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FINE OLD WITHERSPOON HOME — The century old home of Miss Lesslie Witherspoon in York is one of the landmarks in a town that is full of fine old architecture. (Herald Photo.)

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Witherspoon Home In York Was Built For President Of Railway

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Miss Lesslie Witherspoon's fine old home on North Congress street in York was built before

1855 and probably later than 1950.

It was built for Col. William Wright, president of the Kings Mountain Railroad, the first rail-

road built in Yorkville, as the town was then called.

Miss Margaret E. Wright, niece and adopted daughter of Col. Wright became the wife of Judge Isaac Donnom Witherspoon, a member of the famed "Wallace" house of 1876. Judge Witherspoon is credited as being to York County what Gen. Wade Hampton was to South Carolina.

Margaret E. Wright Witherspoon and Judge Witherspoon lived in the home all their married life. They had three children, an infant who died, a son William Witherspoon, who died about 20 years ago and a daughter, Miss Lesslie Witherspoon.

Mrs. Witherspoon was a great lover of flowers and introduced to the grounds of the fine old home some rare plants. Today the home stands on a shaded rise with many huge oaks and flowering shrubs around it.

The beautiful house with its priceless furnishings has been Miss Lesslie's home for her entire life.

The exterior is featured by chimneys that rise within the walls of the house and by a porch around the entire front of the home. The big kitchen that once stood removed from the house has been connected now with an enclosed passageway.

The hospitable rooms are furnished with pieces brought by Miss Lesslie's Donnom ancestors from the Waxhaw section. Still in place are the fine old bronze gas chandeliers, now wired for electricity. A massive breakfront cabinet holds fragile china and cut glass.

Miss Witherspoon was the first president of the Kings Mountain Battle Ground Association and is active in club, church and community work in York.