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INVENTORY OF CHURCH ARCHIVES
PICKENS COUNTY

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4. Mt.Carmel- S.B.C.- Dacusville, *village*
5. Pickens First Baptist-SBC- Pickens *main st*
6. Carmel- Pres.U.S.- Rural ?
7. Liberty- Pres.U.S.- Liberty, *main st*
8. Grace Methodist- M.E.S.- Pickens, *main st + Cedar Rock*
9. Mt.Bethel- M.E.S.- Rural ?
10. Six Mile Baptist- SBC- Six Mile, *main st*
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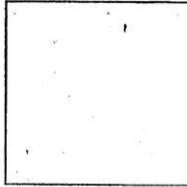
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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
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CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County *Pickens* City or town *Pickens*
2. Name of church *Bethlehem Methodist* Street address *Country*
3. Denomination *Methodist* Date organized *1800 or before*
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct *None*
5. Information as to previous buildings
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated Rebuilt
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building
8. First settled clergyman Tenure
Educational background
9. Minute books (By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization

12. Financial records, if separate

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books)

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication)

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good () Poor () Very poor ()

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church In 1800

Bishop Volney and Bishop W. L. Tatam were passing the mountains near here and spent the night at a wayside home, while here they organized a Bible class, which was later to be converted into a church, then called Tatam's. Since we had in a kind of cabin for a year or two, then a rough log church was built by the community.

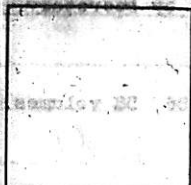
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CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Pickens
2. Name of church First Presbyterian Street address Main Street
3. Denomination Presbyterian (P) Date organized July 27, 1878
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct None
5. Information as to previous buildings Wooden structure partly finished (enough for services to be held) in 1882; small tower, bell and steeple.
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated Nov. 2, 1924. Rebuilt 1925
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building New brick church, no bell, tower, or steeple; modern structure.
8. First settled clergyman Dr. J. R. Riley Tenure From April, 1883-1899 good!
Educational background (C) Unknown.
9. Minute books July, 1878-1929; 1929--; 2 volumes, written in clear handwriting
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
of church clerk, kept in church. good! As this information should be given.
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths Are found in minute books, not complete records however.

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization Ladies' Aid Society organized July 27, 1878. Reorganized in 1921 as Woman's Auxiliary. Year books kept by secretary, 15 volumes; 1921--. *Good!*

12. Financial records, if separate Kept yearly since organization, 1878-1936, 58 volumes. *good!*

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) None

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication) Sketch in J. D. Jones and W. H. Mills, (editors); Presbyterian Church in South Carolina Since 1850. Columbia 1926; pp. 958-60. *Excellent!*

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc. Woman's Auxiliary year books and reports kept in church, from year to year. Kept since organization. Record of finance kept in year books.

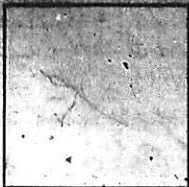
16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent (X) Good () Poor () Very poor ()

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church Prior to the organization of the Presbyterian church, this community was occupied by the Presbyterians as a mission station; beginning 1873, 5 years after division of Pickens District into Pickens and Oconee Counties, visiting preachers and missionaries preached here until 1878, when the church was organized in Methodist church. Before Presbyterian church was built, congregation used Baptist and Methodist churches to meet in.

Excellent.

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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Pickens
2. Name of church First Presbyterian Street address Main St.
3. Denomination Presbyterian Date organized July 27, 1878
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct None
5. Information as to previous buildings First building of wooden structure was partly finished (ready for services to be held) in 1882 - New brick building was finished in 1923.
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated Nov. 2, 1924 Rebuilt 1923
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building First Church was painted white, with small tower, bell, and steeple. New brick church has no bell nor tower or steeple. Modern structure.
8. First settled clergyman Dr. J. R. Riley Tenure From April 1883 for 12 yrs.
Educational background Ordained minister, well educated.
9. Minute books July, 1878 - 1929; 1929 up to present. (By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
And two volumes written in ink by handwriting of church clerk. kept in Church.
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths Are found in Minute books, not complete record however.

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization

Ladies Aid Society organized July 27, 1878. Reorganized in 1921 as ~~Womans~~ ^{Womans} Auxiliary. Year books kept by Secretary 1878-1920 - 16 volumes.

12. Financial records, if separate

1878-1920 - 56 volumes. Kept yearly by the organization. Unusual financial features: - the Church has always met every obligation when due, during the depression.

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) None

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication)

"History of The Presbyterian Church in South Carolina" edited by Rev. F. D. James and Rev. W. H. Miller, Copyrighted in 1926. Over 1,000 pages.

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.

Womans's Auxiliary Year books and reports kept in Church from year to year. Kept since organization. Record of finances kept in year books also.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent (X) Good () .Poor () Very poor ()

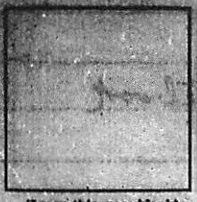
17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church

Prior to the organization of the Presbyterian Church, the community was a colony by the Presbyterians as a Mission Station, beginning 1873, 5 yrs after division of Pickens District into Pickens and Oconee Counties. Visiting Preachers and missionaries preached here until 1878. The Church was organized in Methodist Church and Baptist Church. The people used " " and Baptist Church to meet.

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9-9-37

Mr. Frank McFall, Fort Prince George Chap. S.A.C.
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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens village Wacusville
City or town

2. Name of church Wacusville Street address _____

3. Denomination Methodist Episcopal South Date organized about 1868

4. Date of lapse, if now defunct no lapse

5. Information as to previous buildings One room, unpainted frame building - Handmade pews, and an organ-

6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1923 Rebuilt 1922

7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Brick church
seating capacity 250

8. First settled clergyman S. V. H. Ellwell Tenure 1870 - 1874

Educational background Studied medicine in S.C. went to Civil War - lost an arm - was converted and began preaching.

9. Minute books 2 vol. (By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)

all before 1894 missing
2 volumes 1895-1928, 1928-1937

10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths
Included in minute books

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization none

12. Financial records, if separate 1934-1937 in a notebook

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) none

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication) none

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.

Quarterly Conference records

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good (X) Poor () Very poor ()

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church

Services first conducted in an old school house until church was built. Land for church was donated by B. F. Morgan, Dr. Morgan, and Jim Latham. First trustees were R. G. Hunt, J. H. Philpott, and James Barrett first on Havelock Rest circuit, then South ^{of} ~~Rest~~ and now H. Easley

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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens village Bacnaville
City or town
2. Name of church Mount Carmel Street address _____
3. Denomination Southern Baptist Convention Date organized 1834
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct no lapse
5. Information as to previous buildings 4 previous buildings
in neighborhood of present church
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated Sept. 27, 1879 Rebuilt about 1878
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building
One room frame building painted white
in good condition - situated in a grove.
8. First settled clergyman Stephen Powell Tenure 1837-1847
(c)
Educational background not given
9. Minute books 4 vol. 1834-1836, 1836-1884, 1885-1914
1915-1936
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
10. Register books of ~~members~~, members, ~~dues~~
2 books of members 1865-1914, 1915-1936

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization None

12. Financial records, if separate None

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) A complete history of the church was read at the Centennial Aug. 26, 1934 by L. L. Smith

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication) A sketch of the church written by G. R. Latham and a committee of deacons was published in the Pickens Sentinel, Pickens, S.C. in 1915, entitled "History of Mount Carmel Baptist Church."

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc. Inelve-mile River Baptist Association minutes.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good (X) Poor () Very poor ()

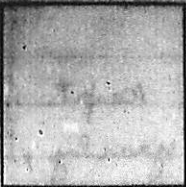
17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church This church belonged to the Inelve-mile River Baptist Association from 1837 to 1878 when with eleven other churches it formed the Piedmont Association of which it is still a member.

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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
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CHURCH RECORDS FORM

- 1. County Pickens City or town Pickens
- 2. Name of church ~~First~~ Baptist Church Street address Main Street
- 3. Denomination Southern Baptist Conv. Date organized 1891
- 4. Date of lapse, if now defunct no lapse
- 5. Information as to previous buildings First building 1892 same structure painted white - one room
- 6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1930 Rebuilt 1924
- 7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Large brick building with white columns in front - no bell - 12 S.S. rooms - Recreation hall, and kitchen
- 8. First settled clergyman L. J. Meldon Tenure 2 years
Educational background (c) Good (school not given)
- 9. Minute books 4 Extending May 16, 1891 to Oct. 9, 1910 - Jan. 21, 1912 to Aug. 15, 1927 - June 26, 1927 to Nov. 12, 1933 - Nov. 26, 1933 to 1937.
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
- 10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths None
Facts partially included in minute books

Records kept? How many volumes?
11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization S.S. organized 1891

Record of organization in church minutes.

12. Financial records, if separate no separate records kept
in early years, but now kept yearly,
since what year.

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books)

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication)

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.

Include Mile River Baptist Association minutes, also in the Pickens Baptist Association minutes.

16. Indicate by check condition of records. Excellent (x) Good (x) Poor () Very poor ().

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church

The first Baptist church of Pickens was organized in the Pickens Presbyterian church and held services in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and in the school house until their building was completed. It was called the Pickens Baptist Church at that time.

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CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Pickens
2. Name of church First Baptist Church Street address Main
3. Denomination Southern Baptist Convention Date organized 1891
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct No lapse
5. Information as to previous buildings First building 1892, frame structure painted white;
one room.
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1930 Rebuilt 1924
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Large brick building with white
columns in front; no bell; twelve Sunday School rooms; recreation hall, and kitchen.
8. First settled clergyman L. T. Waldon Tenure 2 years
(C)
Educational background Unknown
9. Minute books 4 volumes; 1891-1910, 1912-27, 1927-33, 1933--.
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths None; facts partially
included in minute books.

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... church, which is known as the Second Baptist Church.

Sketch written by Rachel Baker in June,
1936.

THE PICKENS BAPTIST CHURCH

On April 4, 1891, a few Baptist met at the Pickens Court House to consider organizing a Baptist church. Many of the citizens felt a need for a church closer to the town than Secona, so with such ardent supporters as C. E. Robinson, Rev. B. Holder, J. M. Stewart, J. A. Griffin, Prof. J. F. Dargan, and others, the work of organization was launched with untiring zeal.

On May 16, a meeting was held in the Presbyterian church and after an able sermon by Rev. Charles Manly, the church was organized, being named "The Pickens Baptist Church." 29 charter members were taken into the church by letter, namely: brothers, W. J. Gillespie, J. F. Dargan, James A. Griffin, Ambrose E. Griffin, J. F. Williams, J. M. Stewart, B. Holder, J. D. Holder, M. M. Holder, C. E. Robinson, and W. A. Palmer. Also, sisters E. C. Broulett, Mary A. Dargan, Lizzie L. Dargan, Maggie Dargan, Harriet C. Griffin, Zilpha M. Griffin, Minnie Lee Williams, M. M. Stewart, Emma Stewart, Lena Stewart, Lenora Holder, Sallie S. Holder, E. M. Boatright, Mannie Robinson, Mary E. Hunter, Anna Griffin, and Bettie Palmer.

On May 24, 1891, the Sunday School was organized in the School House and Prof. Dargan was chosen superintendent, B. Holder, assistant, C. E. Robinson, secretary and treasurer. Mr. C. E. Robinson gave to this organization his untiring love and devotion, and he will ever be remembered in the church as one of the Father's and Founders of the Sunday School.

Services were held in the School House, Court House, and Presbyterian church after the Baptist had organized, and several visiting ministers preached for the Baptists.

The first building was ready for use in the early part of 1893; it was of wooden frame structure, having a tower and bell. Mr. J. M. Stewart donated the lot on which the church was built; a greater part of the lumber used for the church was given by a member; and the hymn books were also given.

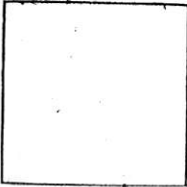
The first regular pastor was Rev. L. T. Weldon who took over his duties on Jan. 16, 1893, and served through December 1893. Although he did not reside in Pickens during his pastorate, Rev. Weldon was succeeded by Rev. R. W. Seymour, whose good work here was interrupted by his death. Rev. T. J. Hooks was elected in May, 1894, and preached in Pickens until Dec. 1895. He was the first Baptist preacher to live in the town with his flock, and he accomplished much good during his stay with the church. He was followed by Dr. A. S. Thomas who served faithfully for nearly seven years, resigning in Dec. 1900. Rev. D. W. Hiott was elected to serve for the next year, and he remained in the midst until Dec. 1906. Rev. Hiott was followed by fine christian ministers who have left with us blessings and fellowship to be long remembered. Mr. David M. Ramsey served for seven years, and was greatly loved by the congregation. He was followed by Rev. T. T. Cox, Rev. H. C. Martin, Rev. J. D. Blocker, Rev. D. Montgomery, Rev. Owens, and Rev. T. B. Lanham, the present pastor.

The Baptist remained in the location given by Mr. Stewart until 1924, when they moved into their new brick church. For several years, the need for a larger building had been felt. Membership had so increased, so plans were made for a new church. This church was located on Main street also, and first service was held here at eleven o'clock, Dec. 25, 1924, while H. C. Martin was pastor. This church was modern in style and had no bell or tower, as had the previous church. The church was dedicated on March 16, 1930, and Dr. David M. Ramsey preached the dedication sermon.

The church has grown from 29 members to over 400, and it has been a wonderful influence in the life of the town, and it is our hope that it may ever be thus. Note: the church is commonly known as the "First Baptist Church," to distinguish it from the Mill church, which is known as the Second Baptist Church.

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(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Rural

2. Name of church Carmel Street address _____

3. Denomination Presbyterian Date organized 1785'

4. Date of lapse, if now defunct Services now held about once a year.

5. Information as to previous buildings 1785' small log church.
1802 church moved to present site and frame
building put up 1857 brick church.

6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated about 1857 Rebuilt 1857

7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Plain brick building
no bell - Slave gallery.

8. First settled clergyman br. Thomas Pease Tenure 1792-1796 about 4 years

Educational background Splendid Graduate of Princeton.

9. Minute books missing
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)

10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths

missing

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization *missing*

12. Financial records, if separate *missing*

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) *written every year by some of the older members and passed from generation to generation. (not recorded in books.)*

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication)

"The Presbyterian Church in South Carolina"

Rev. F. B. Jones and Rev. Dr. H. Mills, editors

Sketch of Carmel Church furnished by C. T. Martin, Esq., S. C., also How's History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina.

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc. *The Old Stone Church history says: "Hopewell (the Old Stone Church) was formed in session with Carmel which stands a few miles eastward." And Dr. Thomas Reese supplied both of them until his death. His educational background is given here.*

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good () Poor () Very poor ().

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church

Carmel congregation was originally part of Old Richmond Church, but when the Methodists first came to South Carolina about 1790 it split them and part of the people went out a few miles and organized Carmel, leaving Old Richmond to become "Vickers Chapel" a Methodist church.

Pickens Co. No date
Sept 1938

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149TH ANNIVERSARY NOTED BY FAMED CARMEL CHURCH

Many Of State's Prominent Early Families Connected With Church

By J. S. FLOWIEN
In the pleasant company of the Hudson brothers trio, Rev. W. H. and W. T. and W. A. I attended the gathering at Carmel Presbyterian church some miles southwest of Macon on Thursday, August 25, for the celebration of the 149th anniversary of that church organization.

Due to two tangles in the nasse did not arrive until the president of the Carmel Church association, C. T. Martin, of Macon, was well along in the reading of his historical sketch. At the conclusion, he turned the gathering over to his cousin, John A. Russell, another son of Carmel, to preside, which he did well.

SONG SERVING by the hymn "After the singing on the River" led by W. W. Warren of Carmel, another son and member of Carmel, Mr. Russell recalling the fondness of the young leader of his boyhood years at Carmel—Mr. Boggs—for that well known song of Zion, "Flow Firm a Foundation," asked that that hymn be sung to Mr. Boggs' memory and the congregation joined lustily in his Russell called on Dr. G. R. Whitcomb of Greenville as grandson of Carmel and he made a brief address and a suitable prayer by Dr. Charles Nabers, pastor of the first Presbyterian church of Greenville, was made, followed by an interesting address by Rev. W. H. Hudson, D. D., a grandson of Carmel, at home on a year's furlough, at which young W. A. Russell served as choir soloist from Provenc's "remove not those as physical, political, moral and spiritual, and administered fidelity to them Miss Mary Martin, of Sasley, daughter of the president of the association, made some remarks in humorous vein, including of Carmel's past, and the Hutchinsons to praise John A. Russell for a kindly deed that he had done for one dear to her.

John A. Russell in the brief time he had atched from memory some facts concerning Carmel and Carmel's sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters.

THE ORGANIZED IN 1789
The church was organized in 1789 and plans are now afoot for a successful sesqui-centennial celebration next year at which there will doubtless be a great gathering from far and near.

The first in ministry to the church were Revs. Molsbony, Ross and Hillhouse. Later the noted

preacher and educator, Rev. J. L. Kennedy, he was the father of Rev. A. Ross Kennedy, who between 1870 and 1876 prepared himself for the ministry at Columbia Theological seminary, under the tutelage of Rev. John Wilson, grandfather of the country, whose daughter he later married, and became the brother-in-law of our great World War president, Woodrow Wilson. Dr. A. R. Kennedy was pastor of the Little Rock Ark. First Presbyterian church and there he died.

There are many in Greenville who are descended from early members of Carmel church, among them Dr. G. H. Wilburn, the first pastor of the church, and Julius Barr, in fact all of the Barrs, the John W. Ligoncomb family and others, all of them descended from W. H. McCann, who was a leader in the old church. George D. Barr married Matilda McCann. From them all of the Greenville Barrs descended and a grandson, Rev. Thomas Barr, is now pastor of one of the churches in this Presbyterian church of Greenville. George T. Barr, of Orlando, Fla., is the real father of Greenville's airport, is a grandson. Daughters of George T. Barr, Mrs. E. T. H. Shattler, Walterboro, and Mrs. Marjorie East Osteen, author of "The Whistling Column, weekly in the Greenville News," which she edited, and Mrs. M. McCann, who married W. A. Hudson and their sons are the Hudson brothers trio. The third McCann daughter, Carrie, married T. W. Davis, one of Greenville's merchant princes of 60 years ago.

AN EARLY INCIDENT
This incident is told of Major McCann. When the First Presbyterian church of Greenville was organized in 1848, with one elder, one deacon and seven lady members, Major McCann offered a resolution to the congregation of Carmel church, then to take up a colony of 40 from the great-grandfather of the feeble First Presbyterian church colony of Greenville. The resolution was, unanimously carried and a generous contribution was made for the feeble colony, now grown in number to more than 1,100 and four other strong churches of the same faith in the city owe their heritage to that day.

Rev. John A. Kennedy, beside being an able scholar, was an educator of note for many years conducted the Walla academy, attended by students from all over this and other states, and many of the young men educated there became outstanding leaders in their communities. John A. Kennedy, president of Carmel Association, was born in Alabama. His mother was the daughter of Col. D. K. Hamilton (hence the relationship to our foreman, John Hamilton).

...and in the spring of 1877 he rode with the Hampton Red Shirts to drive the invaders from South Carolina soil and became connected with Oil Curran, his mother's church.

Dr. Hudson and those who traveled their ancestry to Carmel church in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina and several in the foreign field and always found their worthy of their ancestry. His first cousin, Mr. J. R. Wilburn, now in California, conducted the first school in California, conducted by him, and the first medical missionary.

Dr. James A. Wilkinson, with marked success.

NOTED FAMILY

Of the Carmel Boggs one family has this wonderful record, the oldest brother is a Presbyterian elder, another, Rev. Wade H. Boggs, D. D., is pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Shreveport, La., and one, Mrs. F. W. Boggs, of the First Presbyterian church, Hot Springs, Ark. A half-brother, Lemed E. Boggs, is a Presbyterian missionary at Onupsee, Korea, and a half-sister, Miss Lonita Boggs, is a medical doctor in Greenville, while the oldest full sister, Miss Hattie (Boggs) Smith, is teacher of the Second Presbyterian church of Greenville. Old Another Boggs family (Boggs) Carmel of Central is 87 years old. Her younger sister, Mrs. James Henry (Boggs) Gaines, of Central, is 93 and their brother, John Caldwell Calhoun Boggs, of Cobb, Sumner county, Georgia, is 87, a total of 276 years for the three.

At Carmel church the writer met Andrew Hamilton, a member of the same family, who is a member of the grandsons of Archibald Hamilton who came to South Carolina in the same colony of 40 from an Irish port with the great-grandfather of the writer, Edward Flood, and debarked at Potato Ferry on Black River in 1782. The first colonists to settle in that part of Williamsburg county, lieutenant in Thomas's regiment, married the famous heroine, Ann Kennedy, who threw a British soldier out her house and into the yard. They were great-grandparents of John A. Russell and C. T. Martin.

Three Boggs, of Old Carmel, were Rev. W. K., a Presbyterian evangelist, Rev. W. L., a Presbyterian minister while he was located in Greenville, Julius K. was for many years solicitor of Greenville-Pickens judicial circuit.

D.A.R

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Mrs. Bessie G. Smith, Liberty, S.C.
S.C. D.A.R. (Worker's full name)



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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
SURVEY OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL RECORDS: 1936

South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Liberty
2. Name of church Liberty Presbyterian Street address Main Street
3. Denomination Southern Presbyterian Date organized Sept. 29, 1883
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct no lapse
5. Information as to previous buildings 1st built 1883 wooden building cost \$500 dedicated by Dr. William K. Boggs 1884
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated Aug. 30, 1914 Rebuilt 1913
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Brick building with seating capacity of 350, with seven S.S. rooms. Cost of building \$2,270. Memorial window erected by family to J. Addison Boggs and wife.
8. First settled clergyman Dr. J. B. Riley Tenure several years
Educational background _____
9. Minute books 1883 to 1937 kept by years by
clerk of session. How many volumes _____
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths
none except information included in session minute books.

54 volumes;
11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization 1883 - 1937 one each
year kept by secretary of the Sunday School

12. Financial records, if separate 1883 - 1937 kept each year
by the deacons 5 volumes.

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the
record books) Compiled by Auxiliary Historian
of the Liberty Presbyterian Church

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of
publication) none

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.
Presbyterial minutes of the Presbyterian
Churches of Upper South Carolina
(Ridmont Presbytery)

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good (X) Poor () Very poor ()

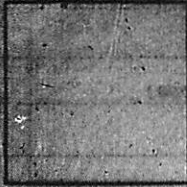
17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church
none

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U. S. A. Form No. 10

W. F. A. Form No. 10
Mrs. Bessie G. Smith, Liberty, S. C.
S. C. D. A. R. (Worker's full name)



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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
SURVEY OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL RECORDS: 1936

South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Liberty
2. Name of church Liberty Presbyterian Street address Main
3. Denomination Presbyterian in U. S. Date organized 1883
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct No lapse
5. Information as to previous buildings First built 1883, wooden building cost \$500; dedicated by Dr. William B. Boggs, 1884
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated Aug. 30, 1914 Rebuilt 1913
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Brick building with bell; seating capacity of 350; with seven Sunday School rooms; cost of building \$5270/ Memorial window erected by Boggs family to J. Addison Boggs and wife.
8. First settled clergyman Dr. J. P. Kiley Tenure
Educational background
9. Minute books 1883 -1937; kept by years by clerk of session
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths None except information included in minute books.

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11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization 1888-1937; one each year kept by
secretary of the Sunday School

12. Financial records, if separate 1888-1937, kept each year by the deacons;

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the
record books)

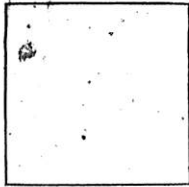
14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of
publication)

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good () Poor () Very poor ().

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church

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Rachel Baker (Worker's full name)

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION SURVEY OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL RECORDS: 1936

South Carolina (Name of State) HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

- 1. County Pickens City or town Pickens
- 2. Name of church Grace Methodist Street address Cor. Lewis and Cedar Rock
- 3. Denomination Methodist Episcopal South Date organized 1870
- 4. Date of lapse, if now defunct No lapse
- 5. Information as to previous buildings Small white wooden building with bell tower and bell.
- 6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1915 Rebuilt 1911
- 7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Brick building; English architecture; bell and tower; auditorium, assembly room for Sunday School and 15 class rooms.
- 8. First settled clergyman Fletcher Smith Tenure 2 years
Educational background unknown
- 9. Minute books older minutes missing; 5 volumes, beginning with 1920-37;
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
1920-23, 1924-27; 1928-31; 1932-35, 1936-37
- 10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths incomplete; partially kept in minute books.

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization

12. Financial records, if separate

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) Mrs. Frank McFall, "History of Grace Methodist Church", 1933, Pickens

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication)

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc. Quarterly Conference Records of the Upper South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good () Poor (x) Very poor ().

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church First church organized in the town of Pickens; formerly called "Pickens Methodist Church". All denominations of the town worshipped together in this church for several years before other churches were built.

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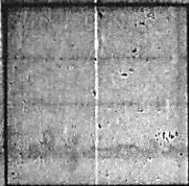
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SURVEY OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL RECORDS: 1936

South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM



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1. County Pickens City or town Pickens
2. Name of church Grace Methodist Street address Cross Lewis + Cedar Rock
3. Denomination Methodist Episcopal Church South Date organized 1870
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct no lapse
5. Information as to previous buildings Small white wooden building with bell tower, and bell
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1915 Rebuilt 1911
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Brick building - English architecture - bell and tower. Auditorium - assembly room for S.S., and 15 class rooms.
8. First settled clergyman Fletcher Smith Tenure 2 years
Educational background (not given)
9. Minute books older ones missing - 5 of later years beginning with 1920 up to 1937.
(By years, volumes, file boxes etc.)
1920 to 1923 - 1924 to 1927 - 1928 to 1931 - 1932 to 1935 - 1936-37
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths incomplete
Partially kept in church membership registers

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11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization S. S. organized 1870
missionary society 1880 - shown by historical
sketches - record books missing.

12. Financial records, if separate
kept by recording steward (incomplete)

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the
record books) Sketch by Mrs. Frank McFall, Pickens,
S.C., "History of Grace Methodist Church" written
in 1933.

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of
publication) Historical sketch published in
the Southern Christian Advocate some
years back, date unknown.

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.
Quarterly Conference Records of the
Upper South Carolina Conference of the
Methodist Episcopal Church South.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good () Poor (X) Very poor ()

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church
First church organized in the town of
Pickens, formerly called "Pickens Methodist
Church." All denominations of the time
worshipped together in this church for
several years before other churches were built.

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W. P. A. Form 20 HR.



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..... HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Piedmont City or town
2. Name of church Mt. Bethel Street address
3. Denomination Methodist E. South Date organized
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct Lapsed 1890 & reinstated in 1896
5. Information as to previous buildings 1st built 1860 and was a log structure. 2nd 1896 a frame building, the 3rd 1932 a brick veneer structure.
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated Feb 10, 1930 Rebuilt 1932
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building No bells. Size 36x 50. Low Sunday School Room.
8. First settled clergyman Bro. Phillips Tenure Don't know.
Educational background Don't know
9. Minute books
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths

By year + volumes
11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization.....

By years + volumes
12. Financial records, if separate.....

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books).....

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication).....

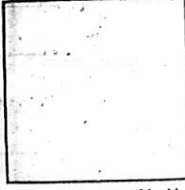
15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material; etc.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good () Poor () Very poor ().

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church.....

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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Rural

2. Name of church Mt. Bethel Street address _____

3. Denomination Methodist Episcopal South Date organized 1860

4. Date of lapse, if now defunct 1888 reorganized about 1893

5. Information as to previous buildings 1st log building 2nd frame building with plank weatherboarding - 3rd brick veneer

6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1934 Rebuilt 1893-1934

7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building no bell - plain building with auditorium and five S.S. rooms. A small marble corner stone contains history of church

8. First settled clergyman Rev. Barnett Caine Tenure 2 years

Educational background Limited

9. Minute books none (By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)

10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths: 1895 to 1937 of one each year; 42 vols.

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization none

12. Financial records, if separate none

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) none kept - sketches written occasionally by some of the older members for special meeting days.

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication) none

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc. Quarterly Conference Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Upper South Carolina Conference

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good () Poor (X) Very poor ()

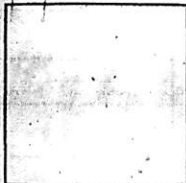
17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church Always Mt. Bethel

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Rachel Baker

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SURVEY OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL RECORDS, 1936

South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Rural
2. Name of church Mt. Bethel Street address _____
3. Denomination Methodist Episcopal South Date organized 1860
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct 1888; reorganized ca. 1893
5. Information as to previous buildings: 1st, log building; 2nd, frame building with plank weatherboarding; 3rd, brick veneer
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1834 Rebuilt 1893 - 1934
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building No. bell; plain building with auditorium and five Sunday School rooms; a small marble corner stone contains history of church.
8. First settled clergyman Rev. Barnett Gaines Tenure 3 years
Educational background _____
9. Minute books None
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths 1895 to 1937; one each year

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization None

12. Financial records, if separate None. Books: a sketchbook written occasionally by some of the older members for special meeting days.

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) None kept; sketches written occasionally by some of the older members for special meeting days.

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication) None

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc. Quarterly Conference records of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Upper South Carolina Conference.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good () Poor (x) Very poor ().

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church Always named Mt. Bethel.

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W. F. A. Form 20 HR

Mrs. Frank McFall (Genealogist S.C.H.A.R.)
(Worker's full name)



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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Six Mile
 2. Name of church Six Mile Baptist Church of Christ Street address Main Street
 3. Denomination Southern Baptist Convention Date organized 1836 (or before)
 4. Date of lapse, if now defunct _____
 5. Information as to previous buildings 1st log - 2-3-4 frame -
5 - brick

6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1936 Rebuilt 1839-1845

7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Brick church - \$15,000.00
with bell tower
All lumber donated by church members - all labor done by them except brick laying. Completed with a start of only \$3300.00. Includes Sunday S. rooms.

8. First settled clergyman Bryan Burroughs Tenure 4 years
Educational background Limited Public School

9. Minute books 1836 - 1936 kept by Twelve-Mile River Baptist Association - Pickens, South Carolina
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)

10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths (not regularly kept)
Included in "State of Churches of Twelve-Mile River Baptist Association minutes (no details)

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization Partially kept 1909-1937
Yearly reports included in aforesaid minutes,
no details.

12. Financial records, if separate Yearly reports included in Ass.
minutes, no details.

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the
record books)

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of
publication)

History of the Six Mile Baptist Church of
Christ - By F. Van Clayton, 1936, Pickens,
S.C.

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.

Library - Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good (X) Poor () Very poor ()

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church

1st church built at ^{or near} Six Mile probably
called "Helbron" - It was burned about 1839
and rebuilt nearer the present site - stood till
1894, then it burned. It was rebuilt 1895.
It was burned 1908 - again rebuilt 1909, present church 1932.

D.A.R.

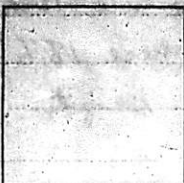
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W.P.A. Form 20 2-33

Mrs. Frank M. Fall Genealogist S.C.B.A.R.

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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY

(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town near Pickens
2. Name of church Secona Street address _____
3. Denomination Southern Baptist Convention Date organized 1786
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct _____
5. Information as to previous buildings Temporary structure 1786 to 1796 -
log church 1796 - 1857 - frame building 1857 - 1885 -
larger frame building 1885 in present use.
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1886 Rebuilt 1796 - 1857 - 1885
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building
frame building painted white - a plain
building 30 x 60 ft., with bell tower.
8. First settled clergyman William Murphy Tenure 10 years 1793 - 1800
Educational background not known
9. Minute books 3 volumes (By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
First book was rewritten 1840 - extends from
1795 to 1887 - the 2nd goes to 1893 - the 3rd to 1937
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths
Partially kept in regular minute books
from 1795 to 1937

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization no special record of 28
Twelve-Mile River Baptist Association organized here 1829.
First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society organized here 1886.
in Pickens County

12. Financial records, if separate no details - partially kept
in regular minute books.

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) A short historical sketch was
written upon the two first pages of the
first minute book. (these books kept by
Mr. B. F. Freeman, Pickens, S. C. (Clerk).)

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication) Minutes of the Abbeville Baptist
Association, also the Saluda Baptist Association
give data of the first five Baptist churches
of Pickens County with dates of organization -
Secona 1786 - Liberty 1790 - Keowee 1791 - Oolenoy 1795 -

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.

Twelve-Mile River Baptist Association
Minutes. A sketch of Secona included
in these minutes.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good (X) Poor () Very poor ()

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church

The church derived its name from
an Indian village by the name of
Secona located on the west prong
of Twelve-Mile River, Pickens County, S. C.

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9-9-37

Man. G. H. Bruce [Regent Fort Prince George] G.A.R.
(Worker's full name)



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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Eastley
2. Name of church Easley Presbyterian Street address Church St.
3. Denomination Presbyterian Date organized May 9, 1886
4. ~~Date of lapse if now defunct~~ Dedication between 1886 and 1896
5. Information as to previous buildings First wood building on Church Street.
Present brick veneer on same lot as the first.
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1916 Rebuilt 1913
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Brick Veneer, a bell
Memorial Window to Dr. J. R. Riley and wife, Mrs. Riley, also
Bronze tablet in vestibule to World War Veterans, Members of this
Church
8. First settled clergyman J. R. Riley, D.D. Tenure From 1886 to 1895
Educational background Was educated at Oxford, Ohio
9. Minute books Sessional Records from 1886 to present time.
(By years, volumes, file books, etc.)
Number of volumes 2 vols.
Date of each volume
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths All in Sessional Records
1886 - 1937
Baptisms
Marriages
Members
Deaths

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization

By year 1886 - 1937

12. Financial records, if separate

By year 1886 - 1937

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) A Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the

organization was held on the 3rd Sunday in May, 1936. Dr. Sloan of Greenville preached the sermon. C. T. Martin read the history of the church.

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication) History of the church in the Extension of Dr. Hanes

history of Presbyterian Churches of South Carolina by Drs. Jones and W. H. Mills, article written by C. T. Martin, Elder and Charter member of this church.

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent (X) Good () Poor () Very poor ().

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church

The Charter members came from Carmel, Pickens, Mount Pleasant, Anderson and other sections of the state.

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W. P. A. Form 20HR

Wizard of Tamasee Chapter D.A.R.
by Nora N. Field (Worker's full name)



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South Carolina HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
(Name of State)

CHURCH RECORDS FORM

1. County Pickens City or town Rural district
In upper part of Pickens Co.
2. Name of church Keowee Baptist Street address near Keowee River, about 3 mi.
from historic Ft. Prince George
3. Denomination Southern Baptist Date organized about 1791
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct _____
5. Information as to previous buildings 1st. rectangular log cabin; 2nd. frame structure,
erected 1882, burned by forest fire 1886; 3rd. frame structure erected
1887.
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1908 Rebuilt
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building _____
Quaint little white building, picture enclosed.
8. First settled clergyman Jacob Chapman, 1863 Tenure Probably not more than a year
First ministers were Joseph Logan & James Abbott, in 1791.
Educational background _____
9. Minute books _____
(By years, volumes, file boxes, etc.)
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths Register books previous
to 1879 are unavailable. Members enrolled Sept. 1879 were sixteen in
number, as follows: One baptized in 1834, one in 1845, one in 1861,
one in 1865, three in 1866, four in 1867, one in 1869, one in 1872,
three in 1876. Three of these members were deacons. From the member-
ship roll in the register, it is seen that members have been added
continuously since 1881.

11. Record books of Sunday School or other organization One S. S. record book

12. Financial records, if separate Kept by the Church Clerk

13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) Notes on an address delivered at Keowee Baptist Church on 1st Sunday in May, 1935, by Mr. F. Van Clayton, Pickens, S. C.

14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication)

15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc.

16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good () Poor (X) Very poor ().

17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church

Previous name of church was Keowee River Baptist Church. It received its deed in 1815, being the first church in Pickens County to have a deed. The tombstone inscriptions and walled graves are evidence of the age of church. White people other than traders were living here prior to the Revolutionary War, among them being John Blassingame, Isaac Titworth, and Samuel Barron.