



Family of Cornelia (Maddox) & Manasseh B. McGinty.

L-R standing: Manasseh B. Jr., Arthur (twin), , Cornelia Maddox McGinty, Paul P., Ruth and Luther (twin); L-R seated: Lois, Ernest, Manasseh B. McGinty (father), Claude (girl in plaid dress), Ethel & Harry (John Harris).

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McGinty was widowed in 1872 when his wife, Sarah Hodges McGinty, died in Marietta leaving two young children. In 1873 he married Cornelia Maddox, by whom he had ten more children, the youngest of whom was only eight when McGinty died in 1899 in his fifty-ninth year.

McGinty moved to Athens in 1874 when he won the contract to build Moore College. This first major campus building to be erected following the war was financed by a fund drive led by Athens physician Dr. Richard Dudley Moore, whose name the building bears, and was designed by Professor Leon Henri Charbonnier, with whom McGinty would continue to collaborate. The *Southern Watchman* (4 Nov 1874) was effusive in its welcome: "Messrs. Eaves & McGinty, and Homes & Clayton, energetic, intelligent and enterprising builders, and Mr. Carroll, who will superintend the laundry and soap factory – all recently of Cartersville – have determined to cast their lots in our rapidly growing young city. We are pleased to record the advent of such men in our community. They are the sort of men who build up towns and cities – they not only accumulate – but what is better – *create wealth*. We need a thousand more, like them."

While building Moore College, which was initially familiarly called the new "Agricultural Building," McGinty and Co. was also building a brick block at the corner of Thomas and Clayton streets to house stores for Pitner & Brumby, Hampton & Dearing and Cicero Chandler. Three weeks later they broke dirt on another new brick block on Broad Street to consist of four "large and elegant stores, two for Mr. J. W. Collins and two for McGinty & Co." (*Southern*