

Mrs. Dougall

Of "Faraway" Passes In St. Augustine, Fla.

Mrs. Duncan Dougall, who died at her home in St. Augustine, Fla., on March 5 was among the earlier settlers of Highlands. Her household consisted of Miss Carolyn Parker and Dr. Mary E. Lapham, renowned tuberculosis specialist; and several years later an adopted daughter, Miss Valerie Dougall. From the time of their arrival here in 1893 this family formed an integral part of the business, social and civic life of the town.

Like a great many others, this family came to Western North Carolina seeking health; Mrs. Dougall from Winsor, Canada; Miss Barker and Dr. Lapham from Flint, Mich. After staying in Asheville a short time they decided to come to Highlands. The trip was made on horseback and, with camping out on the way, took the greater part of a week. Their baggage was sent by back.

The Davis House, now Tricentmont Terrace, was the home of this family for the first two years, having been recommended to Dr. Lapham by a Detroit throat specialist as a very superior hotel. Another two years were spent in the Heacock house on Fifth street. During this time they purchased a home site on Satulah Mountain. Plans for the house, drawn by themselves, were turned over to Marian Wright, builder, and the family went to Europe while the work was being done. "Faraway", the name chosen for their home here, has from completion been noted for its charming atmosphere, with Mrs. Dougall ever the gracious hostess.

Road conditions being bad in those days, it was only by means of horseback that Dr. Lapham was able to care for her widely scattered practice in addition to her sanatorium here. This being the case, and the fact that the family were all lovers of horseback riding, the stables at "Faraway" held never less than four good saddle horses before the era of automobiles.

Miss Barker's death seventeen years ago was the first in the family. Dr. Lapham, who passed on in January, 1936, was noted for her contributions to the treatment of tuberculosis, and was credited with introducing into this country the Swiss therapy of lungs.

Surviving Mrs. Dougall are her daughter, Miss Valerie Dougall of Highlands and St. Augustine, and one brother, Howard Bloomer, of Detroit, Mich.

Following funeral services in St. Augustine, with the Rev. Fitz-James Hindry officiating, the body was taken to Detroit for burial.