

Dr. James Henry Carlisle

"The Grand Old Man of Wofford College, "The Greatest Man in the State has produced him, as he was spoken of, and it is still spoken of because of his intellect, philosophy, and moral influence, was born in this house May 4, 1825. He died in Spartanburg September 21, 1909.

He was the son of Doctor William Carlisle, a Thomsonian doctor born July 6, 1787 in County Antrim, Ireland, died in Winnsboro March 28, 1869, and his wife, Mary Ann Buchanan, born February 16, 1801 in County Antrim, Ireland and died June 19, 1958 in Winnsboro. The marriage record shows they were married in Winnsboro July 10, 1820 by Rev Samuel Dunwoody. The parents of Dr James Henry Carlisle were first cousins.

William Carlisle practiced medicine 30 years. The grandfather of James Henry Carlisle was John, and he married Mary Ray, sister of the wife of William Buchanan-1758-1813, who was Nancy Ray 1762-1829- William Buchanan and Nancy Ray being the Parents of Mary Ann Buchanan- Doctor James Henry Carlisle's mother, James Carlisle took out naturalization papers Nov 19, 1824.

The Carlisle family came to Fairfield County in 1818, settling eleven miles north of the village of Winnsboro. At this time William Carlisle, father of James Henry was 31- and the same year his cousin, and future wife Mary Ann Buchanan was a girl of 17.

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James Carlisle, the grandfather, left in 1835 a widow, 6 sons, one daughter.

These and the parents of the subject of this sketch in death lie in the cemetery of the Methodist church next door to this house. Typical of the religious fervor of the Carlisle and Buchanan families the lines on the gravestone of Mary Ann Buchanan Carlisle are these words "God bless my children and help them to meet me in the realms of bliss. Amen."

William Buchanan, father of Mary Ann Carlisle died in Ireland in 1813. The two brothers, and Revolutionary heroes Captain John, and Lieutenant Robert had landed at Charleston in 1770 with their maternal Uncles, Phillips paying their own expenses in transit, and bringing over their widowed mother Rachel Phillips Buchanan. They had settled in the western part of the county, the while accumulating much land there, and in the village of Winnsboro. The youngest brother, Creighton, came to America to join his family in 1788. Captain Buchanan brought over after William's death, his widow and her four children the same year 1818 that the Carlisle family arrived in their new homeland. He gave the family of William much property, either before his death and afterwards- this house being a gift to his niece, Mary Ann Carlisle.

Mary Ann's family was one of intellect, and culture.

The Buchanans were not Covenanters as shown by several things. They had fine furniture, portraits, libraries. Captain John Buchanan wore all his life the knee breeches and silver buckles and other trappings of a gentleman. They were an ancient, and honorable clan, and of Celtic origin. Their lands lay in Menteith, and the Lennox, near Lochs Katrine and Lomond. Captain Buchanan having left the Presbyterian faith of his ancestor to join his wife, who leaned to the new Methodist Society, took with him in the church that he builded in 1810 his sister-in-law and her children- Mary Ann Buchanan Carlisle, and her little family.

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Dr. Carlisle believed in simple home furnishings, simple faith, and simple outlook on life. He cared nothing for money, worldly inducements. He constantly warned against the exaggerated importance placed on the growing search and feverish values of money.

He was a student of the best minds of the world, but he held only with the belief, and had as his desire and aim the guidance of others in the pathway of perfection. "Be the best man possible with the gifts and tools that have been bestowed on you". He showed his deeply religious nature in scarcely ever calling the name of the Deity in his teachings.

His chief means of contact with, and his powerful influence on the men under his control- and his others was in his sermons that each person he felt was his own son or brother. Thus he strengthened in love and moral lift in his classroom talks not less than in his

Monday Bible lesson with juniors; Sunday afternoon Bible study in the First Methodist Church of the city; impromptu talks in chapel as President; interviews with individual students in his study. In his daily contacts the man made his impression on every one he met.

Throughout his years in the city where he lived he was the man most universally loved, and quoted, and revered in his deep thoughts expressed in moral gems of truth; his love of men; his desire to give help to anyone that needed advice and admonition. The book "Carlisle Memorial Volume", by Duncan will give the reader an insight into the full service of Dr. Carlisle to his fellowman. *will give*

When Doctor Carlisle passed away in 1909 the citizens of campus, and city mourned as one. His spirit is still lending its influence on the boys that spent many years at Wofford College, those now passed into the roles of fathers and grandfathers all over the land. A man's greatness is measured only by the service he has given to his generation or (influence for good he has given to his generation)

The children of James Henry Carlisle and Margaret Jane Bryce are given a great heritage, one that they may pass down to others as a shining example of human glory.



DR. JAS. H. CARLISLE PASSES TO HIS REST

GRAND OLD MAN OF WOFFORD, AGED IN STRIVING FOR ADVANCEMENT OF IDEALS OF BEAUTY AND TRUTH, DIES AT HIS HOME. LIFE SPENT IN TRAINING YOUTH OF THE STATE. FUNERAL SERVICES TO BE HELD TODAY. (Spartanburg paper report)

1909
Spartanburg, Oct. 21. Dr. James Henry Carlisle died this morning at 7:45 o'clock at his home on Wofford Campus. The end came quietly after several days' critical illness. The funeral will be held in front of Wofford College tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. R. S. Truesdale officiating. The interment will be at Magnolia street cemetery. Dr. Carlisle, who was 84 years old, had been in failing health for some months.

Last Monday morning early he was taken with a fainting spell, but after medical attention by the attending physician, Dr. H. R. Black, he quickly rallied. Tuesday he took a turn for the worse and Tuesday night he was not expected to live through the night. Wednesday morning he showed signs of returning consciousness and about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning he was partly conscious.

GREW WORSE WEDNESDAY

Early Wednesday afternoon he became delirious and continued to grow worse. Wednesday night Dr. H. R. Black left Dr. Carlisle's bedside at 8 o'clock, leaving his patient in charge of a skilled trained nurse; medicines were administered to soothe the delirious mind and bring rest. At 2 o'clock yesterday morning Dr. Carlisle was reported by the nurse to be resting under the influence of anesthetics, but that he was growing appreciably weaker. The end came so quietly that (Newspaper clipping was cut at this point.)

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floral tribute and beside the present Wofford men, the alumni of past years will contribute largely of the choicest floral offerings.

All Spartanburg will gather at Wofford campus to do honor to him who was foremost in church and state. All exercises at Converse college have been suspended for the day, the city schools will close at noon, and the stores and business houses of the city will close at the hour of the funeral.

ALUMNI TO FOLLOW CASKET

The faculty of Wofford college and president of the alumni association request that all of the local alumni, those from a distance and all who have ever attended Wofford college as students meet at the college at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to attend the funeral of Dr. Carlisle, and that at the conclusion of the exercises there they take a position immediately behind the student body in the procession to the cemetery.

Dr. Carlisle is survived by two brothers, a sister and two children, James H. Carlisle, Jr., and Miss Sallie H. Carlisle. His brother, Capt. J. W. Carlisle, resides on Wofford campus; Mrs. Nannie Morrison, his sister, lives Blackstock; Thomas A. Carlisle, another brother, also lives at Blackstock. Among the kinsfolk of the deceased who will attend the funeral will be the following nephews: Prof. W. S. Morrison of Clemson college; Rev. C. C. Herbert of Clio, Rev. W. I. Herbert of Charleston, J. B. Morrison of Blackstock and R. T. Gaston of Chester.

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NATIVE OF WINNSBORO

James Henry Carlisle was born at Winnsboro, Fairfield County, May 4, 1825. He was the son of Dr. William Carlisle, a native of the north of Ireland, who came to America in 1818 and settled in Winnsboro. He was a physician and practiced for 30 years. He died in 1866.

The son "as a beardless youth, ^{well} ~~had~~ advanced" entered the South Carolina college as a sophomore, February 1, 1842, after having attended the common schools of Winnsboro.

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Dr. Carlisle went from the college to the school room and soon after graduating was made principal of the Odd

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He was a member of the Secession convention and a representative in the last Confederate legislature, 1863 - 1864, the only political offices he ever accepted. In 1875 he was made president of Wofford college, serving faithfully at its head until 1905.

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The son "as a business youth" held advanced degree in Public Relations, after having attended the same college as his father, February 1, 1945, after having attended the same college as his father.

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He was a member of the Ukrainian community and a representative of the local
Ukrainian community, 1908 - 1924, the only political officer in the
community. In 1925 he was made assistant of school director, serving actively
in the band until 1926.