

Dr. George Washington Ladd was born at Plymouth, New Hampshire, 1803. Died in Fairfield County, 1864 .

He was the son of Daniel Ladd. He was a portrait painter of ability, who had studied under the famous Morse of Boston, Massachusetts.

He married Katharine Stratton 1808-1899. She was born in Richmond, Virginia . Her father came to America 1806. George and Katharine Ladd were married September 28, 1826.

Mrs. Katharine Ladd was a noted educator; she had a girls' academy in York and came to Winnsboro January 1, 1840 and started a young ladies' school in a large brick building on Congress Street (the main street of the town) the building generally known in 1966 as Ketchin building. Here girls came from over the state to be educated. Mrs. Ladd started the second theatrical group theatre in the state-it was called the Thespian Corps and composed of Winnsboro talent, and gave operettas and concerts in The Thespian Hall built for the purpose. Mrs Ladd was a superb business woman, an excellent landscape painter, writer of poetry and prose. Her fine character and personal charm made a saga of culture in her locality. The subject of this portrait, Hon. Osmond Woodward , of Winnsboro, S.C. See other paper.

Osmond Woodward had the Ladds brought to Winnsboro to start a girls' school after sending his three daughters and a niece first to her at York, S.C.

Dr George Williamson Ladd and wife, Katharine Stratton Ladd went to Augusta Ga, and came back to South Carolina 1829. Went to Yerville where they had a girls' school. 1839 came to Winnsboro, 1840 bought a large brick building on the main street opening a girls' academy that became very popular with the Fairfield citizens and Charleston young ladies. When the Civil War broke out, Mrs. Ladd gave her energies to helping nurse wounded soldiers until 1867, when she went to Macon, Georgia and ran the girls college/. Later she arrived back in Fairfield opening the Feasterville Boardinghouse school in the western part of the county. Therein this vicinity, she ended her life and is buried in Salem Church cemetery.

October 1808 Died January 1899

She was born in Richmond, Va, and was the daughter of James Stratton, and mother Ann Collins. She was married to Dr. George Williamson Ladd September 28, 1826 He was a well-known portrait painter, having studied under the famous Morse of Boston. Dr Ladd died and is buried in a Winnsboro cemetery, 1864

Mrs. Katharine Ladd(Mrs. George Washington Ladd)
painter, author, poet, well-known educator.B.1808
D.1899, had a school called "Mrs. Ladd's Seminary for
Young Ladies 1840-1865, at Winnsboro.

Thespian Hall built long before the War between The States;
was burned, and reconstructed 1873, on the same foundation.
Here well-known traveling entertainers appeared, along
with Mrs. Ladd's Drama Class. Here were the second oldest
twon theatre group inthe state.Mrs. Ladd-as Schoolmate
had Edgar Allen Poe. She met Lafayette personally at a re-
ception for him in 1824.

The old Elliott house was built on land (deed July 1855)
to James Elliott and James M Elliott. It was the home of
McKinney Elliott and is owned by the fourth generation of
Elliotts, J.M Elliott and J.B. Elliott.

COLONEL WILLIAM MCCREIGHT was Intendant of the town of
Winnsboro and bought the wooden works of the townclock.

The sister of Mrs. Cathcart(deceased) at the piano is
Mrs. Lois Harris Audrey.

Valencia ownership-

"There has been no division of the property (including
Valencia) of the late Edward G. Palmer III. It belongs to
his six children, and is managed by his three sons,
Edward G. Palmer IV, Lucian Kirk, and Berkeley Marion
Palmer- the last named sons live there.

The other children are Mrs. Susan Palmer Ruff(D.W.) ,
Miss Harriett Palmer, and Mrs. Minna Bradley (Mrs. James
G.)