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EXTERIOR

Built about 1800, Oakland is a clapboard raised cottage, typical of the early 19th Century houses built in lowcountry South Carolina. The one-and-one-half story house remains as originally designed except for two flanking wings, set back from the facade. House sits on brick foundations and has an enclosed basement. Medium-gable roof extends over the front porch. Porch has six square columns, a wooden balustrade with lattice work (added in the 1880s) and shiplap walls. Sills are hand-hewn pine, at least 18 inches wide, and extend the length and breadth of the house without piecing.

Door has three-part transom. Front entrance is flanked on either side by full-length French windows, lengthened from multi-paned windows. Two gabled dormer windows and two interior chimneys extend from the roof of the original cottage. The two wings have inside end chimneys.

Rear portico has been enclosed and is used as a sun porch, opening on either end to the two wings.

INTERIOR

A wide central hallway runs the length of the house and two rooms on either side. Hallway is divided by a spindle-work screen, added in the late 19th Century. Detail work original to the house includes pine-board wainscoting, chair rails, floors, and early mantels. Stairs are located in the rear part of the entrance hall.

SURROUNDINGS THAT I THE TANK THEFT IS

Oakland is located in a rural section of Calhoun County, surrounded by farm land. The house and the original kitchen, separate from the house, are situated on a one acre lot. Magnolias, camellias, azaleas, and oaks are found on the grounds.



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A raised cottage, Oakland Plantation House was originally inhabited by a local political leader and grandson of a Revolutionary War hero. Easily adaptable to the various needs of succeeding generations, the white clapboard house is now occupied by a descendant of the original owner.

ARCHITECTURE

Oakland is an excellent example of a cottage built on a raised basement. a style popular in South Carolina in the early 19th Century. white clapboard house with gable roof and square columns is characteristic of the raised cottage design often seen in Calhoun County and is presently one of the best maintained and least altered in the area.

The cottage design is typical: a one-and-one-half-story frame house raised eight feet from the ground, with porch columns, gable roof, and obvious attention to symmetry. The interior follows the basic plan of two rooms on each side of a central hall. and rear portico, Oakland is larger and more elaborate than many raised cottages and gives evidence of a prominent owner who chose a house of solid construction and fine craftsmanship.

POLITICAL

The first known occupant of Oakland was William Sabb Thomson (1785-1841). Thomson served as state senator from Parish of St. Matthew from 1830-34. A typical planter of the early 19th Century, he was educated by tutors and was a member of a family that owned several plantations in Calhoun County, then part of Orangeburgh District. Thomson's grandfather, William Thomson, served as a colonel in the Revolutionary War where he earned the nickname, "Old Danger".

A descendant of the Thomson family now lives in the house.

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