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19- Southeast bedroom wardrobe only original piece of furniture. Other furniture moved for safekeeping during the war to a house on Ashley River near Magnolia Gardens that was burned. Current furniture bought over the next 100 years

20- Lightwood House, previous house, had tabby foundation to right of present house- it was small, 2 bedrooms upstairs, 4 rooms downstairs. Pulled down when McLeod house was built

21- A well exists near kitchen house, currently filled in

22- House had marble mantles that were broken by soldiers during the war

23- After cotton planted Irish potatoes, tomatoes, beans, and cabbage

24- Kitchen house and slave cabins may pre-date existing house, possibly belong to Lightwood House

25- Narcissus bulbs ~~originally~~ planted by Susan Lawton McLeod c.1856 - ~~were~~ in formal garden ~~but~~ trampled by cattle and army troops during war -