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The Lorick Plantation House

Located at 2184 North Lake Drive ~ Columbia, South Carolina

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A graceful survivor of the Civil War, the Lorick Plantation Home was built in 1840 by George Lorick. He was considered to be one of the area's wealthiest farmers owning 132 slaves and 7,650 acres, according to the census of 1850. The original home was a two-story rectangular, gabled-end structured, with hipped lower porch and enclosed center upper porch. It contained 4 large rooms, two on the first level and two on the second level. As common in that time, the kitchen, as well as the bathroom, was located behind the house and not attached.

Civil War documents account General Sherman's Union Detachment's infamous "march" through this area and encampment of troops on the Lorick Plantation. When the troops departed from the Lorick Home, hot coals were dragged across the wooden floor from the fireplace in the dining room so the flooring would catch fire. The troops then rode off thinking that the home would be burned to the ground, but family members returned in time to extinguish the fire. Some damage was done and evidence is still visible today where boards had to be replaced.

The home remained in the Lorick family until William J. Fullbright bought the home in 1937. Soon after Mr. Fullbright's death in 1943, his widow sold the home to Harold P. Lorick. The 11-room home with 13-foot ceilings was repaired by Lorick. Great pains were taken to see that its original lines were not altered. New flooring, wings and porches were added. Mr. Harold Lorick also built a race track on the property where Seven Oaks Shopping Center is today. In 1952, the home was purchased by Frederick Benjamin Green and was named GREEN ACRES. The Green's daughter, Helen Green Love and her husband, James K. Love, Jr., relocated from the city of Columbia in 1964 and lived there until 1994 at which time Mrs. Love donated the home to Lake Murray Tourism and Recreation Association to be open to the public and used for a visitor's center.

Great pains have been taken to see The Lorick Plantation Home restored to its original condition. The interior of the home boasts pegged heart pine floors, lustrous paneled ceilings, hand hewn stair and porch railings and four fireplaces.

This Lexington County home was moved approximately 5 miles from its original site at 6251 St. Andrews Road to 2184 North Lake Drive near Irmo on Sunday, July 16, 1995. The procession took seven hours to go the distance along Old Bush River Road to the present location. The most unusual twist to this house move was that the structure was moved in one piece and not cut in half. The structure moving down the highway was 35 feet in height and 34 feet in width.

The Lorick Plantation Home/Capital City-Lake Murray Country Visitor's Center is conveniently located to represent the four counties surrounding Lake Murray – Lexington, Richland, Newberry and Saluda. The Visitor's Center hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; and Sunday, 12:00 pm to 3:00pm.

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