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PENFIELD

1833-1871



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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Centennial Exercises

SATURDAY, MAY 27

at

PENFIELD, GEORGIA



10:30 A. M.—Place: **Old Mercer Chapel**

Hugh M. Willet, '78, LL. D., Presiding.

Theme: The Founders and the Founding of Mercer

1. "Prayer and Praise,"
C. H. Kopp, Greensboro, Georgia
2. "Who They Were and What They Did,"
B. D. Ragsdale, '86, D. D., Macon, Georgia.
3. "Our Obligation and Opportunity,"
T. F. Callaway, '02, D. D., Thomasville, Ga.

12:30 P. M.—Place: **Old Cemetery**

T. E. Ryals, '85, LL. D., Presiding.

Theme: Tribute and Testimony.

1. Invocation,
W. A. Hogan, '87, D. D., Lincolnton, Georgia.
2. "Jesse Mercer, Foremost Among Founders,"
S. V. Sanford, '96, Litt. D., Athens, Georgia.
3. "Billington M. Sanders, First President,"
Clifford Walker, Ex-Governor of Georgia,
Monroe, Ga.
4. "Cynthia Holiday Sanders, ('Ole Miss'),"
William H. Kilpatrick, '91, Ph. D., Litt. D.,
LL. D.,
5. Placing of Wreaths on Graves.

1:00 P. M.—Dinner on the grounds of the Old Mercer Campus.

2:00 P. M.—A Visit to the Various Places of Historical Interest on the Old Mercer Campus and in Penfield.

From Rev. Adiel Sherwood's Gazateer of Georgia:

P. 349: "PENFIELD, p. t. Greene Co. 7 m. N. Greensboro, on the site of the labour school, called Mercer Institute, and now the seat of Mercer University. This town was surveyed in Oct. 1837, and families are fast improving lots. Being the location of an academy, college and female school, and near enough to the R. R. to enjoy its advantages yet escaping its corrupting influence, it will no doubt become a considerable town.

"A steam saw mill was to be erected this year, and the R. R. will convey the best kind of lumber from Warren and Columbia counties. The best possible precautionary measures have been taken to keep the villagers sober; for spiritous liquors are not to have a habitation in town. Lots on which it shall be discovered that liquor is sold, become confiscated and revert back to the former proprietors."

p. 346. "MERCER UNIVERSITY, the college held in contemplation by the Baptists, was chartered by the Legislature last December, and is located at Penfield (This name is given in token of respect for Josiah Penfield, Esq., late of Savannah, who bequeathed \$2,500 for education purposes in 1829), 7 m. N. Greensboro, the site at Washington having been abandoned. A town was laid out here in Oct. 1837—\$10,000 worth of lots sold on land owned by the Baptist Convention, and measures put in progress for a female school of high order. Some families moved to the spot last winter, and many will be there this fall. The town Penfield, is laid out on the premises known as the Mercer Institute. Here are 1 two story wooden building, with a brick basement story, having some dozen rooms—a brick building three stories high, with some 20 rooms—steward's house—brick dining hall, and out houses of various kinds—halls for the two literary societies in the school, etc., and a female academy. The above will be occupied for the use of the college.

"Two classes, Freshman and Sophomore, having been organized and instructed during the present year (1837) so that they will be fitted for higher classes in the next.

"The following officers were elected in July:

Rev. B. M. Sanders, President, temporarily.

Rev. Adiel Sherwood, Prof, Sacred Literature and Moral Philosophy.

Mr. P. L. Janes and J. W. Attaway, Assistant Professors.

"The Mercer Institute, the manual labour academy, will still be carried on as a preparatory school. Parents, by removing to this spot, will have an opportunity of completing the education both of their sons and daughters. These advantages will no doubt soon build up the town.

"Rev. Thos. B. Slade, long and favorably known as the principal of a female school in Clinton, it is understood, is to conduct that at Penfield."

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The committee who selected the site of Penfield for Mercer Institute was composed of:

Jesse Mercer, Billington M. Sanders, Thomas Stocks, John B. Walker, Absalom Janes and James Armstrong.

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The Trustees of Mercer Institute in 1833 were:

John Mercer, Oliver Porter, William Redd, William Greer and Dr. Thomas Janes. In 1836, J. M. Porter was elected to fill the place of John Mercer, resigned.

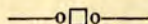
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From the establishment of Penfield in 1837 until the removal of the University to Macon, Ga., in 1871, it was customary for the students to be lodged in the homes of the patrons and professors. When the President's House was erected it, too, was opened to students.

It is greatly regretted that no college catalogs prior to 1849-50 are available from which records of students in the homes in Penfield may be obtained. Catalogs from

1861-69 are also missing. Many of the homes have long since disappeared. As a result, a great many names are necessarily omitted that are familiar to all alumni of Mercer.

A few of the Mercer Institute students were: Wm. D. Cowdry, Wm. M. Tryon, J. R. Jenkins, Thomas U. Wilkes, David E. Butler, D. A. Vason, Martin J. Crawford, Winburn J. Lawton, James S. Lawton, Columbus F. Sturgis, Lewis Everingham, Benjamin F. Tharpe, Wm. M. Verdery, E. R. Carswell, Elisha Hedden, Jeffrey Hedden, Neville Lumpkin, George W. Jordan, Isham R. Branham, R. L. Norton, Carter T. Ford, L. Booker, Z. Howard, A. S. Griffin, Ad. Johnson, W. Janes, E. Bacon, R. Maxwell, A. Mosely, N. Bacon, R. Anthony, Folsom, Porter, Joyner, Longstreet, Evans, Sanders, Stowe, Saffold.



Among the earliest graduates from the University were:

- 1841. Richard Malcolm Johnston, Benjamin F. Tharp, Abner F. Wellborn.
- 1843. Thomas D. Martin, Wm. C. Wilkes.
- 1846. Joseph E. Willet, Sylvanus Landrum, Thomas C. Neel.
- 1847. John F. Dagg, Richard T. Ashbury, Hugh L. Bunn, John C. Gunn, Henry M. Holtzclaw, Wm. G. Johnson, Billington Sanders Walker, George T. Wilburn.
- 1848. Carlos W. Stevens, Wm. D. Atkinson, Wm. B. Bennett, John W. Burney, Malcolm D. Jones, Dickerson H. Sanders, Hillman Williams.
- 1849. Varney A. Gaskill, Thos B. Cooper, Noah K. Davis, John T. Stephens, Wm. H. Swanson.

KEY TO THE
Map of Penfield



1. SITE OF THE L. L. ANDREWS HOUSE

All of L. L. Andrews' sons attended Mercer: Jack Lumpkin, '56; J. Davis, '56; Jos. R., '58; Cicero C. and George W. Andrews. Jack L. Andrews taught at the Male Academy.

2. HOUSE OF THE REV. LEWIS BROOKS

I. L. Brooks was one of the 26 contributors to the Josiah Penfield Fund in 1829; principal of the Female Academy; one of the "12 apostles of Baptist education in Georgia;" a Mercer Trustee, 1840-45; a member of the Ocmulgee Ass'n; a participant in the organization of the Baptist church in Washington, Ga., 1827. He was born in Rockingham County, N. C., in 1793, the son of Jonathan and Ann (Lewis) Brooks of Spotsylvania County, Va., and grandson of the Rev. Iverson Lewis, a prominent Baptist minister of King and Queen County, Va. He was of the class of 1817, University of N. C.

Mrs. Amasa Kellam once occupied this house.

This house is now the home of James W. Colclough.

3. SITE OF THE JOSEPH E. WILLET HOUSE

J. E. Willet, '46, was founder of the Berzelius Society at Yale, and Professor of Chemistry and Natural Science at Mercer, 1847-93. In 1851 he married Emily, daughter of the Rev. Billington M. Sanders. Their sons are: Nathaniel L., '70, and Hugh M. Willet now president of the Mercer Board of Trustees.

4. SITE OF THE PHILIP B. ROBINSON HOUSE

P. B. Robinson, '54, was both judge and minister; he served as Mercer Trustee, 1866-78, and as com-

mencement orator in 1868. His sons (Lewis B., Thos. W., Wm. A., and Philip B. Robinson, Jr.) attended Mercer.

Wm. H. H. Branch, '59, and Chas. B. Harris, '61, boarded at this house.

5. THE JAMES M. LANKFORD HOUSE (Corner of Watson Spring Road)

6. THE WILLIAM B. JOHNSON HOUSE (On Watson Spring Road)

W. B. Johnson's five sons (Albert T., '61, Wm. H., L. D., Jas. M. and Oscar B. Johnson) attended Mercer.

7. THE CHENEY-BOSWELL HOUSE (Watson Spring Road)

8. THE B. E. SPENCER HOUSE

B. E. Spencer's son, Alvah B. Spencer, '59, was killed in the War Between the States.

9. THE JAMES RABUN SANDERS HOUSE

J. R. Sanders married Cornelia, daughter of Absalom Janes, a Mercer Trustee. Two of their sons were the Rev. Rabun Clifford, '68, and Jeremiah Sanders, '70. His house is now owned by Jeremiah Sanders' daughter, Mrs. Annie Sanders Hendricks, of Charleston, S. C.

10. THE SHELTON P. SANFORD HOUSE

S. P. Sanford was Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, 1839-91. (During the War, Mercer's faculty was reduced to three members: Pres. N. M. Crawford, and Professors Sanford and Willet.—Sanford's birthplace, two miles east of Greensboro, is still standing). In 1840 he married Maria Dickerman, who taught music in the Female Academy. Their son, Charles V. Sanford, was graduated in '67, and their daughter Anna married the Rev. A. J. Cheeves, '62. A grandson, Steadman V. Sanford, '90, is now president of the University of Georgia.

Among the students who once boarded at this house were: T. B. Cooper, '50, and E. J. Greene, '52.

The house is now the home of Robert Callaway.

11. SITE OF THE JOHN G. HOLTZCLAW HOUSE

J. G. Holtzclaw's two sons (Jesse A., '56, and John Holtzclaw were students at Mercer.—Among the students who boarded at this house were: Robt. N. Ely, '54; J. O. Hixon, '56; R. V. Forrester, '58; Fred A. Beasley, '58; Jesse and Simon M. Asbury, '54; and Oliver M. and Richard H. Harris, '61.

12. MRS. C. A. LAWRENCE'S BOARDING HOUSE

Mrs. Lawrence's son, Wm. E. Lawrence, attended Mercer. Among the many students who boarded here were: H. H. Bunn, '50; T. F. Faulkner, '51; F. C. Shropshire, '51; A. T. Spalding, '51; W. Bunn, '51; Rich'd H. Sapp, '52; Jno. R. Brown, '54; Judson C. Sapp, '54; Vincent T. Sanford, '54; Jno. W. Brinson, '55; Geo. M. Patterson, '55; Jas. A. Simmons, of Claiborne Parish, La., '55; J. Dozier Brome, '56; Jas. G. and M. P. Cain, '56; Mitchell Jones, '56; W. T. H. Scott, '56; Robt. J. Boyd, '57; Marshall J. Clark, '58; Edward J. Coates, '58; Wm. L. McMurray, '58; Wm. H. Patterson, '58; Wm. H. Baldy, '59; J. Madison Granberry, of Grenada, Miss., '60; Beverly M. Henry, '60; W. S. Beadles, '61; J. S. Bunn, '61; Wm. W. Cheney, '61; Jas. B. Darby, '61; J. B. Goodwin, '61; Geo. A. Granberry, '61; Geo. T. McCord, '61; R. M. Preston, '61; Priamos W. Jones, '61.

13. BEASLEY'S HOTEL

J. G. Beasley was proprietor of the hotel. Many students boarded here, and here many families visiting during commencement found entertainment.

On this site was a house occupied for a while by Dr. J. L. Dagg, until the President's House was completed in 1845. Here also lived Peter Northen until his home on E. Main St. was built. Dr. Neeson resided here for a time.

14. SITE OF THE SHALER GRANBY HILLYER HOUSE

Rev. S. G. Hillyer was Principal of the Female Academy, 1844-45, Professor of Belles-Lettres, 1847-56, and Professor of Theology, 1859-62; he was also a Mercer Trustee, 1838-51.

He married (2) Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. J. L. Dagg, President of Mercer. His brother Junius was a member of Congress, and a Trustee of Mercer, 1842-54. His sons were George, '54, Shaler, '61, and F. Lorraine Hillyer, '61.

In this house boarded W. W. Gwin, '50; Henry T. Wimberly, '53; Eden Taylor, '54; and Fred F. Wimberly, '55.

15. SITE OF THE ASBURY-HARRIS HOUSE

Richard T. Asbury, '47, was Principal of the Female Academy, 1853-55, and President of Monroe Female College. He married Kate Peteet.

W. L. M. Harris, M. D., '50, was Principal of Mercer Academy, 1852-53. Four of his sons were ministers (Wm. M., R. E. L., J. A., and J. O. Harris); and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Harris Armour, a W. C. T. U. leader.

Among the students who boarded at this house were: Brantley M. Callaway, a Trustee of Mercer 1881-1902; Robt. W. Everett, '59; Jas. C. Browne, '59; Elijah B. Taylor, '59; and Jos. W. Cabiniss, '60.

16. THE FEMALE ACADEMY

The Academy was established in 1838. Among the principals were: Rev. Smith, 1838; Wm. C. Richards, 1839; Benj. O. Pierce, 1840; Thos. B. Slade, 1841-2; Rev. Iverson L. Brooks, 1843-4; Rev. Shaler Hillyer, 1845-; Geo. Y. Browne, 1848-; P. S. Whitman, 1850-52; Rich'd T. Asbury, 1853-55. The Academy became a town school after 1855.

The building is now the home of Miss Jimmie Colclough.

17. SITE OF THE A. M. LANSDELL HOUSE

Winfield Lansdell, son of A. M. Lansdell, attended Mercer.

18. THE GREENE-MARTIN HOUSE

Lemuel Greene served as a Trustee of Mercer Institute, of Mercer University (1838-42), and of the Female Academy (1839-). His son, L. D. Greene was a Mercer student.

The Rev. Thomas D. Martin, '43, and his wife, Sarah Northen (daughter of Peter) resided here.

Some students boarded at this house, among them being: W. B. Gallman, Hinds County, Miss., '50; J. D. Mathews, '53; David W. Lester, '54; W. P. McKellar, '54; Wm. H. Cocroft, '57; Rufus E. Lester, '57; Thad C. McLendon, '57; Sam N. Chapman, '59.

19. SITE OF THE JAMES DAVANT HOUSE

James Davant was a Trustee of Mercer Institute, of Mercer University (1838-42), and of the Female Academy. Four of his sons attended Mercer: Philip E., '53, Robt. P., Chester, and George S. Davant.

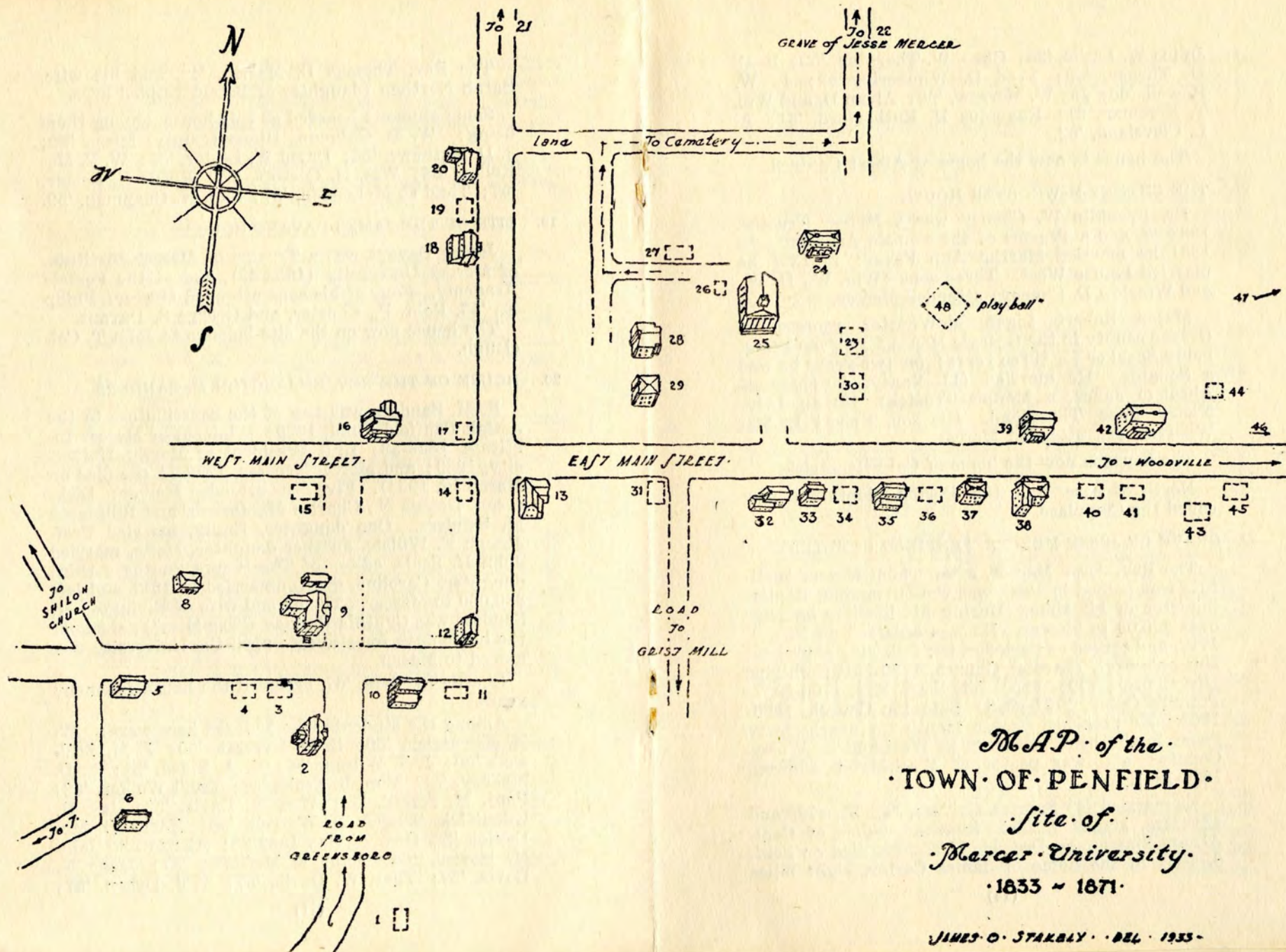
The house now on the site belongs to John T. Colclough.

20. HOUSE OF THE REV. BILLINGTON M. SANDERS

B. M. Sanders was one of the contributors to the Josiah Penfield Fund, 1829; principal of Mercer Institute, 1833-38; first President of Mercer University, 1839; and Mercer Trustee, 1839-54 (he died on March 12, 1854). Five sons attended Mercer: Dickerson, Dennis N., Charles M., Joseph, and Billington M. Sanders. One daughter, Emily, married Prof. Joseph E. Willet; another daughter, Molly, married John H. Seals, editor of *The Sunny South*; a third daughter, Caroline, died unmarried in 1917 and left \$30,000 to Mercer. The second wife of Billington M. Sanders was Cynthia Holiday ("Ole Miss"); she kept the home open for students until the University was moved to Macon.

Charlie Sanders, '67, occupied the house for many years.

Among the students who boarded here were: W. H. Kilpatrick, '50; S. D. Everett, '50; J. M. Stillwell, '50; J. F. Wilson, '50; E. A. Steed, '51; R. D. Mallary, '51; Wm. B. Seals, '52; Dan'l Walker, '52; Benj. M. Polhill, '52; Wm. H. Davis, '53; Jas. H. Kilpatrick, '53; A. S. Worrell, '55; Henry D. McDaniel, '56, Gov. of Ga., 1883-86; Alonzo and John M. Howell, '56; John T. McGinty, '57; Isaac N. Davis, '57; Thos. W. Davis, '57; T. J. Dyson, '57;



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TOWN OF PENFIELD.
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Julius W. Leslie, '58; Chas. W. Thornton, '59; Benj. M. Turner, '59; Fred D. Wimberly, '59; L. W. Howell, '60; Jas W. Morrow, '60; Alvan D. and Wm. T. Freeman, 61; Eugenius H. Rutherford, '61; Al L. Cleveland, '62.

The house is now the home of Albert Cantrell.

21. THE CHENEY-McWHORTER HOUSE

Dr. Franklin W. Cheney was a Mercer Trustee, 1838-42, and a Trustee of the Female Academy. In 1831 he married Martha Ann Faver; in 1851 he married Louise West. Three sons (Wm. W., D. W., and Winslow D. Cheney) attended Mercer.

Major Robert Ligon McWhorter represented Greene county in the Georgia House for eleven years, being Speaker for three years; for two years he was a Senator. He married (1) Nancy, daughter of Absalom Janes, a Mercer Trustee; (2) in 1849, Nancy Pope Thurmond. His son, Robert L. McWhorter, Jr., attended Mercer.

The house is now the home of Cal Fitzpatrick.

North of here was the Porter plantation, now called the Cox place.

22. GRAVE OF JESSE MERCER, PENFIELD CEMETERY

The Rev. Jesse Mercer, after whom Mercer Institute was named in 1833, was the outstanding Baptist minister of his time. During his lifetime he gave over \$40,00 to Mercer. He was ordained on Nov. 7, 1789, and served as pastor of the following churches: Hutton's Fork (Sardis) Church, 1789-1817; Phillips Mill Church, 1796-1835; Whatley's Mill, 1796-1827; Powell's Creek, 1797-1825; Eatonton Church, 1820-1826. He preached once a month for nearly forty years in the brick academy in Washington, Wilkes County; and was pastor of Washington Church, 1828-1841.

He married (1) Sabrina Chivers, Jan. 31, 1788 and (2) Mrs. Nancy (Mills) Simons, widow of Capt. Abram Simons, on Dec. 11, 1827. He died on Sept. 6, 1841 in the home of James Carter, eight miles

north of Indian Springs, Butts County; his body was brought to Penfield to the home of Absalom Janes.

23. SITE OF THE OLD CHAPEL

Built in 1833, of wood, with a brick basement story the Old Chapel was "a large commodious building 48x36 ft., 2 stories high"; the total cost was \$1500. The Chapel was the meeting house of the Penfield Baptist Church from 1839; it was also used as a dormitory; later it was moved to Woodville, where it still stands. It is now a private residence.

24. THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

Original site of Steward's Hall, built 1834-5, occupied by Peter Northen, 1840-44. It was enlarged in 1845 for the home of the President, Dr. J. L. Dagg, who occupied it until 1854. To the right once stood the brick dining hall, built in 1833, which burned in 1843.

This house was erected in 1857, during the presidency of Dr. N. M. Crawford. It was occupied by Pres. Crawford, and later by Pres. H. H. Tucker, until the removal of Mercer to Macon.

Among the students who boarded in this house were: J. P. Hildrup, of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, 1857-61; W. J. Brown, '61; Geo. T. Burch, '61; Chas. A. Hawkins, '61; Lewis G. Crawford, '62; Edward C. Everett, '62; Merrel Callaway, '62, and his brothers (Henry, a junior in '62, James, '68, and I. T. Callaway, '70); Frank H. Colley, '67.

After Mercer was moved to Macon, the house was used as a home for the Principals of Mercer High School, among them the Rev. J. Sanders Callaway, who occupied it for thirty years.

25. THE CHAPEL

Built by David Demarest, the building was completed in 1845 at a cost of \$6,794, which was paid from the Town Lot Fund. It is now the Penfield Baptist Church building. In 1848 a Memorial Tablet to the Rev. Jesse Mercer was placed in the Chapel.

26. SITE OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

27. SITE OF THE BRICK DORMITORY

Erected in 1848-50, the three-story building, 50x90 feet, had twenty rooms and was built at a cost of \$7,600; after the removal of Mercer to Macon it was torn down. It was used by faculty members and their families, among them being the Rev. P. H. Mell, the Rev. Wm. Williams, Prof. U. W. Wise, and Prof. Brantley. Many students also lived here; a few of them were: J. G. Ryals, '51; Geo. R. McCall, '53; DeWitt Williams, '54; John T. Hand, '56; Jas. W. Arnold, '57; Wm. J. Stokes, '57; Jarvis G. Johnson, '59; A. Monroe Marshall, '60; Moses N. McCall, Jr., '60; A. J. Cheves, '62; Wm. O. Tuggle, '62.

28. THE SCIENCE HALL

Completed in 1853, the Science Hall contained a laboratory, a museum for geological specimens (these were under the direction of Prof. Joseph E. Willet), the library, and several class rooms. It now houses the Penfield Grammar School.

29. CICERONIAN LITERARY SOCIETY HALL

The Society was organized in 1834 and used a wooden building until this was replaced by the present structure in 1848. The lower floor was occupied by students.

30. SITE OF THE PHI DELTA LITERARY SOCIETY HALL

Organized in August 1834, the Society used a small wooden Hall, built in 1836; this was replaced in 1860 by a very handsome building, having a cupola.

Students occupied the first floor.

31. SITE OF COLCLOUGH AND SHARP'S STORE (Recently burned)

Wm. A. Colclough and A. B. Sharp, merchants, had the leading general store in Penfield. Their sons attended Mercer.

The bookstore of Rev. Wm. C. Richards was located here.

32. MRS. STOW'S BOARDING HOUSE

Mrs. Stow's son, Elijah, attended Mercer. A few of the students who boarded here were: Edgar Jewell, '53; T. E. Daniel, '53; Jos. H. Malone, '53; L. L. Galt, '54; J. W. Watson, '54; Geo. H. Daniel, '55; Jas. M. Griffin, '55; Jos. Shackelford, of Potosi, Miss., '55, who married Ann C. Stow; Mirabeau Binion, '56. Adiel S. Moncrief boarded here while attending the Academy.

This house was once occupied by Dr. J. G. Randle.

33. MRS. SARAH ASBURY'S BOARDING HOUSE

Among the students boarding here were: John C. Binns, '56; Chas. E. Smith, '56; John M. Knuckolls, '57; Mirabeau B. Swanson, '57; John W. Wright, '57.

The house is now the home of Earle Mullins.

34. SITE OF THE LEWIS BARRET CALLAWAY HOUSE

The lot was bought in March 1862 from the Rev. L. R. L. Jennings, '50.

L. B. Callaway's son, Benjamin L., attended Mercer, class of '58.

Some of the students boarding here were: Wm. L. Tuggle; Otis S. Thornton; B. F. Branwell; Palmon King; and Lemuel L. Callaway, of Wharton, Texas.

35. THE JAMES ARMSTRONG HOUSE

The house was moved from the Campus to this site. It is now the home of R. S. Mullins.

36. CHRISTIAN INDEX AND TEMPERANCE BANNER

The **Index** and **Banner** were printed in a building once standing on this site. The **Index** was bought by the Rev. Jesse Mercer and published in Washington, Georgia, 1833-40; it was given by him to the Georgia Baptist Convention in 1840, in which year it was moved to Penfield. On its steam-power press the catalogs of Mercer were printed. Among its

editors were: W. H. Stokes, 1840-42; J. S. Baker, 1843-49; John F. Dagg, 1850-55; T. D. Martin, 1856. It was moved to Macon in January, 1857.

37. THE A. B. SHARP HOUSE

This house was built in 1845. A. B. Sharp married Matilda, daughter of Peter Northen. Their sons, Gus and Jack, were Mercer students.

Among the students who boarded here were: J. H. Coburn, '53; S. D. Paschal, '54; Jesse M. Campbell, '55; Thomas G. Lawson, '55; Cooper C. Campbell, '59; Abner B. and Chas. D. Campbell, '60; Z. J. Edmondson, '60; Eugene S. Mitchell, '60; Wm. S. Neel, '60; Charles T. Furlow, '60; Robt. V. and Frank Hardeman of Clinton, sophomore and freshmen, in 1860.

The house is now the home of S. S. English.

38. THE PETER NORTHEN HOUSE (Remodeled)

In 1840 Peter Northen moved from Jones County to Penfield, where he served Mercer as Steward and Supervisor of manual labor, 1840-44, and the Baptist Convention as Treasurer, 1845-52; in 1861-62 he was Captain of Company D, 5th Ga. Regiment, C. S. A. He was born in North Carolina in 1794, the son of Wm. and Margaret Northen. In 1817 he married Louisa, daughter of Abner Davis, of Jones county.

Their son was William J. Northen, who was born in Jones County in 1835 (died in 1913, in Atlanta). He went to Penfield with his father in 1840, was graduated at Mercer in '53, served Mercer as a Trustee, 1869-1913, and was Governor of Georgia, 1890-94. On Dec. 19, 1860, he married Martha M. Neel, of Mt. Zion, Hancock county.

A few of the students who boarded here were: L. R. L. Jennings, of Sussex County, Va., '50; W. J. Arrington, '50; W. H. Clark, '50; Abner R. Callaway (for three years, 1849-52); R. B. Hubbard, '51, Governor of Texas, U. S. Minister to Japan; and S. N. Winkler, '53.

The house is now the home of Mrs. E. L. Leech.

39. THE DR. ROBERT J. MASSEY HOUSE

Dr. Massey was a leading physician during Mercer's Penfield era.—R. R. F. Prior, '59, boarded at this house, now the home of Mrs. Minnie Boswell.

40. SITE OF THE CRAWFORD-TUCKER HOUSE

Prof. Nathaniel Macon Crawford lived in this house before he became Mercer's fourth president, (1854-56 and 1858-65, during which time he lived in the President's House). He was a Trustee, 1845- and Professor of Theology, 1847-54. He was born in 1811, the son of the Honorable Wm. H. Crawford and Susanna Girardin; he married Anne K. Lazer. His brother, Wm. B. Crawford, was Professor of Chemistry, 1846-54, and his sons, Wm. H. and Lewis G. Crawford, attended Mercer.

Prof. Henry Holcombe Tucker lived in this house until he was elected the fifth president of Mercer (1866-71), when he moved to the President's House. He was Professor of English and Metaphysics, 1856-62. Born in 1819, in Warren County, Georgia, the son of Germain and Frances Henrietta (Holcombe) Tucker, he was reared in Philadelphia, and died in 1889 in Atlanta.

41. SITE OF THE ABSALOM JANES HOUSE

Absalom Janes was a Mercer Trustee from 1833 until his death in 1847; Treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, 1836-45. He moved from his plantation to Penfield in 1839. In 1816 he married Cordelia Callaway. Their son, Dr. Thomas P. Janes, lived in this house. Their daughter Mary married the Rev. James G. Ryals, '51; another daughter married R. L. McWhorter, who lived here for a time; a third daughter married James R. Sanders. The Rev. Jesse Mercer was buried (1841) in the Absalom Janes lot, near the grave of Mrs. Janes' mother, Winifred (Ragan) Callaway.

This house was later the home of Prof. William George Woodfin, Professor of Ancient Languages, 1856-78, who owned a plantation at Daniel Springs,

on North Little River. He married Susan Helen, another daughter of Absalom and Cordelia (Callaway) Janes.

42. MRS. L. A. MACON'S BOARDING HOUSE

Mrs. Macon's sons (George E., '57, Junius M. '58, and E. H. Macon) were Mercer students.

Some of the students who boarded at this house were: J. T. Bowden, '51; P. S. Bonner, '53; J. T. Clark, '53; J. A. Dennard, '54; Oliver S. Porter, (in his freshman year, 1854); J. T. Glover, '56; Alonzo H. Freeman, '58; Allen F. Holt, '60; Allen D. Candler (in his junior year in 1858); Geo. W. Wimberly, '58.

The house is now the home of Miss Ellie Boswell.

43. SITE OF THE MALE ACADEMY OR PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Academy was separated from the University in 1847, and discontinued in 1858. Its principals were: Thomas D. Martin, 1843-51, 1854-55; Wm. L. M. Harris, 1852-53; Thomas A. Seals, 1856; Jack Lumpkin Andrews and John T. McGinty, 1857; John T. McGinty and Adrian S. Morgan, 1858.

44. SITE OF THE RICHARDS-PHELPS HOUSE (Recently burned)

The Rev. Wm. C. Richards was editor of *Georgia Illustrated* and *Orion*, magazines published in Penfield in 1839-40, respectively. His son, H. H. Richards, attended Mercer.

Ansel B. Phelps married (1) Mrs. Mary (Burnley) Seals. Their sons (Ansel B. Jr. and Charles M. Phelps) were Mercer students. He married (2) Sabrina, daughter of Luke J. Callaway.

Several of the students who boarded here were: John H. Seals, '54; Thos. A. Seals, '56; T. J. Pinson, '56; R. D. Seals, '59; John T. Blount, '60; Saml. P. Callaway (sophomore in '61).

45. SITE OF THE JAMES T. BLAIN HOUSE

J. T. Blain was the printer of the **Christian Index** and the **Temperance Bannar**. His sons, James S., '56, and William, attended Mercer.

46. THE NATHAN HOBBS HOUSE

Nathan Hobbs was Postmaster during part of Mercer's Penfield era. One of his daughters was (1) Mrs. Jackson C. Phelps, (2) Mrs. Jas. L. Tarwater. In 1852 Jackson C. Phelps resided on the corner of Davis and Marshall streets. J. L. Tarwater's home was between No. 17 and No. 18. Another daughter was Mrs. Jenkins.

47. THE J. H. ENGLISH HOUSE (On hill beyond the town)

J. H. English's sons (H. J., H. D., Henry H., and James N. English) were Mercer students.

Two of the many students who boarded here were John W. Ellington, '58, and Algernon S. Mitchell, '59.

48. SITE OF THE COLLEGE BASEBALL DIAMOND