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History of Paxton Home copied from writing in diary

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House-

1 – “Old Wing” – back kitchen, room behind it and rooms above it. Was here in 1790. A chap lived here who owned the grist mill – situated where Jamesburg Water Works now is. Water was the power for the mill. This was an early settlement called Ensleys Mills.

2 – Next addition – present kitchen, dining room, and rooms one story above there. James Buckelew added these rooms when he bought it in 1832.

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3 – Hall, front and back dining rooms (“double parlors”) and the bedrooms above. J. Buckelew added these (1832-1850). Chas. has pictures (2) in little leather case – given to Aunt Carrie by Mrs. Brooks. Show house at this stage.

4 – “3rd floor” – J. Buckelew raised the roof and made another floor over the last two additions “2” and “3” about 1850.

5 – “Conservatory” Mrs. J. Buckelew built (after James died) in about 1870

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had glass roof and brick floor.

6 – “West Wing” Uncle Jimmies room downstairs and only room above built at same time as conservatory. These two rooms have higher ceilings than rest of house – typical of that time – downstairs room was Mrs. Buckelew’s Formal Dining Room. (Grandmas bedroom (front hall room) was Mrs. Buckelew’s bedroom and Uncle Jimmies bedroom was her boudoir¹.

7 – Smoke House – James Buckelew built in his

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“hey-day” about 1840 – Beams with hooks still there – he used for smoking meat.

In Spring of 1907 Grandma and Grandpa Paxton, mother, James and Charles, Aunt Maggie Mount (oldest sister of Grandma), Aunt Carrie, and Uncle Ben moved in the house. It was rented until 1921 when it was bought by Grandma Paxton and Dad John Jorengesen.

¹ A woman's private sitting room, dressing room, or bedroom.

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The house was in Dad's name and Uncle Jimmie. In 1936 it was put in Dads and Uncle Charlies name.

The "Conservatory Wing" was used by Granma for kitchens until around 1940 when the kitchen was moved to its present place.

The heating system was put into the home about 1870. Hot air registers were method of conducting heat (hot air). Radiators were installed about 1910.

Indoor plumbing installed about "1912"

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As we enter the front door we are in the front hallway. On the left the hat and coat rack, originally belong to Mrs. James Buckelew and in this house but after she died was owned by Mrs. Isaac Buckelew. After she died her daughter told Aunt Carrie Everitt she could have whatever she wanted so she had this brought back to this house.

The clock, which is on the same side (left) was hanging in John Dunn Buckelews Shop which was located

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along side of the outhouse, when the Paxtons moved into house.

The couch on the right wall originally belonged to Jessie and David Kirkpatrick, and come from their home which was situated when Malcolm and Marcia have now built a home.

The picture hanging over the couch of the inside of the cabin of the Mayflower (is a steel engraving) and was here in the home when the Paxtons moved in so had belong to James Buckelew

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In room to right of hall.

The table between two front windows called a "work table" – two drawer mahogany with brown porcelain knobs belonged to Grandmother Mahala Mount (Mrs. James). Picture above table of windmill in Holland belong to Aunt Carrie Everitt.

Picture above marble mantle, of the house given to Uncle Charlie by Mae and Sis 1961.

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Glass candlesticks with prison drops – probably bought by Aunt Carrie or Grandma.

Table next to mantle, in alcove, mahogany, one drawer – "Wall table" belongs to Grandmother Paxton who lived in Matchiponnix on road from Gennsons Corner to Spotswood.

Picture on opposite wall of trees and lake belonged to Edith Jorgensen.

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“Back sitting room” clocks on mantle given to Everitt Paxton from Mrs. Jacob Wycoff and originally came from Johnson farmhouse located on Pergola Avenue.

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Brass candlesticks purchased by Uncle Chas. Paxton in the 1930's.

Cherry drop leaf table with spiral legs, between windows was one of original Buckelew pieces of furniture.

Bookcase Uncle Chas. Bought in 1950s.

Picture over bookcase of farmlands belong to Grandma Emma Paxton.

The two-rush bottom 2-rung, and 3 rung slot probably made between 1800-1850.
The 3-rung chair belongs to Aunt Carrie Everitt.

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the other its mate on the 2nd floor hallway were done over by Uncle Jimmy but owner never came to pick them up.

In the dining room, the table and chairs outfit, and server was purchased from Geo Meyers House John Anderson. The china closet belong to Edith Jorgenson – The oil painting of a basket of peaches belonged to James Buckelew. The other two belonged to Aunt Carrie Everitt.

In Jimmies room – the library table belonged to James Buckelew and the mirror above it came from the Redmond farmhouse, on the hill across the lake Aunt Carrie bought it at a sale there.

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