

years old. Living with him and his wife were the families of two of his children, Sallie McGee and Rebecca Aylett. Sallie, wife of Benjamin T. Embry, had died in 1860, leaving three small children. The eldest of the children, Samuel Patterson Embry, died in 1866. The other two, Aylett and Rebecca Katherine, with their father Ben Embry, went to live at Trapnall Hall. Rebecca Katherine Embry married Dr. Andrew Homer Scott, grandson of Territorial Judge Andrew Scott. The wedding was at Trapnall Hall on May 2, 1877.

Aylett B. Taylor's other daughter, Rebecca Aylett Taylor, married Robert Allen Dowdle, who was associated for a while with his brother-in-law Ben Embry in the firm of Dowdle and Embry, wholesale grocers. The Dowdle family also lived at Trapnall Hall except for a brief period in the late seventies when they lived down the street at Fifth and Sherman. The Dowdle children were Marion Allen, Rebecca Elizabeth, Taylor Aylett, Kate Embry, Robert Allen, Florence Emmaleen, Rebecca Robert and Joseph Hannaford. Some of these were undoubtedly born at Trapnall Hall. Kate Embry Dowdle (later Mrs. Samuel Preston Davis, prominent Little Rock clubwoman) is said to have been born there, on November 2, 1871. This was 18 days before the date of the deed to her grandfather, Aylett Taylor.

Ben T. Embry served five days as acting governor of Arkansas, from September 25 to September 30, 1883, during the term of Governor James H. Berry.

Aylett Taylor died September 4, 1882, and his wife, Rebecca White (Williamson) Taylor died November 16, 1884. Apparently Taylor lived at Trapnall Hall until he died, but on January 22, 1876, he deeded the house to his daughter Rebecca Dowdle and two of his grandchildren, Aylett T. Embry and Rebecca Katherine Embry.

In November of 1878, Aylett Embry conveyed his interest in the house to his uncle, Robert Allen Dowdle, Mrs. Dowdle, in December of 1884, about six weeks after her mother's death, deeded her part also to her husband, Robert Dowdle. A year later, the interest of Rebecca Katherine Embry, now Mrs. A. H. Scott, was conveyed to Dowdle, making him the sole owner.

For a while, the stately old mansion stood vacant. We find no known owners of the house listed at this address in city directories from 1883 through 1894, and the 1886 directory listed it as unoccupied. However, it is probable that the house was rented at least part of that time.

Finally, on September 20, 1894, R. A. Dowdle sold the place to the Carroll family, Charles Arthur and his children Fannie T., Susie, Irene and Nicholas Casey. The Carrolls were supposed to have been related to the original owners, and Fannie Trapnall Carroll was named for Mrs. Martha Frances Trapnall.

Once more Trapnall Hall was filled with young people and was the scene of much gaiety, but it was temporary. In 1895 all the owners lived in the house. Charles Carroll was listed as manager and his son Casey as bookkeeper for Union Compress Company. Irene and Susan were students. In 1897, Charles was still with Union Compress Company and lived at Trapnall Hall with Casey, who was listed as a cotton buyer. But Fannie, Irene and