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~~Washington~~ *W. Williams*

Mr. and Mrs. ^{Dr.} Ladd were natives of Virginia. Mrs Ladd was Katharine Stanton. Mrs. Stanton, her mother came with the Ladds when they moved to Winnsboro, and spent the remainder of her life with them. The Ladds by knowledge came after 1842, which date is that of the building of the large house of Hon Osmund Woodward on the site of the church across the street from the old Ketchin brick building on Main Street in Winnsboro. This date may be 1843 or any year to the fifties. (Mrs. Robt Buchanan, my mother went to school to Mrs. Ladd and she was married at 21)

Mr. Ladd was a portrait painter by profession. He painted portraits of my grandfather and grandmother, these being in my possession at this time. Before coming to Winnsboro, Mrs. Ladd taught a school in Brattonville, near Yorkville, for young ladies and girls. Mr. Osmund Woodward sent two of his eldest daughters to Mrs. Ladd. They boarded in the home of Dr and Mrs. Bratton. My mother was a frail child and Mr. Woodward sent her at 5 with her sisters to be under Dr. Bratton's care. (He was the nearest physician to the village of Winnsboro, save perhaps the doctors of Columbia.)

On a visit to his daughter, Mrs Ladd expressed a wish to Mr Woodward that she would like to come to Winnsboro and open a school here Mr. Woodward was pleased to hear this as he had five daughters and an adopted daughter, a niece, Esther, to educate and there was not any school for young ladies in town. He offered to move the Ladd family, so he sent his wagons and carriage and brought the family to Winnsboro, ¹⁸⁴⁰ where they occupied the old brick house on Main Street facing east and is now next to the Fairfield moving picturehouse. Mrs. Ladd augmented her salary of school funds by taking a goodly number of boarders, mostly strangers and Charleston people, who were here for the summer months or for schooling their children at hers and the Mt Zion School for boys. A few county people were her guests also, Mrs. James Smith's mother and Mrs. McCreight, and her aunt, Mrs Dr. Newton among them. These ladies were from Charleston. On the lot where

now stand a filling station corner of Congress and Moultrie Streets, was a wooden house of 4 or 5 rooms. This was used for a dining-room and recitation room. It was pulled down when Mr. Tom Ross Robertson built his dwelling. (son of Judge William Robertson, who built the estate now owned by the Wm. Doty family) Mr. Ross Robinson married Miss Cora Johnson of Charlotte, N.C.)

Mrs. Ladd was a social and artistic leader in the town. She was highly educated and a woman of many talents. She painted the scenery for the wings in the theatrical hall. Thespian Hall where the Thespian Corps, an amateur group of the socially and educationally prominent displayed their acting ability and gathered for social pleasure. Mrs. Ladd organized many clubs and made the town a social and charming center for the gathering of the best from over the state. Winnsboro was the best known up-state town. and the theatricals, dances tableaux, of Victorian fame even light operas were successfully and well done by local talent. The opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, one of the long-remember pleasures of some of the residents of this town belonging to this old group of musical talent, has a program in her possession. A woman of finest character and charm, her memory still wafts a fragrance after all the years, when the stories of her exploits in her endeavors are retold.

*Dr. Ladd B. 1893
Died Fairfield July 14, 1864*

Mrs Ladd was born

Mr. and Mrs. Ladd had 5 children.
Dr. Charlie, Miss Joe Ladd, Mr. Wash Ladd, Miss Kate Ladd, Miss Annie, and George Ladd.

Dr. Charlie Ladd did not marry, neither did Miss Joe. Washington married Miss Owens of this county.

Miss Kate married Dr. Cureton.

Miss Annie " Mr. John Neil (1st)

perhaps in the book

George

Mr. and Mrs. Ladd had six children

Dr. Charlie and Miss Josie never married.

Mr. Wash Ladd married a Miss Owens of this county, and his children are Mr. Washington Ladd of Strother, with children Mrs. Berta Bradley and J.C. Ladd; George Preston Ladd, Columbia; Osmond Y. Ladd of Connecticut; Thomas Albert Ladd; Mrs. John Ragsdale, of Blairs; Mr. Garrison Ladd, of Winnsboro, with children Mrs. W. Hayne McMeekin and others;

Charles

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Thomas Albert, Elizabeth Staples
George Preston, Thomas
William Ladd, John R*

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Miss Kate married Dr. James Cureton, a Welshman, practicing dentistry in Liberty Hill They moved to Liberty Hill, then to Ridgeway, later back to Liberty Hill. Her daughter, Miss ~~Jessie~~ ^{ANNIE LADD} Cureton married Mr. Wilkes, their children are Martin Wilkes, Ernest Wilkes, James Wilkes, Robert Wilkes, Mrs. T.W. Pope, Mrs. Carl Hill, Miss Louise Wilkes, Mrs. Hennis Warmouth.

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Miss Annie married Mr. John Neil (first wife)

Mr. George married (wife unknown to me)

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Mr. George Washington Ladd, having died about the time of the War between the States, Mrs. Katharine Ladd continued to teach her school until later, years later when she gave musicals and moved in the social life around her. She ~~left~~ ^{left} moved to Peay's Ferry, staying two years at this place, from where she went to live at Buena Vista Plantation in the Buckhead section of the county. Here, her home was open to all social activities of the community and she gave musical entertainment and instruction to pupils after she lost her sight. A close neighbor to Buena Vista Plantation was Mrs. John Feaster, who before marriage was Miss Sallie Lyles. On a visit to Mrs. Feaster, my cousin, I walked to the post-office of Buckhead, holding her ~~her~~ ^{her} Ladd's arm to guide her steps.

At a peaceful hour, ~~one day~~, she passed away, and is buried with two sons and Miss Joe in the churchyard at Salem Church.

Dr. Charles

Feasterville, old boarding school