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PHOTO NO. 1

north (front) elevation of house



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south (rear) elevation of house; detached kitchen to west
(left); round configuration in walkway marks location of
original cistern



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PHOTO NO. 3

view east: terrace at rear of house, cool room,
and Blount's office



DINING ROOM

When William Blount built the house in 1792 this was the room where he entertained important guests.

The walls, floor, ceiling, mantle, doors etc. are original. The chandelier made of tin and gum wood has never been disturbed since the house was built. The hunt board and small Chippendale chair are Blount pieces.

A glimpse of the drawing room and entrance hall leading to it can be seen through the open doorway on the left. The door on the right leads to the narrow winding stairway that descends to the daylight basement room under the drawing room.

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DOWNSTAIRS BEDROOM (West Wing)

This room is almost exactly as it was when Governor Blount first built the house. The fine wide pine panels are finished by hand and fit together by the 'tongue and groove' method; the floors are the original ones. The hearth and chimney bricks were made by slaves down on the banks of First Creek, and the mantel is handcarved.



UPSTAIRS BEDROOM

Original walls and floor. The highboy is of Chippendale design and is made of Chestnutwood. The little copper bathtub is comfortably near the Franklin stove.