



### "FAIRHOPE"

LOCATION: Steekee Road (Old Sweetwater Pike) in Loudon.

This well-known landmark of Loudon was built in 1838 by John Blair. He was a Virginian and a descendant of Captain John Blair, who achieved fame during the Revolutionary War in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

John Blair gave great attention to the building of his home, and was assisted by his son, Dr. James Blair, then ten years of age, who carried bricks. All of the original hand-carved mantels remain today, as do the heart-of-pine floors. Interior doors are solid pine, put together with pegs and planed by hand. All exterior walls measure eighteen inches because bricks were laid three deep. They are an unusual brownish color - not the usual red ones found in most homes in this vicinity.

During the Civil War this home was used as headquarters by Union troops who hung their meat in an upstairs bedroom. This proved a problem to the Blair family in later years, for large grease spots appeared

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on the ceiling of the room below.

The room with the window above the entrance door-  
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way was used as a pharmacy by Dr. Blair. The bound-  
ary of the city lot extended to the cemetery. A  
large flower garden fronted the road, with the vege-  
table garden hidden by a row of ancient boxwoods.

In 1929 the house was sold to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Harrison, and in 1938 it was extensively remodeled. The section of the house fronted by the tall columns was added, the bricks being made by hand on the site to match the original ones. The addition provides garage space and a modern apartment.

In 1960 the heirs of Dr. Harrison sold the home to its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alexander, who gave it the name of "Fairhope."