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University of South Carolina - Thomas Cooper

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Do not know if he is known outside the Winnsboro area, but he was a prominent local figure. He:

1. Built the first house in Winnsboro, which is still there
2. Was the first Intendant (mayor) of Winnsboro
3. Was the first elder of the Sion church and served for 50 years
4. Founded a cotton gin and mill construction company and one of his gins process the first ginned bale of cotton in South Carolina
5. Held several patents for cotton gins that he licensed as far away as Texas and Mississippi
6. He owned a construction company
7. He built the Fairfield county court house, except for the outside steps, which were added later. The architect, Robert Mills also designed part of Monticello.
8. Imported the parts of a clock from England and installed it in the town tower
9. Was a founding father of Sion College
10. Lead a South Carolina regiment with the rank of colonel
11. Used a deed of trust to circumvent an 1820 South Carolina law forbidding freeing slaves. This allowed a young girl to live with her father freed before the law came into effect.
12. Previously trained the girl's father in building gins and mills and he formed his own highly successful business

William McCreight

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Reckling, Columbia



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McCreight, William, 1774-1859, 105712
1st Mayor of Winnsboro, S.C.

Col. Wm. McCreight-
Born 14 June 1774
Died 7 Nov. 1859.

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Grandpa Jackson's grand father.