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Interior: usual four square plan with central hall, staircase in back. Rectangular projections containing bedrooms and kitchen connect at back of main structure. Upstairs are two small bedrooms, a long hall, and a trunk room. In basement are billiard, ironing rooms and wine closet. House has been continuously in use as a private residence.

A typical southern planter's office of white clapboard with green louvered shutters is on the landscaped grounds, which are enclosed by a white picket fence.



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Rural Point, a landmark in Winnsboro, is noted for its architecture, garden, and hospitality. Built in 1852 by William Ross Robertson, probate judge and commissioner of equity of Fairfield County who served in South Carolina House of Representatives and as a member of the Secession Convention. Construction was of seasoned heart pine joined together with wooden pegs; hand carved mantels, wainscoting, cornices, and ceiling rosettes in parlor, hall, and living rooms.

Semi-formal garden is said to have been designed by John Grimke Drayton, noted landscape architect of Magnolia Gardens, Charleston. Garden consists of a series of boxwood and mock orange hedges surrounding two grass plots about 85 feet wide on either side of the walk. Other plantings remaining from the original garden include such rare imports as a Cedar of Lebanon, a Japanese Cedar, a Chinese Varnish tree, a tea olive, and variegated boxwoods.

Since 1890, property has been owned by the Doty family which has maintained its hospitable atmosphere. Many treasured family heirlooms

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