

The interior is handsome. The pews and furnishings are plain but the woodwork and decorations show good taste combined with an air of elegance and refinement. The doors are topped with glass Gothic arches and the windows are long, slender, and airy, shaded with movable slatted shutters. Around the back and side walls is the slave gallery resting on graceful columns. The carvings and the bannisters used in the gallery are truly works of art.

The chandelier and the "chandelier ring or rosette" are most unusual and rare. The framework is brass, circular in shape, with eight brackets extending from the center to support eight large kerosene lamps.

During the War Between the States a division of Sherman's destructive army under the reckless General Kilpatrick came through the Monticello section burning and looting many of the plantations and homes as they came but for some unknown reason they did not molest this little architectural gem.

This church is still in use and is the pride of the community. It is well kept and landscaped, sitting back from the road in easy view for the passersby to see.

## MONTICELLO STORE and POST OFFICE

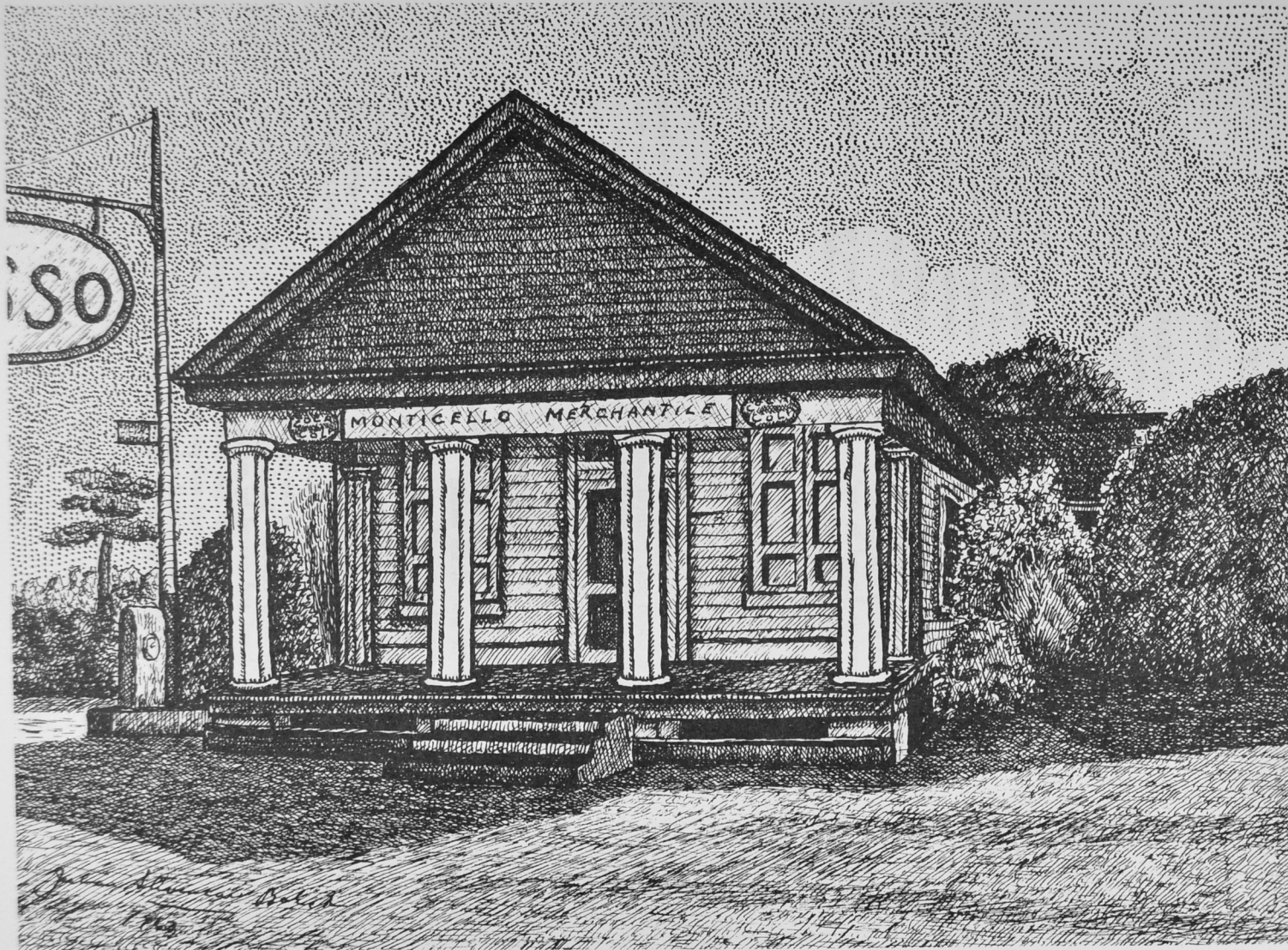
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The MONTICELLO STORE and POST OFFICE is one of the few reminders of the once famous Jefferson-Monticello Academy that served as a flourishing educational institution for so many years in Fairfield County. Most of the other buildings have either been destroyed by fire or razed.

It is a typical early American country store building covered with a gabled roof, the front of which covers an open porch supported by four large hexagonal columns which give it an air of distinction.

William Edrington states in his HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY that when he attended the Academy in 1822, "I had as classmates William B. Means, Robert Means, James B. Davis, William K. Davis, and C. DeGraffenried . . . These, together with William M. Nyers, Thomas B. Woodward, James A. Woodward, Cullen Powell, John H. Means, and myself were boarding with Colonel Jonathan Davis, and our sleeping department was in his old storehouse recently fitted up for that purpose." This must have been when the wing and ell to the rear of the building was added.

The store continued to be a part of the Academy as long as the school lasted. Since that time it has been used as a community store and post office. It is now the property of Mr. Albert McMeekin, a life-long resident of Monticello, who operates the store. Mrs. McMeekin is the Monticello Postmistress and is known and respected throughout the community for the many gentle courtesies that she dispenses daily, beyond the call of duty, for her neighbors and the people of the community.



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