



**A MANSION'S BEGINNINGS.** It is hard to believe that this simple frame farmhouse, erected in 1774, eventually became the elegant J. H. Martine home. Note that the lines of the original house correspond to the basic structure in the front façade of the house in the photograph below.



**THE J. H. MARTINE HOUSE.** The old frame farmhouse became this stately mansion, seen here in 1910. The Gordon Urner family purchased it from the Martine family. The gabled dormer was added c. 1900, along with the welcoming portico and porch. Tapered columns provided graceful support. Gen. George Washington may have used this dwelling as his headquarters. The house was demolished in the 1930s.