

The Reverend James Jenkins was the first Methodist minister to preach in Winnsboro. While here he was entertained by Captain Buchanan and his wife. The Captain was not a church member but until that time he and Mrs. Buchanan had attended the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Buchanan had relatives who were Methodist, and she had leanings toward that denomination herself. The Reverend Mr. Jenkins first preached in the Courthouse where the Presbyterian services were also held. The Presbyterian minister objected to Jenkins using the building. After that, the Methodist services were held in the Buchanans' home until the new Methodist Church was built in 1809. Captain Buchanan gave the lot for this and was instrumental in the actual construction of this, Winnsboro's first church building. He and his wife were among the charter members of the Methodist Church in Winnsboro.

At Captain Buchanan's death (1823) he willed the house in which he was living (the CORNWALLIS HOUSE) to his nephew, General John Buchanan. In 1862 the heirs of General John Buchanan sold the property to A. D. Hilliard, who at the time was living in the house.

In 1865 A. D. Hilliard disposed of the place to James R. Aiken and James B. McCants. The Levi M. Bolick family was living here at the time and later, in 1869, purchased the property from Aiken and McCants. It passed from Bolick to his daughter and only child, Elizabeth (Lizzie) B. Stevenson, who in 1909 sold it to J. Leonard Robinson.

The Levi Bolick family was living in the old house when Sherman's Army was in Winnsboro. When it was learned that the Yankees were approaching, the shutters were fastened and the doors bolted in hopes that the house would appear deserted and not be molested. The mother, the daughter, and two old servants did not even venture out for firewood, and when the supply was exhausted, they began burning the furniture in order to cook and keep warm. Two fine four-poster beds, tables, and chairs went up in the flames that warmed the frightened household.

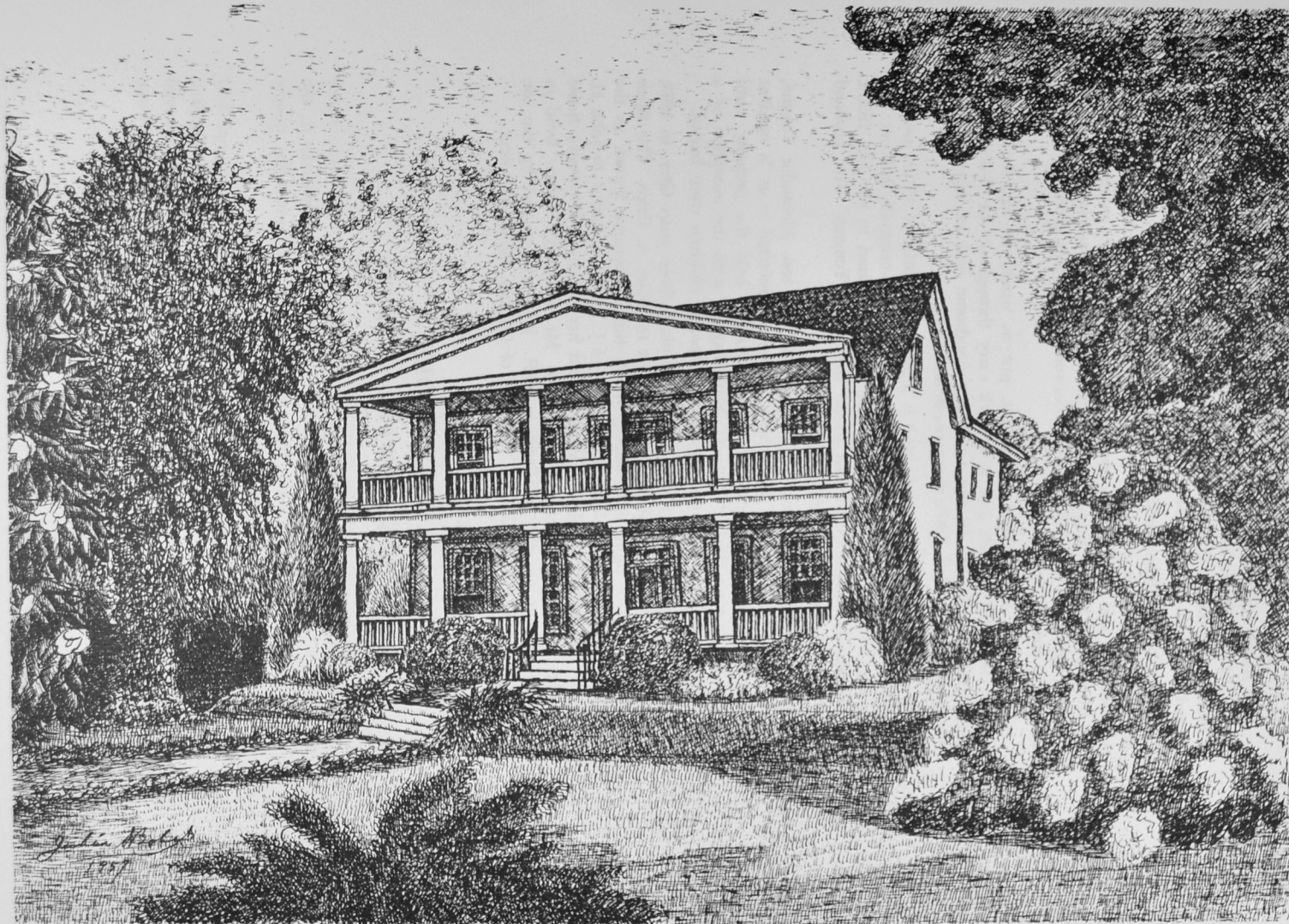
In spite of all the precautions taken to make the place appear deserted, the house was broken into by the looters. The young daughter had a pair of pet Cornish hens that she treasured. When the bummers found them, the little girl begged the looters not to take away her hens. In response, the little birds were thrown into the air and the soldier and his companions shot at them with their pistols and left them dead in the yard.

This historic and beautiful old house is now occupied by the family of J. Roy Robinson, who inherited it from his father, J. Leonard Robinson, who acquired it more than a half century ago. It is a well-kept old landmark and is furnished with many fine old heirlooms, some of which are perhaps as old as the ancient building that houses them.

CATHCART HOUSE

YONGUE — McCLENAGHAN — CRAFTS — BRICE — CATHCART

One of Winnsboro's more handsome old mansions is the CATHCART HOUSE on Zion Street. From its beginning it has been in kind hands, and its refined dignity has never been subjected to misuse or neglect.



CATHCART HOUSE

The stately residence sits well back from the street on a beautifully landscaped lot. Boldly defined terraces with steps down to the lower levels add a touch of formality. Spacious green lawns shaded by carefully selected and placed trees and shrubs frame the house proper into a lovely picture.

It is a large building, constructed of brick which is covered with a time-mellowed tan cement plaster. The main portion is rectangular, covered with a gable roof, and fronted with two-story piazzas or galleries extending across the front of the house. Supporting each story are six hand-turned, solid, round columns, with plain picketed bannisters between them. This gives the building a majestic appearance.

The interior is spacious and elegant, just as would be expected. High ceilings, beautiful mantels and woodwork carry throughout the Colonial and early-American themes. In the house are handsome and priceless antiques that have been handed down for generations.

The lot on which the house is built is a part of the original Winn property that was acquired from Joseph Owen when the town was originally laid out. The home was built by Mrs. Rebecca Yongue or her husband in the late 1820's. Mrs. Yongue is sometimes referred to as "the widow Yongue." Her husband was known as "Parson Yongue."

In 1840 Mrs. Yongue conveyed the place to her son, Alexander Yongue, for \$3,000.00. At the time of the transaction she was referred to as "a resident of Talladega County, Alabama." Alexander Yongue held the property until 1858, at which time he sold it to C. McClenaghan with the exception of a small plot in the garden where some of the Yongue children were buried.

George I. Crafts of Charleston bought the place three years later, in 1866, and held it until 1869 when he disposed of it to James A. Brice. The Brice family resided here until 1909, during which time it became known as the BRICE HOUSE. Janie K. Brice, the widow of J. A. Brice, sold it to John H. Cathcart. Mr. Cathcart and his family moved here from their country home near Adger, a few miles out of Winnsboro. Mr. Cathcart's widow lived in the stately old home until her death in 1961. It is now owned by the son of the Cathcarts, Doctor John H. Cathcart of Gaffney, South Carolina.

WYNN DEE

WINN - BRATTON - CATHCART

One of the most historic old homes in Winnsboro is a stately old house called WYNN DEE. Aside from being one of the oldest landmarks in the vicinity, it has always been the home of glamorous and prominent people who have ranked among Fairfield's great.

The land on which the building is located dates back to an original land grant from King George to one Joseph Owen. Owen came to South Carolina from Pennsylvania and settled in Fairfield in 1768. His lands were surveyed by Richard Winn, the man for whom Winnsboro was named. A few years