

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE JOHN E. LADSON, JR. HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Mr. Ladson is the organizer and founder of the John E. Ladson, Jr. Historical and Genealogical Foundation. At present Mr. Ladson is Chairman of the Board and a Director of the Foundation. Included in the gifts to the Foundation are some 18,000 to 20,000 books on genealogy, various state and county histories, church histories, family histories, etc.
2. Mr. Ladson is one of the charter members of the Huxford Genealogical Society, Homerville, Georgia, in southwest Georgia. He served as Chairman of the Board of the Huxford Genealogical Society for two terms.
3. Mr. Ladson has been a member of the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah, Georgia, for the past 30 years. He has served as Curator several times and is at present serving as a Curator. He has also been active in helping the Georgia Historical Society acquire books for their collection and is at present serving on the Georgia Historical Society's Genealogical Committee.
4. Mr. Ladson owns and has furnished the building which at present is housing the genealogical library collection. He completely furnished the library building and has made the library accessible to researchers without any fees or charges for its use. He also furnished a large living room, dining room, and kitchen capable of seating 150 people or more and he makes the facility available to the D. A. R. and other organizations for meetings, dinner parties, etc.
5. Mr. Ladson has been most interested in making available to the researching public old and out of print genealogical periodicals that heretofore have not been available. He has rendered invaluable service to the Southern Historical Press in Easley, South Carolina, by furnishing his own copies of old and out of print books which the Southern Historical Press badly needed to reprint and make available to the public.
6. Mr. Ladson has furnished the library living room, dining room, kitchen, and hallways in beautiful old 18th and 19th century antiques. These lovely pieces of art are enjoyed by all those who visit the library. These objects of art include old Chippendale, Queen Anne, and Empire Period desks, table, oil paintings, portraits, rugs, etc. The library is considered somewhat of a showplace to be enjoyed by those who frequent the facility.
7. Mr. Ladson has furnished an office directly across the hall from the library and makes himself available to anyone who is doing research in the library and who needs some advice, help, and guidance in their research. He willingly offers his assistance to one and all who come to the library in quest of information and data.

8. Mr. Ladson has served in the past on the Board of Directors of the Vidalia Chamber of Commerce, has been on the Vidalia Civic Beautification Committee for fourteen years, and has been on the Vidalia City Planning Commission and Zoning Board for the past ten years.
9. Mr. Ladson is a member of the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati, Raleigh, N. C.; The Society of Colonial Wars, Savannah, Ga.; Sons of the Revolution, Savannah, Ga.; First Families of South Carolina, Charlestown, S. C.; The English Speaking Union, Savannah, Ga.; The Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, Savannah, Ga.; The Augusta Genealogical Society, Augusta, Ga.; and some other fifteen state historical societies.
10. Mr. Ladson's social clubs are the Vidalia Country Club, Vidalia, Ga.; The Savannah Yacht and Country Club, Savannah, Ga.; The Chatham Club, Savannah, Ga.; and is a past member of the Moultrie Country Club, Moultrie, Ga.
11. Mr. Ladson received his education from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and Duke University, Durham, N. C. He served as a Lieutenant Senior Grade during World War II and received an honorable discharge from the service in 1946. He married Margaret Rilza Brice of Vidalia, Georgia, in 1941, and is the father of John Elzie Ladson, III of Vidalia, Georgia, and Mitchell Brice Ladson of Savannah, Georgia.