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PREFACE

This book was conceived, written and published in a period of about fourteen months. Such accomplishment would have been impossible without the fine spirit of cooperation from Miss Rebecca Liner, James Cheshire, Sr., R. R. Hooker, E. M. Lynch, A. H. Graham, Mrs. Gladys Coley, Dalton Loftin, Mrs. Kathryn Knight, Mrs. S. F. Nicks, Dr. H. W. Moore, Mrs. Virginia Gattis, Mrs. Lucy Mayfield Gattis, (Washington, D. C.), Mrs. Pauline Lloyd, Evelyn Lloyd, Dr. C. E. Maddry, J. Clyde Ray and Rev. S. T. Kimbrough, Jr. of the Methodist Church .

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From: Hillsborough Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. H. Wade, Mrs. Alec Anderson, James Cheshire, Sr., R. R. Hooker, and Edwin Lynch.

From: Mebane Chapel—Mrs. Grace Obie and Mrs. Merinda McPherson.

Also Mrs. Irene Pender and Mrs. Alfred Engstrom have helped in many ways.

The history covers over two hundred years which is a long sweep of time. A lot of hard work has gone into this "History of the Churches of Hillsborough".

The preachers of the churches of our town have shown a fine spirit of cooperation in every way. We want to extend our thanks to the many people who uncovered and made available to us the many fine illustrations which so enrich this history.

INTRODUCTION

Orange County was formed in 1752 from the western portions of Granville, Johnston, and Bladen Counties, counties that experienced phenomenal growth in population after 1740. Its formation, in a time of poor roads and great distances, was a matter of necessity for the western settlers.

In 1753, the eastern boundary of Orange was twenty miles west of Granville County Courthouse, from the Virginia line south to the Neuse River.

During colonial days a frontier county had no definite western boundary; it extended as far west as there were settlers. The creation of Rowan County in 1753 gave Orange its first definite boundary.

Hillsborough was laid off in 1754 by William Churton on the north bank of Eno River. The town contained about four hundred acres of land. It was called Orange, but its name was changed to Corbinton in a very short time, for Francis Corbin. On Nov. 20, 1759, it was incorporated under the name of Childsburg. In 1766 the name was changed to Hillsborough, complimentary to the Earl of Hillsborough.

The only church in the town, at about this time, stood on the site of the present Presbyterian Church. It was erected by persons of the "Episcopal persuasion". In 1784 it was made a school and free meeting house, with the preference given to Episcopal ministers. Later it was made famous as the place at which the first state convention—to consider the proposed Federal Constitution—met, July, 1788.

Within the mile-square of the Town of Hillsborough, there have been as many as eight churches, as follows:

1. First Baptist Church—organized Nov. 18, 1853 in the old Dickerson's Chapel, then the Baptist Church.

2. Mount Bright Baptist Church—organized 1866.

3. Dickerson's Chapel A.M.E. Church. Organized 1851. The building was once the Orange County Courthouse and later the Hillsborough Baptist Church.

4. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, organized Aug. 24, 1824.

5. Mebane Chapel—organized 1913.

6. Hillsborough Methodist Church—organized in 1807.

7. Hillsborough Presbyterian Church—organized 1816.

8. Presbyterian Church for "Colored People"—organized about 1877.

The oldest church building in town is the Dickerson's Chapel. It was the third courthouse of Orange County. The second district courthouse, it was authorized by the legislature in 1790. Was first used as a church by the white Baptists of Hillsborough in 1853. They bought the old courthouse and moved it up the street to the corner of Churton and Queen Streets. The Baptists sold the building to George Bishop—about 1862. He sold it to the "friends of the colored free men" of Hillsborough. The members of Dickerson's Chapel bought the building in 1886. Rev. Job Berry was the first pastor of the church.

Mount Bright Baptist Church was organized in the year 1866. It was organized in the Hillsborough Baptist Church by the help of the pastor and members of the church. Mount Bright Church was named in honor of its first pastor, the Rev. Alfred E. Bright. The present site was given to the group by the widow of the Honorable William Graham, Governor of North Carolina, 1845. The church was erected on the present site in 1906.

Hillsborough Methodist Church was organized about 1807. The first preaching services were held in the old courthouse. The first church was built of wood, and located on Lot No. 102, near the home of Mrs. Odell Clayton. The second church was built with brick on the land bought from Mr. H. N. Brown.

Mebane Chapel was organized in 1913. Built on the land obtained from Abe and Annie B. Mebane, it was located in the western part of Hillsborough.

Presbyterian Church for "colored people" was organized about 1877. The church was built on the land obtained from George W. Brodie and Charlotte L. Brodie. The church was located on the corner of Orange and Wake Streets.

Hillsborough Presbyterian Church was built about 1816 of English brick to replace an old structure erected by colonial Episcopalians. It is not known who organized this church. The cemetery near the church was laid out in 1754. The Presbyterian Church ground served as a meeting place for 184 delegates from every county in the colony of N. C. to discuss matters of government, taxation, military strength, etc.

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Moyle **FIRST HILLSBOROUGH CHURCH—1776**
(Old Town Clock in Steeple)

Church of England or the Episcopal Church.

Built 1766 by the Episcopalians under the Reverend George Micklejohn, appointed to the Parish by Governor Tyron. It was located on the corner of Churton and Tyron Streets. After the Rev. Micklejohn, there are no records that the parish had a resident minister, and the church and grounds passed to the Presbyterians.

The Constitutional Convention met in this building in the year 1788. They declined to adopt the Constitution at this time.

The plans for the building were found in Mr. Bailey's papers at the University of North Carolina. Building drawn by Mrs. Irene Pender, Cedar Grove, N. C.

STATE CONVENTION—JULY 21, 1788

Hillsborough was too small to accommodate those who had come to the convention. Many of the two hundred and eighty delegates had brought their wives and children. Other men from every part of the state had streamed into the little town to attend what everyone knew would be a momentous event in the history of North Carolina. They knew that there was scant chance they could see even one session of the convention. They hoped merely to hear the reports given in the taverns and to talk to the delegates. William Hooper invited several men to stay at his home. Adam Rutledge, Johnston, and Iredell were invited to stay at William Hooper's home.

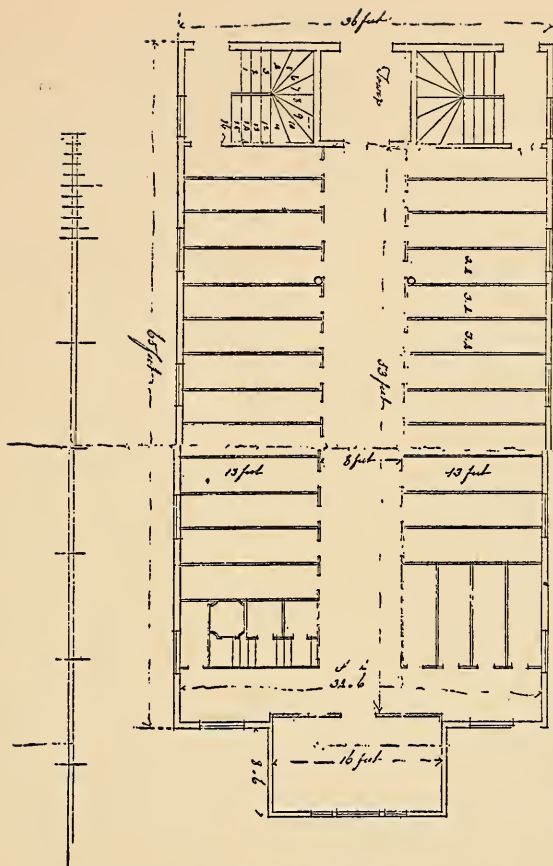
Until the year 1784, the town clock was located in the beautiful steeple of the Church of Hillsborough. In front of the church and along the road leading to it stood crowds of people, waiting to see the formal procession of convention delegates. All types and classes were represented. Children perched on the high brick wall or crouched on the grass by the roadside. The town clock boomed out eleven strokes. A band started to play, and the procession moved toward the church.

The last day of the convention, the morning was fair and the old church was crowded. The women's clothes made the balconies gay with color. The delegates were seated in pews once occupied by royal Governors and their ladies, by Lord Cornwallis and his officers.

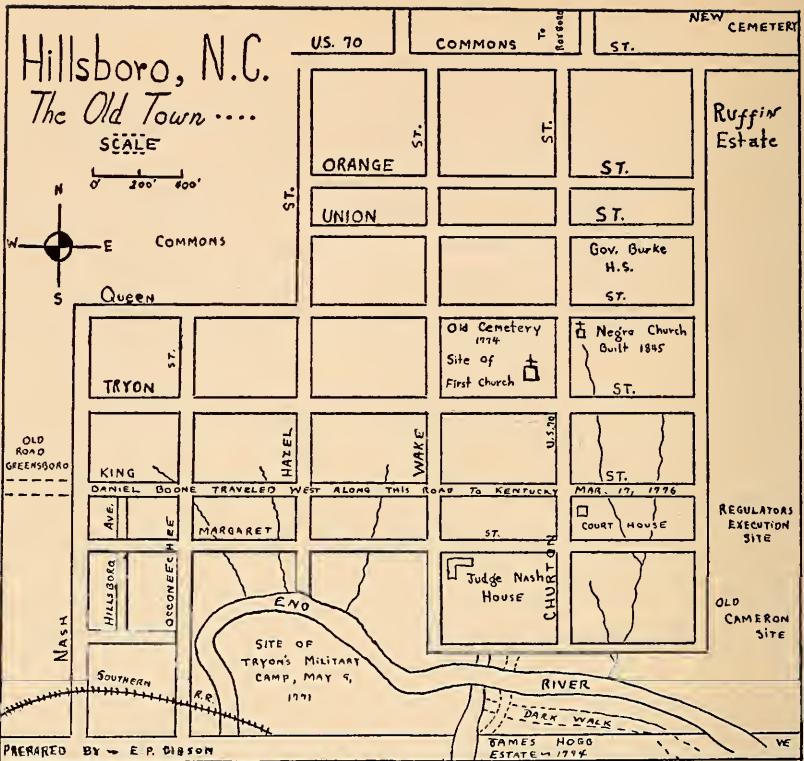
The Reverend David Caldwell stepped forward and prayed for the blessings of God on the men seated. Samuel Johnston was president of the convention. At the end of the convention, North Carolina had neither ratified nor rejected the constitution. Alone among the states she had said, "Secure our rights".

(From: Queen's Gift—Inglis Fletcher)

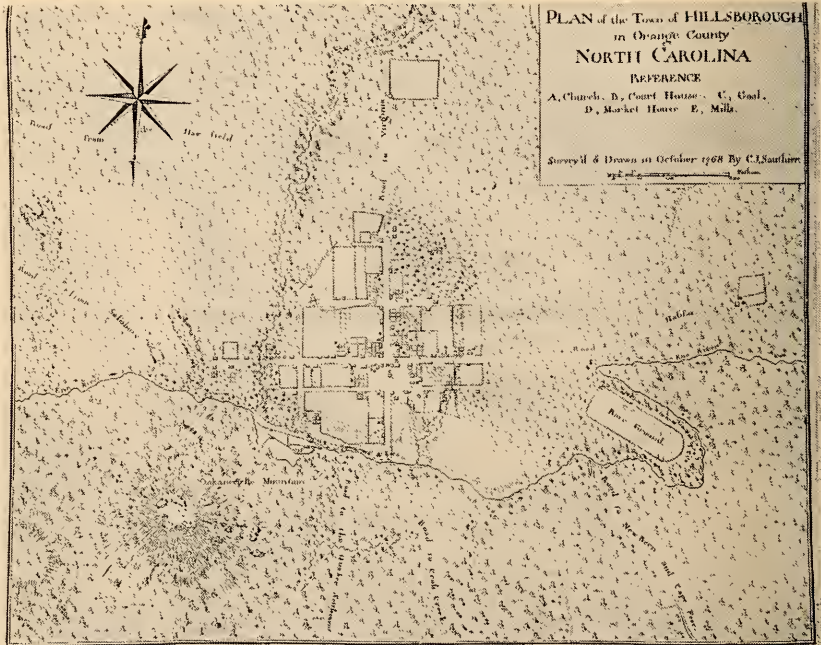
North Carolina ratified the new constitution at the convention at Fayetteville in 1789. Rev. David Caldwell was a most sympathetic adviser of the Regulators and voiced the sentiments of pure democracy in the Halifax Convention which framed the constitution of 1776.

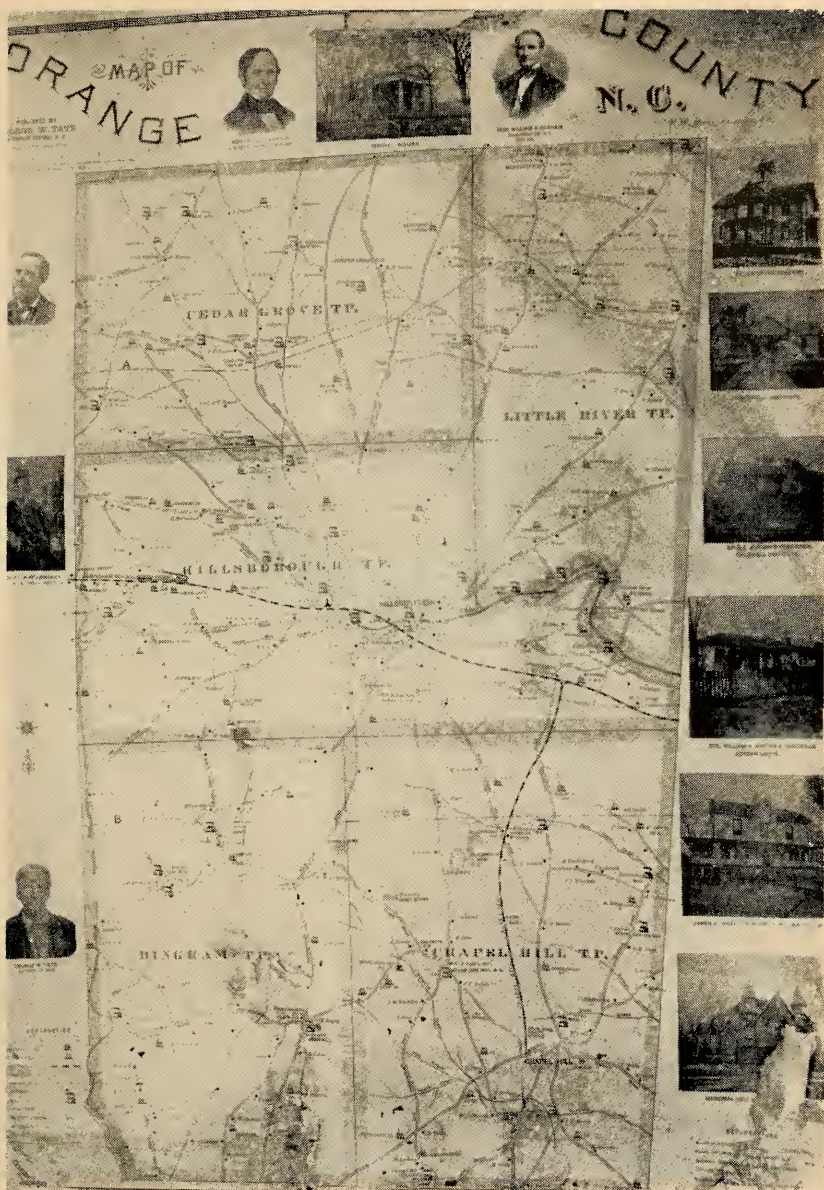


Plans for the Inside of the First Church
Hillsborough, N. C. — 1766



Map of Hillsborough





Map of Orange County
Drawn by George W. Tate

HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH

1852 – 1962



The Sanctuary of the Baptist Church, Hillsborough, N. C., 1962

BAPTISTS

Baptists have churches and missions throughout the world. In the United States Baptists have formed three large groups—American (formerly called Northern), Southern, and Negro Baptists. There are 17 smaller groups or branches. Southern Baptists in the United States number more than 9 million. The Baptists have about sixty thousand churches in the U. S. Baptist in Canada number more than 483,000.

In the matter of church government the Baptists do not submit to any central oversight. Each congregation stands on its own, but at an early time the Baptists recognized the value of voluntary association and both local and state associations now exist. The Baptist denomination had ministers and churches in the newly created Orange County about as early as the Presbyterians and other dissenters.

The great division of the Baptists came in 1845 and, like the Methodists and Episcopal Church, was over the question of slavery. The Southerners "seceded" and formed their own Southern Baptist Convention in order to carry on more effectively the work of the Southern Baptist churches. This breach has not yet been mended.

The Baptists have insisted upon freedom of thought and expression in pulpit and pew; this had made this denomination one of the most democratic religious bodies in America, and one in which liberal and conservative doctrines are preached freely. Today they constitute the largest Protestant group in the United States and the largest religious group in the State of North Carolina.

The Baptist Church was organized no November 19, 1853. From the best information obtainable, it seems that the first Baptist preacher to hold services in Hillsborough was the Reverend Elias Dodson, a native of Virginia and a graduate of the College of William and Mary. He preached in the Courthouse around 1844. When the new Courthouse was built in 1845, he bought the old Courthouse and moved it up the street to the corner of Churton and Queen Streets. This became the First Baptist Church of Hillsborough. The church was organized in this building on November 19, 1853. The organizing council consisted of the Rev. T. W. Toby, Rev. Amos Jones, Jr., Rev. A. D. Blackwood, and Deacons T. G. Faucette of Mt. Hermon Church, William Ward of Mars Hill, Sidney Lea of Yanceyville, and A. Oldham of Cane Creek.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. W. Toby who had been a missionary in China, but who had recently returned to America because of the illness of his wife.

The Council was organized with the election of Rev. T. W. Toby as moderator and Rev. A. D. Blackwood as clerk.

Mrs. Susan W. Graham, wife of Governor William A. Graham, joined the church by letter November 19, 1853.

On November 19, the new church met in conference and H. G. Stroud was elected clerk and John Cheek and H. C. Stroud were elected deacons.

On February 26, 1854, the church called Rev. A. Jones as pastor. He accepted the call. The church had a total of 29 pastors in 100 years.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

| Minister | Called | Resigned |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Aaron Jones, Jr. | Feb. 1854 | |
| Thomas J. Landsell | Oct. 1855 | |
| Moses Baldwin | Jan. 1857 | |
| John Mitchell | Oct. 1857 | Feb. 1862 |
| J. L. Carroll | June 1862 | Dec. 1863 |
| No Pastor | Jan. 1864 | Jan. 1866 |
| N. W. Wilson | Jan. 1866 | |
| W. R. Gwaltney | Nov. 1867 | Jan. 1872 |
| F. H. Jones | Oct. 1872 | Oct. 1873 |
| W. B. Harrell | Jan. 1875 | Dec. 1877 |
| No Pastor | Jan. 1877 | Feb. 1880 |
| W. L. Wright | Feb. 1880 | Oct. 1885 |
| C. C. Newton | Dec. 1886 | |
| G. W. Harmon | Jan. 1889 | May 1890 |
| No Pastor | May 1890 | Apr. 1896 |
| N. B. Cobb | Apr. 1896 | May 1899 |
| Wade D. Bostic | Sept. 1899 | |
| Charles E. Maddry | Dec. 1901 | Aug. 1904 |
| A. C. Hamby | Aug. 1904 | Sept. 1906 |
| Ira E. D. Andrews | Sept. 1906 | Oct. 1907 |
| John H. Hocutt | Oct. 1907 | Dec. 1910 |
| J. R. Greene | Jan. 1911 | Nov. 1915 |
| S. W. Oldham | Jan 1916 | Jan. 1922 |
| W. R. Beach | Mar. 1922 | Feb. 1924 |
| J. R. Cantrell | May 1924 | Dec. 1927 |
| C. A. Caldwell | May 1928 | May 1937 |
| A. K. Cheek | July 1937 | Sept. 1943 |
| W. W. Abernathy | Dec. 1943 | 1948 |
| Paul Deaton | 1948 | 1949 |
| Charles E. Maddry | 1950 or 51 | June 1957 |
| Bruce C. Cresson | June 1957 | Sept. 1961 |
| E. G. Holt | May 1962 | |

DEACONS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

| | |
|------|-------------------|
| | John Cheek |
| | H. C. Stroud |
| | Alfred F. Stroud |
| | J. E. Jones |
| | P. H. Smith |
| | W. H. Walker |
| | S. W. Andrews |
| 1853 | A. B. Summey |
| | J. J. Ward |
| | W. C. Cates |
| TO | A. S. Mitchell |
| | J. M. Carr |
| | J. M. Lloyd |
| 1950 | J. H. Evans |
| | O. W. Cain |
| | J. E. Sharpe |
| | B. G. Turner, Sr. |
| | W. B. Coleman |
| | Fred Sharpe |
| | R. B. Todd |
| | M. P. Lloyd |

LIFE DEACONS:

W. H. Walker, A. J. Snipes, Sr., J. M. Carr, and Bunn Turner, Sr.

PREACHERS ORDAINED IN HILLSBOROUGH CHURCH

In October, 1900 the Hillsborough Baptist Church ordained Robert P. Walker to the Gospel Ministry.

J. G. Goodwin, Jr., was ordained May 11, 1952 in the Hillsborough Baptist Church. Later he has become a missionary in Korea.

Paul Goodwin, another member of the church is now minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Bollinger, Texas.

CHURCH CLERKS

The following have served the church as church clerks: H. G. Strowd, J. E. Jones, J. M. Blackwood, J. E. Jones, J. M. Blackwood, J. E. Jones, M. W. McCallum, Dr. J. S. Spurgeon, J. H. Evans, J. J. Ward, M. P. Lloyd, W. B. Coleman, J. H. Culbreth, Mrs. James Rippey, James P. Allred, Sr., and Mrs. J. L. Rosemond.

CHURCH HOUSE SOLD

The church sold the house and lot on Churton and Queen Streets in 1862, as described in the following document as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Orange County:

This indenture made the 18th day of August A.D., 1862, between H. C. Strowd, John Cheek, and William Ward, Trustees of the Baptist Church in the town of Hillsborough, and George Bishop of the Town of Newberne, County of Craven, State of North Carolina witnesseth that said H. C. Strowd, John Cheek, William Ward, Trustees for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given, granted, bargained, and sold, and conveyed and by these present doth give, grant, bargain and sell and convey to the said George Bishop heirs and assign a certain lot or parcel of land containing one-half of three-fourths of an acre more or less and being in the Town of Hillsborough known as the Old Baptist Church Lot bounded as follows: on the West by Churton Street, on the North by Queen Street, on the East by Margaret Wall, and on the South by Josiah Turner it being a part of lot No. 80 in the Town of Hillsborough according to the plan of said town. To have and to hold all the aforesaid lot or parcel of land with the appurtenances to the said George Bishop his heirs and assign forever against the claims of all persons whatsoever and they do further covenant that the said H. C. Strowd, John Cheek, and William Ward is seized of the premises in fee simple and has power to make and convey such an estate by this indenture and has done the same by these presents.

In Witness Whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

H. C. Strowd (Seal)

Signed, sealed, and delivered

John Cheek (Seal)

in presence of John Turner.

Wm. Ward (Seal)

George Bishop of Newberne sold the house and lot to Ellerton P. Morris, Anthony M. Krinton, and Richard Cadbery of Philadelphia for the sum of twelve hundred dollars. These men are designated as "friends of the colored free man" of Hillsborough. The church became the home of the colored Methodist Church of Hillsborough later, and continues as such until this day.

The Baptist Church sometime between 1854 and 1860 purchased from W. J. Freeland the lot upon which the present church stands. The lot contains two acres and extends from Margaret Lane along Wake Street to King Street. The cornerstone of the new church was laid in 1860. The architect was W. M. Percival and the builder was D. Kistler. The building committee was composed of J. M. Mitchell, J. M. Cheek, and H. C. Strowd. The church was to cost \$4,600. It seems from the imperfect record that trouble arose with the builder over the imperfection in the brick work. In the meantime, the Civil War engulfed the South in the Spring of 1861, and the church lost the money saved for the building in worthless Confederate bonds and in the failure of the Hillsborough Savings Institution.

From another record, it states that the land for the church was given by Mrs. Susan Washington Graham.

Mrs. Susan W. Graham did a great deal of work for the church as long as she was a member. In 1860, her donation of two thousand dollars, together with several liberal subscriptions from friends, induced the Baptists of Hillsborough to undertake the erection of a church to cost \$4,600.00. Mrs. Graham wrote letters to the members asking them to contribute one dollar for this purpose.

In the summer of 1952, under the leadership of Dr. Charles E. Maddry, the church launched the movement to erect an educational building. The building cost about 85 thousand dollars.

It is not known when the Baptists moved into the new building. It must have been around 1864. The evidence goes to show that the church worshipped in the basement of the new church for some years. Also the record shows that the building was completed by John Berry, a well known architect and builder.

Rev. T. M. Jordan often preached to the colored people (slaves) of Hillsborough in the basement of the Baptist Church. One night they gave him so much Confederate money that he had to carry it home tied up in his handkerchief. He married and baptized many of the colored members. Around the year 1868, the colored members took letters and organized a church of their own. Today the colored Baptist Church is one of the largest churches in Hillsborough in its membership. They have a splendid meeting house and a good pastor.

Dr. George W. Purefoy of Chapel Hill helped in the work of the Baptist Church in Hillsborough on one occasion in the early days of the church. He was well educated, and a Baptist of the strictest sort. He was a large slave-owner and a noted fox hunter. He boasted that he hunted foxes in the winter season, and Methodists in the summer.

When the Church was organized in 1853, it joined the Beulah Association; later the church joined the Mt. Zion Association, which was organized at Mt. Moriah Church.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Hillsboro, N. C.

(1962)

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| Allred, Charles | Crabtree, William T. |
| Allred, Mrs. Miriam | Crabtree, Mrs. Willaim T. |
| Allred, James F., Jr. | Crawford, Mrs. Bertha |
| Allred, T. I. | Crawford, Charles M. |
| Baity, Nancy H. | Crawford, Charles M., Jr. |
| Baldwin, Mrs. Guy R. | Crawford, Engene |
| Baldwin, Guy H., Jr. | Crawford, Mrs. Ernest |
| Barber, Lavarrah M. | Crawford, Hilda |
| Barbour, Mrs. Lillie | Crawford, Joe |
| Basile, Mrs. Carol H. | Crawford, Linda |
| Baucom, H. S. | Crawford, Mrs. Roy D. |
| Baucom, Betty Jane | Culbreth, J. Harold |
| Baucom, Sandra | Culbreth, Mrs. J. Harold |
| Beck, B. E. | Culbreth, Cynthia |
| Beck, Mrs. B. E. | Caldwell, Mrs. C. A. |
| Bivins, Mrs. Alda | Carr, Mrs. C. E. |
| Bivins, John R. | Carr, Claiborne |
| Bivins, Mrs. Elizabeth | Carr, Julian W. |
| Bivins, R. Edgar | Carroll, Mrs. Mary Alice |
| Bivins, Mrs. R. Edgar | Cates, M. L. |
| Bivins, Pamela Jean | Cates, Marvin |
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| Blackwelder, Mrs. Modena | Clark, Mrs. Pat S. |
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| Boggs, Mrs. L. C. | Cole, Mrs. Charlotte |
| Boone, Fred A. | Coleman, Frank |
| Boone, Mrs. Fred A. | Coleman, H. G., Sr. |
| Broadwell, H. | Coleman, Mrs. H. G., Sr. |
| Brown, Mrs. H. L. | Coleman, H. G., Jr. |
| Brown, Andrew | Coleman, Harry |
| Bobbitt, Brent | Coleman, W. B. |
| Bruno, Tony | Coleman, Mrs. W. B. |
| Bruno, Mrs. Tony | Coleman, Vickie |
| Bullard, Carlene | Collins, Bob |
| Burkhead, Leon | Collins, Mrs. Bob |
| Burkhead, Mrs. Leon | Collins, Donald |
| Byrd, Earl J. | Culbreth, Jimmy |
| Byrd, Mrs. Earl J. | Collins, J. S. |
| Crabtree, A. W. | Collins, Mrs. J. S. |
| Crabtree, Mrs. A. W. | Collins, Kenneth |
| Crabtree, Mrs. E. W. | Compton, Mrs. Carolyn S. |
| Crabtree, Georgia Leigh | Crabtree, Ann |
| Crabtree, Marion | Davis, Mrs. J. A. |
| Crabtree, Mrs. Walter | Delfs, Mrs. Jacequeline |
| Crabtree, William Edward | Edwins, Rev. and Mrs. S. |

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| Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Tom | Jackson, John A. |
| Faulkner, Betty Jean | Jones, Vernon |
| Faulkner, Dorothy Lee | Kahn, Mrs. Nancy |
| Faulkner, Martha Lou | Kennedy, Brenda |
| Ferrell, Marjoria | Kennedy, Michael |
| Frederick, J. R. | Kennedy, W. E. |
| Frederick, Clara | Kennedy, Mrs. W. E. |
| Gardner, Ernest D. | Kenyon, Ruth |
| Gates, Coy | Knight, Bobby |
| Gates, Mrs. Coy | Knight, Mrs. Bobby |
| Goodwin, Mrs. J. G., Sr. | Knight, Mrs. J. W. |
| Gray, Mrs. Fred | Larkins, Mrs. John D., Sr. |
| Greason, Mrs. H. K., Sr. | Lloyd, Avis |
| Greason, H. K., Jr. | Lloyd, Gary W. |
| Greason, Sharon | Lloyd, Mrs. Gary |
| Greene, Cyrus | Lloyd, Mitchell, Sr. |
| Greene, Mrs. Cyrus | Lloyd, Mrs. Mitchell, Sr. |
| Greason, Linda | Lloyd, Mitchell, Jr. |
| Haithecock, Tim | Lloyd, Mrs. Mitchell, Jr. |
| Haithecock, Worth B. | Lloyd, Myron P. |
| Haithecock, Mrs. Worth B. | Lloyd, Mrs. Myron P. |
| Hastings, Mrs. Worth B. | Lloyd, Winifred |
| Hastings, Arnold | Long, Mrs. Thelma L. |
| Hastings, Bobby | McDade, Beverly |
| Hastings, Mrs. Bobby | Maddry, Mrs. Charles E. |
| Hawkins, Mrs. Betty Sue | Mangum, Billy |
| Hawkins, Dathene S. | Mangum, Clarence |
| Hayes, Mrs. Arthur | Mason, R. G. |
| Hayes, Betty June | Mason, Mrs. R. G. |
| Hayes, Christine | Mason, Tim |
| Hayes, Helen | Mangum, Mrs. Clarence |
| Hayes, Madge | McBane, G. C. |
| Hayes, Mrs. Robbie | McBane, Mrs. G. C. |
| Head, Thurmond | McBane, G. C., Jr. |
| Hines, Charlie | McBane, Mrs. Sylvia S |
| Hines, Mrs. Charlie | McDade, Philip |
| Hocutt, Clarence | McDade, Mrs. W. P. |
| Hodul, Mrs. Paul | McDade, Mrs. Wayne |
| Hopper, E. S. | Micol, Mrs. Myrna H. |
| Hopper, Mrs. E. S. | Midgett, Mrs. J. B. |
| Hopper, Jim | Mitchell, A. L. |
| Hopper, Robert | Mitchell, Mrs. A. L. |
| Horn, Mrs. Emma | Mitchell, Mrs. A. S. |
| Holt, Rev. Glenn | Mitchell, Billy R. |
| Holt, Mrs. Glenn | Mitchell, Mrs. Juanita |
| Horton, Jo Ann | Mitchell, Lynda |
| Howard, Mrs. Alma | Mitchell, W. M. |
| Howard, Mary Alice | Murray, Ed |
| Howard, Melvia | Murray, Mrs. Ed |
| Howard, Patricia | Murray, Geralene |
| Howerton, Linda | Myers, Holt |

Neighbors, Mrs. John
Newman, Ada
Newman, Mrs. C. L.
Nicholas, Mrs. Yvonne
Parker, Johnny
Parker, Dell
Parker, Randolph
Parker, Mrs. Randolph
Pope, Marilyn
Privette, Betty
Privette, Bill
Privette, Ruth
Phipps, Sarah Puryear
Reeves, Mrs. Marlene
Rittenhouse, Jim
Rittenhouse, Mrs. Jim
Rittenhouse, Mrs. W. H.
Rosemond, J. L.
Rosemond, Mrs. J. L.
Ross, Mrs. Coleen
Ray, Mrs. Catherine C.
Ray, Mike
Ray, S. Coley
Ray, Mrs. S. Coley
Ray, Sam
Ray, Susan
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Raynor, Will
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Richmond, Mrs. Phyllis
Riley, Barbara
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Roberts, Mrs. Dufford

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Roberts, Joyce Ann
Roberts, Mrs. Vivian S.
Rose, Mrs. Merle M.
Rosemond, Clarence
Rosemond, Everette
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Sykes, Philip, Jr.
Sawyer, Brittian
Scearse, Mrs. L. L.
Scott, Mrs. Clyde H.
Scott, Philip
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Scott, Mrs. W. A.
Shambley, Valinda
Sharpe, Delbert
Sharpe, Fred S.
Sharpe, Mrs. Fred S.
Sharpe, Freddy
Sharpe, Tommy
Shelton, Mrs. Paul
Smith, George
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Smith, Newman
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Spurgeon, Mrs. George
Stone, Mrs. J. T.
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Spry, Mr. Doyle
Strayhorn, Mrs. H. H.
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Strayhorn, Jack
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| Tapp, Mrs. George | Walker, Mrs. W. H. |
| Teal, Mrs. Charlie | Walters, Mrs. C. I. |
| Thomas, Phil | Walters, Dwight |
| Thompson, Brenda | Walters, Mrs. Dwight |
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| Tolar, Rodney | Wilkie, Mrs. Callie |
| Tolar, Mrs. Rodney | Williams, Mrs. Nannie |
| Turner, Mrs. H. G., Sr. | Williamson, Robert |
| Turner, B. G., Jr. | Woods, Claude |
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| Turner, John, Jr. | Worrell, Sylvia |
| Vincent, Charlie | Walters, Dave |
| Vincent, Mrs. Charlie | Whittington, Lois |

REV. CHARLES E. MADDRY

Dr. Maddry was born April 10, 1876, in a three-room log house. It was situated in a large grove of beautiful trees. He had five sisters and three brothers. One girl died in infancy. Eight grew to adulthood. His home was located three miles north of Chapel Hill on the old Hillsboro Road, known in recent years as the Airport Road.

Dr. Maddry's grandmother was a Presbyterian and his grandfather a Baptist. They lived in a log house two and one-half miles north of Chapel Hill. His grandmother believed strictly in keeping the Lord's Day holy. All work on the farm had to be finished by Saturday noon. All food was prepared on Saturday and nothing cooked on Sunday except that water was boiled for making coffee. The reading of the Word of God was the natural and accepted practice in most homes in the community.

The counties of the state were divided into large school districts. Under the law a schoolhouse was built somewhere near the center of each district. These houses were small and furnished with rough seats made of oak slabs with holes bored in them. Legs fashioned from pieces of split timber were inserted into the holes. The school, in session for some two months after the crops were laid by, or during January and February, was taught by some itinerant schoolmaster, who usually boarded with his pupils.

The curriculum of the school was usually limited to the three R's—reading, arithmetic, and writing.

In the year 1896, Dr. Maddry was twenty years of age. After "laying by" the crops, his father informed him that he was "setting him free" and that he would give him the rest of his time, until he was twenty-one years of age. His father expressed the hope that he would be able to go to school but was unable to help him. He attended a preparatory school in Chapel Hill, taught by Professor J. W. Canada of Summerfield, Guilford County. He had no money, and he cut wood to pay his way.

Dr. Maddry entered the University of North Carolina in the year 1898. He worked hard at several types of work to earn enough money to pay his expenses at the University. Because of debt and lack of necessary funds, he was compelled to drop out of school. After a year of hard work as county superintendent and pastor of five churches, he re-entered in January as a member of the class of 1903. During this time, he carried on the church work at Hillsborough and near-by Mars Hill, preaching three times each month.

Dr. Maddry attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1906.

Mr. Edmund Strudwick, president of the South Atlantic Life Insurance Company of Richmond, Virginia, loaned Dr. Maddry some money for expenses while in the seminary. When Dr. Maddry sent the first payment on the notes, he received a gracious letter saying that he need not send any further payments and enclosed the cancelled notes.

On May 2, 1906, Dr. Maddry married Emma Parker, daughter of T. B. Parker and Penelope Alderman Parker, in the Baptist Church in

Hillsborough. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Hight C. Moore, a relative of the bride, and the pastor of the church, Rev. A. C. Hamby. Dr. W. P. Powell, a seminary classmate, and for many years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, was best man.

Dr. Maddry and his wife began keeping house in Greensboro on Rankin Street. On December 13, 1907, his daughter, Katherine, was born. Dr. Maddry accepted the call to preach in Raleigh on the first Sunday in December, 1911, at the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

He reached Austin, Texas, June 1, 1916, and was met at the train by Judge John C. Towne, Dean of the University Law School. His wife and little girl stayed in Raleigh until early in September. Dr. Maddry preached his initial sermon on the first Sunday in June, 1916. Thus he became the pastor of the University Church, Austin, Texas.

On January 1, 1921, he became the secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Next, he entered upon his duties as the Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Monday, January 2, 1933. Dr. Maddry served 12 years and 4 months, from 1933 to 1945. Early in June, 1934, he started visiting European mission fields. His duty was to organize the work and to induce the churches to launch a worthy program of self-support and to make an honest effort toward evangelism and expansion.

On January 4, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Maddry sailed from San Francisco on the Dollar Line, "S.S. President Johnson," for a visit of seven months with missions and churches in the Orient. Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Weather-
spoon, of the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville accompanied them. Reaching Kobe on January 24, 1935, they were met by Dr. W. Harvey Clarks, senior missionary in Japan.

In May, 1936, the Foreign Mission Board authorized the Executive Secretary to visit the missions in South America. The group consisted of Dr. W. C. Taylor, secretary for the work in Latin America; Mrs. Taylor and their twelve-year old daughter, Betty; Mrs. Maddry; and Miss Mary Shepherd, secretary to Dr. Taylor. They visited Brazil for six weeks, then Uruguay. The Republic of Uruguay is a small country, has managed to remain one of the most democratic and progressive states in all of South America.

The next stop of their mission tour was Argentina. The principal cities are Buenos Aires and Rosario, with 461,688 inhabitants. The population of Buenos Aires was 300,371.

They crossed the Andes by Pan-American Airlines. They reached the beautiful capital of Chile, Santiago, which is a city of 1,161,633 inhabitants. The Baptists had laid a splendid foundation in Chile. The domination of the Catholic Church over the masses of the population is slowly, but surely, being broken.

Accompanied by Mrs. J. B. Boatwright of South Carolina, Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Andrews of Texas, Dr. and Mrs. Maddry sailed from New York on May 24, 1935. They arrived in West Africa on June 30.

Dr. Maddry left New York on the Queen Mary in the middle of November, 1938, and landed at Cherbourg, France. After several days, he went aboard an English liner bound for Bombay, India. He sailed from Bombay January 5, 1939.

On January 1, 1902, Dr. Maddry began his ministry as pastor of the Baptist Church in Hillsboro, the county seat of Orange County. At this time, there were only twenty-one members. By 1952, the church had grown to a membership of something over two hundred members and was able to pay an adequate salary together with a comfortable parsonage.

He retired as Executive Secretary of Foreign Mission Board in 1945. After retirement, Dr. Maddry became "home-sick" for the pastorate. He was invited to come to Hillsborough as interim pastor. Dr. Maddry accepted and came with the expectation of staying a few months. He continued to stay here; the congregation increased, the financial contributions of the church doubled, and many new members had been baptized into the fellowship of the church. The church was organized on November 3, 1853, and in November, 1953, they celebrated the centennial. The new building was completed, and it was a great occasion in the life of the church.

Dr. Maddry preached fifty-three years, completing the "circle," and finished his earthly ministry here where he began in 1901. He is the greatest preacher that has ever lived in Hillsborough, North Carolina. Died Sept. 17, 1962. Funeral Hillsborough Baptist Church, Sept. 19 1962., 10 a.m. Buried Richmond, Va.



Completed — Baptist Church
by Captain John Berry

REV. S. W. OLDHAM

Rev. S. W. Oldham was born near Chapel Hill, 1871. Studied at Olive's Chapel Preparatory School and studied for the minis'try at Wake Forest College in 1891. Married 1898. Celebrated 64th wedding anniversary on Thursday, January 11, 1962. He was a supply preacher and regular pastor during his college days.

First pastorate for the young couple was in the Little River Association where he served two small churches. Then came a pastorate in Wake County where Mrs. Oldham taught school.

He served 55 years as pastor, retiring in 1948 at age 77. Served as tax collector and town clerk at Star, N. C. for eight years.

I remember when Rev. and Mrs. Oldham served in Hillsborough,

N. C. (1916-1922). During the "flu epidemic," Rev. and Mrs. Oldham served the sick and did a wonderful job. Our home was near the Baptist Church and it was great to see a couple like these working for the Lord and man kind. (From: Charity and Children) (1-11-62)

Rev. S. W. Oldham died in the year of 1962.

REV. CHARLES AUGUSTUS CALDWELL

Rev. Charles Augustus Caldwell was born at Maiden, North Carolina, on February 27, 1879. He attended school at Maiden, and attended a Baptist College at Maiden. Rev. Caldwell was ordained to the ministry in the First Baptist Church at Lincolnton, North Carolina, in August, 1906. He served the following churches: Lincoln County; Burke County at Marion, North Carolina; Gaston County; Rock Hill, South Carolina; and Hillsborough. While in Hillsborough, he also preached at Mars Hill, Berry's Grove, and finally Haw River. Rev. Caldwell's wife now lives in Hillsborough. His daughter, Mrs. Winnie Blackwelder, also lives in Hillsborough, near her mother, east of town.

BRUCE COLLINS CRESSON

Bruce Collins Cresson, born October 27, 1930, Lenoir, Caldwell County, North Carolina. Educated in Lenoir City Schools, graduated from Lenoir High School in 1948. Member of College Avenue Baptist Church, Lenoir, N. C. Licensed as Minister by this church in 1948. Entered Wake Forest College in 1948, was graduated with B.A. in June, 1952. Served as Assistant Pastor, First Baptist Church, Black Mountain, N. C., summer of 1951.

Entered Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. in 1952, graduated with B.D. in 1955 and with Th.M. in Old Testament Interpretation in 1956. Served as Interim Pastor of Southport Baptist Church, Southport, N. C., January through August, 1954. Ordained to Ministry, Feb., 1954 by College Ave. Baptist Church, Lenoir. Accepted call as Assistant Pastor of First Baptist Church, Hillsborough, N. C., October, 1954, and as Pastor in June, 1957. Married to Betty Joanne Suddreth of Lenoir, N. C., August 7, 1955. Joanna Lynn born September 4, 1958. Resigned Hillsborough pastorate September 10, 1961 to complete studies for Ph.D. degree at Duke University under a Rockefeller Doctoral Fellowship.

Served as Part-time Instructor in Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary 1957-58 and 1958-59. Part-time instructor in Department of Religion at Duke University for Spring and Fall of 1961.

REV. E. GLEN HOLT

Rev. E. Glen Holt, native of Smithfield, North Carolina.

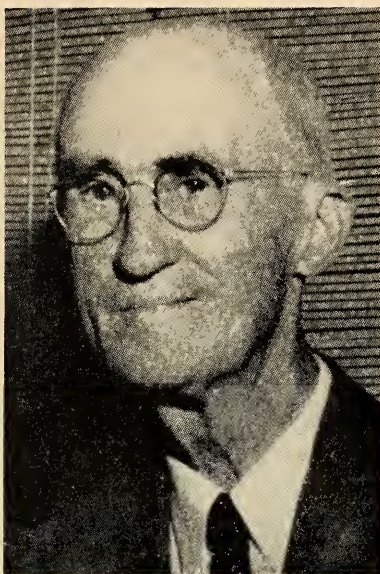
Graduate of Mars Hill Junior College, Wake Forest College, B.A., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, B.D., Postgraduate work at Southeastern Seminary, and graduate of School of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Married to the former Joyce Smith of Selma, N. C. One child, Charles Mark, born Oct. 29, 1960.

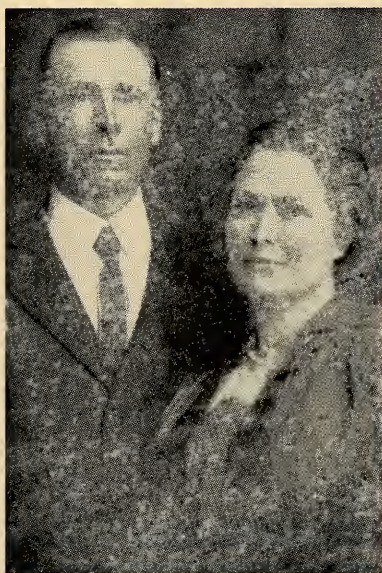
Pastorates: Pastor of Sardis and Hepzibah Churches, near Smithfield, N. C., while a student at the Seminary. Pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church near Oxford. Pastor of First Baptist Church, Hillsborough, since May 22, 1962.



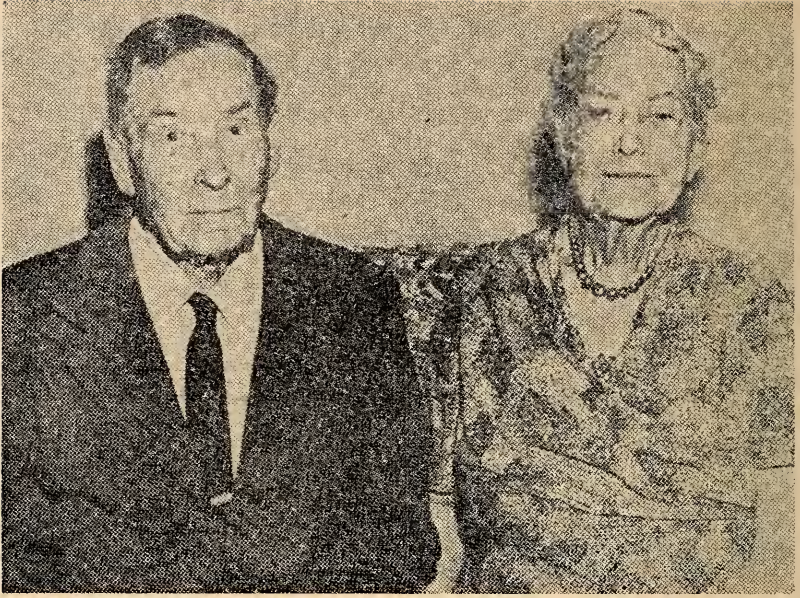
Dr. and Mrs. C. Maddry
1901-1904 — 1951-1958



Rev. J. R. Green
1911-1916



Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Oldham
1916-1922



Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Oldham
1962



Rev. J. R. Cantrell
1924-1927



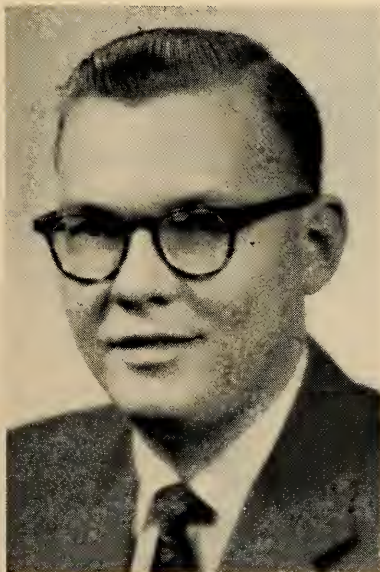
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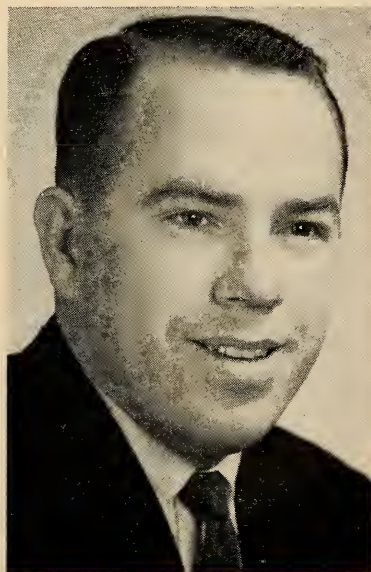
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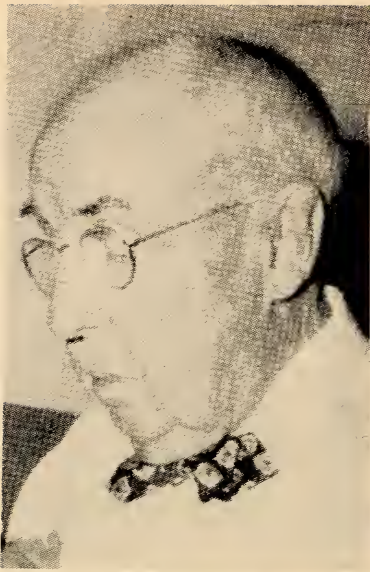
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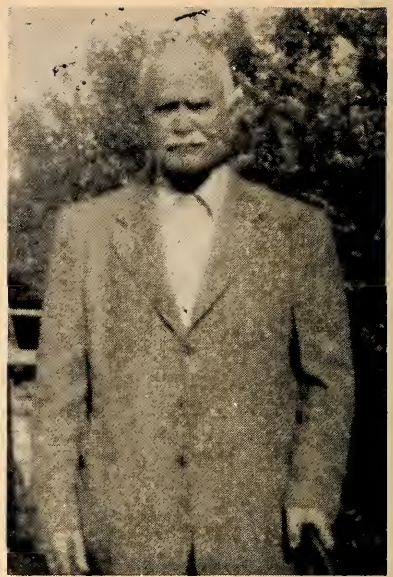
Rev. B. C. Cresson
1957-1961



Rev. Glenn Holt
1962



Dr. J. S. Spurgeon (Dentist)
Served Hillsboro Baptist Church
for about 60 years in many ways.
Served as church clerk, treasurer,
etc. Dentist in Hillsborough
for 63 years.



Mr. Julian Carr
One of the most faithful mem-
bers of the First Baptist Church,
Hillsborough, N. C.



Mr. John Clayton
Member of the Baptist Church.
Served as deacon for a great
number of years



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crabtree
Mr. Crabtree—Treasurer

SOME DEVOTED SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH DURING THE LONG YEARS

By Dr. C. E. Maddry

Some of the former members of the Hillsborough church have rendered long and devoted service in the cause of Christ. We would pay homage, first of all, to Mrs. William A. Graham, wife of a former governor, who was instrumental in the organization of the church and in the erection of the present building. When the money saved for the building was lost during the Civil War, Mrs. Graham sent out hundreds of letters to personal friends far and near; after ten years of continuous effort, the debt was finally paid.

Then came church and clerk deacon James E. Jones who for many years served the church with loyalty and generosity. Parham H. Smith, long-time deacon, who loved his church with Christ-like devotion, was unsurpassed for loyalty and liberality. Certainly, we should mention William H. Newman, for so many years a deacon and trustee and always unflinching in his consecrated loyalty. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Parker who were active members of the church for a decade around 1900 were the parents of Mrs. Maddry. Mr. Parker often led the business meetings of the church and was presiding officer of the church conference in 1901.

No history of this church would be complete without a tribute to Dr. J. S. Spurgeon. For more than sixty years he was a member of this church and for sixty-three years practiced dentistry in Hillsborough. He was superintendent of the Sunday school, deacon, clerk and treasurer at various times. Mrs. Spurgeon is one of the two persons now members of the church when Dr. Maddry came here fifty-three years ago; the other one is Mrs. Charles E. Maddry.

In later years we should pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Lloyd. These three families with their children have rendered unflinching service to the church. Four of the senior deacons who are honored for their long service are: Deacon W. Henry Walker who has served for many years as chairman of the Board of Deacons; Mrs. Walker has been a faithful leader in every phase of the life of the church. Mr. Julian S. Carr, a long-time deacon, has always been generous with his means and, until poor health prevented, was constant in attendance upon all the church services. A. J. and Olivia Lloyd Snipes are also steadfast workers in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bun Turner have been faithful and steadfast workers in the church. One who should be mentioned for his long service to his church is Marsall L. Cates, a constant attendant, a generous supporter and a loyal follower of his pastor. Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton are long-time members who are still rendering valuable services.



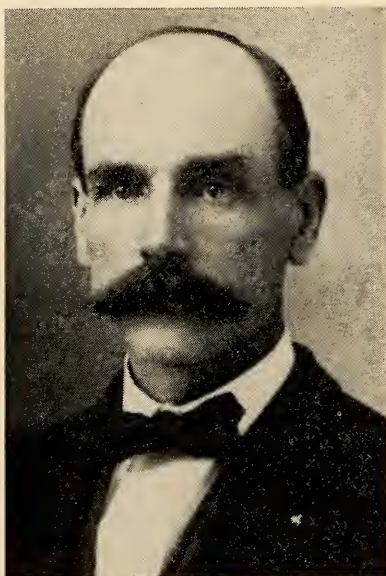
Mr. and Mrs. Bunn Turner, Sr., long time members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Turner was a member of the board of deacons for a great number of years.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker. Mr. Walker served for many years as chairman of the Board of Deacons. Mrs. Walker has been a faithful leader in every phase of the life of the Church.



BAPTIST CHURCH (1854-1860)-1924—(SHOWING STEEPLE)



Thomas E. Sparrow, Sheriff of Orange County, 1920. Hillsborough Postmaster Dec. 4, 1922 to Oct. 4, 1929. Member Eagle Lodge No. 19. Active Church worker.



M. L. Cates, Sr., member of the Baptist Church for about 40 years. Served as deacon for a great number of years. A good church worker.

HISTORY OF THE
MOUNT BRIGHT BAPTIST
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MOUNT BRIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH, 1906—ORGANIZED 1866

Mount Bright Baptist Church—1906. The land was given by the widow of the Honorable William H. Graham, Governor of North Carolina, 1845.



"AUNT" PEGGY FAIRBAULT, NURSE (MIDWIFE)

THE HISTORY OF THE MT. BRIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH

Written by Rev. Fred J. Boddie, Jr.

In the days when American transportation was in its covered wagon and stage coach era, its continued westward march, and emancipation of slaves, a certain portion of Colored citizenship in the little Revolutionary town of Hillsborough, N. C. found itself face to face with real religious freedom for the first time.

Realizing this, it was in the year 1866 that a local church group was organized, and later became known as the Mount Bright Baptist Church. Mount Bright Baptist Church was named in honor of its first pastor, the Rev. Alfred E. Bright.

One of its first meeting places was in a home not more than 300 yards from its present structure. This was the home of the late Brother Louis Jenkins. Perhaps it is better known today as the Hattie Latta place. Another meeting place was the Old Fellows Hall, now known as the Community Center. Meetings were held in this building after the original church structure burned in 1903.

The present site was given to the group by the widow of the Honorable William A. Graham, Governor of North Carolina, 1845.

The church was erected on the present site in 1906.

The Mount Bright Baptist Church has been served by many outstanding church leaders. Their pastorates range in the following order:

The Rev. Alfred Bright.

The Rev. Robert Shepherd, Oxford, N. C.

The Rev. Augustus Shepherd, Oxford, N. C. (this Rev. Shepherd was married to the former Miss Pattie Whitted. This couple were the parents of the late Dr. James E. Shepherd, educator and founder of North Carolina College at Durham).

The Rev. Snyder.

The Rev. Burrell

The Rev. Davis, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

The Rev. Edwards.

The Rev. Perry—Instructor, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

The Rev. Caldwell, Chapel Hill, N. C.

The Rev. Alvis Whitted, Sr., Hillsborough (father of Alvis Whitted, Jr.)

The Rev. Vinson—Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

The Rev. Worlds

The Rev. Thomas—Missionary to Liberia, Africa.

The Rev. J. H. Moore, Clarkton, N. C.

The Rev. Watkins—Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

The Rev. Pope—Durham, N. C.

The Rev. Donnell—Greensboro, N. C.

The Rev. Tabron—Durham, N. C.

The Rev. A. B. Johnson—Raleigh, N. C.

The Rev. B. B. Felder—Columbia, S. C.

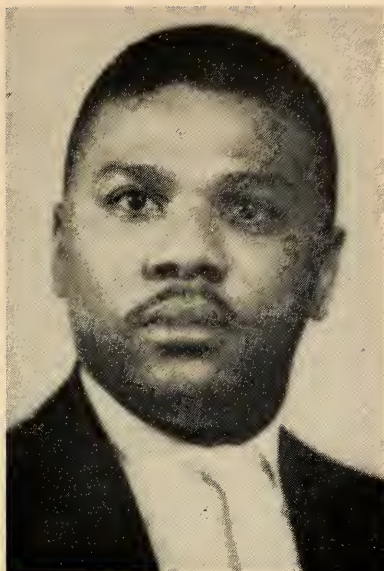
The Rev. P. H. Warren, Jr., A.B. Shaw University; Goldsboro, N. C.

The Rev. F. J. Boddie, Jr., A.B. Shaw University, B.D. Shaw University Divinity School and a native of Petersburg, Virginia. (Pastor until 1961).

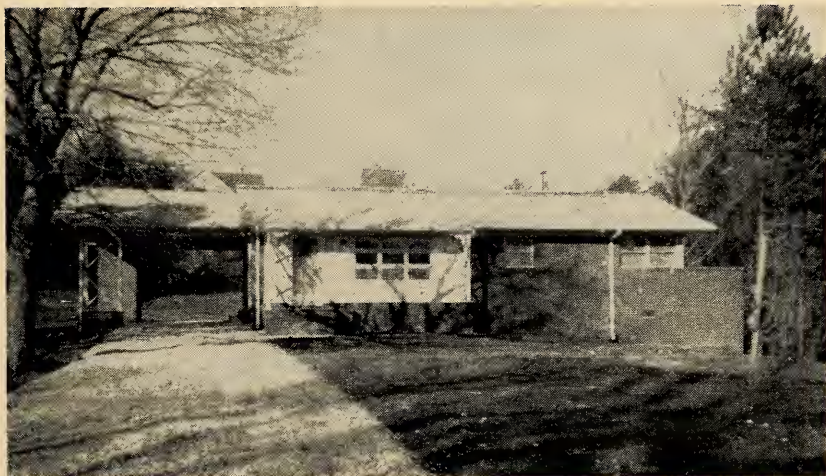
The Rev. Howe B. Perry, D.D., 1962.



Rev. Alonzo Bernard Johnson,
pastor of the Baptist Church for
about 25 years.



Rev. F. J. Boddie, pastor of the
Baptist Church, Hillsborough, N.
C., 1961.



BAPTIST PARSONAGE—BUILT 1961

THE REVEREND MR. FRED J. BODDIE, JR.

A native of Petersburg, Virginia. Graduate of Peabody High School serving as president of his class. Prior to his pastorate at the Historic Mount Bright Baptist Church he served as the assistant pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Petersburg, Va., where his father, Dr. Fred J. Boddie is pastor.

Received the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina—Listed in the 1957-58 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Also served as the president of the student body.

Received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Shaw University School, Raleigh, N. C.

Member of the Executive Board of the Hampton Interdenominational Ministerial Conference, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

Member of the Executive Board of the Voice Commission, the National Publication of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.

Under his three years administration at this church, the first electronic organ has been purchased, centralized budget and tithing system instituted, purchasing of the Ellison home lot for the first church parsonage which is now under construction, and the church is now on a full time schedule.

THE REV. H. B. PERRY

Rev. Howe B. Perry was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts March 13, 1908. He was educated in the public school of Cambridge.

He attended the Bible School of the Christian Missionary Alliance; and received his B.D. from Gordon's College of Boston, Mass. A few years ago he received a D.D. from Miller's University, Philadelphia, Pa.

Before coming to Hillsborough, N. C. Mount Bright Baptist Church, he served the Church of the Messiah, Boston; Western Avenue Baptist Church, Cambridge; Union Baptist Church, Pawtucket, R. I., and the Second Baptist Church, Long Island, N. Y. He is married to the former Mamie McClendon of South Carolina and the father of Dorice, Edwin, Calvin, and Cora.



REV. HOWE B. PERRY

MEMBERSHIP OF THE MOUNT BRIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH OF
HILLSBOROUGH, N. C.

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H. S. Jones
Ed Whitted (Clerk of the Church)

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Tarleton Davis
Kenneth De Lon
Luther De Lon

Lindsay Price
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William Richards
Clarence Ringer
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Haywood Satterfield
Thomas Shanklin
Richard Simpson
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Charlie Tate
Linwood Torain
William Torain
Alfred Walker
Nocho Walker
Kennard Walton
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Mary Anna Alston
Be'tie Anderson
Elizabeth Anderson
Helen Anderson
Nannie Anderson
Julia Baine
Maggie Baine
Jessie Benton
Cleophas Browder
Ethel Lee Brown
A. A. Burt
Ann Burt
Audrey Burt
Portia Burt
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Margaret Faribault
Christine Faucette
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Creola Grady
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Dorothy L. Holt
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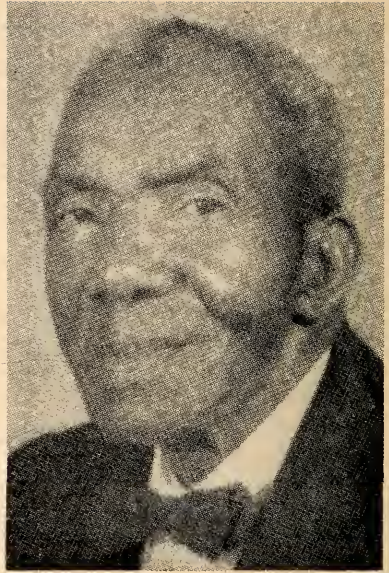
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Fannie Mitchell
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Ruth Parker
Bertha Payne
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Earl Pratt
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Addie Lee Walton
Henrietta Wells
Doris White
Alice Wilson
Constance Wilson
Mamie Wilson
Ethel Whitted
Delores Ann Whitted
Margie Whitted
Rosa Whitted



HAMPTON LONG

Born Nov. 22, 1873. Member of Church for 50 years. Deacon for eight years. Oldest living member. He has been a good brick mason.



H. W. JONES

1881-1959

Member of the Baptist Church.

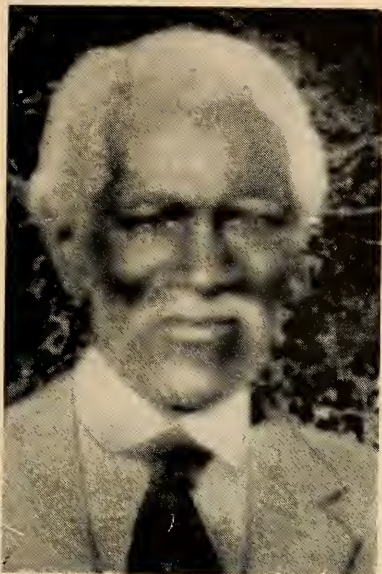
HENDERSON WASHINGTON JONES

Henderson Washington Jones, son of the late Issac and Charlotte F. Jones, was born in Orange County on Aug. 30, 1881. He departed his life on June 8, 1959, after being in declining health for about two years. He was critically ill for about three weeks.

On Oct. 1, 1908, he was joined in Holy Matrimony to Miss Betty Durham. To this union ten children were born.

A resident of this community for more than half a century, his contributions to the civic and religious life of Hillsboro has been far-reaching.

He was chairman of the Deacon Board of Mount Bright Baptist Church for many years; he was a retired Sunday School teacher. He was a Past Master of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge No. 28, of Durham, N. C.

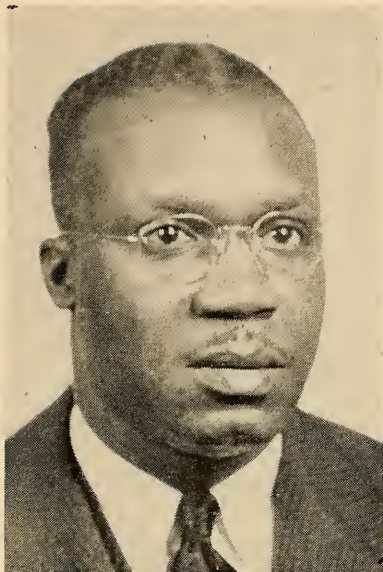


DEMPSEY WHITTED — Jan.
1947. Member Baptist Church
Grove Whitted's Uncle



MRS. MARY WHITTED — Jan.
1947. Member Baptist Church.
Grove Whitted's Aunt

HISTORY OF THE
DICKERSON'S CHAPEL
A. M. E. CHURCH,
HILLSBOROUGH, N. C.
1851-1962



REV. A. J. HOLMAN
Pastor 1961



A. M. E. CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH, N. C.
1851-1962

DICKERSON'S CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH — The church was the old courthouse. It was moved to this location around 1844. First was owned by the Baptists.

DICKERSON'S CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

The Dickerson's Chapel was organized in 1851. Job Berry and Rev. Billy Payne helped organize this church. It was remodeled in 1891 and again in 1947. It was first the courthouse of Orange County. In 1845, Rev. Elias Dodson, white Baptist preacher, bought the old courthouse and moved it up the street to the corner of Chur'on and Queen Streets. This became the First Baptist Church of Hillsborough. The Baptist Church was organized in this building on November 19, 1953. The sermon was preached by Rev. T. W. Toby.

The Baptist Church sold the house and the lot of Churton and Queen Streets in 1862 to George Bishop. George Bishop sold it to Ellerton P. Morris, Antony M. Krinton, and Richard Cadberry of Philadelphia for the sum of twelve hundred dollars. These men are designed as "friends of the colored free man" of Hillsborough.

In the early existence, it was used as a school for colored children and taught by Quakers from Pennsylvania. Later the Northern Quakers gave it up, and the building became a public school. The school building was sold later to the members of Dickerson's Chapel, 1886. Rev. Job Berry was the first pastor of this church. He was pastor before they bought the church building.

One of the oldest members of Dickerson's Chapel is Willis Lipscomb. Another old member is Gaither Collins. Gaither Collins has been one of the most faithful members this church has ever had. All through the years, Gaither has helped do the janitor work and any other job that was to be done. A member of any church should have the right to serve as he sees fit. Some members sing in choir, some teach Sunday School classes, and some love to do the janitor work. Whatever a member is suited to do, only the "Lord" has the right to say what each one can do.

The trustees at time the church was bought were: Sam Whitted, Bill Ellison, Jim Thompson, Jim Nichols, Frank Turrentine, Charles Daye, J. Hooker, and J. T. Wallace.

Pastors were as follows:

Rev. Job Berry (Great Grandfather of James L. Davis Jr.)

Rev. Wilson

Rev. Jordan

Rev. George Hunter

Rev. William Hunter

Rev. Palmer

Rev. Robinson

Rev. Crowder

Rev. Wilson

Rev. Hunter

Rev. G. S. Grant

Rev. A. J. Holman

Rev. J. R. Bridges (Pastor during the Orange County
Bicentennial Celebration)

Rev. A. W. Jones

Rev. P. O. James

Rev. J. S. T. Decker

Rev. A. J. Holman—Present pastor (Second Time)

This church was the third courthouse of Orange County, built in the year 1790. It was used as the courthouse until the year 1844. The building of the third courthouse (second district courthouse) was authorized by the legislature in 1790.

The following is the deed to the Dickerson's Chapel:

Ellison P. Morris

Anthony M. Kimbro

Richard Codberry to Charles Day, Jordan Hooker, Franklin Turrentine, George Washington Daye, and Josephine Thomas Wallace. This indenture made and executed 28th. day of January, 1886 between E. P. Morris, A. M. Kimbro, and R. Codberry all of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania Trustee for and on behalf of the association of Friends of Philadelphia and Victory for the relief of Colored Freedman of the one part and Charles Daye, Jordan Hooker, Franklin W. Daye, and J. T. Wallace, Trustee of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Hillsborough, Orange Co., State of North Carolina. The sum of eight-hundred dollars was paid for the land.

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in Town of Hillsborough, Orange County, and State of N. C. being one half of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre more or less and known in the plan of said town as part of lot No. 80., being the lot known as the old Baptist Church lot (white), being the same premises which George Bishop by indenture dated the fifth day of June, Sixth month, 1866, and registered in the Register's office of — Orange Co., N. C. in Book L. Pages No. 329 to 330. July 23rd., 1929. (C. H. Jones—Deed Book 65 at page 350.)

REV. A. J. HOLMAN

Rev. A. J. Holman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Holman of Pomaria, South Carolina. The oldest of twelve children, he was born in Newberry County. He attended Mt. Hebron Elementary School and graduated from Drayton Street High School at Newberry, South Carolina.

He also attended Allen University and Dickerson's Theological Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina.

He began his ministry at the age of 16. Being an ordained minister as Itinerant Deacon and Elder of the A. M. E. Church, he has held pastorates in Newberry, Richland, and Fairfield Counties of South Carolina and Scotland, Person, and Orange Counties of North Carolina.

A pastor for 31 years, he now holds the pastorate of the Hillsborough circuit Mt. Zion and Dickerson's Chapel of Hillsborough, North Carolina.

He now holds positions as Past Worthy Chief and Special Deputy of Pinnix Council 1701 of the St. Luke Lodge, Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Member of Prince Hall Masonic Lodge 460, Durham, N. C.

Worshipful Master of St. James Masonic Lodge 494, Hillsborough, N. C.

Member of the Consistory No. 218, Durham, N. C.

Member of ZAFSA Temple 176 Shriners, Durham, N. C.

Director of Boy Scout Unit of Hillsborough, N. C.

He is married and has one son.



REV. P. O. JAMES
Pastor of Dickerson's Chapel
A.M.E. for eight years.

REV. P. O. JAMES

Rev. P. O. James was born in Magnolia, N. C. He received his high school education at Williston High School in Wilmington, North Carolina.

He attended the University at Johnson C. Smith, Charlotte, North Carolina.

He pastored in Wilmington, N. C.; Reidsville, N. C.; Liberty, N. C.; Charlotte, N. C. for 9 years; Hillsboro for 8 years, where he brick veneered two churches—Dickerson's Chapel and Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church. He was an outstanding leader in the county of Orange among the members of both races.

Rev. P. O. James is now pastoring in Durham, N. C. at the Emmanuel A. M. E. Church, where he plans to improve, build, and work for the advancement of God's kingdom.



WILLIS LIPSCOMB AND WIFE 1953



GAITHER AND MAMIE COLLINS 1960

ENROLLMENT — 1962

Mable Chavious
M. V. Chavious
J. G. Collins
Edgar Collins
Mary C. Collins
Navain Carthcart
Tonye Carthcart
Earvin Davis
J. L. Davis
Marie Davis
Annie Daye
Harold Daye
Peggy P. Drew
Alice Faucette
Edd Nash Faucette
Gertrude Faucette
M. H. Faucette
Mary Faucette
Wilber Faucette
William Faucette
Georgiana Foust
Dora Fuller
Laura C. Gentry
Gladys Howard
Elsie Jeffries
Effie Jones
Mable Jones
Marie Jones
M. L. Latta
Marilyn Long
Carine Mayo
Clarence Mayo
Joseph Mayo
Myrtle T. Mayo
Andrew S. Morrow
Edna Morrow
Eliza Morrow

Rosiland Morrow
Marie McBroom
William McBroom
Mariah G. McPherson
David McPherson
Merinda McPherson
William E. McPherson
Marie H. Murfree
Alice Payne
Clarence Payne
Elsie Payne
Jessie Payne
Mable Payne
Solomon Payne
Christine Pherribo
Beulah Ray
Clarence Ray
Laura E. Robinson
Gladys Satterfield
Burlie Simpson
A. L. Stanback
C. C. Stanback
Ester Thompson
Elizabeth Walker
L. W. Walker
Ruth Walker
Fannie Warner
Roosevelt Warner
Effie K. Wilson
Eliza Wilson
Eugene Wilson
Minerva Wilson
A. O. Whitted
Irene Whitted
Nettie Whitted
Rev. A. J. Holman
Mrs. Lucille Holman
Margaret Mayo

HISTORY OF
ST. MATTHEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
HILLSBOROUGH, N. C.
1824 - 1962



**THE ALTAR IN THE SANCTUARY OF ST. MATTHEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Anglican Communion that are known throughout the world are: The Anglican Church of Canada; The Church of Ireland; The Episcopal Church in Scotland; The Church of India, Pakistan, Burma, and Ceylon;

The Episcopal Church is part of Christ's Church. As such it has a continuous and unbroken existence since the founding of the Church by Christ. It is a part of the Anglican Communion, one of the great branches of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. It was brought to American shores as the Church of England, by the early colonists and settlers. Subsequently, as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, it has made only such modifications in its liturgy and practices as seemed necessary to life in the new nation.

Thus it is a Church that remains both Catholic and Apostolic; Catholic in standing for the wholeness of the faith and life of the Christian community, Apostolic because it continues in the unbroken fellowship of the Church since Apostolic times.



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH BUILT 1824
The land given by Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin.
When the church was first built it did not have a steeple.

The Church of England in Australia and Tasmania. (From: The National Council, Episcopal Church, New York 10, N. Y.)

The chief ornaments of the Church are the Font, which is used in the administration of Holy Baptism, and the Altar, which serves for the celebration of the Holy Communion. To these may be added the pulpit, and the seats in the chancel for the choir.

The Font is generally placed near the door to show the Baptism is the "door" by which we enter into the fold of Christ's Church.

The Altar is generally placed at the east end of the Church, in token that Christ is the Sun of Righteousness, for which reason it has ever

been the custom of the Church to worship toward the point where the sun rises.

(From: The Prayer Book Reason Why—by the Rev. Nelson R. Boss, M. A.)

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An "Episcopalian" is a member of an American religious organization officially known as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. It is the self-governing American branch of the Anglican Communion, and was the first church to be founded in the newly formed American colonies.

At first it had little following except in Virginia and Maryland, where it was the established church. There was no colonial bishop, and the Revolutionary War caused serious setbacks. But in 1789 the Church became an independent body with its own bishops. A constitution was framed which provided for a General Convention made up of a House of Bishops and a House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. At the same time the Prayer Book was revised to suit American needs in matters of discipline and worship. After 1800 the Church began to develop Sunday schools, theological seminaries, missionary societies, and other institutions. A period of rapid growth began after 1830, and an active missionary policy was adopted by the General Convention of 1835. The Oxford Movement in England strongly affected the Church after 1840.

The Episcopal Church was the only church which was not divided for a long time by the War between the States. But in the following decades the Ritual Controversy and the Broad Church movement influenced both the Evangelicals and the High Churchmen. Some followers formed the Reformed Episcopal Church (1874).

(From: The World Book Encyclopedia)

The Revolution almost destroyed the colonial Church of England. Under special oath of allegiance to the King, the clergy either fled to England or Canada, or remained as Loyalists in the colonies. At the war's end there was no episcopacy, no association of churches, not even the semblance of an establishment. Few thought of any future for this church, which suffered more than any other in the colonies. It was slow becoming re-established as the Protestant Episcopal Church. As late as 1817, when the Diocese of North Carolina was established, it contained only three clergymen and less than two hundred communicants.

The Protestant Episcopal Church constitutes "the self-governing American branch of the Anglican Communion"; for a century and a half in this country it bore the name of the Church of England.

The Episcopal form of government, closely parallels that of the Federal government. The basic unit is the parish, governed by the rector, or priest; wardens, who have charge of the church's records and the collection of alms; and vestrymen who have charge of all church property. Parishes are grouped into dioceses.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church dates back to the period before the American Revolution when the town was the colonial capital of the colony of North Carolina.

The church was built in 1766 by the Episcopals under the charge of the Reverend George Micklejohn, appointed to the parish by Governor

Tryon. It was built on the corner of Churton and Tryon Streets, where the library now stands.

After the Rev. Micklejohn, there are no records that the parish had a resident minister, and the church and grounds passed to the Presbyterians. On August 24, 1824, the Episcopalians again organized and founded the present church on a land-grant given by Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin. The following signed the first record: Cameron, Ruffin, Turner, Norwood, Cain, Anderson, and Latta.

The first rector of St. Matthew's Church (1824) was Rev. William Mercer Green. The church is located on a rounded hill on the east side of town. It is surrounded by a beautiful grove of trees.

There are monuments in the Episcopal Churchyard to the memory of the ancestors of famous families that lived in Hillsboro. The names are as follows: Cameron, Ruffin, Webbs, Graham, Roulhacs, Waddells, Gowers, Hills, Curtises, Cains, Cushman, and others. The bell in the church steeple was given by Mrs. Mary Curtis. It was rung for the first service on Easter Day, 1878, and it has inscribed on it the following: "To the glory of God, and in memoriam; John Henry Curtis, and other soldiers of the Orange Light Artillery, N. C. T., who fell in the service of the Confederate States."

The building was erected in 1824 and seats 150; the present membership of the church is 86; the Rector is The Rev. Louton Pettit.

Clergy List of the Episcopal Church

Mr. Green was with the church from 1832 until 1838. He moved to Chapel Hill in 1838. He made a formal request of the vestry that at his death, his body be buried in St. Matthew's Church graveyard. His request was granted. In 1850 he was consecrated the 1st Bishop of Mississippi.

Rev. Henry H. Pront came to the church in 1838.

Rev. Moses Ashley Curtis was a native of Massachusetts, and came to North Carolina as a teacher. He married in Wilmington, Miss Mary De-Rossett. He was a minister at Washington, North Carolina, for a short time and head of the Episcopal Academy in Raleigh. But in Hillsboro he formed his real place and life-work. Dr. Curtis was a great original authority in certain branches of Botany, known the world over as such. He also was a skillful musician, and under his influence and instruction, the music in the parish church was such as was hardly to be heard in other churches. Dr. Curtis removed to Society Hill, South Carolina, in 1847, but in 1857, his name appeared again in the Diocesan clergy list of the Episcopal Church.

In 1848 the Reverend James B. Connelly took charge of the parish and died the latter part of 1855. He was an earnest and devout man.

Dr. Curtis died April 10, 1872, and was succeeded by his son, the Rev. Charles Jones Curtis. Having been ordained to the Priesthood on December 14, 1873, he became rector, and served until his resignation on July 24, 1880.

Rev. Joseph W. Murphy served the church from 1881 until 1892.

Rev. Benjamin McKenzie came to the church in 1892 and stayed until 1896.

The Rev. Samuel Paxon Watters was with the church from 1897 until 1912. Mrs. Watters was an invalid the greater part of her time in Hills-

borough, and yet she was one of the most effective and useful women in the Diocese.

The Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence served from 1912 until 1917.

The Rev. William D. Benton was rector of the parish for 16 years, from 1917 until 1933.

Rectors of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church since Dr. Benton:

The Rev. John Q. Beckwith (1934-1937)

The Rev. James D. Beckwith (1938-1941)

The Rev. Robert C. Masterton (1942-1952)

The Rev. Lauton Pettit (1954—)

REV. ROBERT MASTERTON

Moved to New York City when very young. Attended S. John's Military School, Manlius, N. Y. (Now called Manlius School)

Graduated from Trinity School, New York City. Graduated from Columbia University. Worked for two years in Spring Street Settlement House, New York City. Attended Union Seminary, New York. Graduated from Berkeley Seminary, New Haven, Conn.

Ordained Deacon by Bishop Greer of New York. Ordained Priest by Bishop Greer of New York. Took charge of St. Augustine's Mission in New York.

Rector of Calvary Church, Burnt Hills, N. Y.; Rector of St. James' Church, Lake George, N. Y.; Rector of St. Peters Church, Delaware, Ohio; Rector of Trinity Church, Lumberton, N. C.; Rector of The Church of the Advent, Washington, D. C.; Rector of Grace Church, Alexandria Va.; Rector of St. Matthews Church, Hillsboro, N. C.

Retired, living in Chapel Hill, N. C.

LAUTON W. PETTIT 1954—

(Biographical sketch of Lauton Pettit)

Born January 11, 1915 in Lockport, N. Y., the son of Glenn L. and Eleanor A. Pettit. Graduated from Lockport High School in 1931. Graduated from Hobart College in Geneva, N. Y. in 1936 with an A.B. degree. While in college he earned his letter as manager of the Lacrosse team, was President of the International Relations Club, was President of the Student Christian Association and a member of Delta Psi Omega fraternity.

Upon graduation from college he accepted a job in the Production Department of United Fruit Co. in Boston, Mass. where he worked for three years. He entered Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va. in 1939 and graduated in 1942 with a B.D. degree.

He was ordained in the Ministry of the Episcopal Church on June 14th, 1942 in Grace Church, Lockport, N. Y. After 6 months, he was ordained Priest on December 17th, 1942 in St. John's Church in Buffalo, N. Y. where he remained as Curate until 1944. On June 24th 1944 he married Ellen Sheffield Patman of Rochester, N. Y., a graduate of the University of Rochester and a Director of Religious Education in St. James Church, Batavia, N. Y. From 1944 to 1947 Mr. Pettit was priest-in-charge of five churches in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. The Rectory was in Norton, Va. In 1947, Mr. Pettit accepted a call to become Rector of St. John's Church in Halifax, Va. where he remained until 1954. In 1954 he became Rector of St. Matthews Church in Hillsborough, N. C. In Hillsborough, Mr. Pettit has been active in the Lions Club, Exchange

Club, and has served as Master of Eagle Lodge No. 19 A.F.&A.M. for the year 1961. The Pettits have two children, Elizabeth Anne, and Louton Whitlock II.

Wardens

The wardens elected in 1824 were Francis L. Hawks, Senior Warden, and William Norwood, Junior Warden.

The regular unbroken record began in 1838 with William Cain, Joseph C. Norwood, Priestly H. Mangum, Andrew McKee, Cadwalader Jones, Henry K. Nash, James Webb, Thomas B. Hill, D. Heyward Hamilton, John W. Graham, and William A. Hayes.

Organization of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, August 23, 1824

Membership: Eliza Estes, Mary P. Ashe, Elizabeth Ashe, Mary R. Anderson, Sally Grove, William Norwood, Ann Ruffin, P. R. Anderson, Ann O. Cameron, Elizabeth Norwood, Thomas Ruffin, Walker Anderson, Josiah Turner, Emily Hawks, Stephen Moore, John Latta, William Cain, Jr., Thomas Carney, William Bary Grove, W. E. Andrews, Robina Norwood, Thomas J. Taddie, Benjamin B. Blum, Elizabeth Latta, Francis L. Hawks, Ellen Latta, N. Hoston, and Catherine Hoston.

At the evening service of the 100th anniversary of the organization of the Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, was as follows: two great-great-granddaughters of Chief Justice Ruffin, who gave the valuable site where now stands the church and rectory, were present. The speakers were Arch-deacon Bethea, Mr. Samuel S. Nash of Tarboro, and Mr. Heyward Hamilton of Baltimore. The music was under the direction of Mrs. William D. Benton. Mrs. A. H. Graham helped with the choir.

MEMORIALS IN ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

By The Rev. L. W. Pettit.

Rector's Chair (south side of altar) In memory of S.M.M. (Sarah Mary Matthews Murphy) given by her husband, sons and daughter May 20, 1885.

Font Cover of polished brass and chestnut is "a thank offering for a great mercy".

The Bible was presented by Mrs. Wm. L. DeRosset and other of family and friends as an Easter offering—Easter 1885.

Altar and reredos in memory of Paul C. Cameron, Miss Rebecca Graham and Miss Pauline Sheppard given by Miss Mildred C. Cameron, (1892).

At Christmas of 1892—a brass altar rail in memory of Miss Mildred Cameron—given by Miss Margaret Mordeca.

The Oak Litany Desk was given at Christmas 1895 by Miss Anne Roulhac in memory of her niece Katherine R. Hamilton.

The Brass Alms Basin given in 1900 in loving memory of Rev. Joseph W. Murphy by Dr. Samuel W. Murphy, his brother and Mrs. Walter E. Stumph, his daughter.

The Hymn Board was given by Katherine Roulhac Hamilton—"to the greater praise and glory of God."

The Pulpit—in loving memory of Anne Cameron (6-3-14—5-29-97).

The Font—In Memoriam to Rev. M. A. Curtis and five children.

The Altar Desk—in memory of Frances Gray Hamilton—1897.

The Candle Sticks—Allan Jones Cameron 1852-1930.

The Cross—in memory of M. R. Gwynn—Feb. 21, 1877.

The Bishops Chair (north side of altar) In memory of A. M. R.—Oct. 28, 1875.

North Windows:

1. Sally Nash Ruffin Gwynn 1836-1879 — Martha P. Ruffin 1831-1896.
2. Mary Rebecca Ruffin (1822-1878) and her daughter Rebecca Edwards Webb '46-'89.
3. James Webb (Senior Warden) (1816-1897) His wife (Sarah Frances Cheshire (1822-1891) and their children.

South Windows

1. Paul Carrington Cameron (1892-1895)
2. Rev. Moses Ashley Curtis died April 10, 1872, aged 64 years. Rector of St. Matthews for 21 years.

MEMBERS THROUGH THE YEARS WERE:

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| Ashe | Green | Lawrence |
| Anderson | Gowers | Nash |
| Andrews | Gentry | Noell |
| Barbour | Gilmore | Norwood |
| Botsford | Ferrell | Pettit |
| Browning | Grove | Pront |
| Benton | Gates | Ruffin |
| Blun | Graham | Roulhac |
| Beckwith | Hawks | Rosemond |
| Beard | Hoston | Robertson |
| Bacon | Hill | Ratliff |
| Cains | Hamilton | Shepherd |
| Carr | Hayes | Turner |
| Cushman | Murphy | Taddie |
| Curtis | Masterton | Vaughn |
| Cameron | Mangum | Waldo |
| Connelly | McKee | Wall |
| Carney | Matheson | Webb |
| Cheshire | McKenzie | Williams |
| Carden | Micklejohn | Watters |
| Collins | Moore | Waddell |
| Dula | Lloyd | Walker |
| Dent | Levings | |
| Jones | Latta | |

THOMAS RUFFIN (By Francis Nash)

The first born of Sterling Ruffin and Alice Roane. Born at Newington, King and Queen County, Virginia, November 17, 1787. Died at Hillsboro, Orange County, North Carolina, January 15, 1870. Graduated at Nassau Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, 1805. Admitted to the Bar in North Carolina in 1808. Intermarried with Anne M. Kirkland December 9, 1809. A member of the State Legislature, Speaker of the House of Commons; a trustee of the University; twice Judge of the Superior Court; in 1829, Justice of the Supreme Court, in which he presided for 19 years a Chief Justice.

“A man resolved and steady to his trust, inflexible to ill and obstin-

ately just.' This is the inscription upon Judge Ruffin's tomb in St. Matthew's churchyard at Hillsboro—his life in epitome.

His early boyhood was passed on the farm of his father, in Essex, and attended schools in the vicinity. Later he was sent to the classical academy of Mr. Marcus George, in Warrenton, North Carolina.

He went from the academy to Princeton, graduated in 1805. After graduating, he studied law under David Robertson, Esq., at Petersburg, Va. In 1807, his father having removed to Rockingham County, North Carolina, he, too, came to this state and finished his studies under Judge Murphy. He was admitted to the bar in 1808, and located in Hillsboro for the practice of his profession June 7, 1809.

Judge Ruffin's father was an ardent Methodist, becoming a preacher of that denomination late in life. His fortune becoming impaired, he removed to Rockingham County, North Carolina, in 1807.

About 1790, there came a young Scotchman, William Kirkland, from Ayrshire, Scotland, to Hillsboro, to engage in mercantile pursuits. On the eve of Christmas, 1792, he married Miss Margaret B. Scott, and the following year, 1793, their oldest child, Anne, was born. In 1799, he purchased the old Tew homestead and lived there the remainder of his life. Judge Ruffin married Anne Kirkland December 7, 1809.

On January 3, 1811, Thomas Ruffin purchased 43 acres of land adjoining the town of Hillsborough on the east side. They built a house near by, and there the young couple lived through the few first years of stint and poverty.

Judge Ruffin, about 1820, donated the site whereon St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and churchyard is now located. The church was erected in 1824 on or very near the spot where the romance of his life had commenced, and the land was donated as a memorial of that event and a thanks offering to God for the blessings it had brought in its train. Fourteen children were born to this couple, and only one died under age.

He was great as a lawyer, great as a judge, great as a financier, great as a farmer—a rugged, indomitable soul in a frame of iron, made to conquer, and conquering every difficulty on every side.

For more than forty years a communicant in the Protestant Episcopal Church, he was one of its most active members in the State, and more than once represented the Diocese in the Triennial Conventions of the Union.

During his life, he was a devoted church worker. As you come out of the Episcopal Church, you will see a bronze plaque on the right door with his name inscribed. This was placed there in memory of his outstanding work he did in the Episcopal Church. North Carolina recognizes Thomas Ruffin as her greatest jurist before the Civil War.

He was succeeded by Frederick Nash of Hillsborough, who served as Chief Justice until his death in 1858.

(From: The Papers of Thomas Ruffin by J. G. deRoulhac Hamilton)

CHRONOLOGY OF THOMAS RUFFIN

- 1787 Nov. 17—Born at "Newington," King and Queen County, Va.
1801-1803—Student at Warrenton Academy, N. C.
1803—Entered Junior Class at Nassau Hall, Princeton, N. J.
1805 Sept. 26—Received degree of A.B. from Princeton.
1806-1807—Law Student at Petersburg, Va.
1807—Moved to "Oakland," N. C.
1807-1808—Law Student (under Archibald Murphy).
1808—Admitted to the Bar.
1809 June 9—Moved to Hillsborough, N. C.
Dec. 9—Married to Anne Kirkland of Hillsborough, N. C.
1813—Member of the House of Commons for the borough of Hillsborough.
1815—Member of the House of Commons for the borough of Hillsborough.
1816—Presidential elector of Monroe ticket.
Member of House of Commons.
Speaker of House of Commons.
December 16—Elected judge of the Superior Court.
1818 Dec. 23—Resigned from the bench to engage in the practice of law.
1820-1822—Reporter of the Supreme Court of N. C.
1824—Candidate for presidential elector on the Crawford ticket.
1825—Elected Judge of the Superior Court.
1828—Resigned from the bench to become president of the State Bank of N. C.
1830—Moved to "Haw River"
1833—Became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
1834—Received degree of Doctor of Laws from U.N.C.
1835—Delivered address before the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies at U.N.C.
1852—Resigned from the bench.
1853—Delegate to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York.
1854-1860—President of the N. C. Agricultural Society.
1853—Elected Judge of the Supreme Court of N. C.
1859—Resigned from the bench.
1861—Delegate to the Peace Conference.
Delegate from Alamance to the Convention of 1861
1866—Moved to Hillsborough
1870 Jan. 15—Died at his home in Hillsborough.

John W. Graham (1838-1928) Lawyer, born in Hillsborough. Graduate U.N.C., 1857. Major in Confederate Army. Teacher, 1858-60; began practice of law in 1860. Served a number of terms in state Senate.

Mr. Graham was a member of the Episcopal Church and held office various times.

Alexander H. Graham was born in Hillsborough. Attended school in Hillsborough and the University of North Carolina. Practiced law in Hillsborough except the time he spent in the army and the time he served as a state official at Raleigh.

Mr. Graham was the son of John W. Graham. He has been a long time member of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. A. H. Graham has been a great help with the music of the church. During the anniversary of

the organization of the church, Mrs. Graham helped with the choir. She worked with Mrs. William D. Benton who was the director of the choir.

Miss Annie Cameron was born in Norfolk, Va. Her mother died when "Miss Annie" was born. Moved to Hillsborough when young. She was educated in Raleigh, N. C. Miss Annie has taught school in Hillsborough for over forty years.

Miss Cameron has been one of the most faithful members that the Episcopal Church has ever had. Each Sunday you will find her in the choir. The greatest pleasure one receives in life is the service rendered to their church.

Miss Sue Hayes—Born in Hillsborough. Educated in Hillsborough, N. C. Worked in drug store with her father for a great number of years. Served as organist for the Episcopal Church for a long time. A good church worker.

Thomas Ruffin, Jr. (1824-1889) Lawyer. Born in Hillsborough. Graduated U.N.C., 1844. Licensed to practice law. In Civil War, lieutenant colonel, 13th regiment. Justice of the state supreme court, 1881-1885. Practiced law in Hillsborough with J. W. Graham. His home is now owned by Mrs. A. S. Mitchell.

(From: Orange County—1852-1952 by Hugh Lefler and Paul Wager)

John Kirkland Ruffin (1834-1903) Physician. Son of Thomas and Annie M. Ruffin.

BISHOP JOSEPH BLOUNT CHESHIRE

By: Lawrence Foushee London, P.H.D., Historiographer of the
Diocese of North Carolina

Dr. Joseph B. Cheshire, Sr. was born in Edenton, December, 1814. His parents, John Cheshire and Elizabeth Blount. He received his education at the Edenton Academy and at the Episcopal School for boys. The latter school had just been founded by Bishop Ives and was located in Raleigh on the site where now stands St. Mary's Junior College. After completing his course at the Episcopal School, he studied law in Raleigh under the supervision of Thomas P. Devereux. In 1836 he was admitted to the bar. In 1838 he decided to enter the ministry, and worked under the direction of Bishop Ives. In 1840, Dr. Cheshire had advanced sufficiently far in his theological studies to be ordained by Bishop Ives. The Bishop placed him in charge of the parishes at Halifax and Windsor. The next year he was ordained priest and was given Calvary Church in Tarboro. He retained his work at Scotland Neck until 1869. His pastorate at Calvary Church continued for more than half a century. During this long rectorship a beautiful new church was built, to which he himself contributed generously.

Dr. Cheshire will probably be best remembered in the history of the American Episcopal Church for the part he played in healing the breach between the northern and southern branches of the church following the close of the Civil War.

Dr. Cheshire married Elizabeth Toole Parker. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr. was born on March 27, 1850. In the course of time, Dr. and Mrs. Cheshire had five other children. John Blount was born in the

house built many years before by his grandfather. He was the father of Mr. James Cheshire, who now lives in Hillsborough.

Young Cheshire received his earliest education under the direction of his mother. He first attended school in Tarboro, taught by Rev. and Mrs. Owen. In the fall of 1861, Cheshire entered the Tarboro Male Academy. In late February of 1866, young Cheshire left home for Hartford. (Trinity College at Hartford, Connecticut.) He graduated in 1869.

May, 1872, Cheshire and Annie Hushe Webb were engaged. Married December 17, 1874, in the St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. Richard Lewis was his best man.

Mr. Cheshire studied law under the eminent lawyer, Wm. K. Ruffin, son of Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin, who coached law students since he was too crippled to do much active practice. Received his license to practice law in 1872.

Mr. Cheshire was ordained priest by Bishop Lyman in St. Paul's Church on May 30, 1880. (Winston-Salem, N. C.)

He was presented for ordination by Rev. John E. C. Smedes, and the sermon for the occasion was preached by Dr. Alfred Watson, later Bishop of East Carolina.

During his ministry in Chapel Hill, Cheshire received calls from several parishes, all of which offered him a better salary, but he usually declined them. In the winter of 1881 the vestry of St. Mathew's Hillsborough and the Church in Burlington asked him to take charge of their parishes. He would have gone to Hillsborough,, his wife's old home, but Bishop Lyman preferred Cheshire to remain in Chapel Hill where he was doing good work.

About two months later he received a call from St. Peter's, Charlotte, which he declined. Bishop Lyman wrote him that he wished him to accept the charge of St. Peter's. Mr. Cheshire refused to go to Charlotte because the Bishop had instructed him, only a few months earlier, to remain in Chapel Hill. Bishop Lyman, however, answered that he had directed the vestry of St. Peter's to call him again. Mr. Cheshire accepted.

Under the direction of Mr. Cheshire, St. Peter's hospital was firmly established and has continued to grow in usefulness to the community.

Elizabeth and Sarah Cheshire were born in Chapel Hill. During their twelve years in Charlotte four other children were born to them—Joseph Blount, Annie, Godfrey, and James Webb Cheshire.

Mr. Cheshire did a lot of good work in Charlotte. He made many friends outside of his congregation as well as among his parishioners.

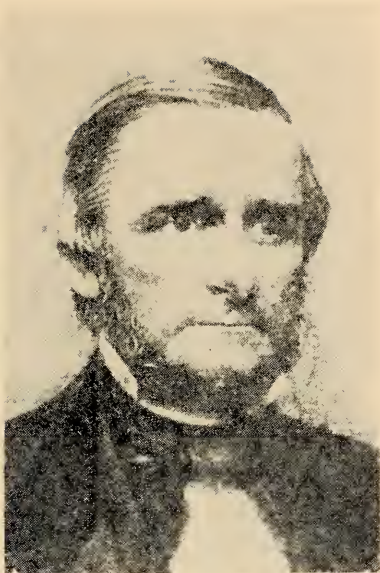
June 27, 1893, he was elected assistant bishop. December 13, he became Bishop. The death of Bishop Lyman placed the Assistant Bishop in full charge of the Diocese of North Carolina.

The Bishop gave his children all the advantages he could afford. Two of his sons were educated at the University of North Carolina and the third attended the University of South Carolina. His three daughters all went to St. Mary's School.

Bishop Cheshire died December 27, 1932, in Charlotte, North Carolina.



**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
built 1824. The land was given by
Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin.**



**Rev. Moses Ashley Curtis
(1808-1872)**

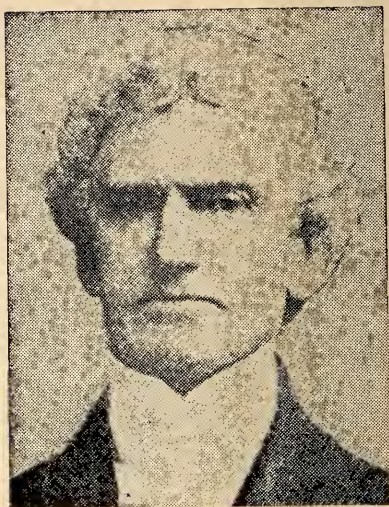


**Rev. L. W. Pettit
Rector St. Matthew's Episcopal
Church**

A Few Members that had Held Office in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



Miss Annie Cameron



Thomas Ruffin
Chief Justice N. C. Supreme Court
Member Episcopal Church



Dr. R. B. Hayes
Died 1937
A physician in Hillsborough for
about forty years. Member
Episcopal Church.

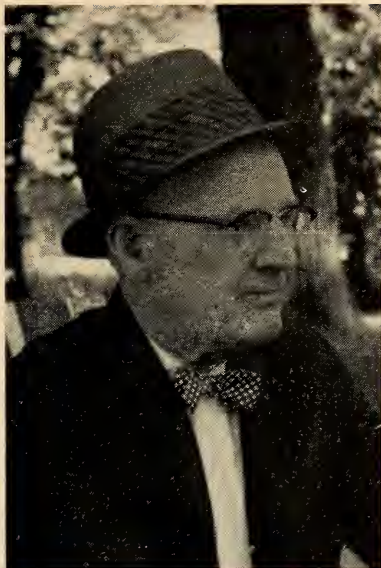


A. H. "Sandy" Graham—1932
Lieutenant Governor
Member Episcopal Church
1921-29—General Assembly
1929—Speaker of the House
1932—Lieutenant Governor
Head of the Highway Commission



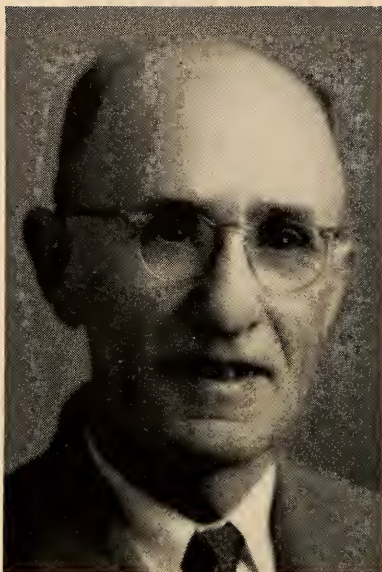
James Cheshire, Sr.
A good friend to all.
1960

A great help in collecting material for the history of Hillsborough and Churches. Mr. Cheshire's father was Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Member Episcopal Church



Samuel Tate Latta, Jr.
Senior Warden

Treasurer Orange County 1924-1928. Sheriff of Orange County October 1938 - December 1954. Born in Orange County, Educated Cedar Grove Academy and State College. Served in the first World War. A popular Sheriff.



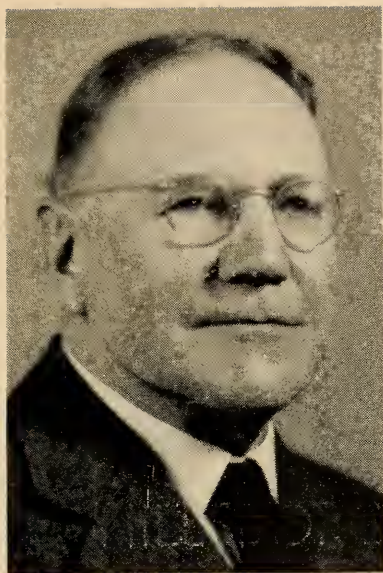
W. W. Walker
Merchant. Member Episcopal Church for a great number of years. Served on town board for about 15 years.



Don Matheson
Treasurer of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.



John Graham Webb
Member Episcopal Church — 1961
Warden



Mr. Paul Collins
May 1877-January 1961
Member vestry for 50 years.



William Cain
World-famous engineer



WHERE THE REGULATORS WERE HANGED
JUNE 19, 1771 — HILLSBORO, N. C.

Where the Regulators were hanged.
The Home of Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin



Cemetery St. Matthew's Church (Looking East) 1962.

1913-1962

1913-1965

I N T R O D U C T I O N
MEBANE CHAPEL OF HILLSBOROUGH

The United Holy Church of America was organized at Method, North Carolina, in 1866. Its purpose officially is to to establish and maintain "holy convocation, assemblies, conventions, conferences, public worship, missionary and school work, orphans' homes, and manual and trade training."

Articles of faith contain statements of belief in the Trinity; the record of God's revelation of Himself in the Bible; redemption; resurrection; justification; instantaneous sanctification following reign of Christ over the earth.

Mebane Chapel which was organized in 1913 belongs to this United Holy Church. Preston Wade, J. F. Latta, Dennis Grady, E. Williams, Annie Grady, and R. C. Turner were the leaders in organizing this church.

The Chapel was erected in 1914 with Rev. B. F. Alston as its first Pastor. It seats about 200 people. The present membership of the church is sixty members. Rev. P. H. Wiley was the pastor during the celebration of the Bicentennial of Orange County in 1953. He served the church as Pastor until his death. Rev. H. B. McDonald succeeded Rev. Wiley and is the present Pastor.

MEBANE CHAPEL

Abe and Annie B. Mebane sold to the trustees of Mebane Chapel a lot or parcel of land in the town of Hillsborough, County of Orange in the State of North Carolina. The land is located in the west part of Hillsborough in front of Central High School, at the corner of Union Street. The lot contains thirty feet by forty feet. The trustees were Elishe Williams and Arthur Hood. The amount of money paid was twenty-five dollars. (July 16, 1912.)

The first deed was not recorded. The present deed was recorded April 26, 1924. J. A. Harris was Deputy Clerk—Superior Court (1912). Mebane Chapel was named in memory of Abe and Annie B. Mebane. Their home was in Orange County. (From: Register Deeds' Office.)

When Mebane Chapel was established in 1914, they had 35 members. Only three are now living: Rev. R. C. Turner, Hattie Mayo, and Annie J. Grady. Two members became preachers: Rev. W. M. Shanklin and Rev. R. C. Turner.

The first members were:

- Deacon J. F. Latta
- Deacon William M. Shanklin
- Lewis J. Wilson, Sec.
- Preston W. Wade
- Elisah Williams
- William McPherson
- Henry Mebane
- John Flinthall
- Rev. Ross C. Turner

- Dennis Grady
- SISTERS:**
- Alice Whitted (Called Mother of the Church)
- Annie B. Raye
- Elisabeth Grady
- Mary Mayo
- Hattie Mayo
- Lena Powell

Minnie Flinthall
 Dora R. Latta
 Priscilla Latta
 Lizzie Shanklin
 Alese Whitted
 Meria Lipscomb
 Bell Wright
 Martha Kimber

Cattie Walker
 Benny Powell
 Mariha Bradsher
 Annie Riley
 Effie Wilson
 Maggie Satterfield
 Annie B. Mebane

PASTORS, 1914-1962

1. Rev. B. F. Alston served as the first pastor of Mebane Chapel, 1914.
2. Rev. J. W. Joice
3. Rev. Haines
4. Rev. A. J. Holcome
5. Rev. Wilcock
6. Rev. W. H. Hayes
7. Rev. P. D. Richardson
8. Rev. P. H. Wiley. Died while pastor of this church.
 Rev. Wiley was pastor of Mebane Chapel during the celebration of the bicentennial of Orange County in 1953.
9. Rev. H. B. McDonald is now pastor. His home is in Martinsville, Virginia. Most of the preachers have lived in Durham and Raleigh.

ENROLLMENT OF MEBANE CHAPEL

R. C. Turner
 James J. Obie
 Samuel Wade
 William M. Clark, Sr.
 R. D. Brooks
 Jesse W. Jones
 Annie J. Grady
 Hattie E. Mayo
 Lillie Wright
 Alice Makins
 Samuel Obie
 William Whitted
 Anderson Whitted
 James Pearson
 William Clark, Jr.
 Annie B. Clark
 Dorothy McPherson
 Pauline Brooks
 Margaret Whitted
 Hattie Walker
 Lula Walker
 Lula Mitchell
 Cynthia Kirkland
 Thelma Mayo
 Charlotte Wright
 Annie L. Whitted
 Thelma Jones
 Inez Gattis
 Margaret Rapley

Mable Wade
 Betty E. Whitted
 Gloria Brown
 Fanny Martin
 Judy M. Clark
 Barbara J. Link
 Joyce Obie
 Mollie Harrington
 Gary McCauley
 Maggie Russell
 Melvin Gattis
 Rachel Wright
 Esther Wright
 Chesse M. McCallum
 Barbara A. Brooks
 Merinda Wright
 Dorothy M. Obie
 Johnny E. Obie
 Oatis Wright
 Harry L. Clark
 Thomas Wright
 Harrie Clark
 Jesse W. Jones, Jr.
 Alford N. Jones
 Cathrine Jones
 Thelma B. Jones
 Lattie Jones
 Rijeane McCallum



Reverend B. F. Alston
The first Pastor of Mebane Chapel
Hillsborough, N. C.
(1914)



Mebane Chapel of Hillsborough, N. C.
Church erected in 1914

HILLSBOROUGH
METHODIST CHURCH
1807 – 1962

Edited by Pauline O. Lloyd and Allen A. Lloyd

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3. Allen A. Lloyd, Chairman

INTRODUCTORY

Hillsborough Methodist Church was organized about 1807. It belonged to the Haw River Circuit. The first preaching services were held in the old courthouse.

The Hillsborough community was first served by the Methodist Ministers assigned to the Brunswick Circuit. North Carolina Circuit was formed May 21, 1776—from Virginia. A map of N. C., 1780, gives the four circuits: West—Yadkin Circuit; Central—New Hope Circuit; East—Tar River Circuit (Raleigh); North-East—Roanoke Circuit.

Hillsborough (1779) was in the New Hope Circuit. Later Hillsborough Methodist Church was made a member of the newly formed Raleigh District. In 1866 the Hillsborough District was formed.

The first church was built of wood and bought from Dr. James Webb, Feb. 1823, located on or near the property now owned by Mrs. Odell Clayton. The second church was built by Capt. John Berry. The land was sold to the church by H. N. Brown in year 1859.

The Bible in the church was printed at the University Press, Oxford, London, England; sold by E. Gardner and Son, Oxford Bible Warehouse. Written on the Bible is as follows: Methodist Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, N. C., 1860.

The parsonage was bought April 13, 1891, from Mr. C. M. Parks. It was located on the land now owned by Mr. S. Strudwick. The second parsonage was bought from James Webb, son of Dr. James Webb, April 30, 1903. The lot No. 94. It was remodeled about 1920 and a second story was added. The present parsonage was built in the years 1957-58. The dedication service on Sunday, March 9, 1958, at 3 P.M.

Dr. James Webb sold the first church and land to the Hillsborough Methodist Church, 1823. Dr. Webb's son sold the second parsonage to the church.

Dr. James Webb came here from Granville County. James Webb was the son of Dr. James Webb, grandfather of Mr. Jim Cheshire, Mr. James Webb (died young). Dr. James Webb also had another son, Mr. Thomas Webb. He married Robina Norwood, 1854. To them were born nine children. Two of them were James Webb and Thomas Webb. James Webb married Annie Bond, 1902. He was the president of Eno Cotton Mills in Hillsborough. To them were born four children. One of his sons was James Webb, now connected with Cone Mills. Mr. James Webb married Margaret Raney of Raleigh. Mr. Thomas Webb's other son was Thomas Webb (1871-1939). First married Isabella Graham (1904). To them were born Thomas Webb and John Graham Webb. John G. Webb married Mary Leigh, Hillsborough, N. C. Two children: Isabella Webb and John G. Webb. John Graham Webb's father was a prominent textile manufacturer at Concord, N. C. John S. Webb was descendant of John Wall Norwood and Annabella Giles, who were married in 1826 and lived in the old Hogg Home, "Poplar Hill"—at which is now call "Occonechee," near Hillsborough, N. C. Now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Culbreth.

Hillsborough was laid off in 1754 by William Churton on the north bank of Eno River. The town contained about four hundred acres of land. It was first called Orange, but its name was changed to Corbinton in a very short time, for Francis Corbin. On November 20, 1759, it was in-

corporated under the name of Childsburg. In 1776 the name was changed to Hillsborough, complimentary to the Earl of Hillsborough.

The only church in the town, at this period, stood on the site of the present Presbyterian Church. It was erected by persons of the "Episcopal persuasion." In 1784 it was made a school and free mee'ing house, with the preference given to Episcopal ministers. Later, it was made famous as the place at which the first State convention—to consider the proposed Federal Constitution—met, July 21, 1788.

In 1866 the Hillsborough District was formed. Rev. W. H. Bobbitt was Presiding Elder. Rev. W. C. Wilson was pastor.

In 1866 Hillsborough Station consisted of Hillsborough, Cedar Grove, Walnut Grove, Lebanon, and New Sharon

In 1866 George Laws was chairman of the Board of Stewards; O. Hooker was secretary.

In 1867, George Laws, treasurer, reported on April 28, "The time has come when if the people expect to have preaching they must make up their minds to pay for it."

Stewards 1867, Julia A. Hooker, Rebecca Smith, Robert Faucette, H. N. Brown, D. D. Phillips, Lavmisia Phillips, George Laws, I. R. Gattis, H. L. Owm, V. B. Turrentine, Olivia Brown, Laura Brown, I. Hedgepeth, Mary E. Phillips, Rosa Hedgpeth, Cicero Faucette, Edwin L. Brown, O. Hooker, Mary Hooker and D. A. Robinson.

Church Library begun around 1868—many secular and religious books. Many books were donated by members of the church and community. Some volumes were purchased by Sunday School classes for the library. Books from life of Stonewall Jackson to Shakespeare, U. S. Census, and Ben Franklin-Milton's Paradise Lost." Library Record Book records total of 937 volumes. Must have been count about early 1870's.

In 1868, J. G. B. Cooley was librarian. The books were checked in and out each Sunday morning.

Largest number checked out on given Sunday, (68)—Feb. 9, 1868.

Use of library eventually diminished. The church has now in its possession only two or three of the original volumes of this large church library.

1861 Jordan Hooker was sexton and was salaried \$2.25 a month.

1867-68 George Laws, Treasurer.

1869-71 Edwin S. Brown, Treasurer.

1871 Dr. C. C. Taylor, Treasurer.

1872 James R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1873 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1874 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1875 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1876 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1877 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1878 C. C. Taylor, Treasurer.

1879 C. C. Taylor, Treasurer.

Amount subscribed for support of Hillsborough Station in 1869 was \$662. Total amount collected \$676.03.

1880 J. H. Wheeler, Treasurer; also pastor. Pas'ors' salary \$300.

Hillsborough Recorder, published by Dennis Heartt, 1861, gave the

appointments of preachers of the N. C. Conference 1861-62. Hillsborough Church and Hillsborough Circuit were in the Raleigh District; Wm. Barringer was the presiding elder.

At this time the districts were as follows:

1. Raleigh District, Wm. Barringer, P.E.
2. Greensborough District, N. F. Reid, P.E.
3. Salisbury District, Wm. H. Bobbitt, P.E.
4. Washington District, Ira T. Wyche, P.E.
5. Newbern District, Wm. Closs, P.E.
6. Wilmington District, C. F. Deems, P.E.
7. Fayetteville District, P. Daub, P.E.



Dr. O. Hooker



Dr. James Webb



Dr. James Webb's wife

(Pictures furnished by Mrs. Alfred Engstrom)



NJohn Berry and his wife, Elizabeth Vincent—from daeugerreotype—
through the courtesy of Mrs. Ellen Bell and Mrs. Alfred Engstrom.

METHODISTS

In the year 1700 John Wesley founded a new Protestant group. At first it was called the United Society. This was criticized very much. Then they called the new group Methodist's. It later became the accepted title for the denomination.

In the United States, the Methodist Episcopal Church grew rapidly. In 1884, this body split on the question of slavery. The Southern members broke away from the main body to form the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The Methodist Protestant Church became another branch of the main church. Still another division was the Free Methodist Church, which insisted upon a return to the simple living and strict practices of eariler days. A plan of union was adopted in 1939 by uniting conferences of the various Churches. The Methodist Church was formed from a combination

of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Doctrines of the Church are based on the specific teachings of Wesley.

The government of the Church in America is episcopal, which means that it is organized with bishops as its head. The governing body is a General Conference which meets once in four years.

Methodists make up one of the largest of all Protstant groups. They are found throughout the world. In the United States more than 8,600,000 Methodists belong to about 40,000 Churches. One of the first Methodist Churches in the United States was consuctred in 1768 in New York. Robert Strawbridge had built a log cabin church in Maryland about four years earlier. (From The World Book Encyclopedia.)

J. Filmore is credited with having preached the first Methodist sermon in North Carolina at Currituck Court House in 1772. After the Revolution, Francis Asbury worked almost single handed, and a miracle seemed to happen. The Methodists alone seemed to prosper more than the other religious groups. It developed an amazing s'trength in small towns and the rural areas.

Methodists were from the outset frankly evangelical and were not restrained by doctrine obstacles from carrying the gospel to rich and poor wherever and whenever they could be found.

Bishop Asbury visited all parts of the state, in about the year 1780. He rode seven miles to Hillsborough and preached in the house of Mr. Cortney, a tavern, to about 200 people, on Hosea 10:12, "It is time to seek the Lord." August 12, 1780, he stated that they were decent and well behaved. (From N. C. Conference His'orical Society.)

The first Methodist Conference in America was held in Philadelphia July 1, 1773. Robert Williams was assigned to Petersburg. The revival which had already begun, continued throughout the year, and the following year Williams formed the Brunswick Circuit, the first Virginia Circuit. The Brunswick Circuit soon extended southward into North Carolina. The Hillsboro Community was first served by the Methodist Ministers assigned to the Brunswick.

North Carolina Circuit was formed May 21st, 1776 from Virginia. At this Conference there were four new circuits added, which were: Fairfax, Hanover, Pittsylvania, and Carolina.

One of the earliest reports indicates that there were 683 members on the Carolina Circuit, which took in the central northern counties.

In 1778 the North Carolina Circuit was divided into three circuits: Roanoke, Tar-River, and New Hope Circuits. The New Hope Circuit took its name from a small creek in Chatham that empties into Haw River. It included portions of Orange, Chatham, Cumberland, and Wake Counties. The Circuit foundation was laid by James O'Kelly with the help of Beverly Allen. (From: History of Methodism in North Carolina—by W. L. Grisson.)

A map of North Carolina, 1780, gives the four circuits: West—Yadkin Circuit; Central—New Hope Circuit; East—Tar River Circuit (Raleigh); North-east—Roanoke Circuit.

In 1797 the Haw River Circuit took the place of the New Hope Circuit, The Hillsborough Methodist Community was then served by the pastors of the circuit.

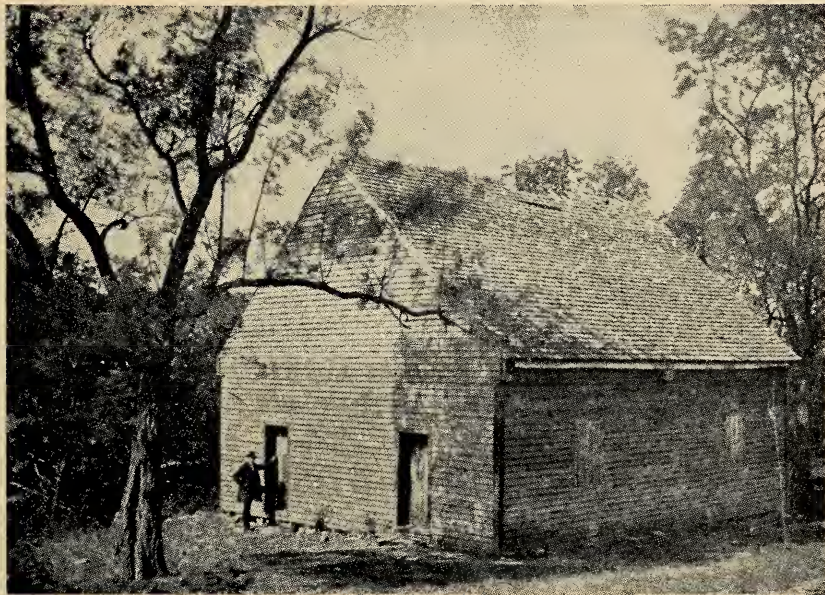
In 1884, H. N. Brown reported that the Sunday School at Hillsborough had celebrated its 100th anniversary. He reported that there were thirty-five pupils and seven teachers. He stated that there was a school library that used our Church literature.

Soon the Hillsborough Methodist Church was made a member of the newly formed Raleigh District. Up to 1854, preachers were listed for a station.

In the year 1866 the Hillsborough District was formed. In this new District were: Hillsborough, Chapel Hill, Durham, Haw River, Franklinville, Guilford, Alamance, Leasburg, and Person.

Pastors that served New Hope Circuit:

- 1779 James Kelly and Phillip Adams
- 1780 Francis Poythress and John Major
- 1781 Phillip Bruce
- 1782 James White
- 1783 Henry Willis
- 1784 Joshua Worley
- 1785 Henry Jones
- 1786 William Partridge



This is believed to be a picture or a picture similar to that of the First Methodist Church in Hillsborough in ~~1823~~ 1823. The land bought from Dr. James Webb. The house used as the church was built before the land was purchased.



Hillsborough Methodist Church
Rev. J. H. Wheeler's wife's grave, 1878.

- 1787 John Baldwin
- 1788 Henry Ogburn and John Ellis
- 1789 Thos. Anderson and Daily Baird
- 1790 Isaac Lowe, R. Wiley, and Mr. Tracy
- 1791 J. Cannon, F. Roper, and S. Edney
- 1792 J. Tare, Henry Hill, and J. Jackson
- 1793 A. Suggs and William Wells
- 1794 William Ormand and L. Dyson
- 1795 L. Mansfield and George Martin
- 1796 Phillip Sands and William Kenyon
- *1797 This year the Circuit changed to Haw River
- 1797 William Earley and Lewis Garret

At a conference held in November, 1797, Joseph Pinnell and Samuel Hooser were appointed to the Circuit, and at the conference held in April 1798, Joseph Pinnell and Collin Hill were appointed to the Circuit.

- 1799 Samuel R.
- 1800 Robert Wilkerson and Jessie C.
- 1801 John West
- 1802 Allgood
- 1803 Lewis Taylor
- 1804 Josiah Phillips
- 1805 Samuel Garrard
- 1806 John Weaver and McLelland
- 1807 William Beam and Joel Arrington
- 1808 B. Arendale and Thomas Cook
- 1809 John French and Thomas Burgess
- 1810 J. M. Arthur and Jepe Brown
- 1811 John Moore and Jesse Branch
- 1812 Thomas Mann and Pete Wyatt
- 1813 Thomas Mann
- 1814 Lewis Skidmore
- 1815 James Sanford and Abraham Trail
- 1816 Jepe Branch and William Peoples
- 1817 Hugh McCain
- 1818 C. S. Mooring and Peter D.
- 1819 Isiah Harris and J. Parker
- 1820 Francis A. Ward
- 1821 Peter D.
- 1822 Rufus W.
- 1823 Thomas Mann and J. W. Witten
- 1824 Jacob Hill and David Roberts
- 1825 Jacob Hill
- 1826 James W. Dunahay
- 1827 Benton Field and T. Barum
- 1828 Henry J. Evans and B. Kidd
- 1829 William Compton and J. Goodman
- 1830 James Reid and J. J. Hicks
- 1831 James Reid and J. P. Owens
- 1832 Isaac Haines
- 1833 Isaac Haines

Pastors serving Hillsboro Methodist Church 1837-1961:

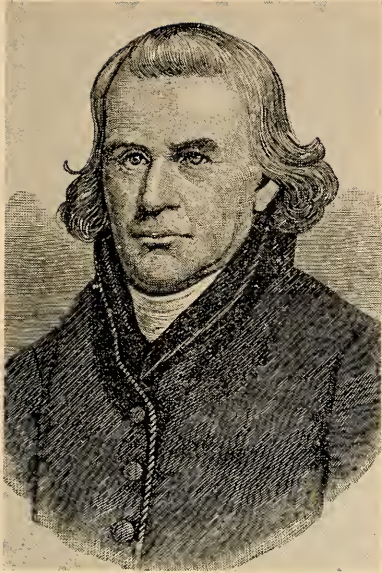
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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1837 Addison Lea | 1856 T. W. Moore, Circuit |
| 1851 W. H. Brown, Station | 1857 Henry Gray |
| 1852 A. H. Johnson, Circuit | 1858 S. D. Peeler, Hillsborough |
| 1853 J. L. Fisher, Station | 1859 S. D. Peeler, Hillsborough |
| 1854 N. A. Hooker, Circuit | 1860 B. F. Guthrie |
| 1855 H. T. Hudson, Station | 1861 B. F. Guthrie |

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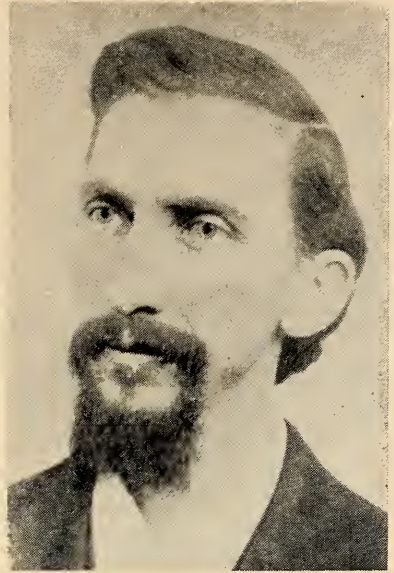
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| 1866 W. C. Wilson | 1898-1900 E. W. Fox |
| 1867 W. H. Bobbitt | 1901-1905 J. E. Bristone |
| 1868 | 1905-1909 M. M. McFarland |
| 1869 | 1909-1911 C. R. Ross |
| 1870 William Barringer | 1911-1915 J. M. Ormond |
| 1871 S. W. Craword | 1915-1916 T. M. Grant |
| 1872 J. T. Harris | 1916-1919 Rev. Hester |
| 1873 J. T. Harris | 1919-1923 J. E. Blalock |
| 1874 H. P. Cole | 1923-1927 S. F. Nicks |
| 1875 H. P. Cole | 1927-1928 J. L. Smith |
| 1876 J. H. Wheeler | 1928-1932 A. J. Parker |
| 1877 J. H. Wheeler | 1932-1936 F. A. Lupton |
| 1878 J. H. Wheeler | 1936-1940 J. V. Earley |
| 1879 J. H. Wheeler | 1940-1945 S. F. Nicks |
| 1880-1882 J. O. Guthrie | 1945-1951 C. S. Hubbard |
| 1883-1885 J. E. Gray | 1951-1952 W. L. Maness |
| 1886 L. E. Thompson | 1952-1956 A. M. Williams |
| 1887 J. G. Nelson | 1956-1958 W. A. Seawell |
| 1888-1890 W. H. Puckett | 1958-1962 S. T. Kimbrough, Jr. |
| 1892 J. M. Lowder | 1962- E. F. Smith |
| 1893 D. N. Caviness | |

FRANCIS ASBURY

FRANCIS ASBURY was the "Father of American Methodism." He was born near Birmingham, England, 1745. In 1771 he came to America



Bishop Francis Asbury
1774



Rev. H. P. Cole
Pastor — Hillsborough, N. C.
1874-1875

as a Missionary. He traveled about 6,000 miles a year on horse-back. He was the first circuit rider in America.

In 1784, John Wesley appointed Asbury and Thomas Coke joint superintendents of the Methodist societies in America. Later, Asbury was elected to the same position at a conference of Methodist preachers in Baltimore. This was the beginning of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. Asbury was the real head and used the title of Bishop.

Dr. Thomas Coke in 1786, stopped at the home of Thomas Grenshaw, in Hanover County, Virginia, and organized the first Sunday School in the United States. From this school came John Charleston, a noted Methodist itinerate who as a boy attended the first session and was converted soon afterward. Asbury formed no fewer than a hundred of them in various parts of the United States.

(From: The Life of Bishop Asbury — By Herbert Asbury — Page No. 186)
1780 — New Hope Circuit

Bethel Academy, built entirely by subscriptions raised on the circuits.
80' by 40', 3 stories high.

The legislature, at an early period, made a donation of 6000 acres of land to Bethel Academy, located in Christian County, South of Green River.

The project originated with Mr. Asbury, Francis Poythress, Isaac Hite, of Jefferson; Colonel Hinde, of Nelson; Willis Green, of Lincoln; Richard Masterson, of Fayette; and Mr. Lewis, of Jessamine.

Among the eight pioneers of Methodism in Kentucky and Tennessee

in the year 1788, the name of F. Poythress stands preeminent. By those intrepid heroes of the Cross the foundation of Methodism was laid in those states, on which others have since built, and others are now building. Their names ought to be held in grateful remembrance by all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth.

PASTORS' BIOGRAPHY

Rev. Hiram Pearson Cole was married in 1878 to Lucy Ann Phillips of Hillsborough. He died in 1883, leaving beside his widow two girls, Elizabeth, age 2½ years and Lucy Mayfield Cole, 1 year old. He joined N. C. Conference in 1866, served in Hillsboro, Raleigh, Winston, and Concord. He died in his first year on the Concord Circuit, after serving the Main Street Concord Church four years.

The Phillips family lived in the house now owned by Mrs. Mary Riley. They donated the silver Communion Service which is displayed in the vestibule of the Hillsboro Methodist Church.

This information was furnished by Lucy Mayfield Cole, married to Mr. Thomas Gattis, who lives in Washington, D. C.

B. F. Guthrie was born in 1817, in Chatham County, North Carolina. Joined the conference in 1858, Newbern, N. C. Rev. Guthrie served in Hillsboro, N. C. in 1860 and 1861. He died in 1862 in Virginia and was buried in Chatham County.

Alexander Raven was born in 1833, Greene County, North Carolina. He joined the conference 1860 at Salisbury, N. C. Rev. Raven served in the year 1863. Died 1901, and was buried in Mt. Olive, N. C.

J. T. Harris was born 1844, Davidson County, N. C. Joined the conference 1870, at Greensboro, N. C. He served Hillsboro 1872 and 1873. He died 1890 and was buried in Durham, N. C.

N. F. Reid was born 1825, Rockingham County, North Carolina. Joined conference 1851. He served Hillsboro, N. C. 1864 and 1865.

L. E. Thompson was born 1855, Moore County, North Carolina. He joined conference 1878 at Charlotte, N. C. Served Hillsboro, N. C. in the year 1886. Rev. Thompson died in 1931 and was buried in Lexington, N. C.

J. G. Nelson was born 1862, Iredell County, North Carolina. Rev. Nelson served Hillsborough in 1887.

W. H. Puckett was born 1856, Tyrrell County North Carolina. He joined conference 1886, Reidsville, N. C. Served Hillsborough, N. C. 1888 and 1889. He died 1912 and was buried in Smithfield, N. C.

W. H. Bobbitt was born 1816 at Halifax County, North Carolina. Joined the conference 1846 at Newbern, N. C. He served Hillsborough, N. C., in 1867, 1868, and 1869.

William Barringer was born in 1816 in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. Joined the conference 1844 at Columbia, S. C. He served Hillsborough, N. C. in 1870. Rev. Barringer died in 1873, and was buried in Greensboro, N. C.

D. N. Caviness was born 1850, Moore County, North Carolina. He entered the conference 1892 at Goldsboro, N. C. Served the Hillsborough Church 1893, 1894, and 1895. He died 1937 and was buried in Raleigh, N. C.

J. H. Wheeler was born in 1810, in Newark, N. J. He joined the conference in 1834 at Charleston, S. C. Rev. Wheeler served Hillsborough, N. C., in 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879.



**The Rev. Doctor Newby Caviness
Pastor, Hillsborough — Dec. 1892-1896**

J. O. Guthrie was born 1855 at Chatham County, North Carolina. He joined the conference in 1879 at Wilson, N. C. Served Hillsborough, N. C. in 1880-1882. Rev. Guthrie died 1927 and was buried in Dillon, S. C.

Thomas McMillan Grant was born in Wilmington, July 28, 1886. He was the son of Reuben and Elizabeth McMillan Grant. Rev. Grant was admitted to the North Carolina Conference in 1909. Served the Hillsborough Church in 1915-1916. On December 8th, 1910, he married Miss Marlene Harrell. Mrs. Grant died April 20th, 1915. He re-married June 13th, 1918 to Miss Marie Hooker.

Thomas Grant was a faithful, honored and loved preacher. He was buried at Rocky Mount, N. C. His funeral service was conducted by Bishop Paul N. Garber.

Rev. James Monroe Lowder was born in Stanly County near Albemarle on Dec. 31st, 1852. He was married to Miss Sue Shanklin March 23rd, 1881. He was licensed to preach at Fayetteville in Feb. 1885. Died at Rutherford College, N. C. August 16, 1940. He was buried at Norwood, N. C.

Jesse Marvin Ormond (1878-1959) was born in Greene County, North Carolina, the son of John James and Nancy Jane Ormond. His was a goodly and Godly heritage, and he lived up to the obligations of that heritage.

Dr. Ormond was an alumnus of Duke University, having received his A.B. degree from Trinity College in 1902. He received his theological training in Vanderbilt University and the University of Chicago. He was awarded the B.D. degree from the former institution in 1910. Randolph-Macon College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him in 1939.

Dr. Ormond's work was divided between pastorate and the school-room. His pastorates included the following charges: Leasburg, Hillsborough, Hertford, and First Church, Elizabeth City. He held professorships in Southern Methodist University and Duke University. He also served as director of the rural church work of the Duke Endowment. He supervised the work of more than 1,200 Duke students who served as assistant pastors in the rural field.

Dr. Ormond's success was due in large measure to the inspiration of his almost lifelong sweetheart and wife, Katrina Kern. To them were born the following children who survive him: Reverend J. Kern Ormond, Mrs. Thomas Lide, Mrs. Wannamaker Harden, Mrs. Minetree Pyne, and Mrs. Woodrow Venable.

Jackson Lafayette Smith was born August 8, 1876 in the Cold Springs community of Cabarrus County, about 4 miles from Concord. He is the son of the late Francis Marion Smith and Susan Hedrick Smith. His living brothers are J. J. and C. C. Smith of Kannapolis, and his sister is Mrs. Horace Blackwelder, of Charlotte.

In 1898 he went to Charlotte where he went to work for a wholesale groceryman and later opened his own store.

"All the time," he said, "I felt the call to peach," but could not



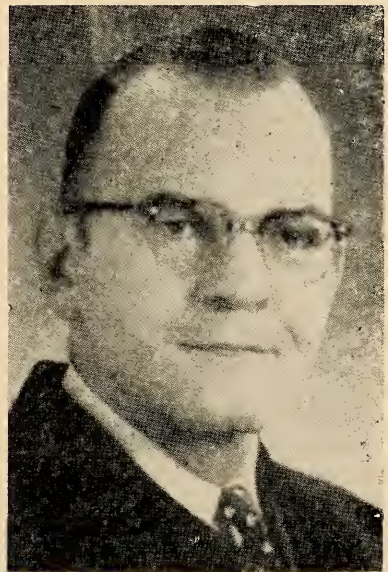
Dr. Jesse Marvin Ormond
(1878-1959)
Pastor—Hillsborough 1911-1915



Rev. J. L. Smith
Pastor—Hillsborough 1927



Rev. S. F. Nicks
Pastor at Hillsborough
Methodist Church
1923-1927
1940-1945



Rev. J. V. Early, D.D.
Pastor Hillsborough Methodist
Church
1936-1940

tear himself away from the grocery business. Finally the day came when he went home and told his wife of his life's ambition.

Mr. Smith was educated in the public schools in Cabarrus County, a private school in Charlotte, tutored by the late Dr. J. E. Davidson, widely-known Presbyterian minister, attended Weaver College, Emory University, and Duke University.

He and Mrs. Smith have three children: Mrs. George Gilmore of Hillsborough. Mrs. W. H. Stokes, Greenville, S. C., and Fred A. Smith of Zebulon, superintendent of Wake County Schools.

Mr. Smith's first circuit was in McDowell County, his home in Marion. His salary was \$600.00 a year.

From Camden he was sent to Tyrell County, then to Bladen County, to Laurinburg in Scotland County, then to Hillsborough in Orange County, and back east to Perquimans County at Winfall, and to Ahoskie and to Northampton County, and finally to Oxford in Granville County, where he retired in 1948. He came back to Cabarrus County and Kannapolis to live on January 5, 1956. From: Local Newspaper, Kannapolis, N. C.

Frederick Arthur Lupton was born Nov. 6th, 1882, at Whortonsville, Pamlico County, North Carolina. Educated at Trinity College, Durham, N. C. He was admitted to the North Carolina Conference in 1913. His Ministry was spent in North Carolina, but for the exception of one pastorate at Scranton, S. C.

He married Miss Reva Bridgman, of Lake Lanning, North Carolina. They were blessed with four sons and one daughter.

After retiring, he lived in Graham, N. C. Died October 3, 1954 at Wesley Long Hospital, Greensboro, N. C. The Masons had charge of the graveside service. He was pastor of Cedar Grove Methodist Church and Hillsborough Methodist Church in Orange County.

Rev. Asa Joseph Parker was born in Hertford County, North Carolina Oct. 6th, 1867. He joined the Church while a small child. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1889.

On Nov. 13, 1889, he was married to Miss Martha M. Barrow of Hertford County. There were three children. Besides their own children, they reared two others, Catherine Jones and Charles Vale, Jr. He sang the gospel as well as he preached. He served Hillsborough 1928-1931. Died Aug. 31, 1932 and was buried in Raleigh, N. C.

A Sketch of the Life of Rev. S. F. Nicks

Samuel Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Nicks, eight miles south of Mebane in Orange County, North Carolina, was born January 21, 1874.

Rev. Nicks attended Caldwell Institute in Orange County, finished there in the spring of 1899. He entered Trinity (now Duke University) that fall and was in the graduating class of 1903. In December, 1903, he was admitted to the North Carolina Conference at Goldsboro. Rev. Nicks married Miss Emma Woods of Hillsborough, N. C., on December 24, 1903.

Rev. Nicks served his first charge at Burlington Circuit. He remained there four years. Burlington Circuit was composed of eight churches: Glenco, Big Falls, Carolina Bethel, Mt. Vernon, Shiloh, Prospect and Camp Springs.

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| Pelham | 1907-1911 |
| Milton | 1911-1915 |
| Yanceyville | 1915-1919 |

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| Leasburg | 1919-1923 |
| Hillsborough | 1923-1927 |
| Brooksdale | 1927-1933 |
| Cedar Grove | 1933-1940 |
| Hillsboro | 1940-1945 |

Rev. Nicks retired in 1945 at Conference in Goldsboro.

Hillsborough Charge

Rev. Nicks served as pastor of the Hillsborough charge twice during his ministry. His first period began in November 1923 and ran un'il Nov., 1927.

During this time he served five churches: Hillsboro, West Hillsborough, New Sharon, Lebanon, and, Palmers' Grove. It was said by members of other churches that Brother Nicks was worth his salary just to live in the community, and some members of other churches offered to raise a salary for him to remain in the community after his fourth conference year was completed.

Rev. Nicks returned to Hillsboro thirteen years after his first period of service on the charge. The charge at that time consisted of four churches: Hillsborough, New Sharon, Palmer's Grove and Union Grove.

Shortly after the beginning of his term of service, he suggested a twelve thousand dollar addition of rooms to be added as a part of the regular church building. Several business meetings were held and Mr. Robert Forrest and A. A. Lloyd were elected to raise the necessary money.

For every three thousand dollars raised, the Duke Endowment Fund would give one thousand dollars.

It was a hard job to raise this money, but by hard work it was finally done. A lot of free labor was given. Rev. Nicks worked long hours in this work, raising money and doing the carpenter work.

Rev. Nicks is one of the greatest pastors who has ever served the Hillsborough Charge. He was loved, not noly by the members of the Methodist Church, but by all who knew him, regardless of church affiliation, denomination, race or color. He was a man who would never say "No" when something was being done for a brother or sister.

Rev. S. F. Nicks served forty-two years in the Durham District. He and his family moved in their own home, which is across the street from the last parsonage in which they lived, in Hillsborough, N. C. He died October 28, 1946.

Rev. Joyce V. Early, D.D.—(106 Rockingham Road, Rockingham, N. C.)

Rev. Early, son on the late Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Early of Raleigh. Born in Lattimore, N. C. and lived in Person and Granville Counties.

He was educated in the public schools of N. C., Asbury College, Asbury Theological Seminary, and the Duke Divinity School. He was awarded Doctor of Divinity degree by the Asbury Seminary in May, 1956.

He joined the N. C. Annual Conference in 1934, and has served the following appointments: Manners, 2 years; Hillsborough, 4 years; Smithfield, 4 years; and four years as pastor of Grace Church, Wilmington. He is now beginning his second year as pastor of First Church, Rockingham.

He has led in the building of seven new churches; the organization of four new congregations; the building of three new parsonages; and in Wilmington, the construction of educational building at Grace Church.

Dr. Early was married to Miss Christine Stansbury of La Grange,

Texas, on December 28, 1934. One child, a son, J. Virgil Early, Jr., 22, graduated from the University of North Carolina, 1960. He is now in the U.S. Army.



Rev. C. S. Hubbard
Pastor—Hillsborough 1945-1951



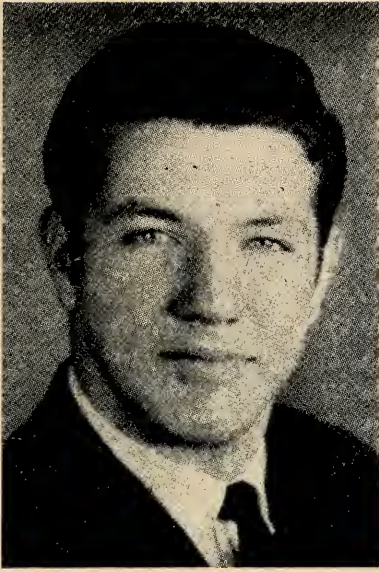
Rev. W. L. Maness
Pastor — 1951-1952



Rev. A. M. Williams
Pastor Hillsborough Methodist
Church
1952-1956



Rev. W. A. Seawell
Pastor Hillsboro Methodist Church
1956-1958



Rev. S. T. Kimbrough, Jr.
Pastor—Hillsborough—1958-1962



Rev. E. F. Smith — 1962-
Pastor Hillsborough Methodist
Church

Rev. C. S. Hubbard, born at Sanford, N. C. Educated at U.N.C. and Duke University. Served churches at Roseboro, N. C., Hillsborough Charge, Raleigh and Chapel Hill. He has served nine years at Chapel Hill, N. C. and seven years at Hillsborough, N. C.

Rev. W. L. Maness was educated at Trinity College and Elon College. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1915. He was ordained a Deacon in 1917 and an Elder in 1919. Served in the active ministry for forty-one years, in Erwin, Jackson, Raeford, Fayetteville, Siler City, Roxboro, Snow Hill, Yanceyville, Parkton, Gibson, Hillsborough, and Elm City. Rev. Maness averaged $3\frac{1}{2}$ years in each place.

He retired in 1956 at the age of 66, but he has done supply work organizing Christ Church South, Graham, supplied five months at Pittsboro Circuit and has assisted many ministers on Sundays and in Revival meetings.

Rev. A. M. Williams is now pastor of Fletcher's Chapel Methodist Church, Route 5, Box 426-A, Durham, N. C. He is now nearing the close of thirty years in the ministry. The preparation for his work was done in the Duke Divinity School. Rev. Williams has spent sixteen years in the Durham District.

Rev. W. A. Seawell entered the ministry in 1947, at the age of 32 years. He received his education at Elon College, Duke Divinity School, and Emory University. Married and has three children, two girls and one boy. He served the following charges: the Pittsboro Charge, Pittsboro, N. C.; Salem-Chapel Charge, Graham, N. C.; Hillsborough Charge, Hillsborough, N. C., and Roxboro, N. C. He now serves Carr Methodist Church, 107 N. Driver Ave, Durham, N. C.

Rev. S. T. Kimbrough was born at Athens, Alabama, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Kimbrough. He was educated at Birmingham Southern College and Duke University. He was Pastor of Acmar Methodist Church, Acmar, Ala. Assistant Pastor, Eleventh Ave. Methodist, Birmingham, Ala., and Youth Minister, Canterbury Methodist, Birmingham, Ala. He is married to Sarah Robinson Kimbrough, has four sons, David, Timothy, Steven, and Mark. He is a member of the North Alabama Conference.

REV. E. F. SMITH

Born in Cheraw, S. C., Edward F. Smith grew up in Fayetteville. He is a graduate of Louisburg College, Duke University, Duke Divinity School and the Ecole coloniale in Brussels, Belgium. He has also studied in the Duke Graduate School, the Kennedy School of Missions of the Hartford Seminary Foundation and the Institute of Far Eastern Languages of Yale University.

He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1946 and served Maybrook Church for one year, then the Leasburg Circuit (then five churches) for five years. He and Mrs. Smith were accepted for service in Africa by the Methodist Board of Missions, beginning this work in September 1952. They spent ten years in this work in the area of the present Congo Republic and state of Katanga. They were appointed to Hillsborough Methodist Church in 1962.

Mrs. Smith is the former Janet Wellons, whose parents were missionaries in India, where Mrs. Smith was born and grew up. They have three children, Edward F. III, David A., and Sally J.

HILLSBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH ORGANIZED — 1807

HILLSBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH was organized about 1807. It belonged to Haw River Circuit, and its preachers were William Beam and Joel Arrington. The first preaching services were held in the old Courthouse.

In 1821, in a letter written by Rev. Henry Hardy, Dec. 14, 1821, and printed in the Methodist Magazine, states a camp-meeting was held in Hillsborough, and about thirty-eight joined the Methodist faith. They opened a subscription for the purpose of raising funds to build a house of worship. They obtained many donations. The copy of the letter was written by J. L. Harriss on November 26, 1874 at Hillsborough, N. C.

Book No. 20, Page 378: The Hillsborough Methodist Church bought from James Webb February, 1823. This deed has been checked by two lawyers and is believed to be true.

Methodist Church

See P. #119 **Built 1857 by Captain John Berry**

This indenture made the twenty-first day in the year of our Lord 1823, between James Webb of Orange County, of the one part and Thomas Snipes of the County of Chatham and Joseph G. Bacon, William Robson, William Faucette and Joel Reynolds of Orange County, Trustees for the Methodist Episcopal Church established in the town of Hillsborough, of the other part witnesseth that the said James Webb for and in considera-

tion of the sum of 10 shillings of lawful money of the state aforesaid to them on hand paid by the said trustees at or before the sealing and delivering of these presents (the receipt whereof the said James Webb doth hereby acknowledge) hath given granted bargained and sold alleigned conformed and conveyed and doth by these presents give grant bargain sell alleign, confirm and convey unto the said said Thomas Snipes, Joseph G. Bacon, William Robson, William Faucette, and Joel Reynolds, Trustees as aforesaid and their successors in office a certain tract and parcel of land part of a lot (on which part of the house now stands) known in the plan of the Town of Hillsborough by lot 102 situated lying and being in the town aforesaid and bounded as follows: Beginning on Tryon Street, thence along said street East 44 feet, thence north 44 feet, thence west 44 feet, then south 44 feet to the beginning on Tryon Street to have and to hold the said lot and parcel of land to them and other successors in office in Trust for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church aforesaid, provided never-the-less upon this condition that they keep or cause to be kept a Meeting House upon the said lot for for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church aforesaid and in case of failure for ten years at any one time to keep a building upon the said lot for the above mentioned purpose then this grant and conveyance to be void and of no effect and the said James Webb and his heirs may revert and the said James Webb doth for himself and his heirs covenant to and with the said Trustees and their successors that the said James Webb and his heirs the right of the said Trustees, and other successors against the right title interest or claim of the said James Webb and his heirs of all living other persons claiming by through or under shall and will warrant and forever defend in witnesseth whereof the said James Webb hath hereunto set his hand and offered his seal this day and year above written.

James Webb (Sealed)

Feb. Ten, 1823

Signed In Presence of
Thomas Crowder

Mr. James Webb was a Physician and lived near the home of Mr. Sam Hughes. He owned a Drug Store located across the street from his home, and also owned a large amount of land in Hillsborough. The Church property went back to the Webb family. As late as 1920, the Webb family owned this land.

The first Hillsborough Methodist Church was built of wood and located on or near the property now owned by Mrs. Odell Clayton, which is west of the R.E.A. Property. The house used as the Church was built before the Methodist Church bought the land.

The leading members were as follows: Joseph G. Bacon, William Robson, William Faucette, Joel Reynolds, Samuel Garrett, Thomas Holden, William Harris, and William Brown (grandfather of N. W. Brown).

Mr. W. H. Brown (grandfather of N. H. Brown) came to Hillsborough in the year 1840. He was on his way to Tennessee and was persuaded by a Mr. Kirkland to live in Hillsborough. His home was located near Walker's Funeral Home. He owned the land where Corner Drug Store and Mary's Shop are now located. Mr. Brown owned Demmock Mill and a Tannery west of Hillsborough and was the leading member in the old Methodist Church. His wife was a French woman.

Church—1859: The deed for the Hillsborough Methodist Church is recorded in Deed Book 36, Pages 156 and 157, dated April 4, 1859, from Henry N. Brown to Methodist Episcopal Church South, which conveys a tract of land fronting on Tryon Street 100 feet, with a depth of 150 feet. The lot number is 95.

Henry N. Brown sold the land to the Church April 4, 1859. \$200.00 was paid for the land. Joseph Bacon, William H. Brown, William Strayhorn, John McMann, Sam Filmore, Robert Faucette and Roscoe Hooker were Trustees at this time.

The old church showed much sign of the tooth of time when its members decided to build a new structure on a different lot. The money was raised for the building, and Captain John Berry was given the contract. He took the old building as part pay for the job and moved the timber two miles east of Hillsborough and used it for outbuildings.

The Board of Stewards at this time were Henry N. Brown, Chm., Dr. O. Hooker, Secretary and Treasurer. (Dr. O. Hooker was a medical doctor and after he became unable to travel, he opened a drug store, now known as James Pharmacy), Daniel D. Phillips, I. R. Gattis, D. A. Robertson, I. A. Hedgepeth, and H. L. Owens. The membership was composed of many of the leading citizens of the town

During the war, when the Confederates found that they were lacking in cannons to hold their lines, they tried to get the church to donate the bell to be melted and added to their cannon supply, but the church turned down the proposition.

In 1886, the church had a membership of 81. It emerged from the smoke of war, which had raged about it for four years, with many of her members left on the battlefield and others scattered to the four corners of the earth. (Since that day, some very strong men have served it as pastors: N. H. Wilson, J. H. Wheeler, whose wife was buried in the front yard of the church, W. C. Wilson, T. M. Grant, J. Ormond, S. F. Nicks, J. L. Smith, and A. J. Parker).

This article was taken from the News and Observer, March 13, 1952. At this time, there were 192 members in Sunday School, with 152 students. J. Clyde Ray, Superintendent. The Epworth League with 26 members, presided over by J. B. Midgett. The Charge Layleader was Professor G. A. Brown; F. Y. Noell, Secretary; R. J. Forrest, Treasurer; J. L. Brown, N. W. Brown, E. C. Liner, J. Clyde Ray, and Fred Smith were members of the Board.

Preaching services First Sunday Nights, Second Sunday 11:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., Sunday School at 9:45. T. M. Arrowsmith was Mayor of the town.

In 1851 considerable space was given to reports of the Sunday School in the Districts of North Carolina, Hillsborough Circuit, 12 schools, 54 officers and teachers, 415 scholars. The catechism of the church was placed at the earliest time in the hands of the parents and children to help stimulate the children to obtain the knowledge of God.

In 1880 the following papers were being used in the Sunday School work: "Sunday School Teachers Magazine," Lesson Quarterlies, "Sunday School Visitor," "Our Little People," and "The Infant Class." Song books advertised were "The Gem," "Amaranth" and "New Life."

In 1881 a complaint was frequently heard, that some people were

observed leaving Sunday School and not remaining for Church. (No one but the person himself was to blame.) (From 1950—News clipping.)

In 1892, there were six Churches on the Hillsborough Methodist Charge.

The New Methodist Church in Hillsboro was dedicated to the service of God by the Rev. William Barringer on the 6 h day of October, 1861. The text was Col. 1:27, 28 "Which is Christ in you the hope of glory; whom we preach." (Rev. Barringer was P.E. of the Raleigh District.)

The first sermon preached in the church by Rev. Jesse A. Curringgins, from Psalms 51:12 and 13 verses.

When the church was first built the floor in the Sanctuary was slanting downward toward the pulpit. There was a large stove in the middle aisle at the back of the church. The pipe that was used is still in the attic of the church. There was also another stove where the organ is now located. Several years later a furnace was installed in the Church with the opening for the floor furnace on the east side near the first row of pews.

In the year 1935, a steam heating sys'em was installed in the church. This system is still being used but has been changed from a coal stoker furnace to oil which is much simpler in operating.

In the summer of 1961 an air conditioning unit was installed.

THE BIBLE

The Bible in the Church was printed at the University Press, Oxford, London, England, sold by E. Gardner and Son, Oxford Bible Warehouse. Written on the Bible is as follows: Methodist Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, N. C., 1860.



Hillsborough Methodist Church Parsonage—1961
PARSONAGE

Parsonage: On April 13, 1891 Mr. C. M. Parks sold land to Hillsborough Methodist Church. H. N. Brown, Sr., S. M. Gattis, J. Harris, and a Mr. Corley were trustees of the Church. (S. M. Gattis was Clerk of Superior Court.) The first parsonage used was located on this land now owned by Mr. S. Strudwick. The house now is the home of Mr. Paul Hogan. During this time, Reverend Fox was pastor of the Hillsborough Methodist Church Miss Mary Spurgeon and Mrs. Mary Riley have told the story of visiting the home of Rev. Fox about the year 1900. The house was sold to a colored man by the name of Moore. Later, Mr. Paul Hogan's father bought the house.

April 29th, 1903 the members of the Hillsborough Methodist Church desired a new location for the parsonage. They sold the land to Mr. S. Strudwick, and the house was moved to the present location, now occupied Mr. Paul Hogan.



The first Methodist Parsonage. Is one of the oldest houses in Hillsborough. At that time, it was located on the lot now owned by Mr. S. Strudwick. Now the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hogan.

The land was bounded on the north by Union Street, east by James Norwood, south by James Norwood, and west by Churton Street. The land contained .9 acres.

Trustees were as follows: H. N. Brown, Sr., S. M. Gattis, J. A. Harris, O. J. Forrest, and James Hedgepeith.

H. Hamilton was Clerk of Court at this time. (This information from Book No. 57, Pages 208 and 209.)

The present location of the parsonage was bought from James Webb April 30, 1903. George C. Corbin bought this property Oct. 30, 1878 and sold the land and house to James Webb, Jr. and Joseph C. Webb, in January, 1890. (James Webb, Jr. was a son of Dr. James Webb.) The land north and east was owned by Mrs. Susan W. Graham. This lot was known as No. 94.

James R. Gattis and Mary A. Gattis sold this property to George C. Corbin October 8, 1878. One thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars was

paid for the property.

The house used as the parsonage in 1903 was a five room house, one story in height. Reverend Blalock was pastor about the year 1920 when the house was remodeled and a second story was added. This house was used until the year 1956 when Reverend Seawell was pastor.

The present parsonage was built in the years 1957-58. The dedication service was on Sunday, March 9, 1958 at 3:00 p.m. The building committee chairman was Taylor Bivins. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Seawell, was serving, and the District Superintendent was Dr. C. D. Barclift. The cost of the building was about \$22,000.00. New Sharon Church and Hillsborough Methodist Church built the parsonage together. Two years later, each church became a station Church.

The lot, No. 94, contains 264 feet depth and 165 feet frontage.

Sunday School 1908-1909

Rev. M. M. McFarland was pastor of the Hillsborough Methodist Church in the year 1908. Miss Carrie Dunn was treasurer of the Sunday School and J. A. Harris was superintendent. N. W. Brown was Assistant Superintendent. Teachers included Mr. H. N. Brown, Mrs. W. E. Stewart, Mrs. N. W. Brown, Mrs. M. M. McFarland, and Miss Maggie Forrest.

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| Collection for January | \$3.85 |
| Collection for February | 3.74 |
| Collection for March | 3.14 |
| Collection for April | 3.35 |

Membership:

| | | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| J. A. Harris | Olander Cole | Weaver Roach |
| N. W. Brown | Clarence Ray | Mary Whitaker |
| Mrs. H. N. Brown | Miss Nichols | Flora Ray |
| Mrs. McFarland | Mrs. John Roach | Nell Brwoning |
| Rubie Brown | Mabel Strayhorn | Blanche Cole |
| Parks Wilson | Charlie Crabtree | Mildred Williams |
| R. T. Haley | O. D. Turner | Willie Graham |
| Willie Smith | Thelbert Lloyd | Ralph Williams |
| Carrie Dunn | Clyde Scott | Owen Robertson |
| Effie Smith | Ruby Roach | M. Parrott |
| Snodie Cole | Max Browning | Effie Ray |
| Maria Parrish | Mildred Parrott | Margaret Rosemond |
| Virginia Cole | J. C. Scott | Ormond Crabtree |
| Milton Taylor | Irene Whitaker | Sue Turner |
| Banks Scott | H. N. Brown, Jr. | Wilbur McFarland |
| Felix Scott | Mrs. R. T. Haley | Mrs. H. N. Brown, Jr. |
| Ivey Smith | Lee O. Brown | Hattie Brown |
| Curtis Scott | Clifford Ray | Mrs. Charlie Crabtree |
| Pearl Gordon | Van Kenion | Alice Anderson |
| James Parrott | C. Graham | Bertie (A. T.) Lloyd |
| Sam Gattis | Bert Graham | Ora Scott |
| Clyde Ray | Mrs. W. L. Smith | Glenora Smith |
| Willie Sharp | Alice McFarland | Gladys Scott |
| Otes Conklin | Estelle Brown | Bert Brown |
| Emma Robertson | Brunice Cole | Brown Gordon |
| Linda Roach | Bera Dunn | |

The membership of our Church School 1909 was 100. Mr. J. A. Harris was superintendent, Mr. Bertie Lloyd, Assistant Superintendent, and Miss Carrie Dunn, Secretary and Treasurer. Teachers were as follows: Mrs. H. N. Brown, Mrs. N. W. Brown, Mrs. W. E. Stewart, Mrs. M. M. McFarland, Mrs. R. T. Haley, and Mr. N. W. Brown.

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| Collections: Jan. | \$3.85 | July | \$3.72 |
| Feb. | 3.74 | Aug. | 6.60 |
| Mar. | 3.14 | Sept. | 4.38 |
| Apr. | 3.38 | Oct. | 4.59 |
| May | 4.20 | Nov. | 3.39 |
| June | 5.78 | Dec. | 3.09 |

Membership Methodist Church—year about 1910

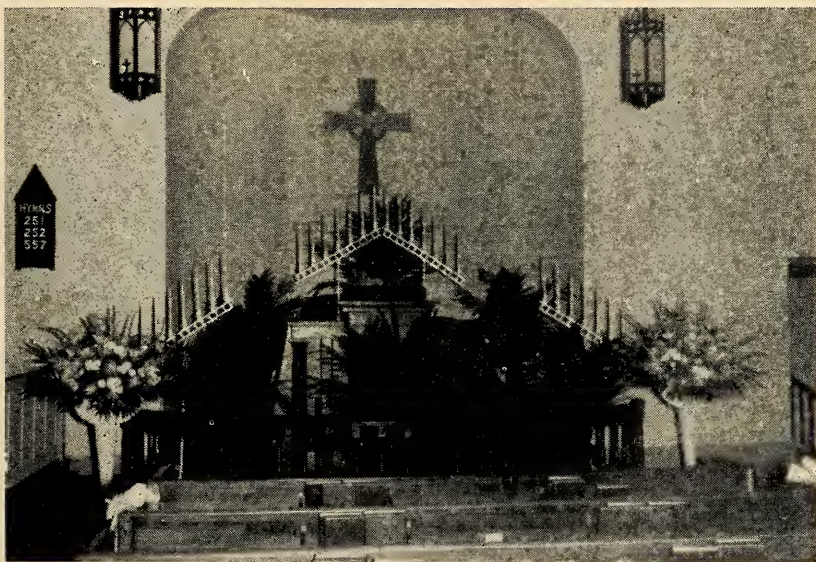
Mr. Speck Faucette—Treasurer

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| Lizzie Anderson | Maggie E. Forrest | Ella Roach |
| John Bland | Oswin Forrest | Robert Roach |
| Mrs. Bland | Ben B. Forrest | Ruby Roach |
| Emma Lloyd | Mary Belle Forrest | Owen Robertson |
| Margaret Brown | Felix Forrest | Emma Robertson |
| N. W. Brown | Robert Forrest | C. G. Rosemond |
| Rubie G. Brown | Vincent Forest | Addie Rosemond |
| Leigh Brown | Frances Forrest | Glenn Rosemond |
| H. N. Brown | Marvin Fowler | Lillie Rosemond |
| Henry Brown, Jr. | Glenora Fowler | Genie Rosemond |
| Estelle Brown | S. M. Gattis, Sr. | Margaret Rosemond |
| Julia Brown | Margaret Gattis | J. C. Scott |
| J. L. Brown | S. M. Gattis, Jr. | Celia Scott |
| Mrs. J. L. Brown | Mrs. J. G. Godfre. | Banks Scott |
| Maude Brown | Amelia Gordon | Clyde Scott |
| Alan Browning | Effie Gordon | Ora Scott |
| Minnie Browning | Mrs. Roan Graham | Gladys Scott |
| Max Browning | B. O. Hester | Curtis Scott |
| Nell Browning | M. E. Hester | Margaret Smith |
| Alan Browning, Jr. | Frances N. Hester | Ivey Smith |
| T. J. Burroughs | J. C. Haley | Frances Smith |
| Hattie Brown | Joe P. Hassell | Alice Smith |
| J. E. Carter | Louise W. Hassell | Snodie Stancell |
| Mrs. J. E. Carter | Mrs. Henry Iler | Cora Stewart |
| James Carter | Mrs. Ida Johnson | Georgie Stutts |
| Margaret Carter | W. H. Jordan | Mrs. Mattie Taylor |
| Frances Carter | Lydia Jordan | Glenn Thomas |
| N. L. Causey | Pearl Jordan | C. C. Tilley |
| Mrs. Causey | Effie Jordan | Mrs. C. C. Tiley |
| Sallie W. Christmas | Wm. P. Jordan | Lucius Tilley |
| Virgin Cole | Mrs. Annie Jordan | Annie Belle Tilley |
| Mrs. Mary Cole | Annie Kenion | C. D. Turner |
| Mrs. Annie Cole | Mae Latta | J. F. Turner |
| J. M. Conklin | Cora H. Lewis | Emma Turner |
| Maggie Conklin | Annie C. Lockhart | Estelle Ward |

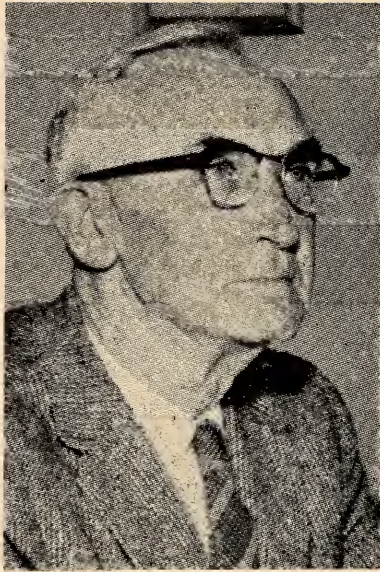
Wm. C. Crabtree
 Annie Crabtree
 Ormond Crabtree
 O. G. Crawford
 Ruth Crawford
 Ella Crawford
 R. D. Daniel
 Mrs. Ida Daniel
 Nell Daniel
 Mary Helen Daniel
 Mary Dodson
 George Dunn
 Nannie Dunn
 Hattie Dunn
 Bera Dunn
 Rudie Dunn
 Carrie Dunn
 Fannie Faucette
 Fletcher R. Faucette
 R. C. Faucette
 Josephine Forrest

A. T. Lloyd
 Mary W. Lloyd
 Agnes Lloyd
 Ethel Lloyd
 Evelyn Lloyd
 Thelbert W. Lloyd
 Julia Lynch
 Mrs. Thomas E. Lynch
 Annie Parrish
 Miss Emma Pogue
 Willie Pollard
 Carrie G. Porter
 C. J. Ray
 Blanch Ray
 John C. Ray
 J. Clyde Ray
 Mamie Ray
 Clarence Ray
 Flora Ray
 J. R. Roach

Bess Whitfield
 Fletcher Williams
 Florence Williams
 Ruby Williams
 Otie Williams
 Alan Williams
 Iva Williams
 Alan Whitaker
 Mary Whitaker
 Ernest Spoon
 Paul Riley
 Inez Howard
 S. P. Lockhart
 Carrie B. Lockhart
 H. Longwell
 F. Y. Noell
 Oma Rhew
 Minnie Rhew
 Weaver Roach
 W. B. Rosemond
 Mrs. W. B. Rosemond



Sanctuary of Hillsborough Methodist Church
 Cross carved by Mr. S. Strudwick, 1957



G. A. Brown

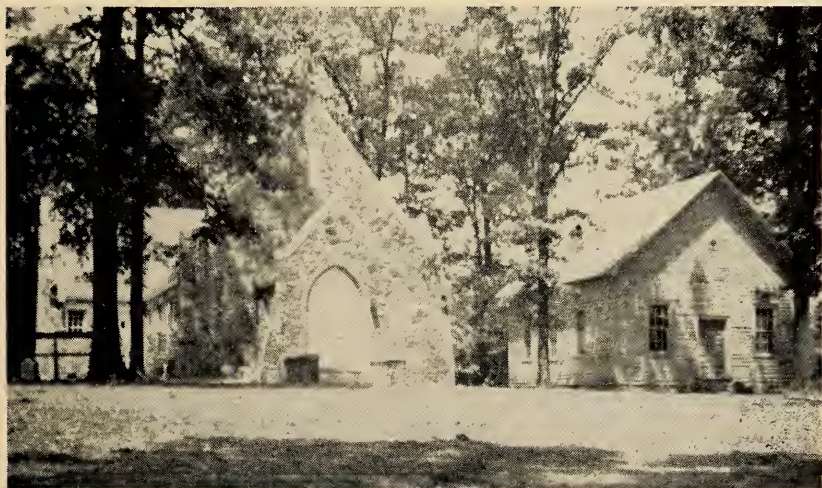
Several years ago the HILLSBOROUGH CHARGE consisted of about seven Churches. As late as the years 1940-1945, there were at least four churches on this charge. Churches that were connected with the Church over the past years are as follows:



New Sharon Church—1948 Sears 250



**New Sharon Church, organized in 1768
Membership 265**



Union Grove Methodist Church was organized in 1846. Leaders were: Thomas Long, Lemuel Carroll, Thomas C. Hayes, Calvin Bishop, and Daniel Thomas. First pastor: Alston Gray. Cornerstone present building laid 1946. This Church seats about 200; membership—100.



Lebanon Methodist Church, organized in 1820; building erected in 1937. The old building was destroyed in 1936. The church seats 250; membership — 145.



Cedar Grove Methodist Church was organized about 1830; present building erected in 1937, seats 200, membership—225.

New Cedar Grove Church—1937

See p. #197~



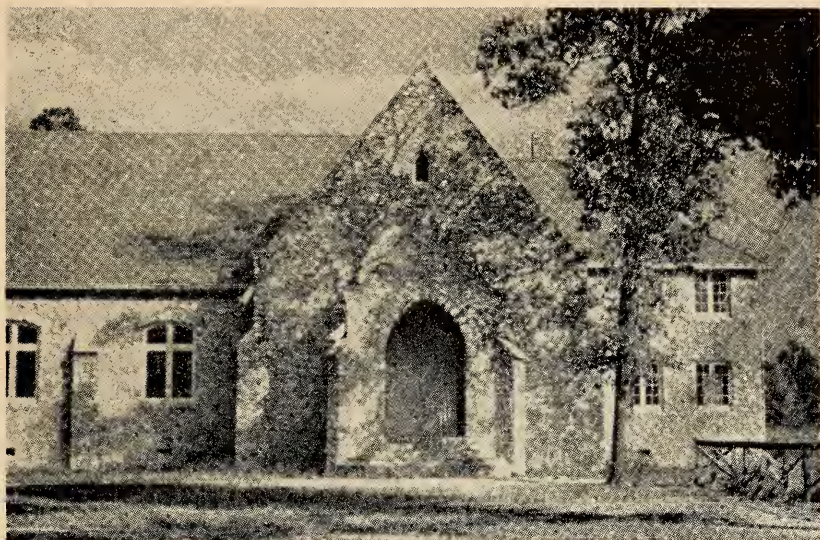
Eno Methodist Church was organized about 1913. This Church is located in West Hillsborough. Membership: 147.



Palmer's Grove Methodist Church was organized in the early 1920's. The church was erected in 1938. Leaders in its organization were: E. T. Blakeley, R. F. Murdock, and T. H. Yates. Membership: 106.

Choir Director, Organist, and Pianist, Hillsborough Methodist Church

Mrs. Anne Lockhart served as Choir Director for several years; Mrs. Pauline Lloyd served as Organist and Sunday School teacher for 25 years; Miss Grace Bivins served as pianist; Mrs. Agnes Lloyd Mincey served as pianist; Mrs. J. J. Ward served as pianist; Miss Frances Carter, pianist; Mrs. E. R. Dowdy, Choir Director.



Walnut Grove Methodist Church
Organized about 1850; building erected in 1939

OTHER HILLSBOROUGH CHURCHES



First Baptist Church
(1854-1924)



Hillsborough Baptist Church
Built 1854-60 by Captain John Berry
Completed



Presbyterian Church—1816



**Episcopal Church built 1824.
The land was given by Chief
Justice Thomas Ruffin**

HILLSBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH
 Superintendents of Sunday School
 1900 to 1961

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| H. N. Brown | Fred Noell |
| J. A. Harris | J. Clyde Ray (1925-1932) |
| N. W. Brown | G. A. Brown |
| A. T. Lloyd (Assistant) | J. B. Midgett* |
| Alan Browning | Marion Clark |

*Served longer than anyone else.

Sunday School Teachers — 1900-1961

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Marion Allison | Mrs. Molly Latta |
| N. W. Brown | Mr. J. B. Midgett |
| Mrs. N. W. Brown | Dr. H. W. Moore |
| Mr. G. A. Brown | Mr. Vance Martin |
| Mrs. H. H. Brown | Mrs. M. M. McFarland |
| Mr. Alan Browning (39 years) | Mrs. Agnes Lloyd Mincey |
| Mrs. J. E. Blalock | Mrs. S. F. Nicks |
| Mrs. Stella Nicks Bartlett | Mrs. J. R. Ormond |
| Mr. Paul Carr | Mrs. Mamie Ray |
| Mrs. Bera Cates | Mr. J. C. Ray |
| Mr. Marion Clark | Mrs. Mary Riley |
| Mr. R. D. Daniels | Mrs. C. R. Ross |
| Mrs. J. V. Early | Mrs. W. E. Stewart |
| Mrs. E. W. Fox | Mr. Ted Shoaf |
| Miss Mary B. Forrest | Mrs. Hattie D. Williams |
| Miss Maggie Forrest | Mr. O. L. Thomas |
| Mrs. R. T. Haley | Mrs. O. L. Thomas |
| Mr. Vance Isenhour | Mrs. J. F. Turner |
| Mr. Otto King | Mrs. A. M. Williams |
| Mrs. F. A. Lupton | Mrs. Vera Whitaker |
| Mrs. Pauline O. Lloyd | Mrs. Ira Ward |
| A. A. Lloyd | Mrs. J. J. Ward |
| Miss Rebecca Limer | |

Enrollment — Methodist Church — 1961

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Allison, Marion | Bivins, Tom |
| Allison, Margaret | Bivins, Nettie |
| Allison, Craig | Bivins, John |
| Allison, Karen | Bivins, Carolyn |
| Bacon, Vesta | Bivins, Betty |
| Bacon, J. J. | Bivins, Evelyn |
| Bason, Earl | Bivins, Hubert |
| Bason, Mrs. Earl | Brown, Mrs. J. L. |
| Berry, Helen | Brown, Maude |
| Ballard, John | Brown, Hattie |
| Ballard, Mrs. John | Brown, Randolph |
| Bivins, Harold | Brown, Lucius |
| Bivins, Ellen | Brown, Mrs. Lucius |
| Bivins, Beverly | Brown, Lucius, III |

Brown, Barbara
 Brown, Herman, Jr.
 Brown, Joyce
 Brown, G. A.
 Brown, Mrs. G. A.
 Brown, Bobby
 Brown, Harry
 Brown Henrietta
 Browning, Mrs. Alan
 Broadwell, Graham
 Brown, Estelle
 Brown, Laney
 Brown, Julia
 Broili, Grace Mitchell
 Burch, Hugh
 Burch, Mrs. Hugh
 Bartlette, Stella
 Cates, Mrs. M. L., Sr.
 Cates, James R.
 Cates, M. L., Jr.
 Cates, Mrs. M. L., Jr.
 Cates, Chandler
 Cates, Mrs. Chandler
 Cates, Suzianne
 Cates, Faye
 Cates, Karl M.
 Cates, Madison
 Cates, Mrs. Madison
 Cates, Marvin
 Cole, Mrs. Annie B.
 Cole, Mrs. C. C.
 Coman, J. H.
 Coman, Mrs. J. H.
 Carr, Mr. and Mrs. G. P., Sr.
 Carr, Joy
 Carr, Paul, Jr.
 Cromer, Mrs. C. T.
 Cox, Mary
 Chance, Mrs. William
 Chance, Ora
 Chance, Fred
 Conklin, Mrs. J. M.
 Crabtree, Jim
 Crabtree, Mrs. Jim
 Crabtree, Ormond
 Crabtree, Mrs. N. D.
 Crawford, Ruth
 Clark, Marion
 Clark, Margaret
 Clark, Judy
 Coley, Gladys
 Cannady, Barbara
 Crawford, Mrs. Ann
 Dowdy, E. R.
 Dowdy, Mrs. E. R.
 Dowdy, Judy Carol
 Dowdy, Jack
 Forrest, George
 Forrest, John
 Forrest, Everett
 Forrest, Beth
 Forrest, Mrs. Billye
 Forrest, Patricia
 Forrest, Terry
 Forrest, Vincent
 Forrest, Mrs. R. O.
 Forrest, Mary B.
 Forrest, Jake
 Forrest, Mrs. Virginia
 Forrest, Roy
 Forrest, Mrs. Roy
 Forrest, Teresa
 Forrest, Phyllis
 Forrest, Bobby
 Forrest, Mrs. Bobby
 French, Grace Bivins
 Gattis, Mrs. Virginia
 Gattis, Jean
 Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. B. P., Sr.
 Gordon, B. P., Jr.
 Gordon, Mable
 Gordon, Mark
 Gilmore, Will
 Gilmore, Robert
 Gilmore, Mrs. Robert
 Gentry, Paul
 Gentry, Mrs. Paul
 Hayes, Mrs. Maude
 Huvane, Helen R.
 Isenhour, Vance
 Isenhour, Betty
 Isenhour, Skippy
 James, Mrs. Oma
 James, Charlotte
 Kenyon, Charles
 Kenyon, Van
 Kenyon, Van
 Kenyon, Mrs. Van
 Kenyon, S. Alice
 Kenyon, Nicky

Kenyon, V. L., III
 King, Otto
 King, Mrs. Otto
 King, W. C.
 King, Timothy
 Kimbrough, S. T.
 Kimbrough, Mrs. S. T.
 Kimbrough, David
 Knight, Clarence
 Knight, Mrs. Clarence
 Knight, Gene
 Knight, Jack
 Knight, Joel
 Laws, Ed
 Laws, Mrs. Ed
 Liner, E. C.
 Liner, Mrs. E. C.
 Liner, N. Carol
 Liner, Cornelius
 Latta, Mrs. Molly
 Liner, Swain
 Liner, Miss Rebecca
 Lloyd, Pauline
 Lloyd, A. A.
 Lloyd, Evelyn
 Lloyd, Mary
 Lloyd, Helen
 Lloyd, Edna
 Lloyd, Nellie R. (Haithcock)
 Loftin, Dalton
 Loftin, Mrs. Dalton
 Lockhart, Mrs. Annie
 Lockhart, Eugene
 Lynch, Mrs. Daisy
 Martin, Vance
 Martin, Mrs. Vance
 Marshall, R. C.
 Marshall, Mrs. R. C.
 Marshall, Tommie
 Marshall, Beth
 Mays, H. M.
 Mays, Mrs. H. M.
 Midgett, J. B.
 Midgett, Helen
 Midgett, John
 Miller, Jack
 Miller, rs. Jack
 Miller, Larry
 Miller, Garland
 Miller, Flora
 Miller, Frank
 Miller, Cecil
 Miller, Mrs. Cecil
 Miller, Leroy
 Miller, Mrs. Leroy
 Minnis, Odell
 Minnis, Mrs. Odell
 Minnis, J. S.
 Minnis, Sam
 Minnis, Gladys
 Minnis, R. C., Jr.
 Minnis, Mrs. R. C., Jr.
 Minnis, Donna
 Minnis, Don
 Mitchell, Dorothy
 Mitchell, Mrs. Wm.
 Mitchell, Wm., Jr.
 Moore, Dr. H. W.
 Moore, Mrs. H. W.
 Moore, Walton
 Moore, Billie
 Moore, Faye T.
 Noel, F. Y.
 Nicks, Mrs. S. F.
 Norris, John
 Norris, Mrs. John
 Patterson, Quentin
 Patterson, Mrs. Quentin
 Powell, Horace
 Powell, Mrs. Horace
 Parrish, C. B.
 Parrish, Mrs. C. B.
 Porter, Ross
 Porter, Margaret
 Porter, F. R.
 Porter, Forrest
 Riley, Mrs. Herbert
 Reinhardt, Joe F.
 Reinhardt, Mrs. Joe
 Reinhardt, Harvey
 Reinhardt, Joan
 Rheinhardt, Mary
 Rheinhardt, Betty L.
 Reinhardt, Lucy
 Reterstoff, Elsie
 Ray, J. Clyde
 Ray, Mrs. Mamie
 Ray, Kathryn
 Reitzel, George
 Richmond, Mrs. J. W.
 Richmond, Bruce
 Richmond, J. W., Jr.

Rhew, Curtis
 Rhew, Mrs. Curtis
 Rosemond, James
 Rosemond, J. F.
 Rosemond, Betty S.
 Rosemond, Marvin
 Robinson, Clifton
 Robinson, Mrs. Clifton
 Rogers, Russell
 Rogers, Margaret
 Rogers, Martha Lockhart
 Scott, Clyde
 Stanfield, Nick
 Smith, Ted
 Smith, Mrs. Ted
 Summey, Warren
 Summey, Mrs. Warren
 Sharpe, Mr. & Mrs. Wayland
 Smith, Mrs. H. L.
 Shope, Mrs. J. .
 Shoaf, Ted
 Shoaf, Mrs. Ted
 Terrell, Mrs. Mary F.
 Terrell, Edward
 Teer, George
 Teer, Mrs. George
 Teer, George, Jr.
 Teer, Marvin
 Thomas, Ralph
 Thomas, Mrs. O. L.
 Thomas, Seth
 Thomas, Harry
 Thmoas, Glenn
 Thomas, Roy

Thomas, Mrs. Roy
 Thomas, Rebecca
 Turner, Frank
 Turner, Clifton
 Turner, Louise
 Tatum, Mrs. Carolyn
 Turner, Billie
 Turner, Flossie
 Turner, Mrs. Bunn, Jr.
 Turner, Delma
 Turner, Mrs. Delma
 Ward, Ira
 Ward, Mrs. Ira
 Williams, Larry
 Williams, Ted
 Warren, Mrs. Helen
 Walker, Mrs. Frank
 Williams, Hattie
 Williams, Mrs. Alton
 Williams, Alton
 Williams, P. R.
 Williams, Kaye
 Walser, Mrs. R. C.
 Whataker, Vera R.
 Williams, Carrie
 Whitaker, Donald
 Williams, Mrs. A. M.
 Williams, Mrs. Peggy Jean
 Worley, Annie L. Clark
 Wright, Donald
 Wright, Mrs. Donald
 Winstead, Jean
 York, Ruby Laws

A map of Hillsborough, 1839, was found in papers of John C. Bailey, Southern Historical Collection, U.N.C.

As follows:

Rouhlac Place, N.E. Town

Queen Street

Dennis Heartt Residence

Dr. Long (Son-in-law of James Webb)

Dr. James Webb's residence

Dr. James Webb's Drug Store *or c f f i c e*

Church Street (Now Tryon Street)

Hillsborough Methodist Church

Female Academy

King Street

Court House

Whipping Post

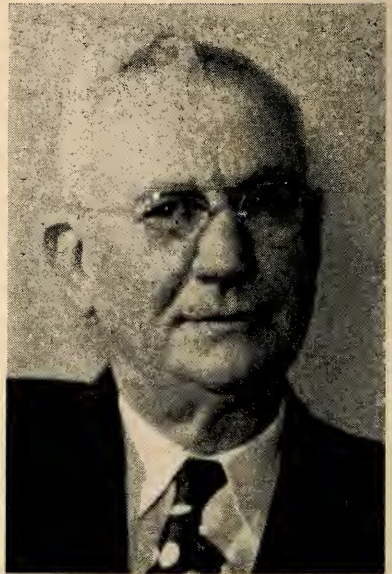
Jail
Taverns
Barber Shop
Stephen Moore's Residence
(Now Dr. Murphy's Residence)
Kirkland's Tan Yard

Churton Street

Dennis Heartt Printing Shop
(Now A. H. Graham's Law Office)
Several Stores and Taverns
Mr. A. H. Graham's residence—(Location first [redacted]
Green). [redacted]
Sam Kirkland's Residence.



R. O. Forrest, died 1959



J. L. Brown, died 1960



Mrs. O. L. Thomas



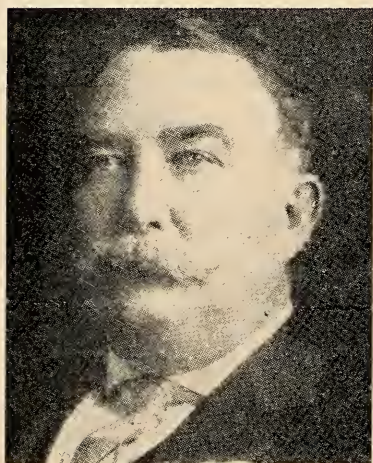
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(deceased)**



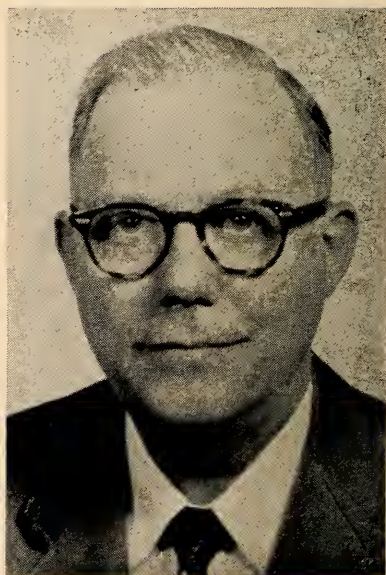
**Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Turner
(deceased)**



J. Clyde Ray



**S. M. Gattis
(deceased)**



Charles James, died 1957



Mr. "Speck" Faucette
A great friend of the young
people of Hillsboro



Dr. H. W. Moore
"Dentist"

HISTORY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HILLSBOROUGH, N. C.,
1816 - 1962



Hillsborough Presbyterian Church — 1816
(Picture furnished by Mrs. Alfred Engstrom.)
Showing "Old Session House" with steeple.



Presbyterian Church Sanctuary — 1962



Dr. Bradshaw and Others at Picnic at Duke's Farm

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Toward the close of the seventeenth century, Scotland was the scene of endless commotions. Many of the Scotch, who were almost exclusively Presbyterians, fled first to Holland and then to Ireland. After remaining in Ireland a number of years they were driven to another country to seek religious liberty, and they came directly from Ireland to this country. They were called "Scotch-Irish."

About 1738 or 1739 those people settled along the Cape Fear, Black, Tar, Haw, Little, Flat, and Eno Rivers. They at once built "Meeting Houses" and services were held by members of the communities. Many years passed before they had settled ministers and organized churches.

On the Eno River such a place of worship was built. The church at Cedar Grove bears the name of the river on the banks of which the first Eno Presbyterian Church was built.

About the year 1790, there came a young Scotchman, William Kirkland, from Ayrshire, Scotland, to Hillsborough to engage in mercantile pursuits. On the eve of Christmas 1792, he married Miss Margaret B. Scott, and the following year, 1793, their oldest child, Anne, was born. In 1799, he purchased the old Tew homestead, and lived there the remainder of his life. Judge Ruffin, (an outstanding citizen of Hillsborough) married Anne Kirkland December 7, 1809.

PRESBYTERIANS

"Presbyterian" is the name of a Protestant denomination. The name comes from a Greek word meaning "elder." The Presbyterian Church is governed by its ministers and ruling "elders." The elders are elected by the congregation and, together with the pastor, are entrusted with its spiritual oversight. Deacons look after the poor, and trustees are in charge of the church's finances.

The ruling courts, or juricatories, of the Presbyterian Church are the sessions, the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly. A "session," which is composed of the pastor and the ruling elders, governs

a congregation. A "presbytery" is made up of ministers and elders from a limited district. A "synod" is made up of ministers and elders chosen from the presbyteries in a still larger area. The high court of the Presbyterian Church is the General Assembly, which is composed of representatives from every presbytery in the denomination. The General Assembly, which meets once a year, exercises a general control over the denomination.

Presbyterian and Calvinistic Beliefs

The central idea is the absolute sovereignty of God. The supreme standard of belief is the Bible. The subordinate standards of belief of the Presbyterian Church in the United States are the Westminster Confessions of Faith and the larger and shorter catechism, which were adopted in 1729. Membership required only a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and of obedience to Him.

Presbyterian Church of Hillsborough

The Presbyterian Church was built by the people of the town and was for everybody. The money used to build the church was secured by means of a lottery which was authorized by the legislature. The present church was built of English brick about 1816 to replace an old structure erected by colonial Episcopalians. It is not known who organized this church. The records of the early church were destroyed by fire when Rev. Witherspoon's house was burned on January 1, 1827.

The cemetery near the church was laid out in 1754.

The Presbyterian services were first held in the old courthouse in Hillsborough by Rev. David Caldwell, John Selok, and others. In 1777, for the first time, regular services were held at Little River, New Hope, and Hawfields.

The Presbyterian Church grounds, on August 20, 1775, served as a meeting place for 184 delegates from every county in the colony of North Carolina to discuss matters of government, taxation, military strength, allegiance to the crown, and hostile Indians.

It is said that in this building, which fell into the hands of the Presbyterians at the close of the American Revolution, affairs of the State were settled. The town clock, given to Hillsborough by the King of England, once hung in the shingled tower.

When the present Presbyterian Church was built, it did not have a steeple.

Colored Members Received

On May 27, 1886, Haywood Craig was received on profession. On November 17, 1895, Albert Long became a member by certificate from New Hope Church.

The Hillsborough Recorder, 1861, gave a list of story books from the Presbyterian Church of Hillsborough, as, follows:

Collatorial Bible, 4th Vol.

Hodge's History of Presbyterian Church

Cudsworth's Intellectual System, 1st Vol

McCheyne's Works

Shakespeare, 2nd Vol., 8th Vol.

Goldsmith's World

Pope's Works

Reliques of Ancient English Poetry

HILLSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Hillsborough, North Carolina
HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN BRIEF

Many years before a Presbyterian Church was organized in Hillsborough, services were held by this denomination in the courthouse. The Reverend David Caldwell was the first of many ministers who held occasional services here, followed by the Reverend John DeBow and others. By 1777 regular worship services were held in Hillsboro by the Reverend Alexander McMillan, who also served the Little River and New Hope Churches.

However, it was not until the Reverend John Knox Witherspoon came to Hillsboro from Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1816, that a church was organized. The present sanctuary was built, either in that year or shortly before, with the consent of the town authorities, on a lot reserved by them for a "church, a school house and a graveyard." Financial assistance may have been secured for the project through a lottery, approved by an act of the Legislature.

The lot on which the Confederate Memorial Library now stands, was leased in the year 1836 for 99 years, for the sum of \$100 paid to the town Commissioners, by James Webb, for the purpose of erecting a building to be used as a Sunday School room, under the care of the Presbyterian Church. The building was later used as a Session House.

The Reverend John Knox Witherspoon was the first pastor of the church, serving it from 1816 to 1833. The first book of minutes of the Session of the Presbyterian Church in Hillsborough begins with "Articles of Faith and Covenant," which were formulated and approved on the organizational date, September 25, 1816. At the conclusion of the "Articles of Faith and Covenant" are the following names of persons who were the charter members.

John Witherspoon, ordained pastor of this church
September 25, 1816
Susan D. Witherspoon
Frederick Nash (Elder)
Mary G. Nash
James Phillips (Elder)
Mary Phillips
Ann A. Webb
Mary Burke
Henry Thompson, Sr.
John Allison

These nine members composed the first church roll, but pews were rented to a much larger number. From 1816 to 1833 the Session was often irregular in its meeting, and some years record but one meeting. The records are principally taken up with the names of those who presented themselves before the Session for examination and admission to the church, and of those who were called before the Session for "bringing reproach upon the cause of Christ by their conduct." The latter disappeared from the records after March 24, 1872, when the following resolution was passed:

After much thought and deliberation upon the subject the Session respectfully recommends that the book of discipline of the Presbyterian Church shall be so amended as to permit a member of the church who is leading an unchristian life or entertaining religious opinions utterly inconsistent with our standards to withdraw from the Communion table, and from membership in the church without undergoing the regular trial at present prescribed for such cases, and that Presbytery be requested to send an overture to that effect to the General Assembly."

From that time on, people were left more and more to the dictates of their own consciences as to their fitness for remaining a member of the Presbyterian Church.

That the church had its struggles in those early days is proved by a special record of thanksgiving made by the Reverend Mr. Witherspoon in 1830, three years before the end of his seventeen years as pastor. It reads, "The Lord hath not utterly forsaken us, but amidst our long desolation hath again visited us with some token of his love and to His name be all the glory." Mr. Witherspoon served the church for seventeen years, then moved to Hampdon-Sydney, Virginia, but later returned to Hillsboro, and at his death in 1853 was buried in the cemetery not far from the door of the church.

The Reverend S. J. Price assumed the pastorate in 1834, serving until 1835. The next to serve was the Reverend Robert Burwell, from 1835 until 1848. Early in his ministry he and Mrs. Burwell opened a school for young women. This school, while he remained in Hillsborough, was well patronized, enabling him to serve the church with a very small salary. Miss Sally K. Nash, who was one of his assistants, continued the school after Mrs. Burwell left Hillsborough, with the assistance of her sister, Miss Maria Nash, and a relative, Miss Sarah Kollock. A memorial tablet on the wall of the present sanctuary bears this inscription: "Sacred to the loving memory of Misses Nash and Miss Kollock, by their students. Being dead yet speaketh. Hebrews 11:4. 1926."

The Reverend William B. Browne assumed the pastorate in 1850, serving until 1851. On his leaving the Reverend Robert Burwell again served the church from 1851 until 1857. The Reverend P. A. Martin was the next pastor and served from 1858 to 1861. Upon his leaving, the Reverend H. B. Pratt came in 1861 and served until 1863. On October 4, 1863 Mr. Pratt gave notice of his expectation to serve in the Army for the duration of the war, as soon as he could obtain a Chaplain's Commission.

The Reverend Halbert G. Hill served the church as pastor from 1864 until 1866. The Reverend H. B. Pratt returned for a second pastorate during 1867 and 1868. The Reverend William C. Smith was pastor from 1869 to 1873. The Reverend James H. Fitzgerald came in 1874 and served until 1881. In his history, Mr. Fitzgerald gives credit to the labors of eminent evangelists for the increase in the membership of the church, and mentions the names of the Reverend Nettleton, the Reverend Daniel G. Russell, the Reverend Daniel Baker, and the Reverend Robert

McNeill. Mr. Fitzgerald goes on to say that no history of the church would be complete without mention of the schools which have been located here. The first school mentioned was taught by William J. Bingham, a Ruling Elder of the church. He also says that while the school was here, "one of its excellent teachers, John Bingham, became a minister of the Gosel in the Presbyterian Church, but died soon after entering upon his work." Other schools mentioned by Mr. Fitzgerald were the Caldwell Institute and a school of which Mr. Ralph Graves was principal, and one presided over by Colonel Tew. Mr. Fitzgerald goes on to say that the schools mentioned were more particularly under Presbyterian auspices.

A brief pastorate was that of the Reverend J. L. Williamson, 1882 to 1883. At this time the church was grouped with the Chapel Hill Church. In 1884 a beloved pastor, the Reverend W. F. Wilhelm, began his work here and continued to serve the church until his death in 1893. Mr. Wilhelm was buried in the cemetery near the church.

The church was renovated in 1892, when the present unusual tower was placed on the building. The Reverend H. S. Bradshaw occupied the pulpit for six years following the death of Mr. Wilhelm, from 1894 to 1900. The Reverend J. S. Goodman served as pastor from 1901 until 1905. He was followed by his predecessor, the Reverend H. S. Bradshaw, who stayed to serve the longest pastorate in the church's history, from August 1894 to December 1900 in his first pastorate, and from April 1905 to July 1938 in his last pastorate, a total of thirty-nine years. Dr. Bradshaw was loved for his genial disposition and is remembered as an excellent pastor and friend, who gave the best years of his life to the service of the Hillsborough Presbyterian Church. At his death, Dr. Bradshaw was buried in the cemetery, nearby the church he had served so long. His wife, Mrs. Mary Nash Bradshaw, was church organist for a number of years, and was active in other phases of the church's work.

In 1938 the Reverend S. Wilds DuBose began his nine year pastorate. During this time Mrs. Mary Beard Bivins, now Mrs. Roy T. Sherrod, Jr., went as a full-time Christian worker from this church, after receiving her Masters Degree at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Sherrod is the wife of a Presbyterian minister. During the year 1943 contributions were first made toward a new educational building. Dr. DuBose served the church from 1938 until 1947, when his resignation was sorrowfully accepted, as he and Mrs. DuBose had endeared themselves, not only to the members of the church, but to the community in general.

In 1947 the Reverend Irving E. Birdseye became pastor of the church. A campaign in December of 1947 increased the building fund to half the amount needed to start the new proposed educational unit. On May 10, 1948, with Messrs. Ben. G. Johnson, H. F. Latta, Sr., and D. Glenn Auman as the Building Committee, with Edwin M. Lynch as treasurer, the building was begun. It was completed in November of 1948, and the debt having been removed, was dedicated October 30, 1949. During Mr. Birdseye's ministry, William J. Wrenn, Jr. became a candidate for the gospel ministry. During this time a new Baldwin Organ was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Fryer, in memory of R. H. Claytor, Sr.

The Fryer family also gave a new carpet for the pulpit and aisles of the sanctuary.

In May 1953 the Reverend C. H. Reckard assumed the pastorate and served the church until August 1960. During his ministry a new addition to the physical plant was made in the form of a fellowship hall, named Strudwick Hall in honor of Sheppard Strudwick. A new manse was also built and occupied in early 1958. The drawings for both the fellowship hall and the manse were made by Mr. Reckard. During this period a children's choir was organized and directed by Mrs. R. D. Copeland and Mrs. E. Wilson Cole, Jr.

On February 1, 1961 the Reverend James H. Wade came from Asheboro, North Carolina, to be the minister of the Hillsborough Presbyterian Church.

In the minutes of the meetings of the Session down through the years, the names of Parrish, Kirkland, Heartt, Richards, Kenion, Claytor, and many others, are mentioned in connection with the offices of Elder and Deacon. Among the Clerks of the Session, the two serving the longest terms were: John Norwood, from 1836 to 1884, and Sheppard Strudwick, from 1904 to 1948. Mr. Strudwick also served as Sunday School Superintendent for a great many years, and Mrs. Strudwick was Choir Director and Organist for a long period of time. At present the membership of the church is 241. Much emphasis is being given to the youth groups of the church.

According to other records A. D. Montgomery, an Elder, is listed in Presbytery's records as having served several churches from 1822 until 1852 or later; John Bingham, mentioned earlier, who died shortly after entering the ministry; Thomas Lynch who served a number of churches in Orange Presbytery, beginning in the year 1825; and William James Wren, Jr., who was licensed and ordained by Bethel Presbytery of South Carolina, in the Fall of 1958.

Among the illustrious men buried in the walled cemetery, adjacent to the church are: William Hooper, one of the three North Carolinians, who represented the Colony at the signing and adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776; Archibald DeBow Murphey, Professor and Trustee of the State University, and a pioneer in the field of education; John Knox Witherspoon, the first pastor of the church, and a grandson of the famous Dr. John Witherspoon, signer of the Declaration of Independence and early President of Princeton University; William A. Graham, one of North Carolina's most beloved Governors and a leader in the State, and in national politics; John Berry, who was famous as a brick mason, having built the old Courthouse, the Masonic Lodge and several of the church buildings which are still in use; and many others of worthy note. The above were all Presbyterians except Mr. Hooper.

To those who worship in the church today, something of the presence of those who toiled in other days seems to linger on. And, as the torch falls from the hands of this generation, it is hoped that future generations will catch it, and bear it to greater heights for the glory of God and the betterment of mankind.

By Eselle Anderson (Mrs. Alec T.) October 3, 1950, Revisions made April 1, 1961.

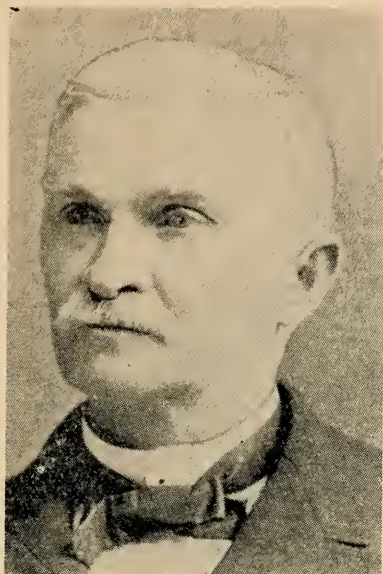
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

| | Hillsboro | New Hope | Eno | Little River | Fairfield | Chapel Hill |
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| John W. Witherspoon .. | 1816-1833 | | | | | |
| S. J. Price | 1834-1835 | | | | | |
| Robert Burwell | 1836-1848 | | | | | |
| William B. Browne | 1850-1851 | | | | | |
| Robert Burwell | 1852- | | | | | |
| P. A. McMartin | 1856-1861 | | | | | |
| Henry B. Pratt | 1861-1862 | | | | | |
| Halbert G. Hill | 1863-1866 | | | | | |
| Henry B. Pratt | 1867-1868 | | | | | |
| William C. Smith | 1869-1873 | | | | | |
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| William C. Smith | 1869-1873 | | | | 1869-1873 | |
| James H. Fitzgerald .. | 1873-1881 | | 1873-1875 | 1873-1875 | 1873-1881 | |
| James L. Williamson .. | 1882-1883 | | | | | |
| N. F. Wilhelm | 1884-1893 | | 1889-1893 | | 1889-1893 | 1884-1888 |
| H. S. Bradshaw | 1894-1900 | | 1897-1900 | | 1894-1900 | |
| J. N. Goodman | 1901-1905 | 1903-1905 | 1901-1905 | | 1901-1905 | |
| H. S. Bradshaw | 1905-1938 | 1905-1935 | | | | |
| S. W. DuBose | 1939-1947 | 1939-1945 | | | | |
| I. E. Birdseye | 1947-1953 | | | | | |
| J. H. Reckard | 1953-1960 | | | | | |
| J. H. Wade | 1961- | | | | | |

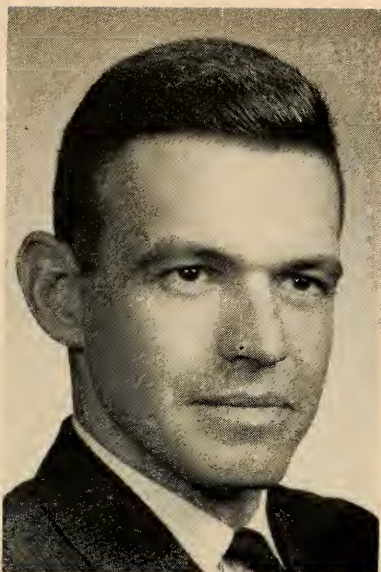
Prepared by: Mrs. R. R. Hooker

Brief Sketch of Rev. James H. Wade

1. Born in Williamston, West Virginia, March 18, 1914.
2. Paternal ancestry from a long line of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians who settled in the Valley of Virginia in Rockbridge County.
3. From three years of age and later, lived at Staunton, Virginia, where he received elementary and high school education.
4. Graduated from Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee in 1936 with a B.A. degree, and from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia in 1939 with a B.D. degree.
5. Married Mary Elizabeth Mulcay of Augusta, Georgia in the spring of 1939.
6. Two sons: James Houston Wade, Jr. born 1942
Thomas Calvin Wade born in 1944
7. Becoming a minister had been a lifelong desire.
8. Churches served: Sandston Presbyterian Church (1939-1944)
Sandston, Virginia
Woodlawn Presbyterian Church (1944-1950)
Hopewell, Virginia
Cradock Presbyterian Church (1950-1953)
Portsmouth, Virginia
First Presbyterian Church (1953-1961)
Asheboro, North Carolina
Hillsborough Presbyterian Church (1961-)
9. The Hopewell and Asheboro churches were led in new church building programs.
10. Hobbies: woodworking and gardening.
11. Became pastor of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church February 1, 1961.



Rev. Henry B. Pratt — 1867-1868



**Rev. C. H. Reckard
Pastor — 1953 through Aug., 1960**

Born Dec. 13, 1921, Huntington, W. Va.; educated in public schools there; B.S. Georgia Tech; B.D. and Th.M. Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Married Maxine Orndorff of Huntington 1949. Pastor of Hillsborough Church, May 1953 through August 1960. Presently Associate Minister of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Louisville, Kentucky. Three children—Charles Michael, Rebecca Hambrick, James Edward. Three years Air Corps WW II as communications officer. Captain.



**Rev. James H. Wade
1960-**



Presbyterian Church — 1816

The Hillsborough Presbyterian Church grounds were the scene of several Revolutionary assembly meetings. In the cemetery are the graves of William Hooper, William A. Graham, James Hogg, Sarah J. Kollock, Archibald D. Murphy and many other prominent persons.

Members Who Have Held Office in The Church



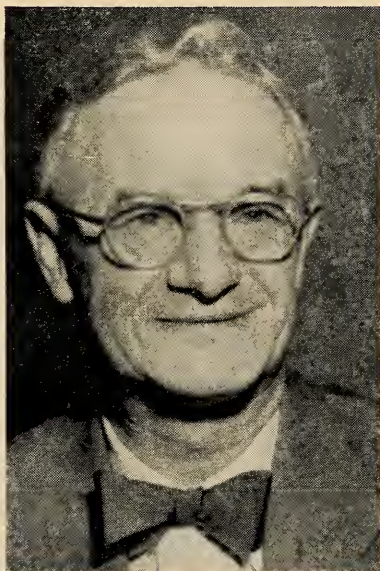
**Dr. C. D. Jones (Elder)
Physician for 50 years in
Hillsborough, N. C.**



**A. W. Kenion (Reacon)
Clerk of Superior Court for
Orange County**

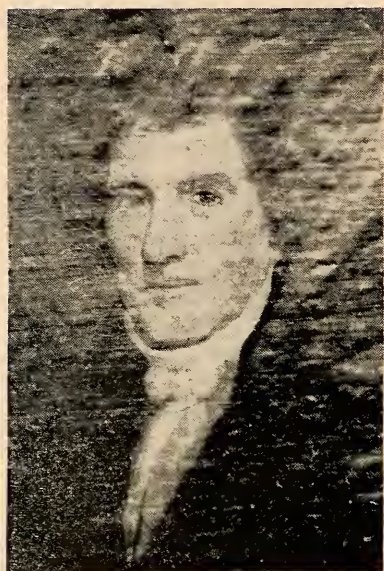


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Superintendent of Orange County
Schools**

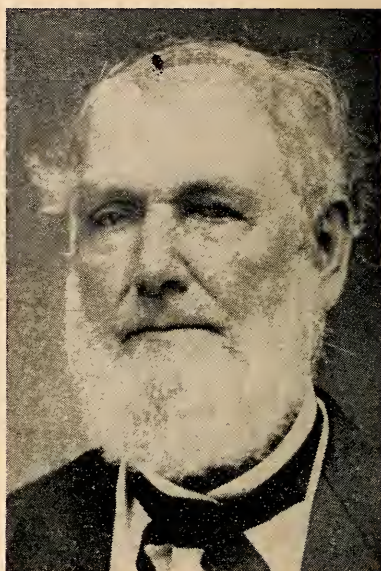


**Sidney Green (Elder)
Superintendent of Eno Cotton
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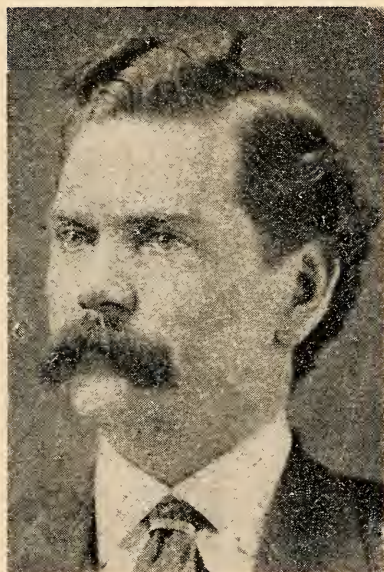
**Four generations of Kirkland Family, who were faithful members
of the Hillsborough Presbyterian Church.**



William Kirkland



John U. Kirkland
(Grandfather of Sam Kirkland)



John W. Kirkland, Jr.
(Father of Sam Kirkland)



Sam S. Kirkland



Hillsborough Presbyterian Manse — 1960

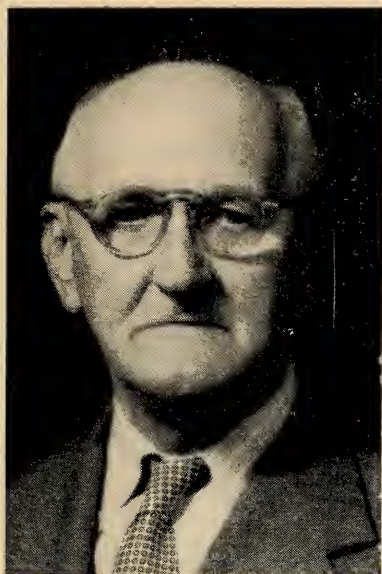


**E. M. Lynch (Deacon)
Clerk of Superior Court
Orange County**

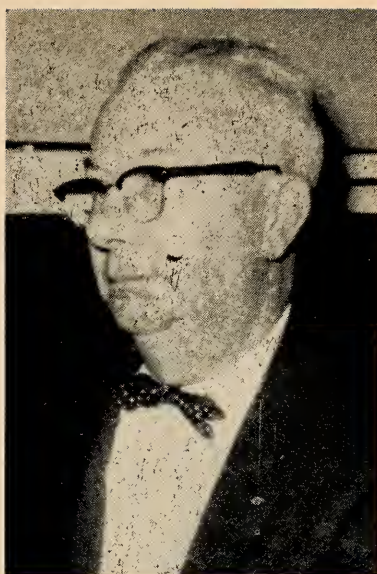


**Mr. Shepperd Strudwick
1868-1961**

Mr. S. Strudwick, Mrs. Strudwick, Shepperd and Edmond Strudwick, Mr. Strudwick served 58 years as an elder. Superintendent of the Sunday School for 40 years, Office of Clerk of the Session for 44 years (longer than any other in the Church's history) and at his death he was the oldest member of the church. He gained a reputation as a wood carver, in his later life, and carved the beautiful crosses in the Presbyterian and Methodist Sanctuaries, along with many other things of beauty.



R. R. Hooker
Born July, 1880. (Elder). Prepared
the list of preachers and the dates
served Hillsborough Presbyterian
Church (1816-1961).



Dr. B. N. Roberts (Elder)
Born—Hillsborough. Educated
Hillsborough High School, UNC,
and University of Maryland.
Practiced medicine in Hills-
borough for about 34 years.

HILLSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hillsborough, N. C.

(ROLL OF RESIDENT MEMBERS — OCTOBER, 1961)

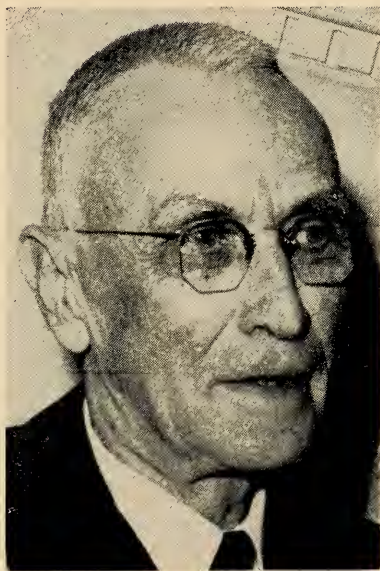
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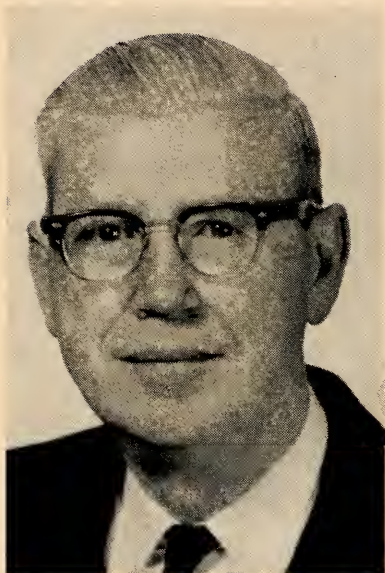
Mr. L. E. Beard
Member of the Presbyterian
Church for many years.
30 years Elder of the Church.
President of Bellevue Mill.

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 Durham, N. C.
 Washington, D. C.
 Greensboro, N. C.



C. D. Jones
 Born Hillsborough, N. C., Educated H.H. School, U.N.C., Owner of Western Auto Store. Has served on the Orange County School Board and as County Commissioner.



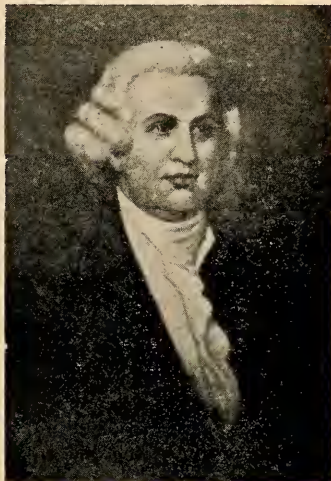
Mayor Ben G. Johnston.
 Mayor May, 1933 to June 1961. The most popular mayor that our town has ever had. Mr. Johnston served the town well and many improvements were made while he was the town Mayor.

William Alexander Graham (1804-1875)

Governor, Secretary of Navy. Born Lincoln County. Graduated U.N.C., 1824. Began practice of law in Hillsborough, 1825. He was a member of the general assembly (speaker of House for two terms). United States Senator. Governor, 1845-1849. Secretary of Navy under Fillmore (1850-1853). Whig nominee for vice president. Confederate Senator.



**Gov. William A. Graham—1845
North Carolina**



**William Hooper
Signer of Declaration of
Independence**

William Hooper (1741-1790)

Signer Declaration of Independence. Born Boston, Mass. Graduated Harvard. Moved to Wilmington, 1767, and practiced law. Member Continental Congress. Signer of Declaration of Independence. Revolutionary leader. Moved his family from Wilmington to Hillsborough during the Revolutionary War and made Hillsborough his permanent residence in 1781, where he died in 1790. He is buried in the old town cemetery, now the Presbyterian Church cemetery.



Hillsborough Confederate^{Memorial} Library — Built 1934
The only library in the U.S.A. that has the name
of Confederate.

The lot on which the Confederate Memorial Library now stands, was leased in the year 1836 for 99 years, for the sum \$100.00 paid to the town commissioners, by Dr. James Webb, for the purpose of erecting a building to be used as a Sunday School room, under the care of the Presbyterian Church. The building was later used as the town library until 1934. This was called the "Session House" because the Presbyterian Sessions were held in this building.



SESSION HOUSE



Dr. M. B. Roberts first practiced medicine in Burlington, N. C. A few years later moved to Star, N. C. He came to Hillsborough in the year 1938. His office has always been located over James Pharmacy.

Dr. M. B. Roberts—1958
Educated Hillsborough H.S.,
U.N.C., and University of Mary
land. Member Presbyterian
Church.

HISTORY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOR COLORED PEOPLE
1877 - 1928

COLORED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The following is the deed to the Colored Presbyterian Church:

George W. Brodie and Charlotte L. Brodie (wife of George)—Washington City, District of Columbia, sold to J. Nichols and B. F. Murray, Trustees of the Colored Presbyterian Church in the Town of Hillsborough, County of Orange in the State of North Carolina. They paid twenty-five dollars of lawful money of the United States for a certain parcel of land, a lot lying in the town of Hillsborough, Orange County, State of North Carolina, Lot No. 201. Beginning at the north-east corner of Gordon's line on County Line Street running east 42 feet to the lot sold to one Lucinda Morrow. Thence running south along said line of said lot 75 feet. Thence 42 feet to Gordon's Line. Thence North along said line 75 feet to County Line Street, the place of beginning.

G. W. Brodie (Seal)

Charlotte C. Brodie (Seal)

Howard N. Norris—Notary Public
Geo. Laws—Clerk of Superior Court

August 31, 1877

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In the early maps of Hillsborough the names of some of the streets were different from the names now used. The street called County Line is now known as Orange Street. The street called Church Street is now known as Tryon Street. The first Methodist Church (for white people) was located on the east end of Tryon Street. In 1825 it was known as Church Street.

The Presbyterian Church was built about 1878 with the help of some white people. The main leaders were as follows: Ellison, Bolden, Morrow, Richmond, Webb, etc. Bill Bolden was the organist. The church was never strong in membership or money. As the members died, there were not enough young members to take their place.

Following the death of so many of the older members, the members that were left were unable to carry on the work that should be done. The church was closed about the year 1928.

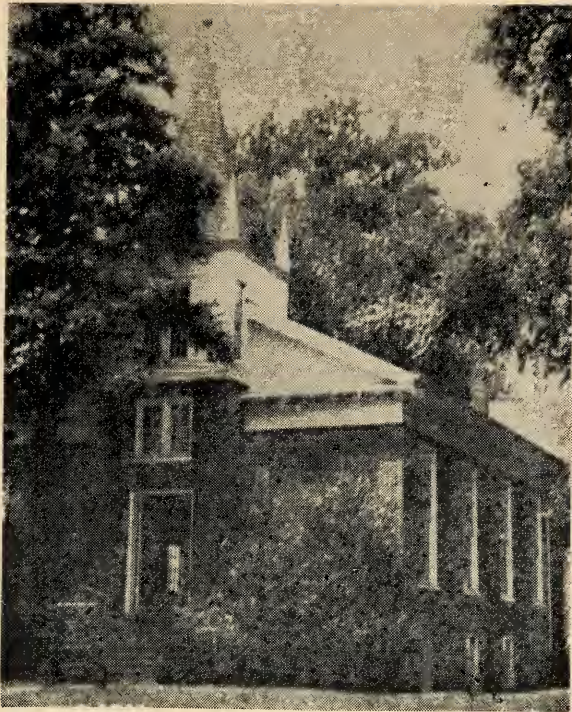
James Collins bought the church and land about the year 1942.

MEMBERSHIP

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| Fate Richmond | Annie Morrow |
| Julia Richmond | Anderson Morrow |
| Bruce Allison | John Webb |
| Mary Allison | J. Nichols |
| Bill Bolden | B. F. Murray |
| Emma Bolden (The only one now living) | Rev. White — Pastor |



Presbyterian Church — Drawn by Rev. Archie McCullers
(1877-1928)



**METHODIST CHURCH (See Page 98)
Built 1859 by Captain John Berry**



NEW CEDAR GROVE CHURCH—1937 (See Page 108)

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