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## **Mrs. Gadson Notes 100th Birthday**



Mrs. Lizzie Trapp Gadson passed her 100th birthday anniversary on Monday, Dec. 8, and when Dec. 25 rolls around she will have seen a "century of Christmases," all of them spent in Fairfield county.

Mrs. Gadson lives with her daughter, Mrs. Inez Byrd, in a neat little white house on Spring Street, located in the western section of Winnsboro. Mrs. Byrd, who is a talented seamstress, has cared for her mother many years. About a decade ago, Mrs. Gadson broke her hip, and Dr. W. S. Lyles, local surgeon, performed the operation. Dr. C. S. McCants attends her and she and her daughter speak highly of these physicians, who also think well of them.

She was born in the Ridge section of the county and was married to the late Rice Gadson, who died a number of years ago. She had ten children, six of whom still

live here. They are, in addition to Mrs. Byrd, Jack Gadson, an employe of Phillips Granite Company, James Gadson, who works at Winnsboro High School, Mrs. Walcie Pearson, Mrs. Dorothy Henderson, and Hampton Gadson. Another daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Willingham, lives in Sanford, N. C.

A granddaughter, Miss Eddie M. Byrd, is a school teacher in Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Gadson suffered a stroke some time ago and is largely bed-ridden but her benign expression indicates she has learned to accept life's trials and tribulations with faith and serenity. She recalls some of the difficult days that followed the Civil War.

The devotion of her daughter is an inspiration and a benediction and friends of the family wish for them a full measure of happiness during the Christmas season.