

*Wm. L. Ladd*

Dr. George Williamson Ladd Born at Plymouth N.H. 1803.  
Died at Fairfield Co. S.C.—

Son of Daniel Ladd. Portrait Pinter who studied under Morse of Boston, Mass. *Shadler*

Married to Mrs. Katharine Ladd 1808-1809 She was born in Richmond Va, the Virginia Educator. Her father was James Statton and mother Ann Collins of Richmond, Va. Her father came to America 1806 . George and Katharine Ladd were married Sept. 28, 1826.

Mrs. Katharine Ladd was a noted educator, she had a girls academy in York and came to Winnsboro Jan 1, 1840 and started a young ladies' school in a large brick building called the Ketchin building where girls from over the state came to be educated. Mrs. Ladd started the second theatrical group in the state- called the Thespian Corps and gave operettas and concerts of Winnsboro talent and a hall for her use was built called the Thespian Hall where the dramas were acted. Mrs. Ladd was a superb business woman, and her unusually fertile mind stored the various talents of an excellent painter of landscapes exquisitely done- and she wrote good poetry and prose. Her personal charm and gift of cooperation with humans made her work- which was outstanding, a saga of culture and entertainment and intellectual growth for those who were fortunate to come in personal contact with her.

Osmond Woodward whose 4 daughters attended Mrs. Ladd's School when it was in York previous to 1840, brought her to Winnsboro and his home was opposite to the Ladd Seminary.