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Dr. James H. Carlisle.

"The Grand Old Man of Wofford College", "The Greatest Man The State has Produced", as he was spoken of, and 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 22, 1909.

He was the son of Doctor William Carlisle, a Thompsonian 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 s shows they were married in Winnsboro July 10, 1829 by the Reverend Samuel Gunwoody. The parents of Dr James Henry Carlisle were first cousins.

William Carlisle practiced medicine 30 years. The grandfather of James Henry Carlisle was James, 1765- 1833 , and he married Mary Ray 1867-1847, a sister of the wife of William Buchanan 1758-1813, who was Nancy Ray 1782-1829. William Buchanan and Nancy Ray being the parents of Mary Ann Buchanan, Dr. James H. Carlisle's mother. William Carlisle took out naturalization papers November 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 H. Carlisle was 31 years old , and the same year his cousin, and future wife, Mary Ann Buchanan was a girl of 17.

James Carlisle, the grandfather of James H Carlisle, left atv his death in 1835 a widow, 6 sons, one daughter.

These and the parents of the subject of this sketch lie in death 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 Buchanan Carlisle are these words, " God bless all my children and help them to meet me in the realms of bliss. Amen.

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William Buchanan, father of Mary Ann Carlisle, died in Ireland in 1813. The two brothers and Revolutionary heroes, Captain John and Lieutenant Robert Buchanan, had landed at Charleston in 1770 with their uncles- brothers of the mother - paying their own expense in transit, and bringing over with them their widowed mother, Rachel Phillips Buchanan. These four men had settled in the western part of the county on land of Captain John Buchanan- Lieutenant ROBERT Buchanan having the first classical school in the city of Charleston. The Buchanan brothers accumulated much land in the western section of Fairfield, and in and around the village of Winnsborough. The youngest brother, Creighton, came over to join his brothers 1788. Captain John Buchanan , of Revolutionary and State fame , brought over after brother, William's death William's widow and four children the same year, 1818, that the Carlisle family arrived in their new homeland. He gave the family of William much property before his death as he had no issue. Afterwards William's family also fell heir to more of Captain John Buchanan's wealth- this house being a gift from him to his niece, Mary Ann Carlisle.

Mary Ann' family was one of intellect and culture.

The Buchanans were not Covenanters as was shown by several things. They had fine furniture, portraits, libraries/ Captain John Buchanan wore all his life the knee britches and silver buckles, and other trappings of a gentleman. They were an ancient and honorable clan of Celtic origin. Their lands lay in Monteith, and the Lennox, near lochs Katrine and Lomond.

Captain John Buchanan , having left the Presbyterian faith of his ancestors to join his wife, who leaned to the new Methodist movement, took with

him in the church he buildedin 1810his sister- in - law, Maryc Ann Buchanan Carlisle , and her little family. The Ray and Carlisle families were Coven-  
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James H. Carlisle was a brilliant young man. H e clerked in stores to get himself through college- thereby supplementing his meager allowance..He grad-  
uated at M t. Zion College at Winnsborough, entered Sophmore class at the  
South Carolina College in 1844 graduating second in his class in 1844. He stay-  
ed at Wofford College where was was president until his death,