

Anderson Hotel At Jamestown Is Now Mystery Farm Home No. 71

Mystery Farm Home Number 71 was known as the Alexander Hotel when the Austin Lumber Company had a sawmill at Jamestown.

Mrs. John I. Reagan, owner of Mystery Farm Home Number 71, says she and the late Mr. Reagan were married on January 12, 1902. She was Miss Lela Graham and lived about a mile north of Foxworth until her marriage.

When she and Mr. Reagan began living on their twenty acres at Jamestown, they were a very short distance from where the house is now. A few years after they married, the sawmill came, and they sold the mill 19 acres for a mill-site.

Mr. Reagan's father, James K. Reagan, sold the mill a lot of land, she says and the mill folks named the location Jamestown.

As time passed, the Reagans lived on their one acre. Their house burned, and they sold the acre to the mill and bought another house across the railroad from their first house.

Then, Mr. Alexander and his family started to California, across country. According to Mrs. Reagan, his three children and Mrs. Alexander were poisoned by food from tin cans and died. Mr. Alexander wanted to sell the hotel building so the Reagans bought it.

Since that time, she says, they have done some remodeling at intervals.

At present, Mrs. Reagan's sister, Mrs. O. L. Brown, lives in the house with her.

Mrs. Reagan has a few chickens, but no cattle. She says she is taking life easy and is doing no more work than necessary. She says she has done a lot of work in the past and needs some rest.

The five acres in Mystery Farm Number 71 are idle. Mrs. Reagan isn't being bothered with any cows or hogs.

There are four children in the Reagan family. The first child, Eva Mae, married E. A. Bryant. The Bryants had three children. Their eldest child, Everett, was killed in Service during the war. Willadene married Harold Barnes and helps him with the business at

Carley's florist. The younger boy, Lavelle, is at home.

Theodore Reagan married "Tiny" Herring. Mrs. Herring was the first person to call in and identify Mystery Farm Home Picture Number 71. Mr. Reagan is a barber at Fillingame's Barber Shop in Columbia. The children in this family are Betty, age 5, who is in kindergarten, and Theodora, a cute three-year-old doll-housewife.

Gertie married Kathryn Glass from Foley, Alabama. They live in Houston, Texas, where he is working with a concrete contractor. Jimmy Lee married Bill Tolar. They live in Mobile, Alabama.

The Bryant house is the one shown in the upper left hand corner of the picture. It's just a stone's throw from the Reagan house.

Mrs. Reagan says that they had a pay phone in her house at one time for the people around Jamestown to use. Now this phone is at her daughter's, next door, and she goes over there to do her phoning.

Fishing is one of Mrs. Reagan's hobbies. She says she caught sixteen bream not long ago in a nearby pond. She used some grubworms that were picked up in a field being plowed near the house. The wind was high that day, she added,

or she might have done better.

Her fishing pole is on the top rail of the fence in front of the house, very handily placed where she can reach out and pick it up as she goes through the gate. So handy, in fact, that she won't even have to go out of her way.

She doesn't class sewing as a hobby and said she stays too busy most of the time for fishing. "Didn't have time to go fishing when I want," she explained, "just took off and let the work wait." Mrs. Reagan is an active member of the Foxworth Methodist Church.

