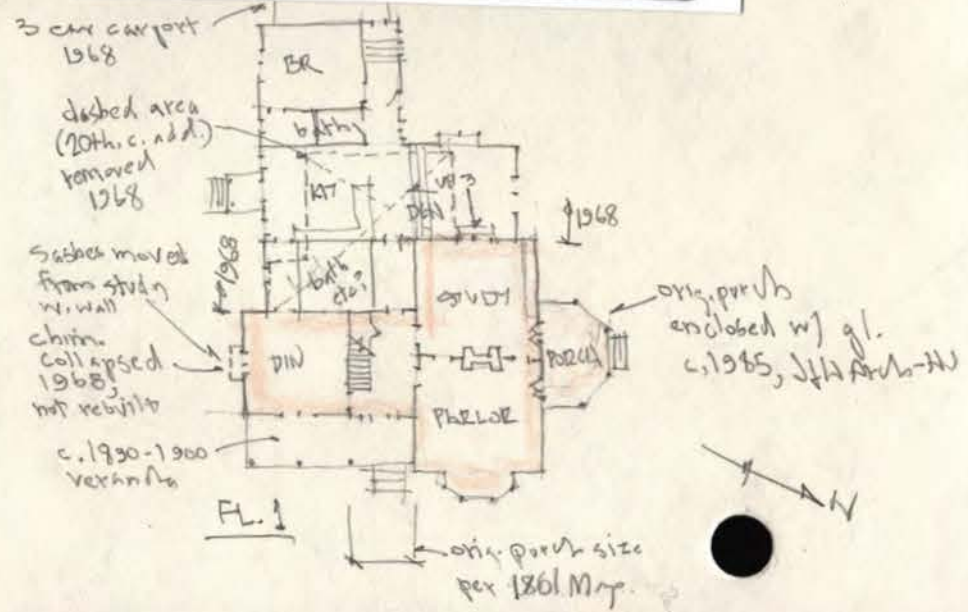
704 Adams
late Fed. + pre-1860
Italianate siding & veranda



Barister Allen
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East front
the first restor. by JHA Arch-AD.
Foundations had collapsed.
Jacked one up in the air &
 dug & built new foundations.
Cost was only as much as
new constr., even so, proving
the cost advantage of restor.

c. 1858 Rel. Barister 1750
701 Adams St.
Aurora, AL 35601
May 1968 photos (1971 copy)
by Harrie P. Jones
for restor. (1968) fee
\$1. JHA's Greenlawry (same)
trees above
Jones & Harrie Arch-AD 1 of





front east gable → N.



front east veranda (not orig. - c. 1850/1900) → N (see 1861 Map)



west rear gable

→ west gable removed 1962



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This is a c. 1820-40
 Federal period mantel
 put here later from
 some earlier house,
 probably in the 1920's
 when "Colonial" was
 popular

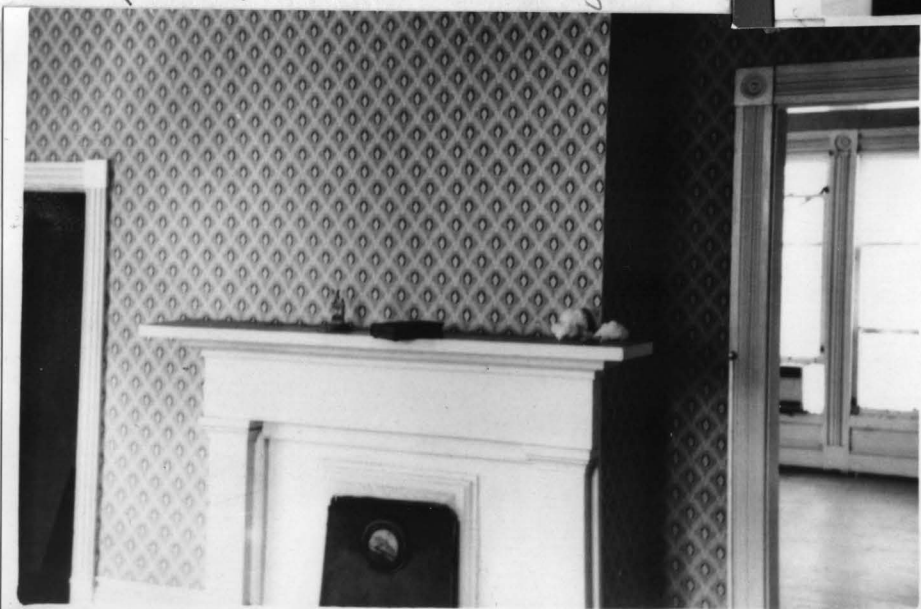
Vic. coal grate
 + tile

FL. 1 Study (N.W. Rm.) - orig. dir.

Original mantel, Vic. coal grate



Vic. coal - grate
 + tile



locks are
 "Carpenter"
 type

FL. 2
 N.E.
 B.R.
 orig.
 mantel
 + doors
 + locks





early 20th. c. bath

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a. 1858 Rev. Brinster Hse. - 702 Adams St
photos Dec. 1977 HPS mes FAIB
Restor. + new add'n 1968 for Col. Sum & Jane Lowry

Huntsville, AL

1988 fl. 2 add'n.
- bath + clos.



1968 → Echim. collapsed or hit by lightning 1968 before restor.
sashes are from w. wall of fl. 2 N.W. rm.

→ 1968 add'n - JAA Awl - AJ
→ 1968 den + kitchen - 1968 BR + bath + carpentry



← Orig. N. porch glazed in c. 1985, JAA Awl HS

N →

N →



East
Entry

N
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Stair had
collapsed \pm 4"
in 1968.
Here repaired



Orig. Stair N.E.



W.C. 1820-40 mantel, not orig. but here in 1918
N.E. Parlor



N.E. parlor N.E.



N.W. Study (originally dining)
E. Orig. mantel



Fl. 2 N.W. B.R.
 orig. mantel,
 vic. hearth & coal-grate



↑
 to 1968
 west b.r.
 & comp. room

1968 den addn.

↑ N
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↑
 to N.W.
 study

↑ 1968
 Kit

1966 Add. → C. 1958
 hse.