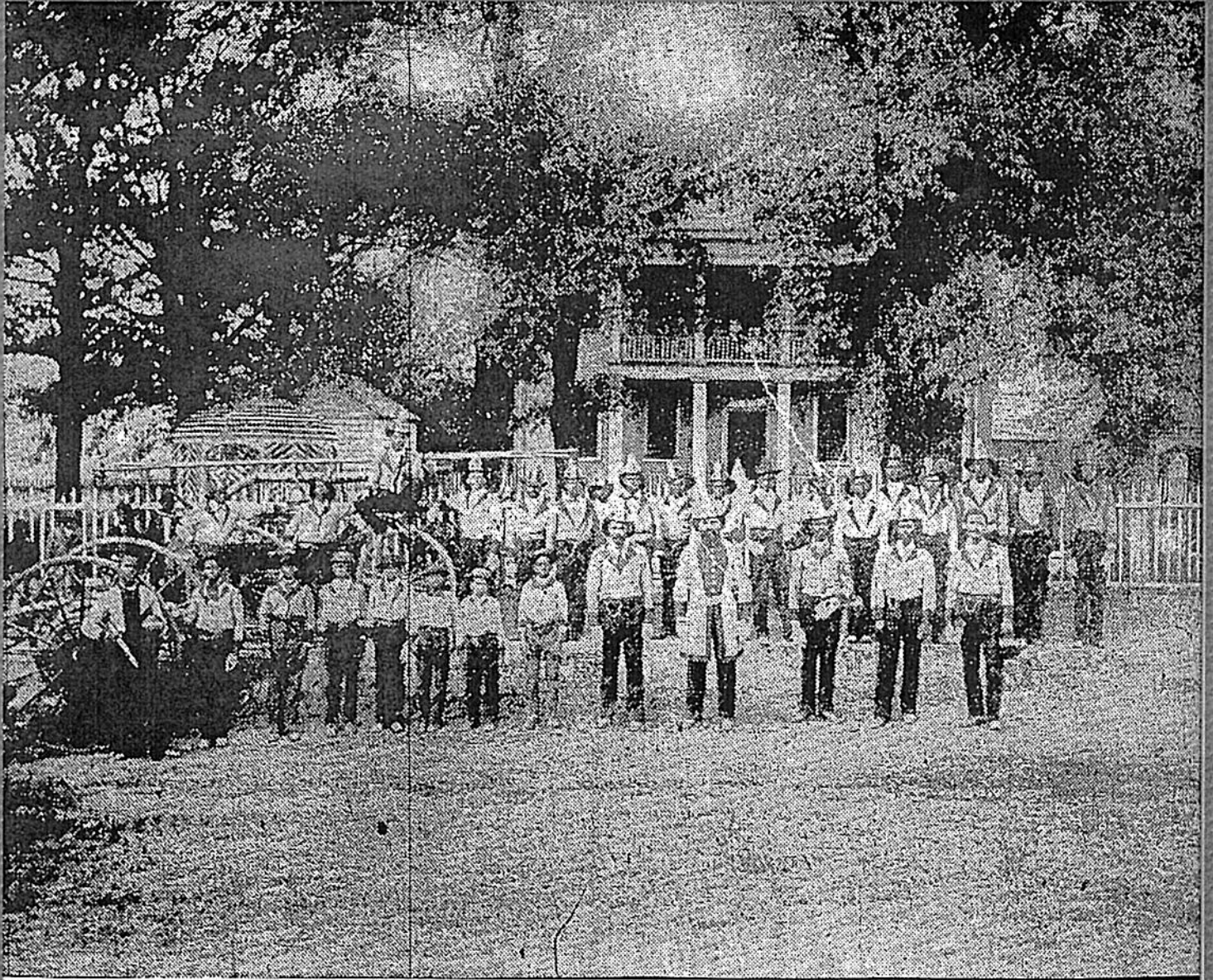


Pictured are the members of the Hook and Ladder Fire Brigade
in Winnsboro around 1890.
The brigade was composed entirely of African Americans.



Some of the men pictured here are: John Smart fire chief (in center), Pleasant Milligan, John Wade, Brister Smith, Bill Lumpkin, Bill Ford, Jim Lewis, Isum Lewis, Hamp McCockrell, Dave Kelly, Bill Light (Woodward), Anderson Woodward, Frank Woodward, West Smith, Press Montgomery, Brooks Montgomery, Paul Wright, Tom Goode, Sam Garrison, Jack Archie, John McCreight, Bob Ellison, Bob Henderson, Amber Goings, John Goings, and Jessie Goings. John Smart was also an architect of note.