

# Mrs. Andrew McConnell January And Richard January

MRS. ANDREW McCONNELL JANUARY (1799-1867)  
(Sarah Huston)

and RICHARD JANUARY (1842-1855)

That the Hustons were active in the early years of Lexington's history may be inferred from the election of Sarah Huston's father, William Huston, as a town trustee in 1802. He kept a store there, and his son, Robert, owned one of four steam mills in 1818, inspired, no doubt, by Edward West's successful invention of the steam boat in 1794.

Sarah, one of seven children of William, 1766-1838, and Elizabeth Braxton Huston, 1769-1833, was born at Lexington. On December 31, 1816, she was married there to Andrew M. January, a rising young silversmith, and moved with him to Maysville two years later. There her husband is said to have had a hand in every enterprise of worth in his church, and in the town, including an interest in a cotton mill established in 1834. Mrs. January's position as the wife of the first president of the Maysville Bank, oldest in Kentucky, was a socially secure one. Yet, she was not exempt from the experiences and sorrows common to mothers of her day. Of her thirteen children, four died in less than two months, three of them at one time from cholera, in 1833.

Little Richard, too, failed to reach maturity. The annals of the Maysville Presbyterian Church record that he gave the first dollar subscribed for the erection of the present church building in 1850.