



*Effingham, the restored home of the Enghs*

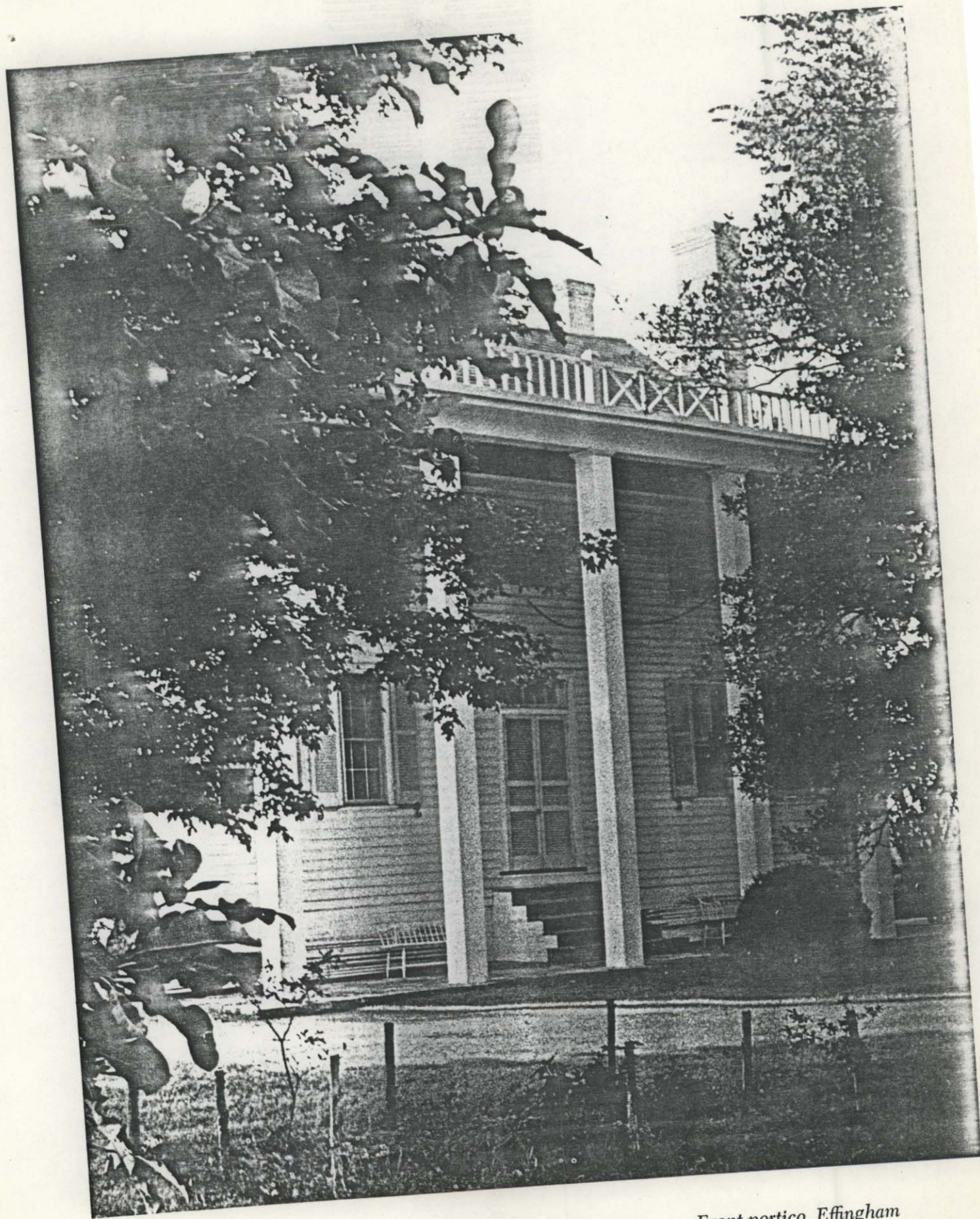
## EFFINGHAM

EFFINGHAM plantation encompassed a portion of the Brent Town Tract. The house was built around 1765 by Colonel William Alexander, great-grandson of John Alexander of Stafford County. The place has had a succession of owners, and is now owned by Dr. and Mrs. O. Anderson Engh. Effingham was recently declared a historic site by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Effingham is a two-story frame house with gable roof, pairs of narrow chimneys at each end and a Victorian porch. Supporting the house from the basement are huge hand-hewn beams, sixteen inches by sixteen inches, under the whole structure. The present owners have restored the house and furnished it with antiques and reproductions of the Revolutionary period.

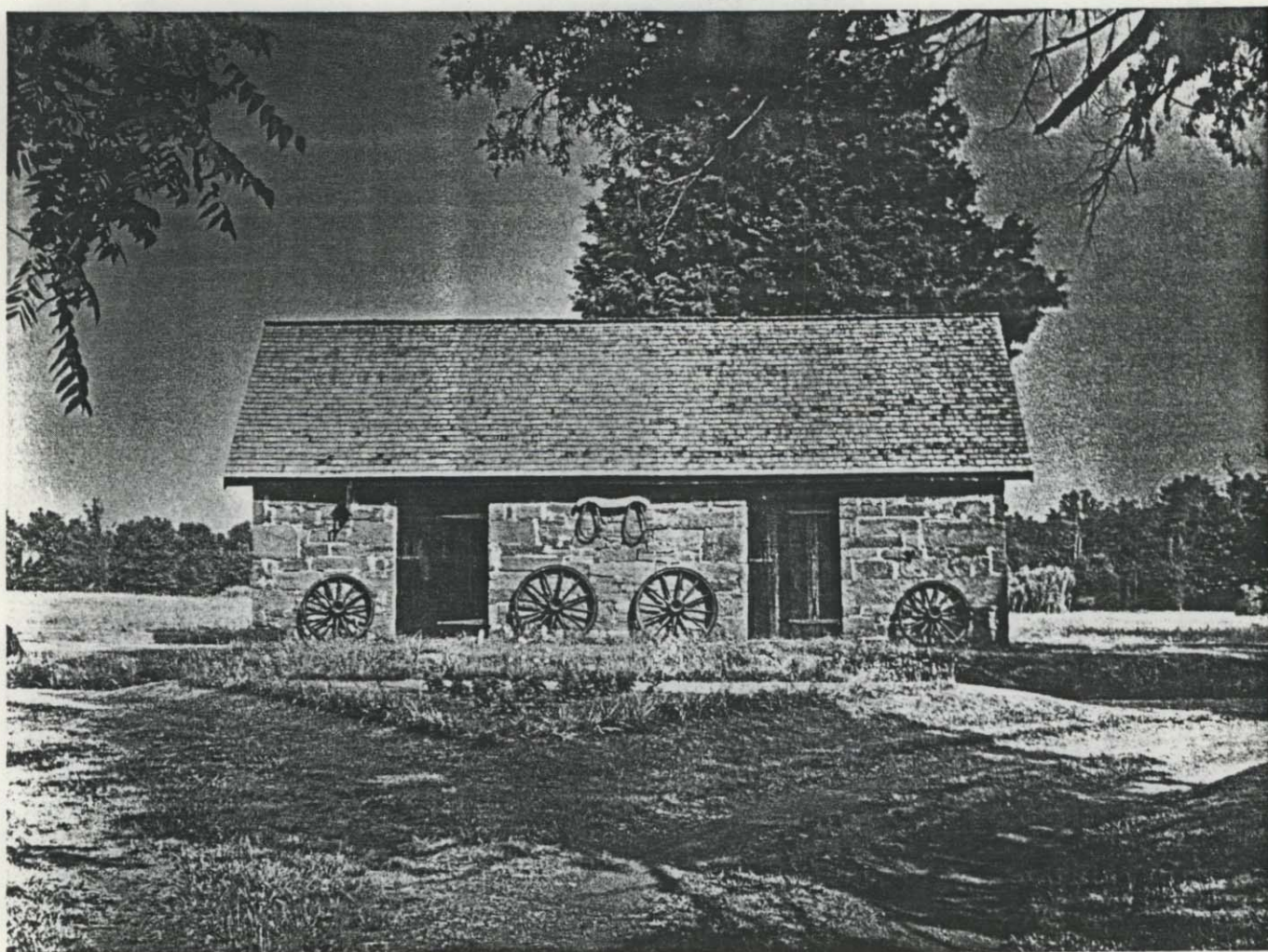
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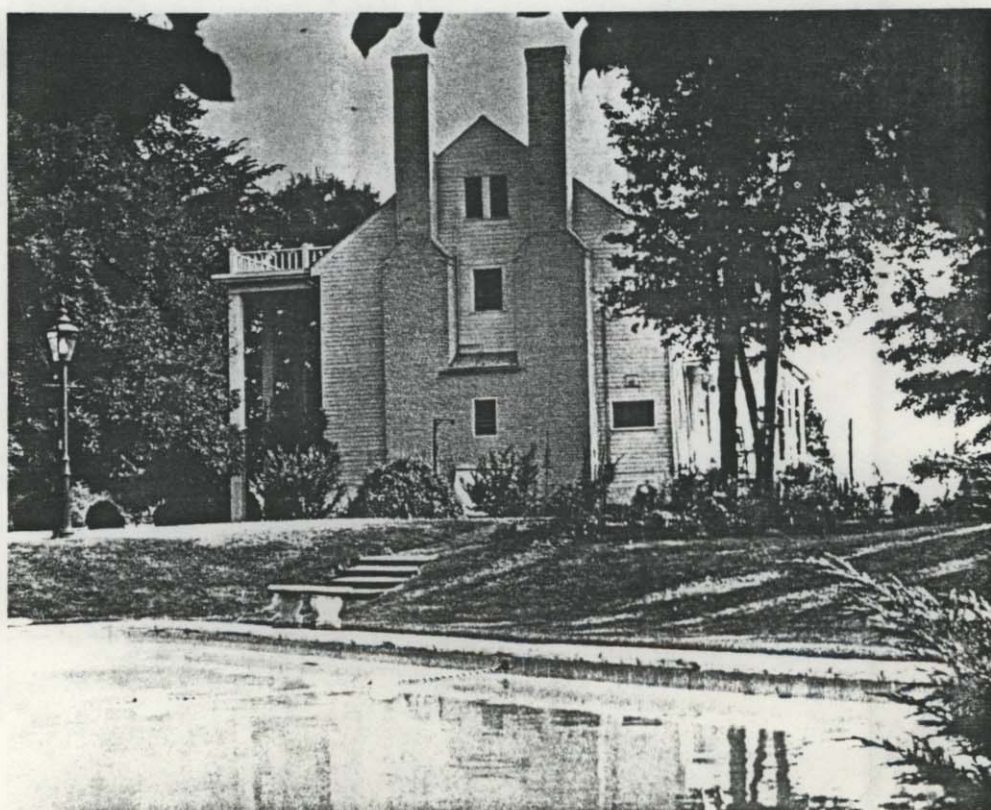


*Front portico, Effingham*





*Old Forge at Effingham,  
Prince William County*



*Side view, Effingham,  
showing massive  
double chimneys  
and new swimming pool*





*Front hallway at Effingham, showing a perfect example of "H" hinges.  
Paneling and doors are original; floors and plaster are new*

Unlike many early Virginia houses which had pine interiors, Effingham's doors and trim are of oak and chestnut.

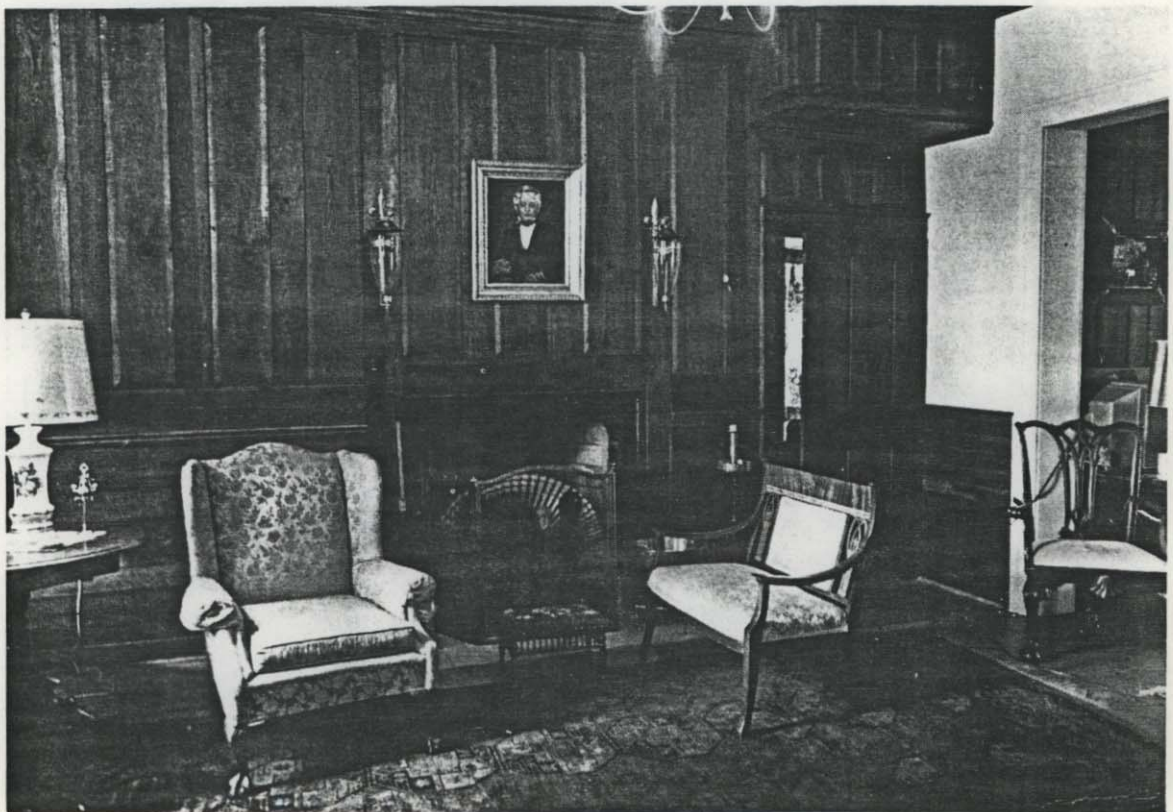
Outside too, Effingham shows its uniqueness. When it was built it had the only terraced garden known at the time, which the present owners are restoring along with the house and outbuildings.

Near the house is the original smokehouse, pungent from years of smoke and salty ham grease, beyond which is a well with the original catch basin of native stone still intact. The Enghs have rebuilt the smithy shop of stones from the fallen original, and they maintain the Alexander graveyard on the property. Modern additions are a swimming pool and guest house. A herd of thoroughbred cattle shows that Effingham is again a plantation.





*Kitchen and dining room, Effingham*



*Parlor at Effingham. Original paneling was sold to DuPonts, 1937.  
This paneling was in the attic*





*Dining room at Effingham, the Engh home in Prince William County*