



THE JAMES GRIGSBY HOUSE, New Garden, Alabama.

This home was built by James Grigsby (1790-Aug. 30, 1849), the son of John Grigsby (see Robert E. Grigsby's article on this line, this volume.)

"James spent his younger years in expanding his father's interests, so that by the time he chose a wife he was approaching his fortieth year. He married Margaret Martindale (1812-Sept. 12, 1840).

"Bricks for the two-story dwelling were made on the place. Walls were eighteen inches thick, and two entrance doors with Crusader Cross paneling led into the main downstairs rooms. Behind the house James Grigsby had the kitchen, slave quarters, stables, barns, and a cotton ginhouse built to complete the self-sufficient plantation. From the front gallery the Grigsbys could look across the deep ravine in front of the house to the flourishing town of New Garden on the plain below. The house was completed in 1830." (*The Lure and Lore of Limestone County* by Chris Edwards and Faye Axford)

Unfortunately, this home burned early in 1982. Before that time, Mitzie Malone, wife of W. W. Malone, Jr. did the painting which is reproduced here. The information and this photograph are courtesy of Roy L. Malone of Athens, Alabama.