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A Fairfield County landmark, this Up Country plantation home reflects the Low Country background of its original owner, whose descendants have consistently maintained its character.

Built by Edward Gendron Palmer, a leader in civic, political, and religious life of Ridgeway and Fairffeld County, who exerted much influence in building of railroads in upper South Carolina. Studied at Dr. Moses Waddel's school at Willington and graduated from South Carolina College, A.B., 1819; read law in Columbia and admitted to S.C. bar in 1821. Member of Nullification Convention (1834-48) and S.C. Senate (1857-65). He was instrumental in building Fairfield District's first Episcopal place of worship, Cedar Creek Mission, and Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in 1854.

Valencia is filled with many heirlooms, including a table said to have belonged to Thomas Jefferson; rare documents; and family hunting, lancing, and racing trophies.

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House and surroundings remain today as distinctive example of the life and society of a wealthy, affluent cotton planter in antebellum South Carolina.

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