

REMINISCENCES OF OLD WINNSBORO

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When I can first recollect Winnsboro, the corporate limits of the town extended from where Mr. George W. Crawford ^{Congress + Moultrie} lives, to the corner, above where George B. McMaster now lives. ^{Congress + Fairfield Streets} (This place was then occupied by Gen. John Buchanan)-

That part of the town from McCants' Corner to Douglass' was called Clarkville- Capt James N. Shedd built the house, now occupied by Mr. A. S. Douglass; ¹ the Prices lived in the house, where the Obears live, and on the Walker lot was the saw mill, grist and flour mill of Osmund M. Woodward, the Rion ⁴ house was built by James Phillips, the brother of R. W. Phillips and was occupied by Mansel Hall, where the Boylston ⁵ house is, was an old field and the Cureton house was Dr. Caleb Clarke's home- Mrs. Dwight's ⁷ house was a store which came out to the edge of the pavement and Robert Clarke of Maryland was the proprietor. ⁸ The Connor house was occupied by Thomas Ligon, and his carpenter shop was at the rear end of the lot. ¹⁰ The Frank Clarke house was occupied by Robert S. Ketchin, the father of T. H. Ketchin, and James ¹¹ B. McCants lived where J. G. McCants now lives. Campbell's flour mill was just north of where Creight's warehouse now is and ¹³ Le¹⁴ Huntington dressed granite, where the big oak stands by the Passenger Depot. ¹⁴ Matthias Clark lived where the Hanahans now live across the Railroad. ¹⁵ The Ketchin house was Mrs. C. Ladd's female school, and there was no house, where G. W. Crawford's house now stands. ¹⁶ The Mitchell's, from Charleston, lived where W. A. Beaty lives- ¹⁷ Dr. R.A. Buchanan next and G.A. White's house was the home of Winnsboro Lodge # 11- ¹⁹ John Phillips lived where Tom Phillips now is- ²⁰ J.O. Boag's was the office of the News and Herald which was published by Francis Britton and edited by Franklin Gaillard- ²¹ Osborne Jones had a store on the Corner, now occupied by S. D. Dunn, ²² Osmund Woodward lived where Judge Osmund Woodward Buchanan now lives, ²³ L. W. Duval lived in the Macfie house, Mrs. Sarah F. Du Bose lived in Dr. J. C. Buchanan's house, and Dr. ²⁴ T. T. Robertson lived, where the Tennants

live.

The granite building that belongs to Lauderdale and Bryson was a brick building and the first story was occupied by Ketchin (R. S.) and McMaster (G. H.) as a Drug Store and Dry Goods store, R. S. Des Portes and Middleton Armstrong were clerk and the second story was the home of De Kalb Lodge I.O.O.F. Old man Frank Elder's furniture store and repair shop was about where the News and Herald office now is (was), next was Samuel Jackson Tailor shop and Kremer's Shoe shop, then Aunt Matilda Rosborough had a small wooden building, where John Russell now lives and dispensed persimmon beer and gingers to such men as Lawyers Dave McDowell, John B. McCall, R. B. Boylston and Judge James M. Rutland, D.R. Elkin occupied the Store of A. R. Cathcart and George W. Woodward lived in a brick house, where Wiliford's Stable now stands. The Bank building was built by David Aiken, the grandfather of Dr. David Aiken and the second story was occupied by Joseph D. Aiken^x. A. D. Hilliard kept a grocery store where R. W. Phillips now has a store and Agnew and McCully had a hardware store, ~~was~~ between Phillips' and the Lauderdals, father of George R. Lauderdale, lived where George now lives- Robert Shaw, the grandfather of Shaw Ketchin, had a Jewelry store, where J. D. McCarley now lives- Old man Zucker had a bakery where the Post Office now stands and part of his oven is still back of the Post Office- (Madison Stuber was next door was inserted but struck out)- Capt James Phinney, the father of Miss Nannie Phinney, kept Store about where R. A. Buchanan's store is and Madison⁴⁰ Stuber was next Door- Geo. W. Parker, had a tailor shop where Turner's store is and John H. Propst had a Dry Goods store where L. Landecker's is. Saling Wolfe lived where C. M. Chandler's Store is and had a store in first story- Leaventritt and Oxner kept, where Seigler holds forth and Clarke's store was the law office of R. B. Boylston- Toliver^{A.O.D.} Oxner lived upstairs- Mark Doty's store was built by David Aiken and was the store of the town in that day*- Lucy⁴⁷, a free negro, lived in a frame house, where K.R. McMaster's store now stands- The Fairfield Hotel, kept by Maj. C.W. Faucett, was where T.H. Ketchin's now is and the house occupied by J.B. Bailey was the stable of the Fairfield Hotel and we boys used to enjoy ourselves laying in the troughs, pulling bristles out the

Tennessee hogs and selling them to Old Man Kinney Elliott, to fill gin brushes- Col. Hugh Miller lived next to Fairfield Hotel and David Campbell, the grandfather of W.S. Weir, lived on vacant lot next to W.H. Willingham's and had a gin shop, under the white Oak tree, opposite to the James R. Aiken lot now owned by W.H. Flenniken.

The Winnsboro Hotel was run by James Gamble and had a long Piazza, the whole length of the front. The office of the Hotel was in the Northern part of Caldwell's store and the Dining room was in rear of McMaster's Drug Store. Creight (W.B.) and Simminton had a hardware store, where Caldwell now has Dry Goods Store-Mason Chandler lived where M.W. Doty's store now is. Gerig and Chandler's harness shop was where Owens Live stock Co. ~~was~~ George Schorb occupied the house Mrs. J. R. McMaster lived in and had a marble yard in the rear- Dr. J. R. McMaster Sr. had Drug store, where J.H. McMaster now is- Francis Gerig in the Cathcart House- Old Man Charly Cathcart lived where D.H. Robertson now lives and there was a store in the South end of building- H.L. Elliott, Sr. lived in South End of McMaster Hotel- Old Man John McMaster, grandfather of J.H. McMaster ran the McMaster Hotel and you went down the steps at North end of Hotel onto the Piazza of the Post Office, which stood, where Berry Ann now has a Restaurant.

John McMaster was Postmaster for 40 years. J.M. Elliott lived where ^{his widow Ann Blake E.} Mrs. Elliott now lives and had a gin shop next door- Rev. Josiah Obear lived where Mrs. J. A. Williford now lives and had a private school and Miss Phinny, a Northern lady taught the smallest boys- James R. Aiken, the father of William D. Aiken of Charlotte, N.C. lived on the vacant lot now owned by Mrs. Williford- Gen. John Buchanan lived where G.B. McMaster now lives, but the house was burnt, Just a little west of North of this house stood the Old Cornwallis house, where Gen. Cornwallis had his headquarters, during the Revolutionary War- The Episcopal Church stood, where the Episcopal Cemetery now is and was burnt by Sherman's Army- They also had a church burned by the Doty fire, where the blacksmith Shop of

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Lazarus Johnson now stands- John⁽⁷¹⁾ Purcell, the Carpenter, lived where T. M. Cathcart now lives and McCormick⁽⁷²⁾ where W.W. Ketchin now lives- The Seceder Church, a wooden building, was on the corner, where their cemetery now is and Rev. C.B. Betts, was their pastor and old man James McDowell and J. M. Elliott were the sleeping Elders of the church- Rev. G.W. Boggs, the father of Rev. W.E. Boggs lived, where Andrew Timms lives now- Old man John⁽⁷⁵⁾ McKinney lived on the corner, where McIntosh the blacksmith now lives- La Fayette and Jake⁽⁷⁶⁾ Poteet lived where the Mackorkls now own- Judge James Ma⁽⁷⁷⁾ Rutland lived where James Mac Fie now lives* and James⁽⁷⁸⁾ Mc Creight lived, where Jim Smith now lives and his shop was on⁽⁷⁹⁾ Corner, where T.H. Ketchin, now lives and what a time, we boys had, driving the old blind horse, to the horse power grist mill of old man Mc Creight's- Osmund⁽⁸⁰⁾ R. Thompson lived where Mrs. Quattlebaum now lives- Miss Peggie Barclay, the grand Aunt of Mrs. J.J. Neil lived on vacant lot, now owned by A.S.- Douglas, opposite to Dr. Quattlebaum- James⁽⁸²⁾ Elliott, the grandfather of T.K. Elliott lived on Corner where Baptist Church now stands- Dr. J.H. Carlisle's father lived next to W.H. S.- David Aiken's barn and gin house were on Corner, where Power house, now is, Baker⁽⁸³⁾ McCreight's school house, was where Mrs. Polly Williford lives- Dr. W.E. Aiken⁽⁸⁶⁾ lived, where John Harden lives- John H. Propst lived where the Presbyterian Parsonage now is- Samuel⁽⁸⁸⁾ Johnston lived in the present Seceder Parsonage and John B. McCall, who married Gen. John Bratton's sister, lived where J.L. Richmond now lives and Miss Libby Smith lived where the Dickey's live- where the Episcopal Church now stands was the⁽⁹¹⁾ stable of Samuel Johnston.

James S. Stewart⁽⁹²⁾, the father of Mrs. W.C. Beaty lived, where J.J. Niel resides and Mrs. Mushet⁽⁹³⁾, the grandmother of Mrs. Beaty lived where W.C. Beaty now resides- Rev. Malcolm Fraser lived where Mrs. Martin now lives. Selden⁽⁹⁵⁾ and Thomas Smart lived where Mrs. M.C. Rabb lives- Thomas⁽⁹⁶⁾ Jordan, Sr. lived where R.N. McMaster now lives and his carriage factory was North of the store now occupied by John M. Smith. Henry⁽⁹⁸⁾ Williams, the father of J.E. Williams, lived in cottage North-East of Thos. Jordan- Dr. William⁽⁹⁹⁾ Bratton, father of Gen. John and Dr. William, Jr. lived, where C.A. Stevenson now lives and Lawyer

David McDowell, ⁽¹⁰⁰⁾ *Lewis McDowell house* where Mrs. Tirzah Elliott ⁽¹⁰¹⁾ now lives. A.D. Hilliard lived where J.L. Robinson now lives. ⁽¹⁰²⁾ The Palmas (spaniards) lived where John Stevenson now lives and William Ellison, brother of R.E. Ellison, Sr., ⁽¹⁰³⁾ lived where A.R.P. Church now stands and I was born in this house.

The Honorable Joseph Woodward, father of the late Mrs. Hattie W. Palmer, of Ridgeway, S.C. lived with Mrs. ⁽¹⁰⁴⁾ Bones, his mother-in-law, where James P. Caldwell now lives- Sheriff ⁽¹⁰⁵⁾ Aleck Young, father of Whorter and William Young, the father of Mrs. J.C. Buchanan, lived where James A. Brice ⁽¹⁰⁶⁾ now lives- Lawyer Moore where J.C. ~~Caldwell~~ *Caldwell* now lives- Rev. J.D. ⁽¹⁰⁷⁾ McCullough, the father of Mrs. E. Pagan lived in the present Methodist Parsonage and it was then the Episcopal Parsonage- Dr. Henry ⁽¹⁰⁸⁾ Neil, the father of Mrs. Joe Richardson, of Nelson, S.C. lived where J.E. Coan now lives- Judge W.R. ⁽¹⁰⁹⁾ Robertson lived in the house now occupied by Dr. R. B. Hanahan. D. Wyatt Aiken, who first married a sister of H. A. Gaillard and ⁽¹¹⁰⁾ Miss Ella Aiken, who now is Mrs. R.D. Smart of Norfolk, Va. lived where W.H. Flennikin, now resides- The old Methodist Church was a brick building, East of the present church. ⁽¹¹¹⁾ Luke, father of William Rowe, lived back of church. *Walnut St.*

Robert Bentham ⁽¹¹³⁾ Boylston, *Lawyer* lived, where Mrs. Cattie Mobley now lives (until 1856)- ⁽¹¹⁴⁾ Charles Laughlin, the father of Mrs. Joel Ashford, lived where ⁽¹¹⁵⁾ John P. Matthews now lives and his shop was where the front of the Hotel Duval now stands and the ⁽¹¹⁵⁾ Murphy's lived in brick house that stood in the Center of lot where hotel now stands. *Harrell* *E. Wash. at R.R.* *? Fleming R.R.*

James H. ⁽¹¹⁶⁾ Rion lived in the house, now occupied by W.A. Hood and he moved to the Rion house occupied by L.A. Bye in 1859 and the Boylston house, now the Colonial Inn, was built that year (in 1856)- George W. Parker, the tailor lived where Robt. Crawford now lives- Old man John McClure lived where Arthur Golden now lives and the big gully next to house was the public road to Middle-Sex. Joseph

Purcell, brother of Carpenter John, lived where Turner Taylor now lives- Henry Jacobs lived, where the colored Methodist Parsonage now is- Luke Rowe, the father of William Rowe lived just back of the Old Methodist Church, in a house that now belongs to B.J. Emerson- Hiram Sprinkle, the father of Conductor Wm. Sprinkle lived where Ed Henry now lives-

levied When I was a boy, old Davie McDowell sued the town for debt and ~~levied~~ on the Town Clock, had it sold and bought it himself- The Physicians of the Town, at that time, were Caleb Clark^e, T.B. Madden, T.T. Robertson, R.A. Buchanan and W.E. Aiken-

R.E. Ellison, Sr. was Sheriff and lived in the Jail, W.R. Robertson was Commissioner in Equity, O.R. Thompson was Clerk of Court and James Johnston, grandfather of T.L. Johnston, was Ordinary-

Rev. C.B. Betts was Pastor of A.R.P. Church, James Douglass of Presbyterian,

The Planters Bank of Fairfield, James R. Aiken, President and H.L. Elliott, Sr. , Cashier, occupied the first floor, where Winnsboro Bank now is- and B. Israel had a Dry Goods Store, where D.V. Walker is-

The building now used as a pool Room and Restaurant was David Aiken's blacksmith shop and Simon Blake was his blacksmith.

Dr. James ^{B.} Carlisle was born in house now occupied by Mrs. ^{"Catty"} J.C. Mobley.

Woodward and Randolph occupied the Store house, where John P. Matthews now has a store and John P. Matthews was their Clerk.

Mr. O'Hanlon had a carriage shop where Refo's store now stands-

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2/ ^{Logan Brown} ~~Logan Brown~~'s barber shop was where the present one is and he lived upstairs-

3. He was a direct descendant of the Earl of Man by his Mother's side-

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- Number 1 - South Congress Street - now Fairfield Country Club.
- Number 2 - South Congress Street
- Number 3 - Buchanan Street
- Number 4 - South Congress and Calhoun Streets
- Number 5 - South Congress and Calhoun Streets
- Number 6 - South Congress Street
- Number 7 - South Congress and Palmer Streets
- Number 8 - South Congress and Palmer Streets
- Number 9 - Palmer Street
- Number 10 - South Congress
- Number 11 - South Congress and Moultrie
- Number 12 - South Congress and Moultrie
- Number 13 - Moultrie Street
- Number 14 - Moultrie Street (across railroad)
- Number 15 - South Congress (now the Museum)
- Number 16 - South Congress
- Number 17 - South Congress
- Number 18 - South Congress

- Number 19 - South Congress
Number 20 - South Congress and Liberty Streets
Number 21 - South Congress and Moultrie Streets
Number 22 - South Congress
Number 23 - South Congress
Number 24 - South Congress
Number 25 - South Congress and Liberty Streets
Number 26 - South Congress and Liberty
Number 27 - South Congress
Number 28 - South Congress
Number 29 - South Congress
Number 30 - South Congress
Number 31 - South Congress
Number 32 - South Congress
Number 33 - South Congress
Court House
Number 34 - South Congress and Liberty
Number 35 - South Congress
Number 36 - South Congress
Number 37 - South Congress
Number 38 - South Congress
Number 39 - South Congress
Number 40 - South Congress
Number 41 - South Congress
Number 42 - South Congress
Number 43 - South Congress

- Number 44 - South Congress
- Number 45 - South Congress
- Old Jail (Opposite Court House)
- Number 46 - North Congress and Washington
- Number 47 - North Congress
- Number 48 - North Congress
- Number 49 - North Congress
- Number 50 - North Congress
- Number 51 - North Congress
- Number 52 - North Congress
- Number 53 - North Congress
- Number 54 - North Congress
- Number 55 - North Congress
- Number 56 - North Congress
- Number 57 - North Congress
- Number 58 - North Congress
- Number 59 - North Congress
- Number 60 - North Congress
- Number 61 - North Congress
- Number 62 - North Congress
- Number 63 - North Congress and College Streets
- Number 64 - North Congress and College
- Number 65 - North Congress
- Number 66 - North Congress
- Number 67 - North Congress
- Number 68 - North Congress

- Number 69 - North Congress
Number 70 - North Garden Street
Number 71 - North Vanderhorst
Number 72 - College and North Vanderhorst
Number 73 - Fairfield Street
Number 74 - North Vanderhorst and College
Number 75 - College and North Vanderhorst
Number 76 - College Street
Number 77 - North Vanderhorst
Number 78 - North Vanderhorst
Number 79 - Washington and Vanderhorst
Number 80 - Washington and North Garden
Number 81 - Washington and Garden
Number 82 - Washington and Vanderhorst
Number 83
Number 84 - Washington and Vanderhorst
Number 85 - Vanderhorst
Number 86 - Liberty and Vanderhorst
Number 87 - Liberty and Vanderhorst
Number 89 - Liberty Street
Number 90 - Garden and ~~Liberty~~
Number 91 - Garden and Liberty
Number 92 - Vanderhorst
Number 93 - Vanderhorst and Moultrie
Number 94 - Garden Street
Number 95 -

- Number 96 - College Street
Number 97 - ^{North} Congress and College
Number 98 - North Zion St.
Number 99 - North Zion and Bratton
Number 100 - Bratton Street
Number 101 - North Zion
Number 102 - North Zion
Number 103 - North Zion and Washington
Number 104 - North Zion and Hudson
Number 105 - North Zion
Number 106 - North Zion
Number 107 - North Zion
Number 108 - North Zion
Number 109 - North Zion and Washington
Number 110 -
Number 111 - East Washington
Number 112 - Walnut Street
Number 113 - Washington and Zion Streets
Number 114 - Washington and Zion
Number 115 - Washington
Number 116 - Washington

importance of supplication, she gained her object. Searching anxiously through the house, she found the child in a room in a third story, and lifting him joyfully in her arms, carried him down, and fled with him to the spot where her anxious parents were awaiting her return. The shot still flew thickly around her, frequently throwing up the earth in her way; but protected by the Providence that watches over innocence, she joined the rest of the family in safety.* The boy saved on this occasion by the intrepidity of the young girl, was the late General Fenwick, distinguished for his services in the last war with Great Britain. "Fenwick Place," still called "Headquarters," was three miles from "Peaceful Retreat."

* Major Garden, who after the war married Mary Anna Gibbes, mentions this intrepid action. There are a few errors in his account; he calls the boy who was left, "a distant relation;" and says the dwelling-house was fired on by the Americans. The accomplished lady who communicated the particulars to me, heard them from her grandmother, Mrs. Gibbes; and the fact that the house was not fired upon, is attested by a near relative now living. The house never bore any marks of shot; though balls and grape-shot have been often found on the plantation. Again—Garden says the family "were allowed to remain in some of the upper apartments;" and were at last "ordered to quit the premises," implying that they were treated with some severity as prisoners. This could not have been the case; as Mrs. Gibbes constantly asserted that she presided at her own table, and spoke of the respect and deference with which she was uniformly treated by the officers. Her refusal to yield what she deemed a right, ensured civility towards herself and household.

The family Bible, from which the parentage of General Fenwick might have been ascertained, was lost during the Revolution, and only restored to the family in the summer of 1847.

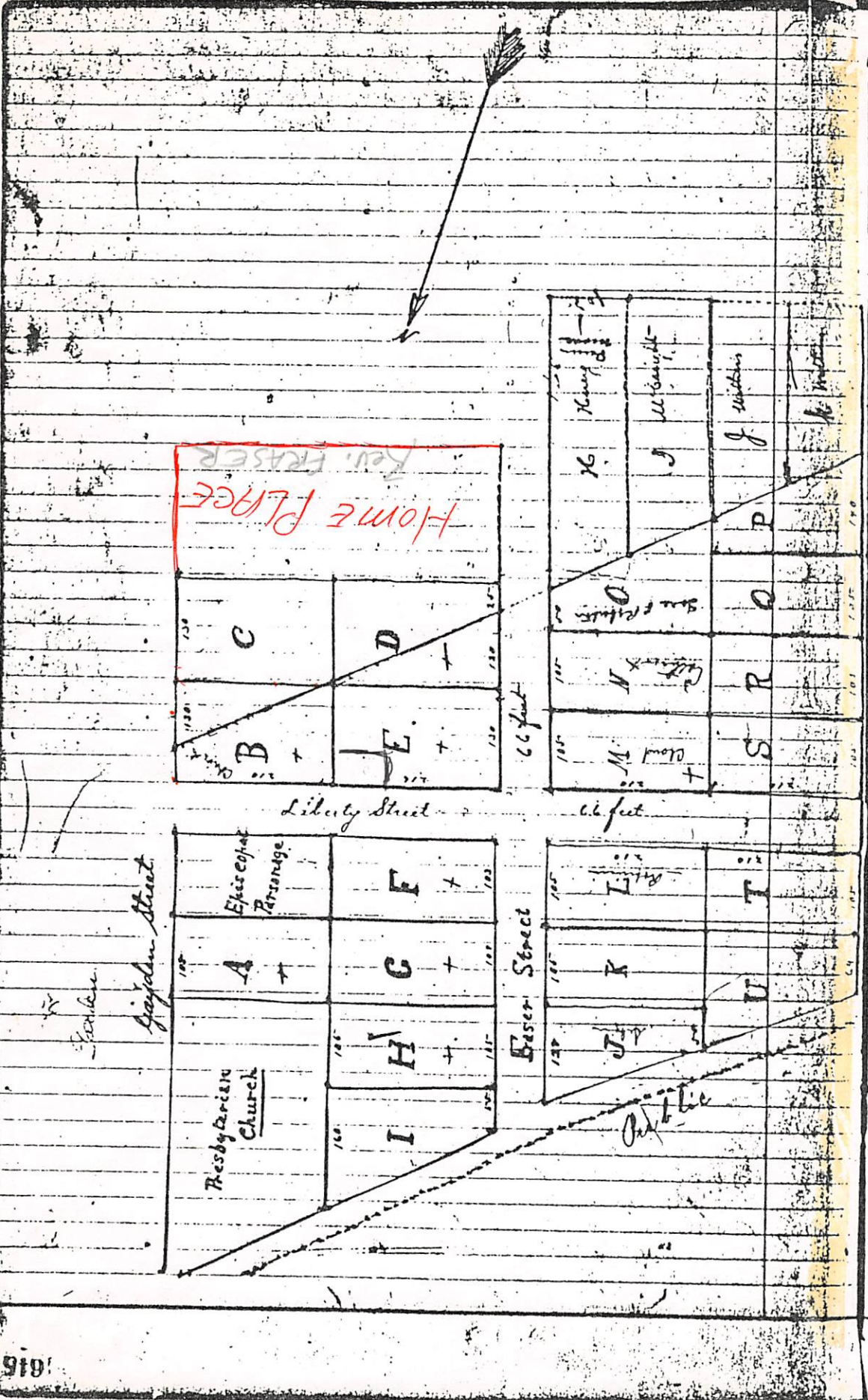
Some time after these occurrences, when the family were again inmates of their own home, a battle was fought in a neighboring field. When the conflict was over, Mrs. Gibbes sent her servants to search among the slain left upon the battle-ground, for Robert Barnwell, her nephew, who had not returned. They discovered him by part of his dress, which one of the blacks remembered having seen his mother making. His face was so covered with wounds, dust and blood, that he could not be recognised. Yet life was not extinct; and under the unremitting care of his aunt and her young daughter, he recovered. His son, Robert W. Barnwell, was for some years president of the South Carolina College. Scenes like these were often witnessed by the subject of this sketch, and on more than a few occasions did she suffer acute anxiety on account of the danger of those dear to her. She was accustomed to point out the spot where her eldest son, when only sixteen years old, had been placed as a sentinel, while British vessels were in the river, and their fire was poured on him. She would relate how, with a mother's agony of solicitude, she watched the balls as they struck the earth around him, while the youthful soldier maintained his dangerous post, notwithstanding the entreaties of an old negro hid behind a tree, that he would leave it. Through such trials, the severity of which we who enjoy the peace so purchased cannot fully estimate, she exhibited the same composure, and readiness to meet every emergency, with the same benevolent sympathy for others. During the struggle, while Carolina was

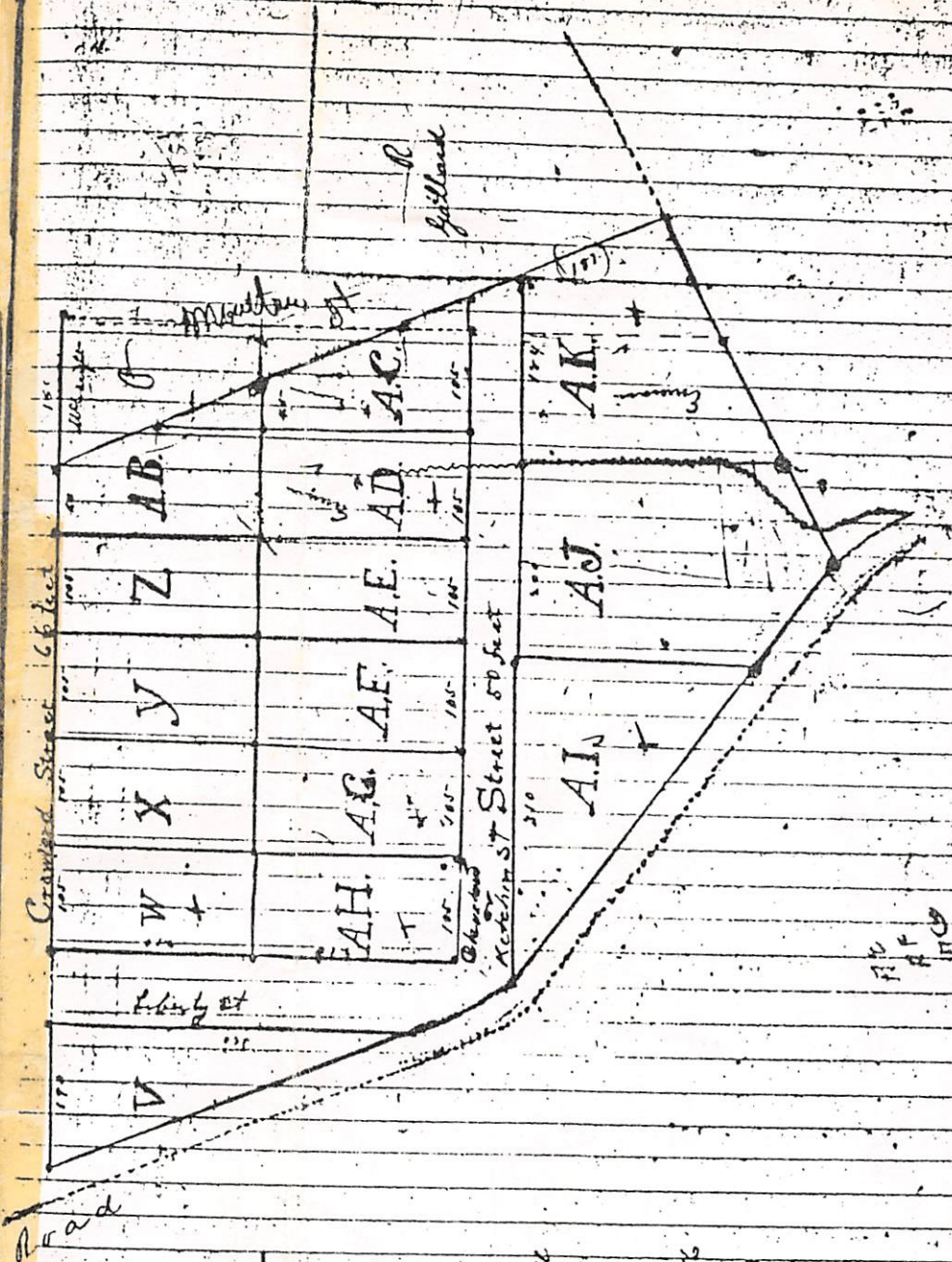


Reading from left to right front seat -

E. M. Crawford, M. D. Douglas, Jr.
Marion Holley, Alex Williford

Given by: Mrs. Mae Pew Roland





50 ft. for each

Surveyed for
 Jas. E. Bruce & Augustus
 D. R. Flemming
 Surveyed Nov 9th 1886
 J. C. Caldwell