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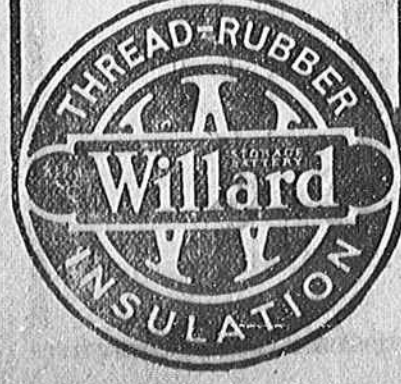


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THE STORY OF ROSEMONT
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Inevitably one must associate Old Rosemont with Mt. Vernon, for it was at Rosemont that the idea of preserving for the nation the home of its first and noblest president was first conceived and within its walls were formulated plans which were to successfully save the home of the "father of his country." The actual work was done by a gifted daughter of the Cuninghams family of Rosemont, Miss Ann Pamela Cuningham, but to her mother, Mrs. Louisa Cuningham, belongs the distinguished honor of having suggested and made the first effort towards the organization of the Mount Vernon association. This lady was the daughter of Col. William Bird of Birdsborough, Pa. He moved to Georgia in 1796. Mrs. Cuningham was six years old when her father moved to Georgia, she having been born in Alexandria, Va., in 1790, at the home of her grandfather, Col. Dalton. It was her mother's eldest sister, who died young, who had the honor of winning the heart and refusing the hand of the great Washington, when he was surveying lands for Lord Fairfax and only 17 years old.

Mrs. Louisa Cuningham, one of the daughters of Col. Bird, was the wife of Capt. Robert Cuningham, distinguished for his wealth, culture and noble hospitality. He lived at Rosemont in baronial style, surrounded by all the luxuries which fortune can give. His great home was the frequent resort of his friends and acquaintances, embracing the most noted public men of the day, and the hospitable welcome they received insured for the house a large number of visitors at all seasons. Capt. Cuningham was a gentleman of great public spirit and charity, as well as hospitality and friendship. During the War of 1812 he raised a volunteer company and entered the service of his country. When, as will be taken up later, one considers the fact that the Cuninghams were loyal to the crown during the Revolution, this fact, raising a company to fight the British in 1812, shows that the family had with becoming grace become entirely loyal to the new order of things. And how remarkable it is, too, that it should have been from a descendant of this family that the first suggestion of preserving the home of the "father of his country" came. It is another strong link in the chain of the family's loyalty. They were loyal to the crown from conviction, but having seen the inevitable settlement of the issue, none were or have since been more loyal to the government of the land. But, of the south, southern, the men of the family were all brave and faithful Confederate soldiers. It could have hardly been otherwise when one is told that William L. Yancey was reared at Old Rosemont. As he spoke, the others of the family felt. Mr. Yancey was a son of Benjamin Yancey and Miss Bird, a sister of Mrs. Louisa Cuningham.

Rosemont, the Beautiful
 The fame of Rosemont as a place of beauty came after the arrival of Mrs. Louisa Cuningham. It had fame before but not of this nature. It was famed far and wide as the first and largest frame house in upper South Carolina, as having been framed in England in 1740, as being the centre of the largest private landed estate in the country, 90,000 acres, and as the home of Patrick Cuningham, the deputy surveyor-general of the province.

Curwin, in his "Journal and Letters, 1776-84," says of Patrick Cuningham and his family: "The family of Cuninghams (or Cuninghames) was from Scotland, where they had taken a determined part during the struggles there for religious freedom. The ancestors of the Cuninghams of South Carolina about the year 1681 came over to America and settled in Virginia. In January, 1769, Robert and Patrick, the two eldest sons of John, who was settled in Augusta, Va., removed to Ninety Six district of South Carolina. Robert settled at Island Ford, on the Saluda river, and was one of the first magistrates in that district. Patrick, the same year was made a deputy surveyor-general under Sir Egerton Leigh, surveyor-general." Patrick received for his pay for this work a grant from King George of 90,000 acres of land. He selected 80,000 in one body and in the centre of this vast estate he built on the banks of the Saluda his home, now known as Rosemont. The other 10,000 acres of land were selected farther down the river.

Curwin further says of the two brothers: "The Cuninghams were not altogether opposed to the principles of the Revolution. They did not think that the English government ought to be permitted to impose taxes on the colonies without their concurrence, but they thought that the people would gain but little if they escaped the injustice of the British parliament only to subject themselves to what

they regarded as an odious tyranny of an arbitrary faction at home."

In support of his view is the statement made to the same effect by Gen. McCrady.

When Patrick Cuningham decided to build his home, it was his intention to build a pretentious frame house, and in order to get the lumber sawed he had his blacks cut the timber out of his forests and raft the logs down the Saluda to Charleston, where they could be sawed. Arriving there with the trees, so the family tradition goes, he found it impossible to get them sawed. There were several English ships in the harbor looking about for ballast and he offered his logs as ballast, to be carried to England and there sawed and fashioned for the house he wanted to build. Tradition also says that his offer was accepted and the timbers used in the house were actually sawed and fashioned in England. The nails, every one of them, were made by hand in a blacksmith shop on the spot, as were also the hinges used on the doors and blinds. The brick used in the house, it is claimed, were made by English workmen on the grounds. The blinds were made in England, and although they are today 177 years old they are in a splendid state of preservation and hold their shape better than some made nowadays which are some 145 years their junior.

The frame work of the house is as plumb today as can be, the chimneys are as solid and erect as one could wish. Time, with its iron tooth, has made many marks on the old house, but it is in a wonderful state of preservation. It is two stories high, with wide cellars underneath, and a large attic. The famous old wing cellar is used today by Maj. Robert N. Cuningham, the owner and sole occupant of the place, to store lime in. The vintages of '76 or '81 no longer have their abiding place there. After the Revolution South Carolina confiscated Rosemont and the land belonging to it, but afterwards an act was passed by the legislature restoring to the family their ancestral acres.

As stated above, Rosemont reached the zenith of its fame under its later mistress, Mrs. Louisa Cuningham, the mother of Miss Pamela Cuningham, and of the father of Maj. Robert N. Cuningham, who now lives there. Of Mrs. Louisa Cuningham, Gov. B. F. Perry wrote: "She was not only beautiful herself, but she had a love and taste for the beautiful. Her passion for flowers was unsurpassed; she collected them from all parts of the world. Her flowers and shrubbery covered acres (seven acres were devoted to flowers alone, so Maj. Cuningham now says) of ground around Rosemont, which she watched over and cultivated with the care of a mother for her infant children. She had the honor of being the pioneer florist of the up-country. Soon after her marriage and settlement at her husband's old family mansion, now more than 100 years old, she had the honor and great pleasure of receiving a collection of rare flowers from Mount Vernon, sent her by Judge Bushrod Washington. Years afterwards, when I saw her flower garden and shrubbery, they were surpassingly beautiful, and laid off with great taste and artistic skill. She was most generous, too, in the distribution of her rare and beautiful flowers and plants amongst her friends and acquaintances." Gov. Perry had the advantage of frequent personal visits to Rosemont at this time. Seven acres of flowers and 30 acres in a park surrounding the flowers! Beautiful avenues, making a cross, led from the front of the house into the park. Remains of this great park are seen today in a few gigantic magnolias, rare trees and a wilderness of shrubbery. The flowers have all gone. Where they once grew and developed their beauty and fragrance now lies cultivated ground. At the time when the place was such as described by Gov. Perry, the plantation was also in its zenith. There were over 500 slaves on this one plantation. Large quarters for the blacks were scattered over the estate. The remains of these black villages can be seen today in the raised mounds at intervals in the great forest around. There were great ranches or sheds for the cattle that roamed at large. There was one near the house which would protect 500 head of cattle, horses, mules, etc. Gone, gone forever, are all these things.

Capt. Robert Cuningham, the owner of this vast estate and the husband of Mrs. Louisa Cuningham, was a gentleman of education and literary taste. He read law with John C. Calhoun, and was one of his favorite pupils. But being possessed of a very large fortune he abandoned the law and devoted himself to planting. He served the people of Laurens county twice in the legislature. In speaking of the fact that his ancestors were all loyal

to the crown during the Revolution, he said to Col. W. C. Preston: "History does not accuse them." His reference was certainly to his father, Patrick, the builder of Rosemont, and his uncle, Robert. It is stated by Gen. McCrady that Mr. Robert Cuningham would have allied himself with the colonists in an attack against the Cherokees, who became threatening during the Revolution, but the men under Capt. Williamson, to whom the offer was made, resented it, and upon the advice of Williamson, he retired to his home at Island Ford, and remained there until the close of the war.

The only one of the name against whom history does make accusation is William Cuningham, known as Bloody Bill. Bloody Bill was a distant cousin of Patrick Cuningham, the builder of Rosemont, and although Bloody Bill visited his cousin at Rosemont, he did not like there and had no interest, whatever in the estate. He was said to be a handsome man, and was known to be dashing. His cousin presented him with the famous mare "Ringtail". But we have to do only with Rosemont and its family.

Of the three male members of the Cuningham family in old Ninety Six district, Gov. Perry says that Hon. Samuel Earle of Greenville, who was a gallant Whig officer in the Revolution and knew every landholder above Columbia, said that there were not three more worthy and respectable gentlemen in the upper country than the three Cuninghams above mentioned, Patrick, the builder of Rosemont, and his two brothers, Robert of Island Ford and John.

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