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From the Chester Standard

To the Public.

While I feel reluctant to thrust before the public anything of a private nature, justice seems to demand that I should, in some public manner, deny the false charges which have been industriously circulated by unprincipled persons, in reference to my connexion with the trial of Mr Biggers Mobley.

At the solicitation of some of the friends of Mr. Mobley, I repeatedly called on Maj. Coates, who was in command of the Military Post at Chester, and gave positive assurance that Letia, the woman whom Mr Mobley had shot, would recover, and that without permanent injury. I at that time endeavored to procure a compromise of the case. After failing in this, I wrote letters to and prevailed on some of my friends to call on Gen. Ames to intercede in Mr. Mobley's behalf. I also, when in Columbia, called upon him for the same purpose. Notwithstanding all this, it has been clandestinely circulated that I have been writing letters to the authorities in Columbia, and otherwise attempting to prejudice the case of Mr Mobley. As my friends at a distance do not understand the falsity and motives of such reports, as well as the more intelligent of this neighborhood, I deem it proper to publish the following in refutation of the slander:

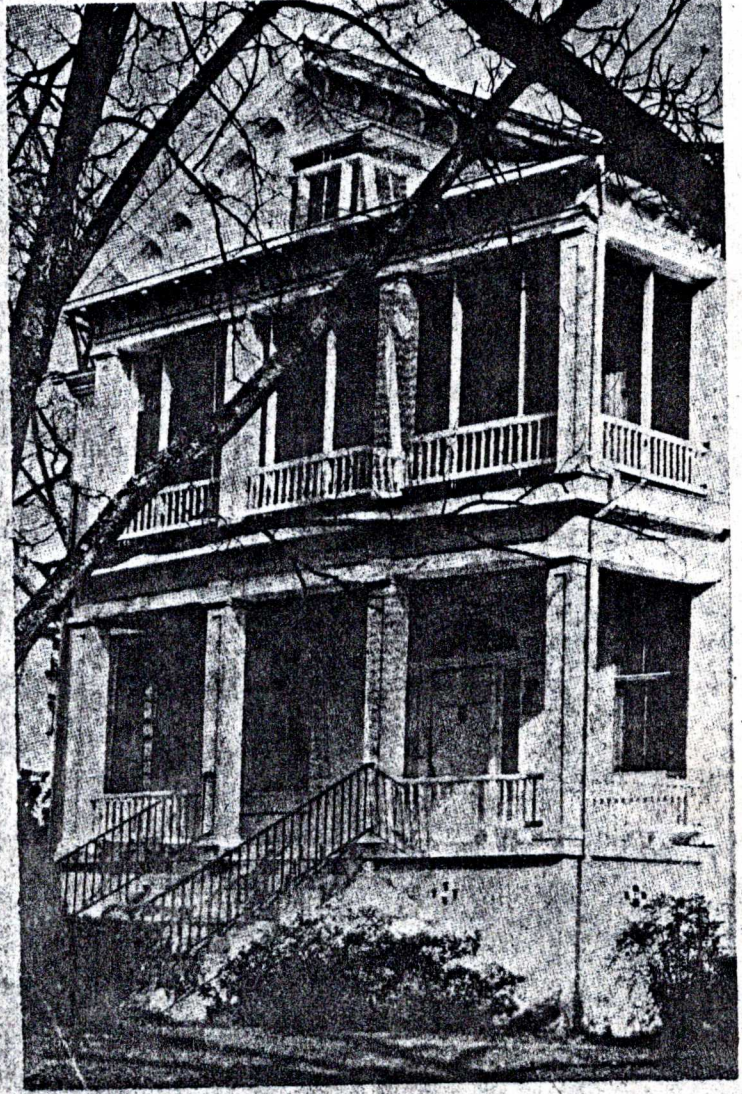
RESPECTFULLY forwarded to Dr. Wylie for his information, and for the purpose of sealing the mouths of those who have found pleasure in circulating the reports that my court have been influenced, and that too by any person in Chester or any other District
A AMES, Brevet Maj Gen.

ROOMS MILITARY COMMISSION, COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 21st, 1866.

To whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned, members of the Commission before which Biggers Mobley was arraigned and tried, hereby state that we never have received any letters or communications, anonymous or otherwise, from any citizen of Chester District, or any other District; that we entered upon the trial and pursued it in accordance with the oath administered to each member of the "Commission," and that too with minds unbiased.

*Mobley House
Built by Middleton McDonald
in 1851-52 + sold two years
later to Colonel S.W. Mobley
for \$5,000.00 - Mrs Mobley
was great aunt of Mrs David
Compton - Property has been
owned by Mrs J.L. Eberhart,
Mrs J.M. Robinson, Mrs J.F.
Jindall - + Edward Dawson*



THE MOBLEY HOUSE (1851) During the golden decade just prior to the Confederate War, Chester homes reached proportions thought presumptuous by earlier generations. The four-storied, located at 143 Saluda Street, matched the wealthy plantation homes in rural areas. William McDonald built this Miles Brewton-type house hoping to make it a homestead for his family. However, circumstances forced him to sell the home three years later to Colonel S. W. Mobley for \$5,000. The home is now owned by Chester Mayor and Mrs. Edward H. Dawson

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