

Given by Noel Garvin
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Catherine Ladd wrote following in her 90th yrs

My Grandfather lived in Ireland, my father James Stratton lived in Ireland. Brought to U. S. in 1808 by his uncle Mr Davidson - he and my mother, Ann Collins, of Richmond, were married 1807. I was born Oct 28, 1808 He heard that 2 of his brothers had come to America, but he never knew where they settled as he was drowned about 6 mo. after my birth. My mother depended on my father to trace his brothers & he spoke of going to N. Y. to search, but he was drowned before he could do this. He heard that his sister was to marry & settle in Penn. 1810. He had to go to Norfolk to take a vessel. It was dark when they got out to Elizabeth River into rough water, he was standing talking when suddenly he became sick He said, "I am getting sea sick". He rushed to the side of the vessel, lost his balance & was pitched into the sea & was never seen again.

My husband, Geo. Williamson Ladd, was born at Exeter, N. H. & reared in Mass. was portrait painter. Studied under Moss in N. H. His father was Daniel Ladd. There were 4 sons: G. W. W^m, Obelia & Charles Henry Ladd

Jim settled in Delaware, Abela died
 & Charles Henry settled in Delaware Co., Ohio.
 and George came South to repair some
 portraits when we met & were married in Sept.
 He had engaged work in Charleston, was to begin
 work Oct. 7, 1828. He with my mother Mrs
 Stratten came on in 1827. We left Charleston
 & settled in Augusta, Ga., where we remained
 until we were turned out by the big fire of 1829,
 when half of the city was destroyed. We
 then returned to S.C. where I have been
 ever since with the exception of 3 years
 I spent in Macon, Ga., as the Principal
 of Vineland Academy. In 1840 I was offered
 a large school in Winnsboro, S.C. so we moved
 there where I was Principal of the school
 until 1865, when I lost everything by
 Sherman's Raiders, my mother was died
 in 1856; my husband died July 14, 1864

This was written by Catherine Ladd
 in her 40th year to a Cousin Mrs
 Mack Ladd Stratten 818 Grace St. Richmond, Va.

Geo. W. Ladd's Will
State of N.C.

I, Geo. W. Ladd of the town of Winstone
in the state aforesaid, being of sound and
disposing mind & memory, do make & declare
the following as for my last will & testament:

1. I will, bequeath, & desire, the whole of my estate,
both real & personal, to my beloved wife for life,
with full power during her life, by will or
otherwise, to dispose of any & all of my estate
among our children according to their
necessities, to be judged by her.

2. Should it be necessary, the the life-time of my
wife to sell or exchange any part of my property,
she is hereby fully authorized & empowered
to make such sale or exchange, the proceeds
of such sale or the property acquired by such
exchange to be held by her for life, with ~~the~~^{the}
power during her life, to dispose of the same
as provided for in the first clause of this will.

3. Lastly, I nominate & appoint my wife

Executrix of this my last will's testament,
Witness by hand & seal this 30th day of Sept.,
in the year eighteen hundred & fifty nine.

Geo. W. Ladd, (L.S.)

Signed
(over)

Signed, sealed & declared by
Geo W. Ladd to be his last
will & Testament in our presence

J. S. Stewart

H. L. Elliott

J. B. M^cIntosh

On this the 22nd day of Aug., in the year
of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
& sixty four, Catherine Ladd qualified
as Executrix of the last will & Testament
of G. W. Ladd

James Johnston

Ordinary, Fairfield Dist.

22nd Aug. 1864

Appendage 1

In 1866, D. James D. Cureton married Catherine Lydis Ladd. In 1981 Dr. Cureton bought a farm near Pickensville, S.C. (now Easley) and moved his family there, including his daughter Catherine Norma Cureton (b. 31 October 1869). In 1889 he sold this farm and moved to Pickens, S.C. In letters written by Catherine Norma Cureton to Robert Eugene Yongue we know that she was teaching school in Easley in 1889-1890. They were married 15 January 1891. Robert Yongue was a farmer and owned a farm near Blairs and Salem Cross Road in Fairfield County, S.C.

In the letters between Catherine and Robert we know several things (1) Catherine did not want to live in Fairfield County (2) in fact they did spend some time apart for several years until Robert built a house at 201 Johnson Street in Pickens, S.C. about 1899-1900. Robert moved to Pickens (but did not sell his farm) and became a carpenter in Pickens.

The puzzler

- (1) Catherine's mother and father lived in Pickens and were well to do.
- (2) Catherine's grandmother (Catherine Strutton Ladd) lived near Blairs until her death 30 January 1899. She was upper crust.
- (3) It was custom for a daughter to go to her mother's home to give birth.
- (4) Robert had trouble making a living on his farm.

Questions – Where were the first six children born –

- (a) in the farm house in Fairfield Co.
- (b) in Catherine Strutton Ladd's house in Fairfield Co.
- (c) In Dr. James Cureton's house in Pickens.



Dr. James Douglas Cureton

6 AUGUST 1830 - 11 NOVEMBER 1904

During Civil War, J. D. Cureton commanded Company G, Sixth South Carolina Volunteer Infantry after serving in Company D, Sixth South Carolina Infantry.

(Source: Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861-65. Vol. IV, p. 311. Broadfoot Pub. Comp. 1996, Wilmington, N.C.)

"Death of Dr. J. D. Cureton"

(partial text of obituary)

--Dr. Cureton was born near Sandy Springs, Greenville county, August 6, 1827. His father, Abner H. Cureton, was from Wales, and settled first in Virginia, and then removed to Sandy Springs, where he reared a family of fourteen children. At the age of 18 Dr. Cureton left the farm of his father and entered the office of Dr. Edwards in Greenville for the purpose of studying dentistry, remaining with him for some time. He then went to Baltimore and took a complete course in dentistry, graduating at the age of twenty-one.

Dr. Cureton has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Bowers of Newberry, a daughter of Samuel Bowers, a prominent planter, and one of the justices of the district court. Shortly after marrying, Dr. Cureton moved to Winnsboro, where he practiced his profession until the breaking out of the Civil War. He was