East Feliciana Pilgrimage & Garden Club TOUR

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Sunday, March 22, 1959
10 A.M. -- 6 P.M.

COURTHOUSE, BUILT IN 1838

Benefit Restoration of Marston House
BLAIRSTOWN—Home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob R. Jones, whose children are the fifth generation of the family to live here. Built in 1850 by Samuel Lee in the Greek Revival style, with timbers and brick made on the place by slave labor, square nails and plaster with horse-hair binding. Four-poster Louisiana beds and a sugar chest are of special interest, as is the Reiley cemetery where most members of the family were buried in 1878 as a result of the yellow fever epidemic.

BONNIE BURN—Home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kilbourne. Built by James Holmes, who died in 1847. Has been occupied by the Kilbourne family since 1868, when it was bought by J. G. Kilbourne, a Clinton lawyer, Confederate Army captain and great-grandfather of the present owner. Bonnie Burn (Scottish for Pretty Creek, which flows through the place) was fired on by Federal troops and fragments of a Confederate cannon may be seen. Furnishings are typical of its period.

MARSTON HOUSE—Built as a bank in 1838, Marston House now serves as headquarters for the East Feliciana Pilgrimage and Garden Club and also houses the parish health unit. The old building, with its stately columns, was shelled during the Civil War. Proceeds from the annual tour go toward restoration of the lovely old building, which will serve as hostess house for tour guests. Copies of Skipwith’s “East Feliciana Past and Present” and stationery will be available.

RICHLAND GARDENS — Southern home of former Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Charles E. Wilson. Visitors will particularly enjoy strolling through the lovely gardens of the palatial ante-bellum mansion, which typifies Southern architecture. Built in 1826 by Elias Norwood. The gardens enhance the majestic setting of Richland and contain many specimen plants native to Louisiana, such as azaleas, camellias, iris, boxwood and others. The home is not open to visitors.
SILLIMAN COLLEGE—Built in 1852 as a Presbyterian college for young ladies, Silliman remained in operation as such until the 1930's. It is owned by the Synod of Louisiana and is used principally for church camps and conferences. It was also put to use as a hospital during the Civil War. For the tour, there will be on exhibit a room furnished as in the days when Silliman was a prominent girls' school. The college was used in filming "The Sound and the Fury."

HOLLY GROVE—Home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dudley. Built in 1790 by slave labor for Duncan Stewart and his wife, Penelope Jones, English migrants. This beautifully restored mansion is distinguished by two verandas, upper and lower, running the entire width of the house and supported by six perfectly proportioned Doric columns. Eighteenth century antiques mark the character of the furnishings. An old cemetery near the home bears tombstones with dates in the early 1800's.

LAWYERS' ROW—This quaint block, facing the historic Court House, consists of five Greek Revival buildings dating between 1825 and 1830, which housed renowned lawyers of the East Feliciana bar, who stood unrivaled throughout Louisiana at the time in the mastery of rhetorical art. Descendants of two of these men now have offices in Lawyers' Row. The unique spot was selected for filming of scenes in "The Long Hot Summer" and "The Sound and the Fury."

ASPHODEL—Home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Couhig. Built in 1833 by Benjamin Kendrick, it passed shortly thereafter to the Fluker family. Audubon was a frequent visitor in the home. Doric columns are featured on the front facade. The house is brick, covered with plaster made by slaves of sand from nearby Carr's Creek. Asphodel's furnishings are typical of its period. It has been charmingly restored. It was used in filming "The Long Hot Summer."
TOUR INFORMATION

TIME—10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, March 22.
HEADQUARTERS—Court House, Clinton, La.
TICKETS at $3.00 per person for the entire tour on sale at the Court House and at each home. Available at the Court House will be sandwiches, cake, candy, coffee and soft drinks.
MARSTON HOUSE, which is being restored by the East Feliciana Pilgrimage and Garden club from annual tour proceeds, will be hostess house. Guests will be served coffee.
Among points of interest in Clinton is ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, of Victorian Gothic architecture. It was the setting for the church bazaar scene of "The Long Hot Summer."

POINTS OF INTEREST IN JACKSON, LA.
Methodist Church, built in 1850.
Presbyterian Church, built in 1852.
Baptist Church, built in 1860.
East Louisiana State Hospital.
Old Centenary College, built in 1825 and used until the new college was built in Shreveport in 1908.