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*Jefferson County*

# Weekend Historical Tour Was Most Successful

The Tour of Homes, held here Saturday and Sunday and sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Association to raise funds for the restoration of the Wirick-Simmons house was most successful and officers report a gross receipt of almost \$1500 for the two days.

Of this amount almost \$1,000 was from the sale of tour tickets and the register showed visitors from as far away as Jacksonville and Marianna indicating that almost four hundred people paid to make the tour. The other \$500 was realized from the sale of "white elephant" gifts that were donated and other fund-raising projects.

Bad weather Friday and Friday night threw a scare into those who had been working diligently to set up the tour and Saturday dawned with clouds and a threat of rain. However by the time for the tour to begin, at ten o'clock, the sun had come out and fine weather held for both days.

Visitors came from Jacksonville, Ocala, Tallahassee, Madison, Marianna, Quincy, Thomasville, Quitman, Pelham and many other places of North Florida and South Georgia and while many local residents made the tour it is felt that there were a great many from this county who missed a wonderful opportunity to visit, or re-visit, these homes and other places of historical interest and to acquaint themselves with some of the county's history.

Beautiful arrangements of spring flowers enhanced the beauty of the old homes shown, where many fine pieces of an-

tique furniture, collections of china, historical documents and artifacts were displayed.

Attractive young ladies, wearing costumes of the pre-Civil War period, welcomed guests at each of the places visited. Miss Sandra Wirick, direct decendent of Adam Wirick who built the Wirick-Simmons house, was a hostess at that house where the tour began.

The tour began at the Wirick-Simmons house, proceeded to the Milton Anderson home on East Washington, then to the First Methodist Church, to the Richard Simpson home on West Palmer Mill Road and finally to the home of Mrs. F. W. Connally on Madison Street where refreshments were served.

Many of the visitors expressed delight at their visit and said they planned to return for future tours.