

Spring means great growth for Highgate House



Aimee and Dudley Simms usher in spring with their sixth shipment sale of fine English antiques and reproductions through March 30 at 3109 Monticello.

Fresh from their first sale in Nashville, Aimee and Dudley Simms are holding their sixth sale in Dallas. Spring 1996 is in full bloom at Highgate House, 3109 Monticello, between Cole and McKinney. After branching out into a new market, the Simms are glad to be home and excited about the expansion of their business.

The Simms, owners of Highgate House, import fine English antiques and reproductions to sell at twice-a-year sales for value prices. Held in spaces leased on a temporary basis, the sales last about two weeks and draw tremendous attention from the Dallas/Fort Worth region. Rarely is significant inventory remaining after a Highgate House sale.

Due to a manufacturer's late delivery, Highgate House has an overload of chairs. The chairs didn't make it to Dallas for the fall 1995 sale, so spring customers are in for great values on chairs. The inventory includes Windsor chairs, ladderback chairs, spindlebacks and Country Chippendale chairs.

For Dallasites discouraged by the drab look of their homes this

spring, Highgate House has wonderful vintage fabrics and decorative pillows that offer character and a fresh look. Also, any redecorating project should begin with a trip to Highgate House for large pieces like Welsh dressers, dining tables, linen presses and more. Small finds like boxes, children's chairs, and old hand-thrown clay pots are also available.

Spring brings many gift-giving occasions and Aimee and Dudley Simms, shopped with that in mind. According to Aimee Simms, "We have beautiful things for Mother's Day, graduation, Father's Day, and June weddings. For example, hand-colored prints, garden accessories, Victorian watercolor botanicals and a large selection of pottery and plates."

Mr. Dudley Simms says, "When Aimee and I started this business almost three years ago, we knew it would fill a gap, but I don't think we could have imagined the wonderful response we have enjoyed — in Dallas and in Nashville. We worked with friends who are Nashville natives and introduced our unique approach to their hometown. It's nice to see familiar faces walk through the door in Dallas, but we look forward to seeing our new friends in Nashville again."

Highgate House's shipment sale will run through March 30 at 3109 Monticello. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information, call Highgate House at 691-8095.