

## REMINISCENCES OF OLD WINNSBORO

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When I can first recollect Winnsboro, the corporate limits of the town extended from where Mr. George W. Crawford <sup>in Congress + Mother</sup> lives, to the corner, above where George B. McMaster <sup>Congress + Fairfield Street</sup> now lives. (This place was then occupied by Gen. John Buchanan)-

That part of the town from McCants' Corner to Douglass' was called Clarkville- Capt James N. Shedd built the house, now occupied by <sup>1</sup> Mr. A. S. Douglass; <sup>2</sup> the Prices lived in the house, where the Obears live, and on the Walker lot was the saw mill, grist and flour mill of Osmund M. Woodward, <sup>3</sup> the Rion house was built by James Phillips, the brother of R. W. Phillips and was occupied by Mansel Hall, where the Boylston <sup>4</sup> house <sup>5</sup> is, was an old field and the Cureton house was Dr. Caleb Clarke's home- <sup>6</sup> Mrs. Dwight's house was a store which came out to the edge of the pavement and Robert Clarke of Maryland was the proprietor. <sup>7</sup> The Connor house was occupied by Thomas Ligon, and his carpenter shop was at the rear end of the lot. <sup>8</sup> The Frank Clarke house was occupied by Robert S. Ketchin, the father of T. H. Ketchin, and James B. McCants lived where J. G. McCants now lives. <sup>9</sup> Campbell's flour mill was just north of where Creight's warehouse now is and <sup>10</sup> LeV Huntington dressed granite, where the big oak stands by the Passenger Depot, <sup>11</sup> and Matthias Clark lived where the Hanahans now live across the Railroad. <sup>12</sup> The Ketchin house was Mrs. C. Ladd's female school, and there was no house, where G. W. Crawford's house now stands. <sup>13</sup> The Mitchell's, from Charleston, lived where W. A. Beaty lives- <sup>14</sup> Dr. R.A. Buchanan next and G.A. White's house was the home of Winnsboro Lodge # 11- <sup>15</sup> John Phillips lived where Tom Phillips now is- <sup>16</sup> J.O. Boag's was the office of the News and Herald which was published by Francis Britton and edited by Franklin Gaillard- <sup>17</sup> Osborne Jones had a store on the Corner, now occupied by S. D. Dunn, <sup>18</sup> Osmund Woodward lived where Judge Osmund Woodward Buchanan now lives, <sup>19</sup> L. W. Duval lived in the Macfie house, <sup>20</sup> Mrs. Sarah F. Du Bose lived in Dr. J. C. Buchanan's house, and <sup>21</sup> Dr. T. T. Robertson lived, where the Tennants

live.

The granite building that belongs to Lauderdale and Bryson was a brick building and the first story was occupied by Ketchin (R. S.) and McMaster (G. H.) as a Drug Store and Dry Goods store, R. S. Des Portes and Middleton Armstrong were clears and the second story was the home of De Kalb Lodge I.O.O.F. Old man Frank Elder's furniture store and repair shop was about where the News and Herald office now is (was), next was Samuel Jackson Tailor shop and Kremer's Shoe shop, then Aunt Matilda Rosborough had a small wooden building, where John Russell now lives and dispensed persimmon beer and gingers to such men as Lawyers Dave McDowell, John B. McCall, R. B. Boylston and Judge James M. Rutland, D.R. Elkin occupied the Store of A. R. Cathcart and George W. Woodward lived in a brick house, where Wilford's Stable now stands. The Bank building was built ~~by~~ David Aiken, the grandfather of Dr. David Aiken and the second story was occupied by Joseph D. Aiken<sup>x</sup>. A. D. Hilliard kept a grocery store where R. W. Phillips now has a store and Agnew and McCully had a hardware store, ~~in~~ between Phillips' and the Lauderdale's, father of George R. Lauderdale, lived where George now lives- Robert Shaw, the grandfather of Shaw Ketchin, had a Jewelry store, where J. D. McCarley now lives- Old man Zucker had a bakery where the Post Office now stands and part of his oven is still back of the Post Office- (Madison Stuber was next door was inserted but struck out)- Capt James Phinney, the father of Miss Nannie Phinney, kept Store about where R. A. Buchanan's store is and Madison<sup>Stuber</sup> was next Door- Geo. W. Parker, had a tailor shop where Turner's store is and John H. Propst had a Dry Goods store where L. Landecker's is. Saling Wolfe lived where C. M. Chandler's Store is and had a store in first story- Leaventritt and Oxner kept, where Seigler holds forth and Clarke's store was the law office of R. B. Boylston- Toliver Oxner lived upstairs- Mark Doty's store was built by David Aiken and was the store of the town in that day\*- Lucy, a free negro, lived in a frame house, where K.R. McMaster's store now stands- The Fairfield Hotel, kept by Maj. C.W. Faucett, was where T.H. Ketchin's now is and the house occupied by J.B. Bailey was the stable of the Fairfield Hotel and we boys used to enjoy ourselves laying in the troughs, pulling bristles out the

Tennessee hogs and selling them to Old Man Kinney Elliott, to fill gin brushes- Col. Hugh Miller lived next to Fairfield Hotel and David Campbell, the grandfather of W.S. Weir, lived on vacant lot next to W.H. Willingham's and had a gin shop, under the white Oak tree, opposite to the James R. Aiken lot now owned by W.H. Flenniken.

The Winnsboro Hotel was run by James Gamble and had a long Piazza, the whole length of the front. The office of the Hotel was in the Northern part of Caldwell's store and the Dining room was in rear of McMaster's Drug Store. Creight (W.B.) and Simminton had a hardware store, where Caldwell now has Dry Goods Store-Mason Chandler lived where M.W. Doty's store now is. Gerig and Chandler's harness shop was where Owens Live stock Co. ~~was~~ George Schorb occupied the house Mrs. J. R. McMaster lived in and had a marble yard in the rear- Dr. J. R. McMaster Sr. had Drug store, where J.H. McMaster now is- Francis Gerig in the Cathcart House- Old Man Charly Cathcart lived where D.H. Robertson now lives and there was a store in the South end of building- H.L. Elliott, Sr. lived in South End of McMaster Hotel- Old Man John McMaster, grandfather of J.H. McMaster ran the McMaster Hotel and you went down the steps at North end of Hotel onto the Piazza of the Post Office, which stood, where Berry Ann now has a Restaurant.

John McMaster was Postmaster for 40 years. J.M. Elliott lived where <sup>his widow Ann Black &</sup> Mrs. Elliott now lives and had a gin shop next door- Rev. Josiah Obear lived where Mrs. J. A. Williford now lives and had a private school and Miss Phinny, a Northern lady taught the smallest boys- James R. Aiken, the father of William D. Aiken of Charlotte, N.C. lived on the vacant lot now owned by Mrs. Williford- Gen. John Buchanan lived where G.B. McMaster now lives, but the house was burnt, Just a little west of North of this house stood the Old Cornwallis house, where Gen. Cornwallis had his headquarters, during the Revolutionary War- The Episcopal Church stood, where the Episcopal Cemetery now is and was burnt by Sherman's Army- They also had a church burned by the Doty fire, where the blacksmith Shop of

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Lazarus Johnson now stands- John<sup>(71)</sup> Purcell, the Carpenter, lived where T. M. Cathcart now lives and McCormick<sup>(72)</sup> where W.W. Ketchin now lives- The Seceder Church, a wooden building, was on the corner, where their cemetery now is and Rev. C.B. Betts, was their pastor and old man James McDowell and J. M. Elliott were the sleeping Elders of the church-Rev. G.W. Boggs, the father of Rev. W.E. Boggs lived, where Andrew Timms lives now- Old man John<sup>(75)</sup> McKinney lived on the corner, where McIntosh the blacksmith now lives- La Fayette and Jake<sup>(76)</sup> Poteet lived where the Mackorkls now own- Judge James Ma<sup>(77)</sup> Rutland lived where James Mac Fie now lives\* and James<sup>(78)</sup> Mc Creight lived, where Jim Smith now lives and his shop was on<sup>(79)</sup> Corner, where T.H. Ketchin, now lives and what a time, we boys had, driving the old blind horse, to the horse power grist mill of old man Mc Creight's- Osmund R. Thomp-<sup>(80)</sup> son lived where Mrs. Quattlebaum now lives- Miss Peggie Barclay, the grand Aunt of Mrs. J.J. Neil lived on vacant lot, now owned by A.S.- Douglas, opposite to Dr. Quattlebaum- James<sup>(82)</sup> Elliott, the grandfather of T.K. Elliott lived on Corner where Baptist Church now stands- Dr. J.H. Carlisle's<sup>(83)</sup> father lived next to W.H. S.- David Aiken's<sup>(84)</sup> barn and gin house were on Corner, where Power house, now is, Baker<sup>(85)</sup> McCreight's school house, was where Mrs. Polly Williford lives-Dr. W.E. Aiken lived, where John Harden lives- John H. Propst lived where the Presby-<sup>(87)</sup> terian Parsonage now is- Samuel<sup>(88)</sup> Johnston lived in the present Seceder Parsonage and John B. McCall, who married Gen. John Bratton's sister, lived where J.L. Richmond now lives and Miss Libby<sup>(90)</sup> Smith lived where the Dickey's live- where the Episcopal Church now stands was the<sup>(91)</sup> stable of Samuel Johnston.

James S. Stewart<sup>(92)</sup>, the father of Mrs. W.C. Beaty lived, where J.J. Niel resides and Mrs. Mushet<sup>(93)</sup>, the grandmother of Mrs. Beaty lived where W.C. Beaty now resides- Rev. Malcolm Fraser lived where Mrs. Martin now lives. Selden<sup>(95)</sup> and Thomas Smart lived where Mrs. M.C. Rabb lives- Thomas<sup>(96)</sup> Jordan, Sr. lived where R.N. McMaster now lives and his carriage<sup>(97)</sup> factory was North of the store now occupied by John M. Smith. Henry<sup>(98)</sup> Williams, the father of J.E. Williams, lived in cottage North-East of Thos. Jordan- Dr. William<sup>(99)</sup> Bratton, father of Gen. John and Dr. William, Jr. lived, where C.A. Stevenson now lives and Lawyer

(100) *\*Am's McDowald house*  
David McDowell, where Mrs. Tirzah Elliott now lives. A.D. Hilliard (101)  
lived where J.L. Robinson now lives. The Palmas (spaniards) lived (102)  
where John Stevenson now lives and William Ellison, brother of R.E. (103)  
Ellison, Sr., lived where A.R.P. Church now stands and I was born in this  
house.

The Honorable Joseph Woodward, father of the late Mrs. Hattie (104)  
W. Palmer, of Ridgeway, S.C. lived with Mrs. Bones, his mother-in-  
law, where James P. Caldwell now lives- Sheriff Aleck Young, father (105) *Yongue*  
of Whorter and William Young, the father of Mrs. J.C. Buchanan, (106)  
lived where James A. Brice now lives- Lawyer Moore where J.C. ~~and~~ *Caldwell*  
now lives- Rev. J.D. McCullough, the father of Mrs. E. Pagan (107)  
lived in the present Methodist Parsonage and it was then the Epis-  
copal Parsonage- Dr. Henry Neil, the father of Mrs. Joe Richardson, (108)  
of Nelson, S.C. lived where J.E. Coan now lives- Judge W.R. Robert- (109)  
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lives (until 1856)- *Maria Brice* *Charles* *Laughlin,* the father of Mrs. Joel Ash-  
ford, lived where John P. Matthews now lives and his shop was where  
the front of the Hotel Duval now stands and the Murphy's lived in  
brick house that stood in the Center of lot where hotel now stands. *E. Wash. at R.R.* *James R.R.*

(112) *James H. Rion* lived in the house, now occupied by W.A. Hood and  
he moved to the Rion house occupied by L.A. Bye in 1859 and the Boyls-  
ton house, now the Colonial Inn, was built that year (in 1856)-  
George W. Parker, the tailor lived where Robt. Crawford now lives-  
Old man John McClure lived where Arthur Golden now lives and the big  
gully next to house was the public road to Middle-Sex. Joseph

Purcell, brother of Carpenter John, lived where Turner Taylor now lives- Henry Jacobs lived, where the colored Methodist Parsonage now is- Luke Rowe, the father of William Rowe lived just back of the Old Methodist Church, in a house that now belongs to B.J. Emerson- Hiram Sprinkle, the father of Conductor Wm. Sprinkle lived where Ed Henry now lives-

*Denied* When I was a boy, old Davie McDowell sued the town for debt and ~~lived~~ on the Town Clock, had it sold and bought it himself- The Physicians of the Town, at that time, were Caleb Clark<sup>e</sup>, T.B. Madden, T.T. Robertson, R.A. Buchanan and W.E. Aiken-

R.E. Ellison, Sr. was Sheriff and lived in the Jail, W.R. Robertson was Commissioner in Equity, O.R. Thompson was Clerk of Court and James Johnston, grandfather of T.L. Johnston, was Ordinary-

Rev. C.B. Betts was Pastor of A.R.P. Church, James Douglass of Presbyterian,

The Planters Bank of Fairfield, James R. Aiken, President and H.L. Elliott, Sr., Cashier, occupied the first floor, where Winnsboro Bank now is- and B. Israel had a Dry Goods Store, where D.V. Walker is-

The building now used as a pool Room and Restaurant was David Aiken's blacksmith shop and Simon Blake was his blacksmith.

Dr. James <sup>H.</sup> Carlisle was born in house now occupied by Mrs. <sup>"Catty"</sup> J.C. Mobley.

Woodward and Randolph occupied the Store house, where John P. Matthews now has a store and John P. Matthews was their Clerk.

Mr. O'Hanlon had a carriage shop where Refo's store now stands-

Footnotes: 1. The Planters Bank of Fairfield, James R. Aiken, President and H.L. Elliott, Sr., Cashier, occupied the first floor, where Winnsboro Bank now is and B. Israel had a Dry Goods Store, where D.V. Walker is-

2/ Logan Brown's barber shop was where the present one is and he lived upstairs-

3. He was a direct descendant of the Earl of Man by his Mother's side-