

COCKRELL – PATRICK HOME

City Directories and History: This once very fine piece of architecture was acquired by John Robert Patrick (xxx- 1905), the father of T.G. and John Robert Patrick, circa 1875, after moving to White Oak from York County, S.C., where they were prominent farmers. The home once featured a revolving front gate and lovely boxwood gardens. Other occupants of the home have been members of the Cockrell, Brice, Mitchell and Patrick families.

Also see numerous other pages on the Patrick family here in Fairfield County as well as in York County, S.C.

This is most likely the location of the home of John Cockrell, the individual who gave the name to the White Oak community, which was often called Cockrell's prior to the Civil War. He was connected to the tar and feathering of the Rev. Thomas Kendall. A Kendall descendant provided the following information: *"Any history of Archibald Whyte should include why he left the Associate Presbyterian Church. Doing a current study of an ancestor Rev. Thomas Kendall I found information in a letter written by Thomas Kendall in 1840. He was recently returned to Ohio. He had been sent by the Synod to visit churches in the Carolinas and dispense ordinances from the church. A group of about 20 angry men denounced him as incendiary. Mr Kendall tried to defend himself, where someone in the crowd said, 'We don't want to hear from a — abolitionist.' It appeared that they were going to hang Mr. Kendall. After Mr. Kendall tried to explain he was following the Bible and the law of the United States they took him to the home of John Cockrell eight miles north of Winnsborough where he was locked for the night. The next day a group of thirty to forty men took him to a secluded area and tarred and feathered him. Some names from this group of people include John Cockrell, John L. Young, Thomas McClintick, Dwight, Debousk, Bell and Sterling. Their striker 'in Kendall's words' was Archibald Whyte, he was not in company with these ruffians but Kendall was shown a letter from Mr. Whyte alerting the men of Smyrna (Chester County area of SC), that Kendall was arriving preaching doctrines contrary to the laws of South Carolina and ought to be stopped . Mr. Kendall continued to preach against slavery."*

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