THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN

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| an OLD Homestead bunks. |

The Torrence Mansion on the Helghts
Goverie e has Passed Amal. Another of Rowaus old land
marks went up in momoke on Satur daynight when the fine old res
dence on top of the hill known a the heights of Gowerie, at Trading
Ford on the Yadkin river, eight miles east of Salisbury. wa hase destroyed built by some one o the wealthy families of that
neighborhood more than a handr d years ago and was finished last 25 years has been badly use and allowed to go to decay. Some
tenant or owner of it, in an effort to repair aud improve it, had a
coat of paint pat on all of the coat of paint pat on all of the
walnut doors and waiuscoating. Nu one knows how the fire origin-
ated and nothing much was saved, the parties living in it barely escaping with a Rumple's history of Rowan we eproduce thery of in cerest at this time:
"Just below the Trading Ford, "Just below the Trading Ford, on a high bluff, stood the res
do ice of Albert Torrence. T
$h$ use is atill conspicaons fro atar, and has been named of la y ars by a peetical friend, "Th
H :ights of Gowerie." It wa from thesg "heights" that Lord
Coruwallis's artullery cannonaded Cruwalhe's arthlery canuonacie
Gon. Greeue while witing his
dispatches in the cabin on th dispatcies in the cabin on the
other side of the Yadkiu. Albert
Torrence, gn Iribhman, chose the airy situation for his residence, and from the edge of the bluff he could watch the windings of the sivar stream, dotted with a clus-
ter af beantiful islets, and beynud could see lying the fertile farms of the famed Jersey Settlement.
Albert Torrence married Elizabeth Hackett of Rowan county.
Iu this family there grew up four Iu this family there grew up four
sons and one daughter. Hngh ons and one daughter. Hng the eldest son married a Miss Simor of Judge Toomer of Fayatt.Jumes died young. Charles mar fird first Miss Elizabeth L. Ha death, Miss Philadelphia Fox, arlotte. His residence was
cuth east of Charlotte, on the
: vidence road, about a mile
m the pablic square. The from the pablic square. Th
daughter of Albert
rorrence mar rid Wm. E. Powe of Cheraw, and
se + ted at the Braner place five artied at the Braner place five
an east of salisbrary on th
CI mhers' Ferry Road, where

## i "raared a larga family of sons i daughtras nnly two of whom t naid in Rywa: -Dr. Albert

 M. - Hackett, who reside at theand Son of the Presbyterian Charc
Salisbury, Albert Torrence h first bench of Elders. His re mains, with those of his wife an several of their children, and of
$\mathrm{Mi}_{\mathrm{i}}$ Powe, are sleeping in the glish graveyard in Salisbury,


## d d in 1825, aged 72 vears." The following beautiful poem

 wia written by Dr. Isaac Tones at for visiting the place with Al-be t Torrence's daughter, Mrs, HEIGHTS OF GOWERIE.



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 me,
$\begin{gathered}\text { Some in sorrow and some in } \\ \text { From the river's fitful tide. }\end{gathered}$ On yon iste, iust up the river,
Where sunbeams dance and lea
 A father 'tis, whom yet I mourn,
And sisters two, who long have gone-
Gone to the other shore.
They beck met to the goody land,
Where, with them, I 11 walk hand in


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