

# Hightower House/ Hospital Burn

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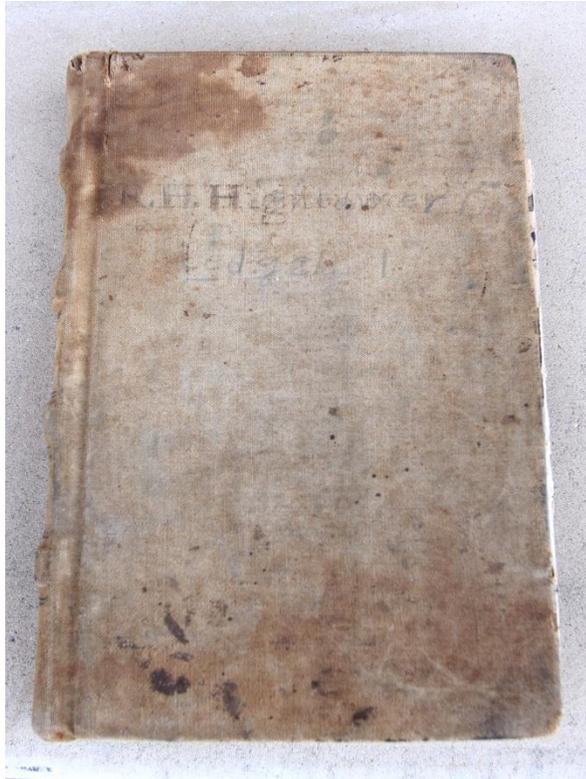
Hightower  
House/  
Hospital  
built in or  
around 1844

117 East Atlanta Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281

## Richard House Hightower Sr. (March 4, 1820 - July 3, 1897)

- ❖ Richard House Hightower Sr. was born to parents **Raleigh (1799-1853)** and **Betsy House (1800-1850)** in Royston, Franklin, Georgia.
- ❖ The family moved to the Henry County, Stockbridge area in 1825 where they owned over 600 acres.
- ❖ James T. Henry of Stockbridge once wrote about a story he had heard about Dr. Hightower at this time in his life. The “mayor” at the time Mr. Fox Askew was developing a proposal to build streets in Stockbridge. Dr. Hightower started to build his home where Mr. Askew was planning on building a street. So the story goes that when Dr. Hightower started his home, Mr. Askew went to him and said, “Dick, do you know that you are building your house in the street?” Dr. Hightower’s answer was, “Well now Foxy, do you think there is anyone in Stockbridge who is big enough to make me move it?” Dr. Hightower went ahead and built his house and Mr. Askew never used his proposed plan, (there is no records to indicate whether this story is true or not).
- ❖ On February 18, 1849 Richard Sr. married **Mary Anne Chapman (1833-1897)**. Some of their children included:
  - **Richard House Hightower Jr.**
  - **Oscar**
  - **Ida**
  - **Buna**
- ❖ During the 1850’s the family lived in the Atlanta, Dekalb County area.
- ❖ In 1860 though, the family had moved back to the Stockbridge area and Richard Sr. was appointed as the 13<sup>th</sup> Sheriff of Henry County. He served as Sheriff until 1862 when he resigned and moved to the Jonesboro, Clayton County area to open a drug store.
- ❖ During this time the Civil War had started. Richard Sr. would serve as a Captain in Co. I, 4<sup>th</sup> Georgia Militia (Phillip’s Brigade) and also Co. H, 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia State Troops, where it is thought that he was the Medical Doctor He was wounded in the head around 1865.
- ❖ After the war was over Dr. Hightower moved back to Henry County where he was appointed Sheriff for a second term in 1866. He served until 1868 and in 1871 was reappointed for his 3<sup>rd</sup> and final term.
- ❖ Dr. Hightower opened the first drug store in Stockbridge and lived the rest of his life here as well. He is buried at Stockbridge United Methodist Church (formerly Old Concord Methodist Church).





For Fits  
R Bromide Potash  
Bromide Ammonia  
Iodide Potash  
Carb Potash  
Infusion of Columbo  
Sig Take one tea spoon full  
Morning Noon and Night  
and <sup>Take</sup> three tea spoons full  
at bed time

VERMONT  
MONTPELIER

at bed time  
 Dr Harlan's Prescription  
 To Make a fretful Baby rest  
 R Fr Assafoetida . . . . . j Teaspoon  
 Laudanum 40 Minims XL Minims  
 Dose Give half drop in water every  
 four hours until rest is obtained

Cure For Itter  
 R Crésot  
 Apple Vinegar  
 Spts Turpentine  
 Sig apply with a feather  
 three times per day until cured  
 j  
 j  
 20 drops

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 Stockbridge Ga Dec<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 This certifies that Richard W Hightower is the holder  
 of One Share of the Capital Stock of the Stockbridge  
 High School Company on which Ten Dollars  
 per share has been paid, standing in his name  
 on the Books of said Company at the date here  
 of  
 S. W. McWilliams President

Ida Hightower Grant  
Richard House Hightower Sr.'s daughter

William Florence Grant  
Worked for the RR. One night someone  
Came in and shot him in the back of the head  
one night at the Old Train Dept in Stockbridge.

Lenora Grant Pullin

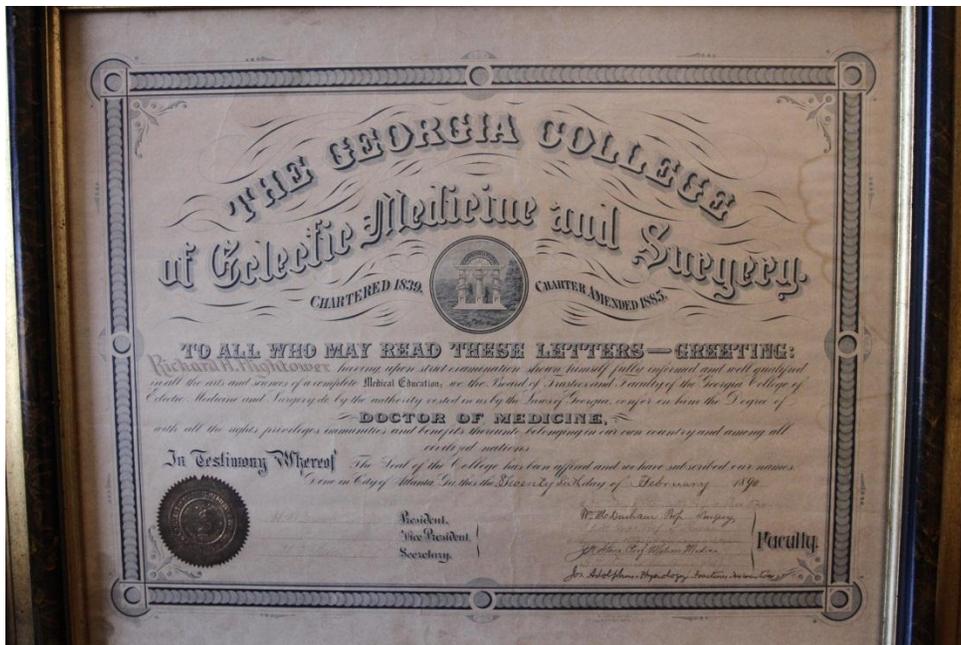
William was also the son of  
Benjamin Grant, one of the  
forst settler's in Stockbridge.

Virginia Grant Callaway  
(Stockbridge's postmaster - retired in 1963)



## Richard House Hightower Jr. (January of 1865 - 1915)

- ❖ Richard House Hightower Jr. was the son of Richard Sr. and Mary Hightower.
- ❖ He was born in Henry County.
- ❖ He married **Martha E. Henderson (August 21, 1867-May 16, 1928)** on August 24, 1885.
- ❖ They had 7 children:
  - **John Walter Hightower**, born in October of 1887.
    - His son **Clinton**, September 22, 1878 – June 23, 1900 (died at 18 in the Camp Creek Train Wreck in 1900).
  - **Beulah L. Hightower**, born October 28, 1890.
  - **James Raleigh Hightower**, May 20 1896 - 1945
  - **Anderson Hightower**, March 22, 1894 – January 7, 1932.
  - **Richard House Hightower III**, January 10, 1898 – December 25, 1965.
  - **Mary Ann Hightower**
    - **Mary Bohannon**
      - **Brenda Payne** (contributed the Ledger of Dr. Hightower)
      - **Linda Bohannon**
      - **Tommy Bohannon**
      - **Larry Bohannon**
    - **Martha Landrum**
    - **Jimmie Vanderlip**
  - **Cora Betts Hightower**
- ❖ Richard Jr. was also a doctor. He died from a gunshot wound he received while serving and is buried in the same cemetery as his father.





## James (Jim) Raleigh Hightower (May 20, 1896 - 1945)

- ❖ The son of Richard Jr., James was a Georgia Electrician (IC1 in the US Navy). He then worked for Southern Railway until he was severely burned and died 3 days later from his injuries.
- ❖ James had one son with wife **Ward McWilliams**,
  - **Sam Hightower (1931-1975)**.
    - Sam followed in his grandfather and great grandfather's footsteps and also became a doctor. He was a neurologist in Macon, Georgia.
    - Sam married **Mary Hawkins Anderson** \* and they had 4 children:
      - **John West Hightower**, born in 1958. He is an anesthesiologist in Macon.\*
      - **David Wright Hightower**, born in 1961.
      - **Sam James Jr.**, born in 1956.
      - **Marion**, born in 1955.

## Richard House Hightower (January 10, 1898 – December 25, 1965)

- ❖ Married **Falma Funderburk**, they had 3 sons:
  - **Richard H. Hightower IV (Tubby)**, born July 16 1922. He had 3 daughters:
    - **Mary Elizabeth Hightower Hancock\***
      - **Oscar Isiah Hancock Jr**
      - **Karen Renee Hancock Campbell**
      - **Keith Meldon Hancock**
    - **Elissa Hightower Johnson\***
      - **Anissa Davina Studley\*** (speaking and starting fire)
      - **Chasa Reanna Roydes**
      - **Candyce Johnson**
      - **Ann Mcgahey**
    - **Sonya Jari Barnett**
      - **Tony Richard**
      - **Jason Randall**
  - **Carl Aven Hightower**, April 27, 1927 – October 19, 2001. He had 2 daughters:
    - **Pamela Kimsey**
    - **Patrice Marie Swords**
  - **William Ausley Hightower**, March 22, 1924 – October 1968. He had 3 sons:
    - **William (Bill) Ausley Hightower\***
    - **Michael Owen Hightower**, April 10, 1956 - February 19, 2009.
    - **Richard Bradley Hightower**
      - Daughter, **Ginger Hightower**



right) Great Granddaughter of Richard Hightower Jr.



Falma Hightower (far left),  
Edythe Owen, William A. Hightower Sr., Richard House Hightower III (Far right)

**\*Indicates they are present at today's events\*\*There are still many great and great great grandchildren that still live in and around the Henry County area.**