

First Piano in Baldwin

Now In Innocuous Desuetude at Carney.

The first piano ever brought to Baldwin County was purchased by Charles Hall for his daughter, Miss Annie Hall, in 1838. The family lived Carpenter. Miss Hall was afterward married to Cade M. Godbold. By this union there were several children, among whom we may mention Mrs. D. C. Bryne, of Bay Minette. The piano was of the "square" type and was considered a very fine instrument at the time of its purchase. Whether it was originally different in sound from the pianos of today, or time has made changes in its tone or the musical ear of the human family, we cannot say, but the piano sounds "tin-panne" to the children of today. It is now at Carney and is kept in the office of James A. Carney. Mrs. Carney is a descendent of the Chas. Hall family. It has long ago been stored away in dignified retirement, no longer being required to give forth sweet music as in the days before the we-- seventy years ago—when it was the lone instrument in a country of solitude. When this piano was first used at Carpenter there were very few people living in the county. Stockton was probably the only village in the county, unless it was Blakely, the county seat.

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