

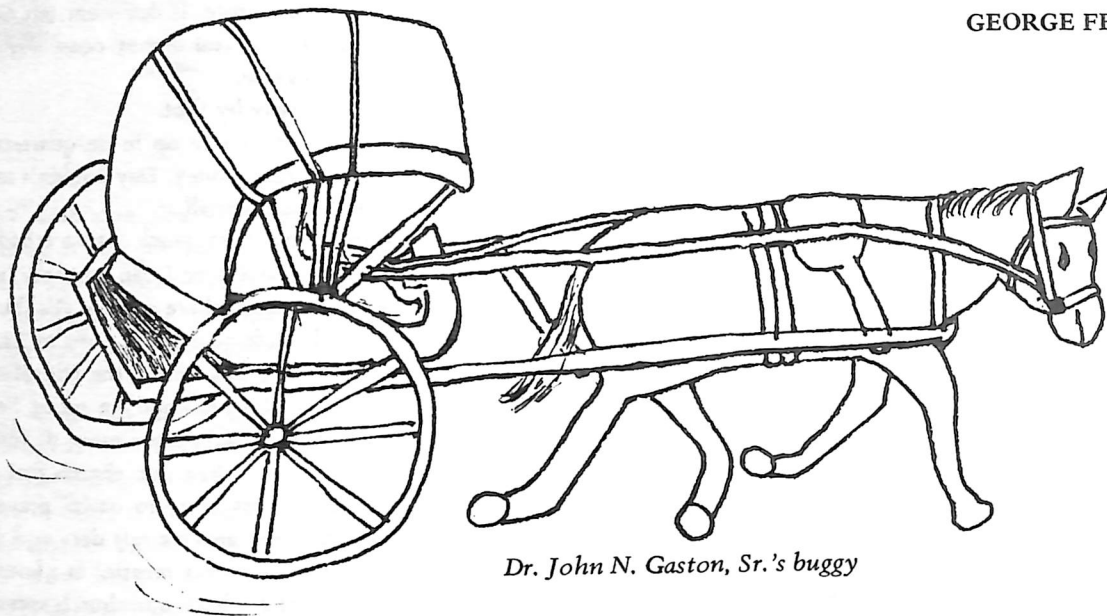
A Tribute to Dr. John N. Gaston, Sr.

I'm proudly to say that I never knew a finer man, a finer gentleman in all my life than Dr. Gaston was. He was one of the most reasonable doctors when it come to finance that I have ever knowed. When I first got married, he was our doctor, and after me and my wife begin to raise our family, well, he was still there to come to us and minister relief if he could. He delivered every one of my children except two, that's eleven outa' thirteen. He wouldn't push for payment on your debt. I believe the first child he delivered for me it cost me \$10, and it went on until later everything else begin to rise, so he went up some on his visits, which he had to. He had to because he educated two fine young doctors and put 'em in the service for the people so that they might be able to help 'em along through life. There ain't very many men could educate two boys to become fine doctors on fifty cent a trip to see the sick. He'd visit the one that had just as well as the one

that didn't have. He always done credit work and you could pay him along just as you wanted to. I figure he was one in a thousand. He never did complain when I called him. He was always there ready to help me out any way possible that he could. If it was way in the night, he didn't come in grumblin', complainin' sayin', "I'd a loved to stayed in bed." He come in laughin', talkin' jolly as he could be. He was one of the finest men outside of a doctor that I ever knowed, and he was a fine doctor with it. He had a feelin' for people. He had to give up his practice a good while before he passed away because his health got down on him.

I hope I've said somethin' that'll lift his name up, cause I feel like a person that's lived a good life and been good to the people and done like he done, I think they deserve some 'preciation from the people that they lived and mingled among and done so much for.

GEORGE FERGUSON



Dr. John N. Gaston, Sr.'s buggy



DR. JOHN GASTON
(Photo courtesy of George Ferguson)

Dr. John Gaston was born December 25, 1871 in the Lewisville section of Chester County. After completing two years at King's Mountain Academy in Yorkville, he returned to Rock Hill and taught at Professor Bank's School for two years. In the fall of 1893, he entered Erskine College and in 1896, he began studying at the South Carolina Medical College in Charleston. After graduating in 1899, he then entered a period of training for one year.

Dr. Gaston established his own practice in Edgemoor in 1900 and practiced medicine in Edgemoor and Lando and the surrounding area until his health no longer permitted. Dr. Gaston died on September 20, 1954.