

The Hardee – Pierpont (Now Baker) house
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This property was part of the original King's grant of 500 acres to Henry Parker, Colonial Governor of Georgia 1751-1754. Henry Parker constructed a small tabby home on the property.

When Ann Parker, widow of Henry Parker, died, 51 acres of the property was inherited by her grandson, Confederate General Parker White, and his holdings became known as Whitehall Plantation. Parker White constructed a larger one and one half story home on the foundations of the original house. Mrs. White died at the beginning of the War Between the States, leaving Parker White alone to raise their children.

Near the end of the war, General White was assassinated as he sat by his campfire, and his 51-acre property was bought and sold several times in quick succession by carpetbaggers after the war.

Major Charles Hardee, City of Savannah Treasurer, purchased the property in 1878. At the time of its purchase by Major Hardee, the home contained one and one half stories as built by General White. Major Hardee extensively remodeled the home, and when he completed his work, the house consisted of three stories and nineteen rooms for his twenty-person extended family

In 1922, Hardee sold the house to Savannah's ex mayor, Wallace J. Pierpont, who then completely remodeled the house to nearly its present day appearance. It has undergone several major renovations since that time to arrive at its present day magnificent appearance!

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This is an image from the Georgia Historical Society.
These must be some of Major Hardee's twenty-member extended family.
Major Hardee was Jimmy Hardee's great grandfather.



THE ISLE OF HOPE HOUSE

This image appears in Major Hardee's autobiography, "Reminiscences and Recollections of Old Savannah", published shortly after his death at age 97 in 1927.

These must be Hardee children or grandchildren.



This photo is from the 1920s or 1930s, after the Pierpont remodeling and before later renovations. Notice the two poplar trees on either side of the front stairs that appear in all three photos.