

## HISTORICAL NOTES AND LEGEND

The Boarding House was built in 1842 by John Feaster.

John Feaster married Druscilla Mobley. Legend is that she was 15 years old at the time and he was 18 years old. John died at the age of 80, and Druscilla was 33 years old at her death.

The Feasterville Female and Male Academy came into being in 1842. Legend is that John Feaster was at a Christmas party in Winnsboro and noticed the superb supervision of the party by a Mrs. Catherine Stratton Ladd. Later, Mrs. Ladd's husband, George Williamson Ladd, was painting John Feaster's portrait. While at a sitting for this portrait, John Feaster remarked to Mrs. Ladd, remembering her charm and supervision at her party, "You ought to be teaching at a school."

Mrs. Ladd said, "I would, if I had one to teach at."

John Feaster replied, "I will build you one."

In 1842, John Feaster sent Catherine Stratton Ladd the message that the building was complete and ready for occupation; and so began the Feasterville Female and Male Academy. (note Mrs. Catherine Fee is a great granddaughter of Catherine Stratton Ladd.)

It is interesting to note that the school house doors closed in 1929 when a country consolidated school replaced seven rural one-teacher schools. The old school house, built in 1840, sent forth its students for 87 years. Prior to building the school house, classes had been held in the church.

John Feaster also built the Feasterville Universalist Church in 1836. A group known as the Universalist Democratic Society was organized in 1777. These people met in the homes of its members until the church was built.

The story is told that John Feaster was questioned as to who would preach being there was no minister available. John replied, "I'll build a church and God will supply a minister."

In his will, John Feaster left the Boarding House and church in trust to his three sons, Andrew, Jacob, and John Mobley. Today, there are still three trustees managing the property. Their terms expire at their death or when they choose to resign. Two trustees appoint the 3rd one. Eleven sets of trustees have held this trust. The present trustees are Miss Julia Faucette, Miss Mary Bess Coleman, and Mr. Sam P. Bolick.

The Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Association was organized in July, 1941.

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