



THE HISTORY OF MOUNT HERMON METHODIST CHURCH

According to the late J. W. Whitehead, religious worship at the site of the Mt. Hermon Church dates back as far as 1753. The earliest record of deeds is 1834, originally recorded in Hillsboro for one acre of land sold by Henry Foust, and for two acres sold by George Albright to the trustees of the church.

The year 1790 is a date on a tombstone in the cemetery indicating that it was a burial ground at that time. And according to an inscription on a monument in the cemetery, the first member to join the Mt. Hermon Methodist Protestant Church was Nancy A. Nicholson.

It is thought that in 1829, Mt. Hermon was organized as a Methodist Protestant Church. But opinion is divided as to how the church obtained its name. Some believe it to be named after the biblical Mt. Hermon in Palestine, but others agree with Miss Sallie Stockard's story. In her book, *THE HISTORY OF ALAMANCE*, she said: "Mt. Hermon Church is named for Hermon Husbands, a prominent Quaker, who came from Maryland to North Carolina in 1751, and in 1755 married Mary Pugh of the Cane Creek community. He made a road known as the 'Hermon Road' from Cane Creek to Hillsboro, the county seat of Orange, of which this area was a part at that time. Since the church was located on the 'Hermon Road', the church was named for him."

