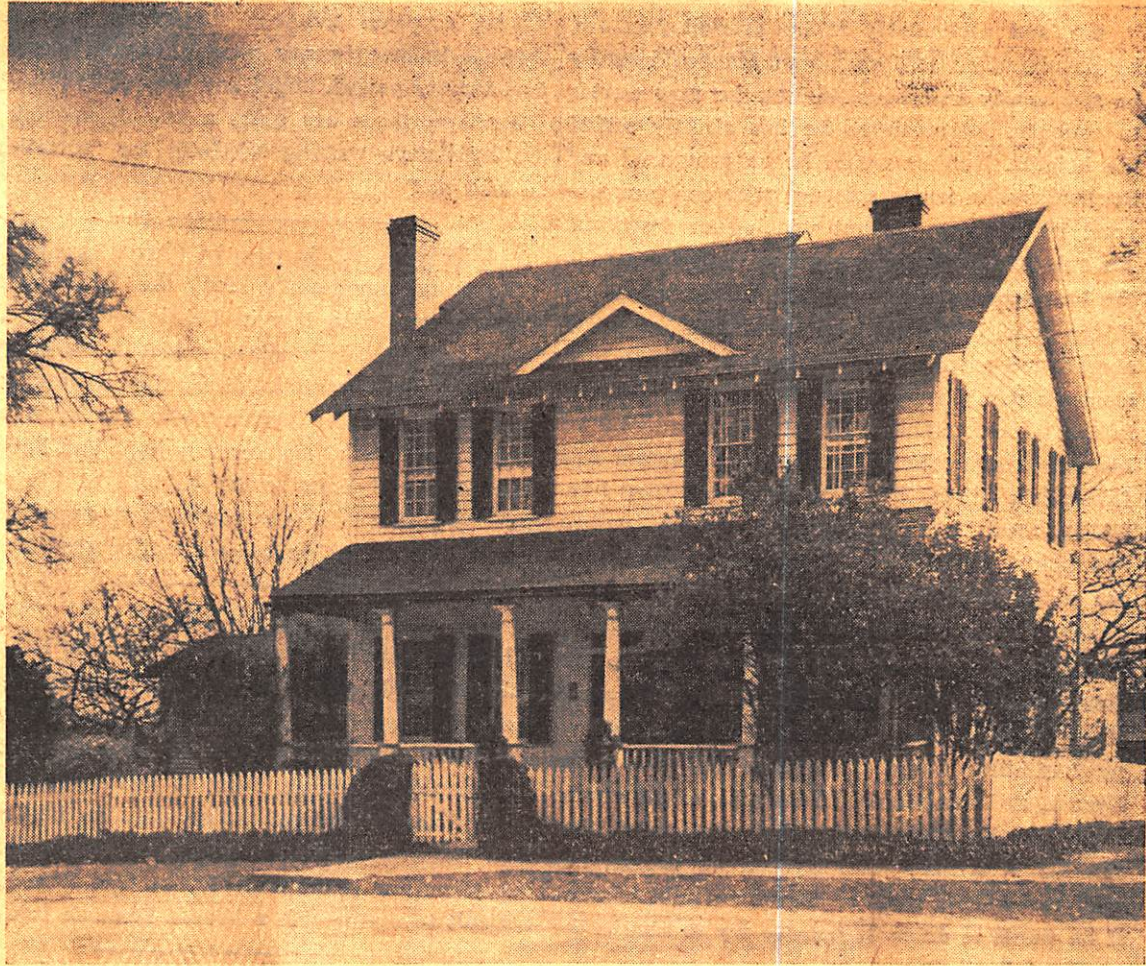


Brice Home Where Dr. Carlisle Was Born Said To Be One Of Three Oldest In Town



The Brice home, reputed to be one of the three oldest in Winnsboro, is located on East Washington street a few hundred yards from historic Mount Zion. The house, which was remodeled in 1923, was the birthplace of James Henry Carlisle, one of South Carolina's most famous men, who was born there in 1825. Dr. Carlisle studied at Mount Zion Academy and was graduated from South Carolina College and continued his scholastic career elsewhere. He is rated by history as one of the State's famous teachers and was one of the signers

of the Ordinance of Secession in the last Confederate legislature. Dr. Carlisle was a dominant figure in education circles in South Carolina and particularly that of Wofford College.

Unauthenticated reports and local legend indicate that the Brice house existed during Cornwallis' occupation of Winnsboro. Hence the building must have been constructed before 1776. Originally the house had about four rooms with a stairway leading to an attic. The timbers with which the building was constructed were hand hewn and

pegs were used in the place of nails. During the Confederate War the old building was undamaged by Union troops.

At present Mrs. E. D. Brice owns the house and is the possessor of a number of interesting antiques. Among these is a chair which was owned by Governor Means, a walnut table made from timber cut on the Brice farm, a mahogany table several hundred years old, antique Italian furniture and an unusual cast iron fireplace. Prior to the remodeling of the house the walls, ceiling and floors were made of wide boards.