

John Edward Patterson



John Edward Patterson was born in South River, North Carolina, August 2, 1821. Legend has it that his grandfather, John Patterson, immigrated to America from Scotland via Ireland as a stowaway and settled in Bladen County, North Carolina, sometime before the American Revolution. His father Archibald, who was born in 1786, married Mary Taylor, the daughter of one of his grandfather's shipmates on the voyage to the new world. Archibald and



Margaret Ann Cogdell Patterson

Mary Patterson had seven children: Catherine (b. 1810), Duncan Taylor (b. 1812) Mary Emily (b. 1815), Daniel (b. 1817), John Edward (b. 1821), Martha (b. 1824), and Archibald J. (b. 1827).

When John turned 18 his older brother Daniel deeded to him a six-year-old slave boy named, Iver, who remained a servant of John's even after the Civil War. In 1845 at the age of 24 John accompanied his two older brothers, Duncan and Daniel, to Alabama in search of land. They first bought a parcel of 327 acres on the East bank of the Tallapoosa river above the falls. They purchased the land from Hickerson Burnham, one of the owners of the Tallassee Falls Manufacturing Company which had been chartered by the state legislature in 1841. Duncan built a log cabin on the property, which is still standing and is owned by the Carrville Historical Society. In 1846 the brothers purchased an additional 374 acres, some of which was on the opposite side of the river and was allotted to John. In 1848 they returned to North Carolina to get the rest of their family.

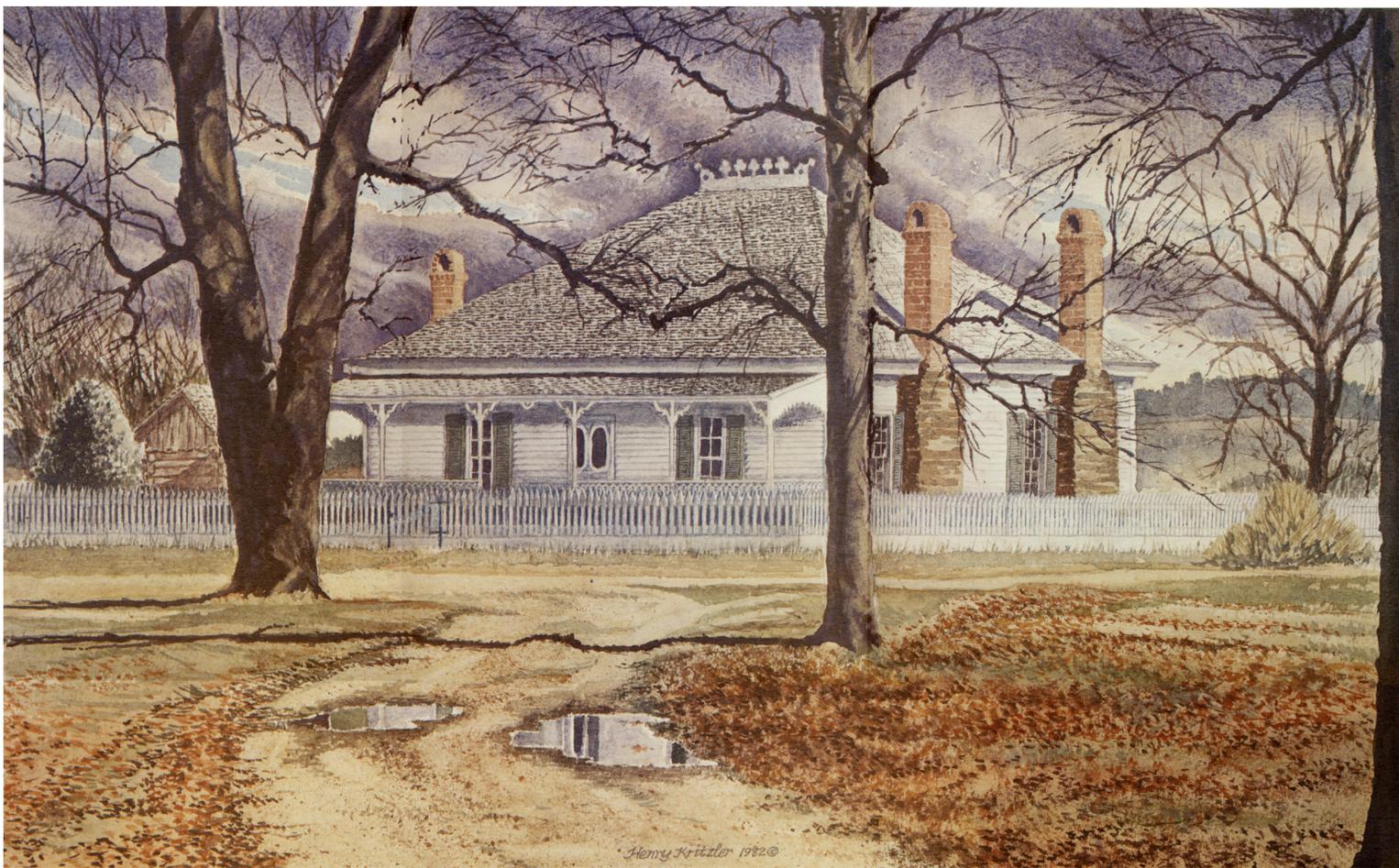
John had been engaged to a Miss Cogdell before he left for Alabama, but when he returned he found she had married someone else. He proposed to her sister, Margaret Ann Cogdell, and they were married on March 20, 1849. Margaret Cogdell was probably descended from the Coxdailles who were part of Baron de Graffenried's Swiss colony of New Bern founded in North Carolina in 1710.

Sketch by Noble Holloway depicting the Patterson cabin in its original configuration



The cabin built by Duncan Patterson in 1845 as it appeared prior to its restoration by the Carrville Historical Society





Squire Patterson's house as envisioned by Henry Kriztler (husband of John's granddaughter) in a painting dated 1922. Built in 1852 on the River Road, the house is still standing

John's parents and all the brothers and sisters moved to Alabama. Daniel sold his portion of the land to his younger brother Archibald and moved on to Mississippi around 1856. The parents both died in July 1857, perhaps as result of some kind of epidemic, and their graves can still be found in the old section of the Carrville Cemetery.

John and Margaret lived in a small log cabin near the river where the first two of their seven children were born. In 1852 John built a

better house away from the river on River Road. The Victorian Cottage style house is still standing and is known as the Archibald Herren place. Archibald Herren bought the house from his uncle George Patterson and lived there until his death in 1963.

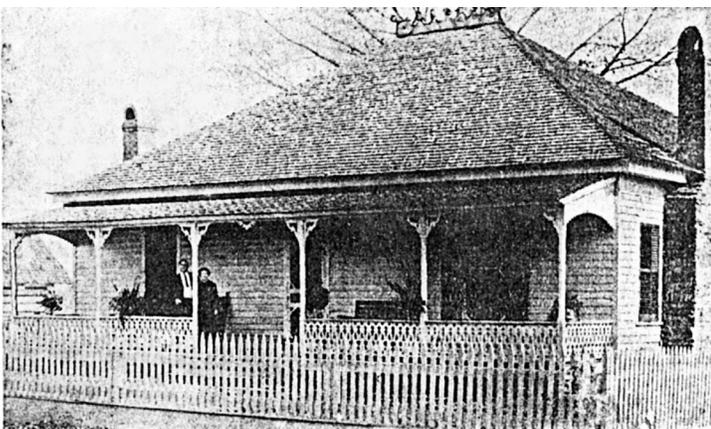
The children of John and Margaret were:

1) Frances "Fanny" (1849 - 1925) married Andrew Jackson Burton of Chambers County. They had 13 children, two of whom married James M. Herren.

2) Mary Alexina "Molly" (1851 - 1936) married Daniel Herren. They had 9 children including Archibald and James M. Herren, who married two of his cousins.

3) Charles Archibald Patterson (1853 - 1939) married Mattie Lynch Heard from Franklin, Macon County. They had 8 children including Kathryn Patterson Smith. (1888 - 1967) Mary

Photo of John's house taken around 1915: It is known as the Archibald Herren Place.





The Kids: Maggie, Fannie, Charlie, Kate, Mollie, George and Billy Patterson

Jo Patterson (1889 - 1971), Mattie Patterson McTeer (b. 1899) and Stella Patterson (1901 - 1972)

4) William Albert Patterson (1855 - 1932) married Clara Atkins of Lee County. They had 5 daughters.

5) Margaret Ann (b. 1862) first married M.L. Eason and then her first cousin, Charles Daniel Patterson, son of Daniel Patterson of Benoit, Miss. She had two children by her first husband and three by her second.

6) George Daniel Patterson (1864 - 1941) married Myrtice Wilson. They had four children.

7) Lucy Katherine (1866 - 1923) married Arthur Sanford Noble. Arthur Noble's father, Andrew Jackson Noble, was the mayor of Montgomery at the beginning of the Civil War, and later moved to Tallassee as one of the managers of the mill. They had 4 children including Arthur and Jack, who both married ladies named Ruth (distinguished in conversation as "Ruth-Jack" and "Ruth-Arthur"). Jack was the father of Jack and Tom Noble.

John and Margaret Patterson were among the 15 charter members of the Methodist Church founded in Tallassee in 1855. John also served as a Justice of the peace for many years, and was known as "Squire Patterson." Margaret is said to have aided runaway slaves from big plantations south of Tallassee.

In 1862 at the age of 41, John enlisted as a private in Hillyard's Legion along with his brother Archibald, and they both fought at Chickamauga in September of 1863. Archibald was wounded at Chickamauga and died a few weeks later in Georgia. Their brother Duncan was wounded at the battle of Fort Donelson and died shortly thereafter. John was eventually promoted to sergeant and survived the war although he was hospitalized with pneumonia at one point.

Margaret died in 1895 and John died in 1905 at the age of 84. They are both buried in Rose Hill Cemetery.