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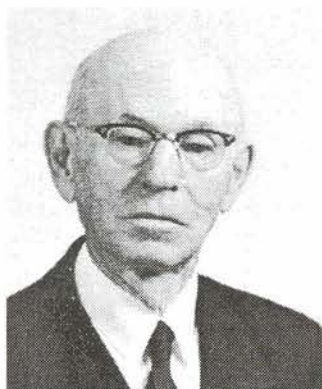
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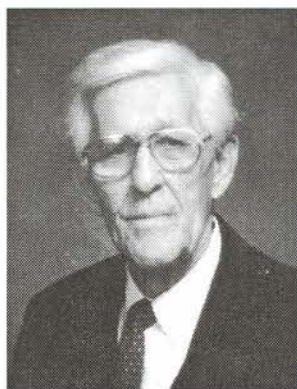
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Dedication

We dedicate this work to the Glory of God and ask His blessing on our efforts. Let us remember those who saw the need for Christ in their lives and began this church in His name, and those who nurtured it through 119 glorious years. Let us also remember those who went out from this church to preach Christianity: Lacy Thomas Edens, Madison Ward Maness and Jack Ward Page, Sr. And last, let us remember those who went out from this church to lead Christian lives and practice Christianity here and in other communities.



Rev. Lacy Thomas Edens



Rev. Madison Ward Maness



Rev. Jack Ward Page, Sr.

PREFACE

My interest in Centenary Memorial United Methodist Church began when I married into the Carl C. Edens family in 1950. My mother-in-law and father-in-law went to school, Sunday School, and Church at Centenary. They were married there and now are buried in the cemetery next to the church. I knew the church was a special one by the pride and love that the members took in preserving their church and its history even when the church was no longer an active church but a memorial church. That change took place in 1971. At the annual homecoming in August, Carl Edens, on behalf of the Methodist Conference, presented a deed, covering the church properties, to Robert F. Stuart, Jr., chairman of the board of trustees of Centenary Memorial Association. Just talk with members such as Robert and Leon Stuart about the church and you see their eyes light up, and they are ready to tell you about their love of the church and its people.

My husband, John Clarence, and I have actively been involved in genealogy, mainly our own family histories, for about fifteen years. As we visited the State and National Archives, we saw the need to preserve documents for future generations. The Original Centenary Church Registers, The Official Membership and Church Records, and Sunday School records were left in the unheated and non air-conditioned church year after year. These are the books that date back to 1897 and are our heritage! Most people did not know about them or did not take the time to look at them. The current older generation is the last generation who actively attended Centenary Church and knew, or knew of, some of the people who helped form the church; therefore the need to preserve the history became more imperative if it's heritage was to live on. I feel a close kindred to the older people of Centenary as I learned about them through the records and pictures that were sent. I want to share with others the things I found while compiling the book.

Elaine Burns was my contact with the people of Rowland and their ancestors. She spent many hours on the telephone running down leads as to who may have a picture of certain families. She wrote letters, kept up with pictures as they came in, lined up the generations of each family and came to Laurinburg to help me as I entered the pictures and information into the computer. Robert Stuart's knowledge of family connections was invaluable as we traced the family lines. John Clarence Edens also helped trace family pedigrees, made telephone calls, and took pictures of the tombstones in the Centenary cemetery. Without the help of ELAINE BURNS, ROBERT STUART, and JOHN CLARENCE EDENS this book would not have been possible.

We tried to include all families who were mentioned in the earlier documents of the church. There are a few that we were not able to contact and regret that they are not included in the pictorial. We are grateful to all who did respond to make this book possible. We are pleased to have found 162 surname families and have included over 400 pictures of 800 individuals.

We hope you will take time to read the histories, check out the church and Sunday School rolls, marriage and baptism records to see the important part that your family played in the life of Centenary Memorial United Methodist Church.

Betty Jean Caveness Edens
August 2001

INTRODUCTION

BY REV. LACY T. EDENS (written in 1935)

A young man who was the product of the **Centenary** community, who has been in the ministry for a brief time, said to the author on one occasion, "Somebody ought to write the history of **Centenary** Church, a great number of the young members do not know much about it and I must admit that I am one of them".

For this reason, and because this was the church where the author received spiritual nourishment in Sunday School as a boy and the church with which he united in his youth, he has undertaken this pleasant task.

The chief source materials for this brief history have been the Minutes of the Annual Sessions of the North Carolina Conference, 1882-1934, the Raleigh Christian Advocate, 1883-1893, 1899-1919, and the North Carolina Christian Advocate, 1894-1898, 1920-1934.

The author is deeply indebted to the older people of the Centenary community for information through correspondence and conversation.

In the year 2001, we, too, desire to continue recording the history of Centenary Memorial United Methodist Church. Centenary was very special to Polly Ward who spent many hours attending to the affairs of the church. In 1982 Polly and John Edens compiled a Centennial Book which included the history of Centenary Church by Lacy Edens plus the Centenary Association Minutes, 1950 – 1981. In the current book, we have included the Sunday School records, membership, marriage and baptism records plus as many pictures as possible to make this book more inclusive of the life of Centenary Church.

In the documentation the following abbreviations have been used.

- * by the name of the person in the photograph to indicate the person is buried at Centenary
- w/o wife of
- s/o son of
- d/o daughter of
- ds/o daughters of
- h/o husband of
- C/T certificate of transfer
- V vow
- B baptized

editor

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**A BRIEF HISTORY OF CENTENARY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,
ROWLAND CIRCUIT, FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT,
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

1852-1935

BY LACY THOMAS EDENS

Dedicated to Miss **Attie McArthur**, my first Sunday School Teacher, and to the memory of **John Hammond**, a charter member of Centenary Church and my first Sunday School Superintendent

CHAPTER I

Centenary, and Ashpole Mission, 1882 – '85

Do you believe in missions? Whether expressed or not some may feel within themselves, "We pay our church dues and support our local church what is the use of troubling ourselves about others?" Did you ever stop to consider that what your church means to your community is perhaps due to the interest others took in establishing your local church? In December, 1884, **A. R. Raven**, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference, wrote as follows: "---There are twenty-four pastoral charges in the bounds of the North Carolina Conference known as missions, that is, societies and communities which are not able, unaided, to provide themselves with the Gospel. These have been faithfully served the past year by ministers of this Conference, assisted by funds appropriated by our Domestic Board of Missions ---"¹ The **Ashpole Mission** was one of the twenty-four. The name of this charge was first published in the North Carolina Annual Conference Minutes of 1882 and was in the Fayetteville District. The first pastor was **W. S. Chaffin** and **L.L. Hendren** was presiding elder.

For the year, 1883, **I. W. Avent** was sent as the pastor of the **Ashpole Mission** and **J. A. Cunninggim** was appointed presiding elder of the Fayetteville District. In the latter part of the year, the pastor wrote as follows: "I am having a good time on the **Ashpole Mission**, several converts and some additions, shall have two churches under way, and a deed to a lot on which to build another."²

For the year, 1884, **J. A. Hornady** served as pastor of the **Ashpole Mission** and **J. A. Cunninggim** was re-appointed as presiding elder of the Fayetteville District. In April, the pastor wrote as follows:

"You may say to all who are interested in home missions, that the prospects on **Ashpole Mission** are very encouraging, fair congregations at all preaching places. **Cotton Valley church** well on the way, others contemplated. The Advocate is read by a good percentage of the membership, and I am trying to get it into every family. The people, of all denominations, are very kind to me, for which I am grateful. I am praying and working for gracious revivals at all points."³

In August he wrote of the condition of the charge as follows:

"Our third Quarterly Conference came off Saturday and Sunday at **Centenary** church (heretofore called **Cotton Valley**). **Brother Cunninggim**, our beloved Presiding Elder, was with us and preached two powerful sermons to large and intelligent congregations. We heard very many persons speak of the sermon on Sunday, as being the most instructive they had ever heard. He left on Sunday evening, we protracted the meeting five days longer. There were twenty-eight conversions, 21 accessions on profession of faith, and the church thoroughly revived. We closed yesterday, leaving seventeen penitents at the altar. Brothers **Jesse Gaddy**, **Willie Townsend** and **Wesley Thompson**⁴ rendered efficient service. **Brother Gaddy** – God bless him – was with me every day labouring incessantly for the Master. Glory to God!"⁵

In October, 1920, after his superannuation, he wrote reminiscently from Maxton, North Carolina, as follows:

¹ Raven, A.R., "Domestic Mission Report", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Dec. 10, 1884, p. 3.

² Avent, I. W., "North Carolina Methodism", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Oct. 3, 1883, p.5.

³ Hornady, J. A., "North Carolina Methodism", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, April 9, 1884, p.5.

⁴ These were local preachers.

⁵ Hornady, J. A., "North Carolina Methodism", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Aug. 13, 1884, p. 3

"Tuesday, September 28, I went over to **Rowland** to assist my good friend, **Rev. W. C. Merritt**, in a series of meetings in the Rowland Church. In January 1884, this writer went to the "**Cotton Valley**" appointment, four miles out from what is now **Rowland**, to preach his first sermon as Pastor of **Ashpole Mission**. At that time there was no church building and no organization at "**Cotton Valley**" but we used an unfinished dwelling belonging to a **Mr. McCormick**⁶ for a preaching place. Immediately we went to work to build a church, which was completed before the year was half gone, and an organization was worshipping in the building, which was named **Centenary**. It is the same building used by that splendid congregation today, though some additions have been made to it. At that time there was not a single house in what is now the prosperous town of **Rowland** ---"⁷

For the year **1885**, **J. A. Hornady** returned to the **Ashpole Mission** as pastor and **S. D. Adams** became the presiding elder of the Fayetteville District. On June 10, the pastor wrote as follows:
"—We hope to have the church at Centenary completed (except inside walls) by the next quarterly Conference which is to be held at that place ---"⁸

While the **Centenary Church** was on the **Ashpole Mission** some of the children of the community wrote to the Children's Column of the Raleigh Christian Advocate. One letter dated January 1, 1884, from **Gaddysville, N.C.**, read as follows: "**Dear Aunt Mary**: I send you fifteen cents for the little heathen children. I too wish to be a 'Bright Jewel'. I also send an enigma."⁹ The following was written from the same post office and the same date: "**Dear Aunt Mary**:

I have been a long time waiting to write you, but had to wait until I could earn some money to send to the little heathen children. Please find enclosed thirty cents, ten myself, ten for my sister **Mamie**, and ten for my little brother **Charlie**. We earned it picking cotton, and send it to you and ask that you will please enroll our names among the '**Bright Jewels**'. We are going to try to send some more as soon as we get it."¹⁰

What became of Ashpole Mission? **J. A. Hornady** explains in the North Carolina Christian Advocate of January 4, 1923 as follows:

"Thirty-nine years ago I went to **Ashpole Mission** as Pastor of that charge. I was a local preacher living in **Laurinburg** at that time, and was appointed to the mission charge by **J. A. Cunninggim**, on the very earnest request of **Dr. J. W. North**, who was one of the best friends I ever had. When I went to the charge I carried with me my wife, three children, and a horse and buggy. The year before I went to the charge it was served by **Rev. I. W. Avent**, who received from all sources less than three hundred dollars for his services as pastor. I rented a little house from **Mr. S. R. Townsend** at **Red Banks**, moved the little family with our belongings into it, and with all the energy and enthusiasm at my command I threw myself into the work I loved so well. The great Head of the Church blessed by efforts with good results, and at the fourth quarterly Conference that year I was recommended for admission on trial into the traveling connection. The Annual Conference was held that year in **Front Street Methodist Church** in the city of **Wilmington**, and was presided over by **Bishop Parker**. Sixteen young men applied for admission at the Conference, but several of them failed to pass the examination and were not received. I recall very vividly to the delight of my soul that I was one of the fortunate ones. I was returned to the **Ashpole Mission** and served it a full quadrennium, leaving it **Maxton Circuit** ----"¹¹

⁶ The dwelling was owned by a Mr. Alex McCormick. Prior to this, preachers from South Carolina held services under a brush-arbor near the home of a Mr. Arch Stuart, two miles south of where Centenary Church now stands. A church building was begun but never completed at that spot.

⁷ Hornady, J. A., "Nine Days at Rowland", in North Carolina Christian Advocate, Oct. 21, 1920, p. 11.

⁸ Hornady, J. A., "Affairs on Ashpole Mission", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, June 10, 1885, p.3.

⁹ McArthur, J. Oliver, "Aunt Mary and the Little Ones", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Jan. 30, 1884, p.3. This young writer became a farmer, school teacher, and Representative in the State Legislature.

¹⁰ McArthur, Kitty, Mary Ellen, and Charlie, "Aunt Mary and the Little Ones", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Jan. 30, 1884, p.3. After attending college and teaching for a time, Kitty became Mrs. Elias Ayers of Nichols, South Carolina, and Mary Ellen became Mrs. Simmons Harrell of St. Paul, North Carolina. Charlie attended Trinity College, became a farmer, reared a family. Now deceased.

¹¹ Hornady, J. A., "Then and Now", in North Carolina Christian Advocate, Jan. 4, 1923, p.6.

CHAPTER II

Centenary and Robeson Circuit, 1886 – 1902

At the annual session of the North Carolina Conference in 1885 **Centenary Church** was transferred from the **Ashpole Mission to the Robeson Circuit**, and for the year 1886 **Jonathan Sanford** was appointed pastor while **S. D. Adams** again served the Fayetteville District as presiding elder.

J. A. Hornady remained on the **Ashpole Mission** and wrote in January, 1886 as follows: "—**Shoe Heel**¹² being now on **Ashpole Mission**, and the most central point in the work, we concluded to make our home here, accordingly we moved to this place on December 29th..¹³ He was present at the **dedicatory services at Centenary Church, which occurred on May 9, 1886**, and wrote in regard to the occasion as follows:

The second quarterly meeting was held at Centenary May 8,9. **Centenary is a new church** and has been on the **Ashpole Mission** since its organization up to the last Annual Conference when it was transferred to the **Robeson Circuit**. It was organized about five years ago by **Rev. W. S. Chaffin**, who it is said did the first work toward building the church with his own hands and I know it will gladden his heart, as well as the hearts of many others to know that on **May 9th a splendid church was dedicated** to Almighty God, and it is about these dedicatory services I wish to write. Sunday, May 9, dawned fair and lovely, and very early in the morning people began to pour in from every direction, and by nine o'clock I suppose there was as many people on the grounds as the church would hold, at this hour the Sunday School was convened, how it gladdened our hearts to note the improvement in **Centenary Sunday School**, the increase both in numbers and interest indicate clearly that somebody has been at work. After recitation of the lessons, **Dr. Sanford** delivered an excellent Sunday School address, then an intermission of 15 minutes was given, but very many wisely kept their seats, knowing that not more than half the people already on the grounds, could be accommodated with seats.

Just at 11 o'clock, **Rev. S.D. Adams**, Presiding Elder, arose and opened the services. The first hymn announced was the 887th. After all the preliminaries were gone through with, he announced the text, Psalm 126:3 *'The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad'*. The preacher announced in the outset, that he did not design to preach an expository or exegetical sermon but that his text was selected to use as a motto. He then proceeded to give an outline of the origin, progress and wonderful increase of the Methodist Church. When he was through, many in that vast assembly were made to feel in their hearts, truly, 'The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are (or should be) glad'.

Next in order came the dedicatory service proper, the first lesson was read by **Dr. J. Sanford**, P.C., the second by the writer. The church was then presented for dedication, by **Rev. J. R. Gaddy**, and last the sentence of dedication was pronounced by the Presiding Elder. After these services were gone through with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a very large number of communicants. Thus ended one of the most interesting, and we hope profitable services that it has been our pleasure to engage in.

At four o'clock in the afternoon the congregation reassembled, and heard a very impressive sermon by the Pastor, **Dr. Sanford**, his text was taken from the third chapter of St. John and part of 9th verse, 'How can these things be?' We enjoyed it very much, as did all who were there, as was evidenced by the marked attention during its delivery.

Now the services of the day were over, and after again shaking hands with as many of the kind people of Centenary as was convenient we turned our face homeward.

We love the people at Centenary, and shall go to see them when opportunity offers.¹⁴

While residing at **Leesville**, where the pastor's home for the **Robeson Circuit** was located, the **Reverend Jonathan Sanford** sent a number of communications to the Raleigh Christian Advocate in regard to his charge for 1886. On February 10, he wrote as follows:

While writing on business, I am going to say that I have missed but one appointment on account of ice. This is something with **Ashpole** and **Hogswamp** to contend with in the recent freeze.¹⁵

¹² The name Shoe Heel was changed to Maxton.

¹³ Hornady, J. A. , "Ashpole Mission", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Jan. 13, 1886, p.3.

¹⁴ Hornady, J.A., "Robeson Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, May 26, 1886, p.3

¹⁵ This was the days of the horse and buggy and the swamps not bridged.

As I expected, I am well pleased with my work. To many of my people I am no stranger, and in spite of the freeze, the writer had a good time in renewing friendships formed among the 'Artists of Glendale' painted faces as well as hearts. We knew them before, and there are no better or kinder people in our Conference.

In the new relation, we hope the present times may be more pleasant and profitable than the former. Many of the loved ones of seventeen years ago, we can never see again, until we cross palms in the greeting on the other shore; but we thank God, they have left the impress of their godly lives, and their children are on the same road.

We are adjusting ourselves to the work, and praying for the grandest year in the history of our church. Some things are neither pleasant nor auspicious, but on the whole, the work is in a hopeful condition, with good men and women who will stand by the preacher in his earnest endeavors for the advancement of the kingdom.

The circuit will compare favorably with other charges composed of first class people, with wonderful possibilities waiting for increased activities to call them into life. ¹⁶

In March, he wrote of the first Quarterly Meeting as follows:

The first Q. Conf. for **Robeson Circuit** embraced the last Sabbath in February, official attendance on Saturday was unusually large, and without exception an intelligent and pleasant board. We had a pleasant and encouraging beginning; **Brother S. D. Adams**, our Presiding Elder, was at his post and needs no'dearly beloved' to bring him into notice. His sermon on Sunday morning to the little crowd, who were present in spite of the snow, made the pastor wish, though providentially hindered, that his people were present to learn the condition of a happy people. ¹⁷

In a letter, which was written in September, he mentioned the earthquake. He stated:"

Commenced splendid meeting first Sunday in August. Good from the first and interest increasing, church wonderfully revived with an unusual number reclaimed or converted, new conversions about 75 the first 4 weeks. This, the 5th week, 31 penitents today and 8 converts. We are glad, in fine health, crops very much improved, and prospects encouraging about 9:45 last night the shock of the earth was alarming. ¹⁸

In October, he wrote as follows concerning the **Croatan Indians of Bethel Church**: ¹⁹

This church is separate and independent of all others, a congregational M.E. church, served by the preacher in charge of the **Robeson Circuit**, in accordance with their own choice. The government and doctrines are the same as the M.E. South, except the Pastor is Bishop and Presiding Elder and has absolute control officially, as well in money matters, which is separate from his salary on the circuit. --- They have 115 communicants, and there is not a white person nor freedman among them.---They have a good church almost finished, the middle pew reserved for white people who sometimes outnumber the **Croatans**.---The protracted meeting this year was the best in the history of their church and they will, I think, pay every dollar of their assessment, besides their gifts to our preacher. During the revival **Rev. Henry Lowry** was present part of the time and preached finely for his age. He is 22 years old, son of **Calvin Lowry**, was educated at Greensboro, N.C., belongs to the M.E. Church and is a nephew of **Henry Berry Lowry**."

In August, 1886, J.D.C., a resident of **Centenary** community, wrote as follows:

--**Brother Jonathan Sanford**, D.D., our much beloved Pastor is winning garlands of respect from the people of **Centenary**, he seems to suit everyone. On Sunday the 18th he preached us a sermon on the beauties of the heavenly city.---

On the 3rd Sunday in August he expects to commence a protracted meeting to continue one week.---

¹⁶ Sanford, J., "Robeson Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Feb. 10, 1886, p.3.

¹⁷ Ibid., March 10, 1886, p. 3

¹⁸ Ibid., Sept. 15, 1886, p.3.

¹⁹ An Indian church, about five miles north of Centenary, sometimes called Dogwood.

On the 27th of December 1886, **Mrs. Eliza Kilpatrick** was selected to join the band of holy angels. She was a humble follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. While in the church as a member, she did not seek notoriety farther than being a regular attendant---²⁰

For the year, **1887, Jonathan Sanford** was returned to **Robeson Circuit** as pastor, while **S.D. Adams** was re-appointed Presiding Elder of the Fayetteville District.

For the year, **1888, Jonathan Sanford** was again on the **Robeson Circuit**, with **S.D. Adams** again serving as presiding elder. In September, the pastor stated the condition of the charge as follows:

We have just closed our sixth protracted meeting, and in spite of hot weather and many other hindrances, the results so far as we can judge, have been encouraging.---I am indebted to **Rev. John T. Finlayson**, of **Lumberton**, for valuable services at two churches.---At two other churches, **Rev. Jesse Gaddy**, a local preacher, worked with me. Everybody has confidence in **Uncle Jesse**. He is a devoted Christian, and comes as near doing his 'level best' in a revival as anyone I ever saw. God bless him, and his lovely Christian family. The crops are fine and we hope for some improvements financially. Three churches have bought organs this year, and a stove; other matters too small to brag on. No one has pounded or caned us, but they let us work just as hard as we please, and never bother us with compliments.

Our congregations are larger than ever before, and our Sunday Schools better.---More than 150 members added in three years, encourages us to hope that our labor has not been wholly in vain.²¹

For the years **1889 - '90 S.V. Hoyle** was pastor of **Robeson Circuit**. The first year he was under the leadership of **W.H. Bobbitt** as presiding elder of the Fayetteville District, and resided at Lumberton; during his second year **J.T. Gibbs** was his presiding elder, and the pastor continued a resident of **Lumberton**. On September 3, 1890, A Robeson Methodist, after relating the condition of the charge, praised the Presiding Elder. He stated:

As there has been no report of this circuit in your paper for some time I take the liberty of giving you an account of what we have been doing.

In the first place toward the first of the year the pastor organized the membership of the churches into **Missionary Societies**. This we think will do a great deal of good by getting the people to read and think on the subject; our people will act if properly instructed on this matter.---

Last Saturday and Sunday was our 3rd Quarterly meeting; our new Presiding Elder was present and stayed four days preaching with great power and liberty. He won all hearts in the pulpit, in the chair, and in the social circle. The Bishop made no mistake when he appointed him to that responsible position in our church. The universal sentiment here is, that he is the right man in the right place, and through you ask **Bishop Keener** to return him to this district for another year.²²

For the years **1891-'92, N. M. Journey**, who resided at Leesville, was pastor of the **Robeson Circuit**. During the first year he was under **J.T. Gibbs** as Presiding Elder of the Fayetteville District but the second year he was under Presiding Elder **M. L. Wood**, the Rockingham District having been formed and **Robeson Circuit** placed within it.

For the year, **1893, Jonathan Sanford**, who was formerly on the charge as pastor, served **Robeson Circuit** and resided at Ashpole (now Fairmont). **W.H. Moore** was appointed Presiding Elder of Rockingham District. In March the pastor described the condition of the charge in the following manner:

The first Quarterly Conference for **Robeson Circuit** was held at **Asbury**, embracing the 4th Sunday in February, with good attendance on Saturday, and on Sunday unusually large for **Asbury**—

Dr. W.H. Moore, the new presiding elder of Rockingham District was present in the spirit of the Master and captured our people in the chair and pulpit.---

Asbury paid its portion of the missionary debt, and we hope the other churches will do likewise.

We cannot resist the impulse to write at length of the kind expressions from the dear people to whom we have been sent to serve the second time. May God bless every word, as for substantial tokens of love in the way of nice hams, etc., kindly given, for which we thank them.

²⁰ J.D.C., "From Centenary", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Aug. 18, 1886, p.3.

²¹ Sanford, Jonathan, "Robeson Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Sept. 19, 1888, p. 6.

²² A Robeson Methodist, "Robeson Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Sept. 3, 1890, p.6.

The farmers are depressed, but not cast down, and will do the best they can. We know them to be true, many of them exceptionally so, and we can trust them determined to serve them to the best of our ability, if necessary, through evil as well as good report.

With Paul's words on our banner, 'none of these things move me', we mean, by the help of God, to 'press forward' for great possible success in saving souls.²³

He was able to write in September:

We report gracious meetings on **Robeson Circuit**. At **Bethesda, Corinth, Asbury, and Olivet** fifty-six converts and many backsliders reclaimed. We began at **Centenary** with encouraging prospects but the rain and storms hindered. We hope, it possible, to try again before Conference, which with **Hopewell**, closes our protracted meetings. The outlook financially is growing brighter every day. So we have had a very pleasant year.²⁴

For the year, **1894**, **Jonathan Sanford** was returned as pastor of **Robeson Circuit**, while **J. T. Gibbs** served as presiding elder of the Rockingham District.

For the year, **1895**, **Erskine Pope** was the pastor on the **Robeson Circuit** and **J. T. Gibbs** was returned to the Rockingham District as presiding elder. A statement in the North Carolina Christian Advocate of January 30, 1895 read as follows: "**Rev. E. Pope**, of **Robeson Circuit**, has been given a warm reception by his people, and is moving off under favorable circumstances. We venture the assertion that this circuit will have a good report at the next Conference."²⁵ The pastor wrote as follows concerning his new appointment: "Our first Quarterly Meeting was held last Saturday and Sunday. **Dr. Gibbs** was on hand and sustained his reputation for good preaching and wise management of the church work. The stewards provided liberally for our support and mad a good start in collecting it. The prospects are flattering for a good year's work.---"²⁶

For the years, **1896-'97**, **Erskin Pope** continued as pastor of the **Robeson Circuit**, while **J. T. Gibbs** served the Rockingham District as Presiding Elder. In 1896, the residence of the pastor was changed from **Ashpole (Fairmont)** to **Leesville** but in 1897 he removed to **Ashpole**. In 1898, he completed his quadrennium under **W. H. Moore** as presiding elder of the Rockingham District. The pastor wrote as follows of his cordial reception for his fourth year:

Our reception on the **Robeson Circuit** for the fourth year has been most cordial and pleasant. The writer came to it three years ago when it was not especially sought and found it running in old ruts, salary not paid and collections far behind. But for three years the charge has paid every cent assessed for salaries, foreign and domestic missions, bishops, conference claimants, and nearly all for church extension and education. One year ago we disposed of our parsonage at **Leesville** and purchased a nice property in the village of **Ashpole**, where the parsonage is now located.

The **A.C.L.** is finishing a railway to this point, and of course it was exceedingly fortunate for us to get this point when we did.

Our pastorate here for three years has been by far the most pleasant of our experience. A better or more generous people cannot be found anywhere. We have a faithful board of stewards who relieve the pastor entirely of any trouble on pastor's salary.

We have lived in several counties in North Carolina and mingled with many good people but we have never lived in any county, taken all in all, that comes up to **Robeson**, nor found a people more generous and considerate than the **Robesonians**.

Messrs. Editors you must excuse such a long letter as I seldom write from any charge, but I felt a kind word was due this charge and hence I have been a little lengthy.²⁷

Z. T. Harrison was the pastor on the **Robeson Circuit** for 1899 and **W. H. Moore** was again the presiding elder of the Rockingham District. In August, a statement in the Raleigh Christian Advocate read as follows: "**Bro.**

²³ Sanford, Jonathan, "From Robeson Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Mar. 15, 1893, p.6

²⁴ Ibid., Sept. 27, 1893, p.6.

²⁵ "Editorial Notes", in North Carolina Christian Advocate, Jan. 30, 1895, p.9

²⁶ Pope, Erskin, "Robeson Circuit", in North Carolina Christian Advocate, March 13, 1895, p.5.

²⁷ Pope, E., "Robeson Ct.", in North Carolina Christian Advocate, Feb. 9, 1898, pp. 4,5.

Harrison and his people are moving for a new parsonage on the **Robeson Circuit** and success is assured by the close of the year."²⁸

The same pastor was returned for the second year, under the leadership of the same presiding elder, and wrote in February **1900** that the parsonage had been built, and gave the following general description of his charge:

I have entered cheerfully and hopefully upon my second year on **Robeson Circuit**. My people were indeed kind to me last year, building me a good parsonage, paying my salary, and all the collections ordered by our Conference in full. My horse died in the fall, and over fifty dollars were given by my people to help buy another, besides other substantial expressions of appreciation. All this was done in a quiet modest way, and done so cheerfully that I can trust my people to take care of me another year. And right here I want to say that I have a fine official board, and to their faithfulness is due largely our financial success. We had a good year spiritually; while only a few joined the church, yet we had some fine meetings in the church. This is a fine farming section with a good people, and both the country and people are improving every year, so some old and observing people say.

I wish to say that the pastor and many of the people are greatly interested in our new orphanage. We raised \$30 on Thanksgiving day. Paid it over to the agent at Conference.²⁹

The **Robeson Circuit** was served in **1901** by **B.C. Allred** as pastor, while **W.S. Rone** was appointed presiding elder of the Rockingham District. "I have been very cordially received on **Robeson Circuit**", wrote the pastor in January 1901. "The good people of this charge have already endeared themselves to us in many ways, and we feel at home among them." ---³⁰

Under the leadership of the same presiding elder, the same pastor was returned to the charge for the second year. In January, 1902, he wrote as follows:

From Conference I went directly to **Granville County** to join my family and to spend the holidays with relatives and friends; and on the morning of the 30th of December we started for the parsonage at **Ashpole**, arriving here at 9 o'clock that night, where we found a number of dear friends in readiness for us, with a nice warm supper and enough of the necessities of life to last several weeks. Such a cordial welcome as they gave us made us feel good, and we resolved, by God's grace, to do the very best year's work that it is possible for us to do. We have been to all the appointments except Olivet, where we go this evening, and have had most encouraging welcome at all points. May God bless the dear people of this Circuit and make us a blessing to them this year.³¹

²⁸ "Notes from the Rockingham District", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Aug. 16, 1899, p.3.

²⁹ Harrison, Z.T., "Robeson Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Feb. 15, 1900, p.3.

³⁰ Allred, B.C., "Robeson Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Jan, 16, 1901, p.3.

³¹ Ibid., Jan. 29, 1902, p.3.

CHAPTER III

CENTENARY, AND ROWLAND CIRCUIT, 1903 –

When the **Rowland Circuit** was formed at the annual session of the North Carolina Conference in 1902 **Centenary** was placed on it, and the first pastor to the new charge was **J. W. Bradley**, an energetic young preacher who was in his third year as an itinerant. This new circuit was a part of the Rockingham District to which **W. S. Rone** was re-appointed as presiding elder. On March 11, 1903, the pastor wrote of the new circuit as follows:

---On this circuit we have four appointments. Three houses of worship, all of which badly need repair or paint. We are trying to do both, and making some success. At **Rowland**, the center, the most important, vital portion of the circuit, we need a church house, and we need it now.

We found nineteen Methodists, counting the children, here, after Conference. A few others are being found and added to the roll – still we are weak.

Our second Quarterly meeting meets at **Centenary** the second Saturday and Sunday in April.³²

Under the leadership of **John N. Cole**, a new presiding elder for the Rockingham District, the same pastor was returned to the Rowland Circuit for the year, **1904**. In February, he wrote of his work as follows: "---The foundation for our church at **Rowland** is being laid. All of our people are enthusiastic over it.

We are trying to repair our church at **Centenary** before the quarterly meeting. **Purvis Church** will be painted inside soon. At **Oak Grove** we hope to paint the church this year. So you see this '**Baby Circuit**' is anxious to grow."³³ He wrote a few weeks later: "Our second Quarterly meeting meets with the **Centenary** Church next Saturday and Sunday, April 2,3. Let all officials come. Dinner on the grounds Saturday.---"³⁴

In June, he wrote of the charge in general in which he told of the building of the vestibule to **Centenary** church. He said:

Our new church at **Rowland** is complete outside, including paint. We think it a right pretty church. Hope to worship in it this year. We are paying as we go. The house will cost about two thousand dollars.

At **Centenary** we have built a vestibule this year, and the house is now being painted. Good for that class.

Our Children's Day exercises at each of our schools were good. The aggregate collections was \$18.

Rev. Jesse R. Gaddy, a local Elder, died at his home, June 5, 1904. He was a good man.

The delegates from this circuit – Brothers **J. R. Burns, H. M. John, W. F. Adams, and J. W. Crawford** – are urged to attend the District Conference at Gibson July 20 and 24, 1904.³⁵

The high esteem in which the pastor was held was expressed by a young girl of the **Centenary** community, who wrote from **Echo, N.C.**, on April 15, 1904 to the Children's Column of the Raleigh Christian Advocate. In this letter she said: "Dear Advocate: I am a little girl eleven years old. Mama takes the Advocate. This is my first letter to the Advocate. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I also go to day school. Our Pastor is **Rev. J. W. Bradley**. We all like him very much. Who was it at midnight sang praises to God in prison. Inclosed find fifteen cents for the orphans."³⁶

Under the leadership of the same presiding elder, the same pastor served the Rowland Circuit for his third consecutive year. In January, **1905**, he wrote as follows:

When **Bishop Candler** said for me to go back to **Rowland Charge**, I was glad, because I knew, after having tried it twice, that these people knew how to care for their preacher, and take delight in doing so. The stewards advanced our salary another hundred dollars, and made the best report by far, they have ever made for the first quarter.

Our pulpits will be vacant during the month of February, while we attend the **Missionary Institute at Nashville**.

³² Bradley, J.W., "The Baby Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Mar. 11, 1903,p.6.

³³ Bradley, J.W., "Rowland Dots", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Mar. 2, 1904,p.5.

³⁴ Bradley, J.W., "Rowland Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Mar. 30, 1904,p.4.

³⁵ Bradley, J.W., "Rowland Charge", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, July 6, 1904,p.2.

³⁶ Ward, Daisy, "Our Boys and Girls", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, April 27, 1904,p.6. This young lady became a trained nurse.

We feel that we need better training for this work. May the Lord grant us the best year we have had on this circuit.³⁷

In May, while writing of the work in general, he described the conditions as follows:

--The church at **Purvis** --is ready for dedication; all complete, even the carpet, with money left over. It is a real pretty church and has a splendid roll of loyal supporters. We want some of you big preachers to come and dedicate this church for us.

Our new church at **Rowland** is complete, all to oiling inside. We have been using it several weeks, and have cause to be proud and thankful for such a nice modern little house of worship -- not a cent of debt against it. This is the most harmonious and plunky little class I have ever seen. We are expecting a meeting some time soon. The Lord has promised to help us.

Old Centenary church has put on a new dress. People are watching her, and she is marching valiantly in the front ranks of the circuit with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Sunday School and all church work fraught with spiritual interest. Before our third Quarterly Meeting, which is to be held there, it is our aim to do still more work on the interior of the church -- repairing and painting. Of course we can do it; can't we members?

---**Oak Grove** ---has one of the best Sunday Schools in the District, and an overflowing house at every preaching service at this little country church---³⁸

In the latter part of May, he wrote as follows concerning the damage to the new church at **Rowland** by a wind storm: "That pretty new church at **Rowland** we told the Advocate readers about last week was almost totally wrecked by a wind storm that struck our little town on May 16th. Several buildings were injured, but our church suffered most.

It must go back right soon. Who will send us \$5? We would be grateful for even one dollar. I hope your church will not get blown down---"³⁹ But in July, the Raleigh Christian Advocate was able to publish the following statement: "The Methodist Church at **Rowland, Robeson County**, which was badly damaged two months ago by a severe storm, has been repaired, and the dedicatory sermon will be preached the second Sunday in August by **Rev. D. H. Tuttle.**"⁴⁰

J. W. Bradley completed his quadrennium on the **Rowland Circuit** in 1906, under **John N. Cole**, the presiding elder of the Rockingham District.

For the years, **1907-'08, J. M. Ashby** was appointed pastor of the **Rowland Circuit**, and **W. H. Moore** served as presiding elder of the Rockingham District. In February, 1907, the new pastor described in the following words the condition in which he found the charge:

After four years of as much happiness and as little friction as fall to man, spent on the **Robeson Circuit**, we submitted to the inevitable, and on the afternoon of January 2nd left **Ashpole** for **Rowland** to make our home among a new people. ---

When we reached **Rowland** we found the new parsonage not ready for occupancy, so we made our home with **Bro. H.K. McCormac** till the 30th when we went into a nice bright, convenient and commodious new parsonage in the flourishing little city of **Rowland** on the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, forty-one miles from **Fayetteville** and twelve miles from **Ashpole**. We find the **Rowland Circuit** in fine condition as a result of four years of untiring work by my predecessor, the energetic, pushing **J. W. Bradley**. The church houses are all in good repair, and the congregations built up so in that line all is pleasant and hopeful.---

Our first Quarterly Conference occasion was on the 10th and 11th. Our Presiding Elder, **Dr. W. H. Moore**, was present and gave us two fine sermons. The stewards' meeting was held in connection with the Conference. They put the salary \$50 above the past year. The reports at the Conference showed the circuit to be in fine condition. ---⁴¹

In July, 1907, the Children's Column of the Raleigh Christian Advocate published a letter dated from **Rowland, N.C.**, March 25, 1907. The letter was written by one of the **Centenary Girls** and read as follows:

³⁷ Bradley, J.W., "Back to Rowland", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Jan. 25, 1905,p.4.

³⁸ Bradley, J.W., "Rowland Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, May 24, 1905,p.3.

³⁹ Bradley, J.W., "Rowland" in Raleigh Christian Advocate, June 7, 1905,p.4.

⁴⁰ "Methodist Mention", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, July 26, 1905,p.8.

⁴¹ Ashby, J.M., "A Word from Rowland", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Feb. 21, 1907,p.6.

I will write to your paper again. I am a little girl, twelve years old. I enjoy reading the little girls' and boys' letters. I go to Sunday School every time I can. We miss **Rev. J.W. Bradley** talking to we little girls and boys after Sunday School is over. I would be so glad to see him but don't know when I ever will see him again. I have a little sister four years old. Her name is **Thelma**. She is sweet as can be. I will close by asking some of the little girls to send me the song, 'A Flower From My Angel Mother's Grave'.⁴²

In October, 1908, another one of the **Centenary** girls wrote to the Children's Column of the Raleigh Christian Advocate as follows:

I enjoy the little boys' and girls' letters very much. I am a little girl twelve years old. I live on the farm and attend private school. My teacher is **Miss Bertha Lakey of Dobson**, and my music teacher is **Miss Bessie Burleson, of Barnardsville, N.C.**

I have two sisters at G.F.C.⁴³ and two in private school here. I have a brother in the Military School in Charleston, S.C.⁴⁴ I haven't any pets now, as I have to practice and study after school, consequently I have no time for play. If this escapes the wastebasket I will write again. With best wishes to the Advocate and much love to the orphans.⁴⁵

For the years, **1909-'10-'11**, the **Rowland Circuit** was served by **F.B. McCall**, under the leadership of **W. H. Moore** as presiding elder of the Rockingham District for the first two years and **A. McCullen** for the third year.

J. A. Lee served as the pastor of the **Rowland Circuit** during the years **1912-'13-'14-'15**. During the first three years of his pastorate, **A. McCullen** was the presiding elder of the Rockingham District, and the last year he served under Presiding Elder **J. H. Hall**. In August, 1912, the pastor wrote as follows:

We are moving along quietly but successfully on the **Rowland Circuit**. Last May we had revival services in our church in Rowland. The pastor was assisted by **Rev. S.A. Cotton of Red Springs**. We had splendid preaching, but no special interest and no accessions. The third Sunday in July we began a meeting at **Centenary**. **Rev. S.T. Moyle of Fairmont** did the preaching. He gave us fine service, both in the pulpit and in after meetings. We had a genuine revival, the brethren say the best in many years. There were many professions and reclamations and the Pastor received eight members at the close of the meeting.

The fourth Sunday in July our meeting at **Purvis** began. **Rev. J. A. Daily of Hamlet**, was with us here. He rendered very fine service during the entire meeting and captured our people. We had an old fashioned revival and the people say it was the best in the history of the church. Six members were received and I think more will join later. To this date we have received on this charge this year thirty-seven members – seventeen by profession of faith and twenty by certificate, and fourteen children have been baptized.---

We have repainted and made some repairs on our church at **Rowland** at a cost of \$185. We have had interesting Children's Day services in all our three Sunday Schools in May and the collections amounted to \$19.10. Our assessment for missions was paid in full last spring and this was the first time this was ever done on this charge so early in the year.⁴⁶

In September, 1913, he wrote concerning the charge as follows:

We are moving along nicely on the Rowland Circuit. During the month of May we had splendid Children's Day services in our three Sunday Schools, with interesting exercises and overflowing congregations. The collections amounted to \$25.

In August and September we had good revival meetings at **Purvis, Centenary, and Rowland**. The Pastor was assisted in these meetings by Revs. **S. T. Moyle, E. H. Davis, and J. A. Daily** in the order named. These brethren all rendered fine service both in the pulpit and in the after meetings, as well as among the people in their homes. It is seldom that you will find more earnest, devoted men of God than

⁴² Gaddy, Eva, "Our Boys and Girls", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, July 4, 1907,p.10. This young writer became Mrs. Willie Harrison of Columbia, South Carolina.

⁴³ The name, Greensboro Female College, was changed to Greensboro College for Women. The two sisters became Mrs. B.A. Edens, Rowland, North Carolina, and Mrs. Rembert McKenzie, Page's Mill, South Carolina.

⁴⁴ The brother is J. Burns Ward, a farmer of Rowland, North Carolina.

⁴⁵ Ward, Mattie Perry, "Young People" in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Oct. 22, 1908,p.10. This young writer became Mrs. Thomas Bullock, Rowland, North Carolina.

⁴⁶ Lee, J. A., "Rowland Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Aug. 15,1912,p.6.

these brethren. I believe that our congregations have had much benefit from these meetings, and that our people are stronger in the Christian life. Altogether we have had nine accessions to the church.⁴⁷

In September, 1914, he summarized the work on the circuit as follows:

Dr. L.L. Nash⁴⁸ has been with us in three good meetings on the **Rowland Circuit**, the last one having just closed. **Dr. Nash** is a safe, sound, eloquent gospel preacher, and gave fine services in all these meetings. We believe that the church was much revived, and thirteen were added to the church on profession of faith – at **Rowland** one, at **Purvis** three, and at **Centenary** nine. **Dr. Nash** endeared himself very much to our people. Our work on this circuit is in good condition.⁴⁹

For the years, **1916-'17-'18-'19**, **A. J. Groves** served the **Rowland Circuit** as pastor. His presiding elder the first three years was **J. H. Hall** and the last year he served under the leadership of **H. M. North**. In March, 1916, he published in the Raleigh Christian Advocate the following announcement:

Beginning at Centenary Church on **Rowland Circuit** Saturday Afternoon, March 18th, at 3 o'clock and continuing through Sunday, 19th there will be held a Sunday School Institute, conducted by Field Secretary **M. W. Brabham**. There will be two services on Sunday, morning and afternoon, with dinner on the grounds. This institute will be held for the entire charge and we urge each Sunday School to attend. All others interested in Sunday School work are invited.⁵⁰

In October, 1916, he described the condition of his work as follows:

We have held meetings at three of our churches – **Purvis, Centenary, and Asbury**. Have one other to hold – **Rowland**. We had no ministerial help, the preaching all being done by the pastor. **Bro. C. H. Key, of Ellerbe, N.C.**, led the singing, conducting all the song service. Those who have heard **Bro. Key** sing need not be told that this part of the service was well done.

--We began at **Purvis** the fourth Sunday. The church was very materially strengthened spiritually, with five additions on profession of faith.

We began at **Centenary** the fourth Sunday night in August, and closed the following Saturday night. Here we had a gracious revival in the church, with six additions on profession of faith.

We began at **Asbury** Monday night after the first Sunday in September and ran through the second Sunday. Here we had small congregations to begin with, but they increased until the close. Some of the older members of the church said that during the last several nights of the meeting the crowds were the largest that had attended **Asbury** in fifteen years. --- Seven members were added on profession of faith. In all so far we have received twenty-one on profession of faith.⁵¹

In August, 1917, he praised the people of the **Rowland Circuit** in the following manner:

Our people are still good to us. Were I to speak of all their acts of kindness, someone would say I was exaggerating. Last year while our boy was sick at **Southern Pines**, they gave me my railroad fare going to see him, amounting to something like \$35. Besides an occasional big pounding, various ones send in things, and there are not many days but **Bro. J.W. Ward** and family send something, and sometimes as much as a wagon load of oats for "Dixie". **Brother Evander Bullock** sent in his second load of corn last week with a present of a \$5 check. **Dr. Townsend** a \$5 gold piece, and 'so on'. Some time ago these good people voted me a month's vacation with a purse amply sufficient for my expenses. And now I am here at **Junaluska** enjoying this beautiful scenery, drinking in the zone of this wonderful atmosphere and listening to the splendid sermons and addresses being delivered, which we trust will rejuvenate the physical, broaden the mental, and quicken the spiritual man, that we may go back prepared to serve a people who have given us such substantial tokens of love and appreciation.⁵²

In March, **1918**, he reported the proceedings of the first Quarterly Conference as follows:

The first Quarterly Conference for **Rowland Circuit** embraced Saturday and Sunday, the second and third of March, and was held at Rowland Church.---

⁴⁷ Lee, J.A., "Rowland Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Sept. 18, 1913,p.6.

⁴⁸ Dr. L.L. Nash was at that time North Carolina Conference Evangelist

⁴⁹ Lee, J.A., "Personal and Otherwise", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Sept 10, 1914,p.3.

⁵⁰ Groves, A.J., "Notice", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Mar. 9, 1916,p.6.

⁵¹ Groves, A.J., "Rowland Circuit", in Raleigh Christian Advocate, Oct. 5, 1916,p.6.

⁵² Ibid., Aug.16, 1917,p.6

On Sunday **Brother Hall** preached two good helpful sermons at **Rowland** in the morning and at **Centenary** in the afternoon, administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at both places.

On Saturday at ten o'clock, the stewards of the charge met and organized by electing **Dr. George M. Pate**, Chairman, and **Brother Bernard A. Edens**, Secretary and Treasurer. Without a dissenting voice, they voted to increase the pastor's salary 20 percent, making it \$1200---⁵³

W. C. Merritt served as pastor of the Rowland Circuit during the years **1920-'21-'22**. The first year, he was under **H. M. North** as presiding elder of the Rockingham District, and during his second and third appointments he served under the leadership of Presiding Elder **J. H. Shore**.

After serving the **Rowland Circuit** during the quadrennium, **1923-26**, at the request of the people on the charge and the friends of other denominations, **P. D. Woodall** was returned to the work for his fifth consecutive year. During his first year, he served under Presiding Elder **J. H. Shore** and the last four years he was under the leadership of **C. L. Read** as presiding elder of the Rockingham District.

For **1928**, **Chas. A. Jones** was the newly appointed pastor of the **Rowland Circuit**, and **C. L. Read** was returned as Presiding Elder of the Rockingham District.

During the years, **1929-'30**, **J. H. Lanning** was pastor of the **Rowland Circuit**, while **H. C. Smith** was on the Rockingham District as presiding elder. In July, 1930, the pastor described the remodeling of the circuit parsonage at **Rowland**, and the part **Centenary** took in it, as follows: "—The general remodeling of the Rowland parsonage was done by all three of the churches on the charge.---**The Society at Centenary** did up a bed-room.—"⁵⁴

For the years, **1931-'32**, **D.A. Petty** was appointed to the Rowland Circuit. The first year, he served under Presiding Elder **H.C. Smith** of the Rockingham District. This District was discontinued at the annual session of the North Carolina Conference in 1931 and the **Rowland Circuit** was placed in the Fayetteville District. The pastor served during 1932 under **J. C. Wooten** as presiding elder.

For the years, **1933-'34-'35**, **J. C. Whedbee** was appointed the pastor of the **Rowland Circuit**. During the first two years, he was under **J. C. Wooten** as presiding elder and the last year **D.E. Earnhardt** was appointed presiding elder of the Fayetteville District.

⁵³ **Ibid.**, Mar.7, 1918,p.6.

⁵⁴ Lanning, J. H., "Rowland Remodels Parsonage", in North Carolina Christian Advocate, July 10, 1930,p.15.

CONCLUSION

By Rev. Lacy T. Edens (written 1935)

As many tributaries flow into a river – basin to form a mighty river, so flowed the life and influence of each of these humble men of God, who served as the pastor of Centenary Church, into the community life enriching and ennobling it. When W. S. Chaffin was the pastor of the Ashpole Mission and began the erection of Centenary Church, the charge, composed of a number of churches, was paying for Pastor's Salary, including the donation from the Conference Board of Missions, \$352; at present Centenary Church alone pays to the support of the ministry a yearly average of twice that amount. The total membership of Ashpole Mission was reported at 150 and at present Centenary Church alone has a membership of almost, if not that number.

In the early years of the first decade of the twentieth century, a school building was erected on the grounds near Centenary Church; these two institutions have greatly influenced the young life of the community. A number of the youths have gone to our church schools and state institutions, some of whom returned to the community to spend their lives, while many have gone elsewhere to enter upon various callings, such as the ministry, law, and business. One member of the church, now deceased, entered business as far away as Turkey in Europe.

God appeared unto Abram in Haran and said, "I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing". Realizing the blessings which the community has received, Centenary Church should be a blessing to others.

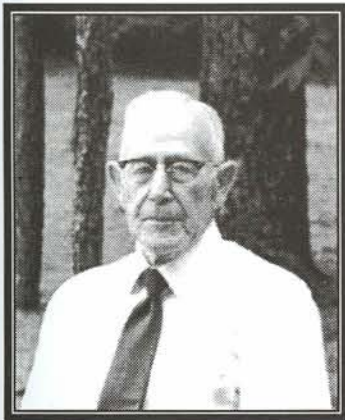
Centenary Families



Nancy Jane Braswell Ayers

Charter Member of the Centenary United Methodist Church. **Nancy Jane Braswell** (b. 3-24-1867, d. 5-29-1924) was born on the family farm just two miles from Centenary United Methodist Church. She was the daughter of **Nicholas Allen Braswell** (b. 7-26-1837 d. 1-27-1899) and **Nancy Jane Powell** (b. 1848 d. 3-24-1867). Since **Nancy Jane Powell** died at the birth of her daughter, her husband **Allen**, grandparents **Carey Yelvington Powell** (1823-1895) and **Anna Eliza Sealy** (1821-1904) named her "Nancy Jane". **Nancy Jane Braswell** was reared by her grandparents who took her to church at Centenary at its beginning in 1882. There are no pictures of **Carey and Anna Powell** who were probably charter members of the church.

Nancy Jane Braswell was the wife of **Darius Brewer Ayers, Jr.** (1862-1928). And they had nine children. Several of these children attended church at Centenary with their Mother. Their names were **Thomas Burtram Ayers** (1887-1917); **Ira Winford Ayers, Sr.** (1890-1954); **Herbert Boyd Ayers, Sr.** (1900-1959); **Earnest Glenn Ayers, Sr.** (1905-1974); **Carl McGuire Ayers** (1907-1997) Submitted by **Boyd Ayers**



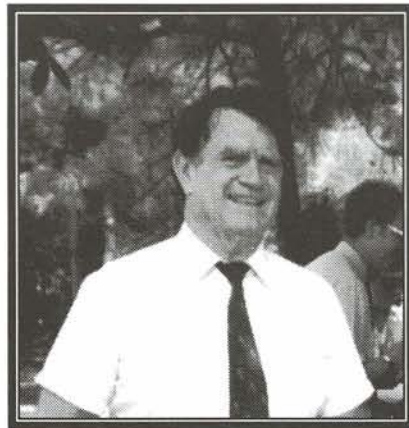
Carl Ayers

S/o Nancy B. & Darius Ayers
12-22-1907 - 12-12-1997



Cornelia Ayers & Boyd Ayers, Jr

D/o Nancy B. & Darius Ayers
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Boyd Ayers, Jr.

Grandson of Nancy B. & Darius Ayers



Ernest & Banna Ayers

S/o Nancy B. & Darius Ayers



Jean Ayers with parents

Ernest & Banna Ayers



Glenn, s/o Ernest & Banna Ayers, Ernest Ayers

& Boyd Ayers, Sr., s/o Nancy B. & Darius Ayers
Boyd Ayers, Sr. #14 in the Centenary School Picture

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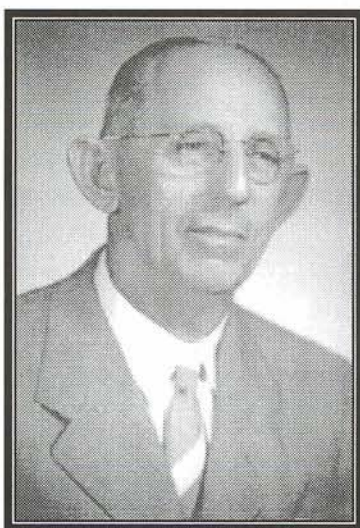
Joseph R. Burns, Frances Louisa Gaddy Burns
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Grandsons: Joe Burns, Frank M. Page, William B. Page

Joseph R.: S/o Solomon & Emily Burns

Louisa: d/o Elizabeth Jones & James Gaddy

Joseph R. was one of the trustees at the time the land for the church was acquired.



Jesse Worth Burns

S/o Joseph and Louisa (Lou) Burns
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Alice Oliver Burns

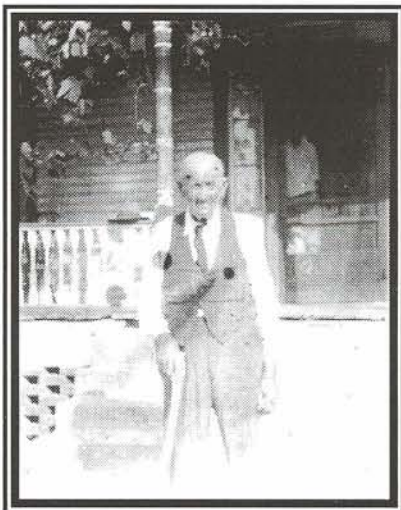
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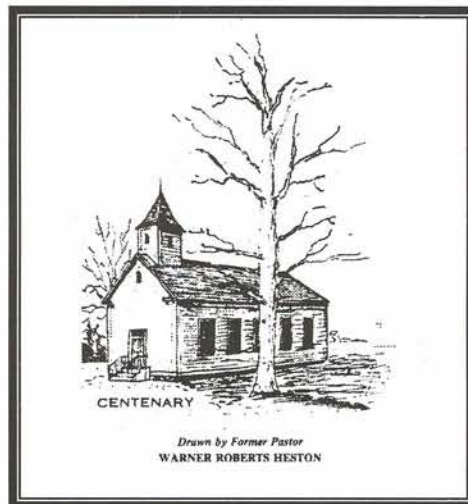


Bettie Burns Page
d/o Joseph and Louisa (Lou) Burns
7-27-1881 - 10-22-1918

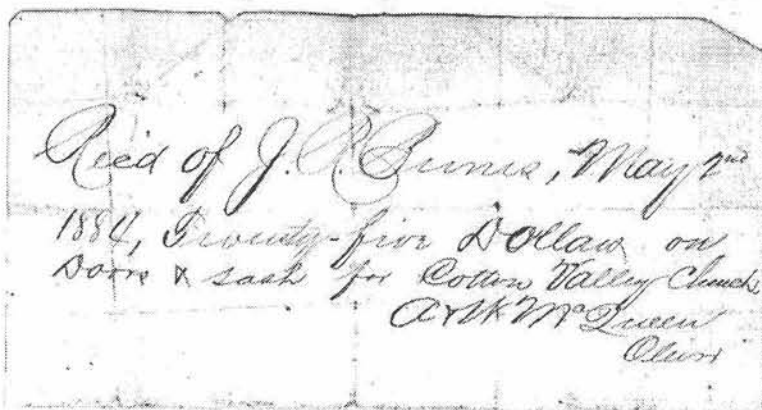
Frank Mitchell Page
h/o Bettie Burns
s/o William J. Page
1873 - 1918



Joseph (Joe) R. Burns
2-13-1848 1-3-1936



Centenary Church



Receipt for building supplies for the original Centenary Church which, at that time, was called Cotton Valley

Centenary Families



Front: Ann Burns Tarkington, Louise Burns Nye, Alice Oliver Burns, Alice Burns Stuart, Betty Burns Summerlin
 Back: Hal (Pete) Burns, William (Bill) Page, Cole Page, Jack Ward Page, J. Worth Burns, Preston Page,
 Benjamin (Bob) Burns, & James Worth (Jake) Burns
 (Frank Page not present)
 January 1953



Sons of Bettie Burns & Frank Page

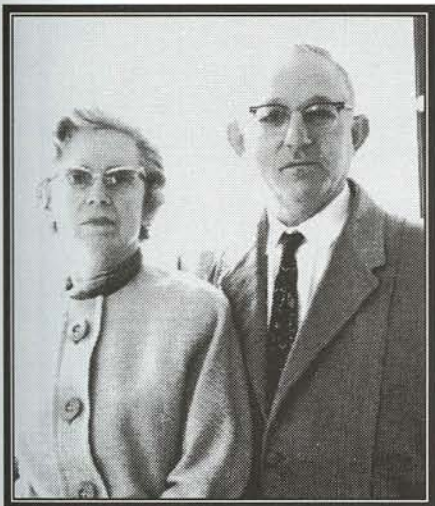
Bill: 1-18-1906 - n/a
 Cole: 5-17-1914 - 8-7-1974
 Frank: 12-20-1908 - 3-28-1998
 Preston: 5-1-1916 Living
 Jack: 3-7-11 - 9-19-1977



Jesse Worth & Alice Oliver Burns Family

Front: Ann Burns Tarkington, Benjamin (Bob) Oliver Burns, Louise Burns Nye, William (Bill) Burns
 Back: James (Jake) Burns, Alice Burns Stuart, Jesse Worth Burns, Alice Oliver Burns, Hal (Pete) Burns, Betty Burns Summerlin

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**Kathryn Ruth Ford & James Worth
(Jake) Burns**
s/o Worth & Alice Burns
d/o Nettie Shooter & William Ford
Jake:10-22-1911 - 6-10-1972



Joe & Jane Burns Family
Jeffrey & Alison Transou; Will & Debbie Burns; Joanna Burns
Joe: s/o Ruth & Jake Burns



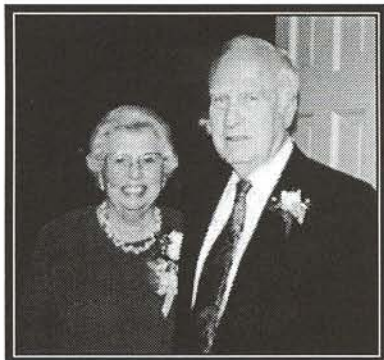
Ruth Ford Burns (w/o Jake Burns) & Family
Front: Heather & John (Mac) Tolar: Bryan Tolar holding Abby & Ford Tolar
2nd Row: Amy Tolar; Kathy Pittman; Kathryn Burns Hall; Elizabeth, James,
Ruth Burns; Jennie Burns Paddock; Amanda Paddock Crosby & dght Anna; Joanna Burns;
3rd Row: David Pittman, Worth Burns, Anne Burns, Fred Paddock, Kenny Crosby, Joe & Jane Burns
Inset: Jason Paddock, s/o Jennie Burns & Fred Paddock; David Burns, s/o James & Anne Burns



Benjamin (Bob) Oliver Burns
S/o Worth & Alice Burns
12-29-16 - 8-31-94



Iola Hofler Burns (wife of Bob Burns) & family
Standing: Stan & Mary Burns Usher, Worth & Marie Burns
Seated: Sarah Usher, Iola Burns (holding Catherine Usher),
Mona & Benjamin Burns, Rebecca Usher, on ground



Betty Burns and Charles Summerlin
D/o Worth & Alice Burns



Betty Burns & Charles Summerlin Family
Seated: Jill, Betty, & Charles Summerlin; Noah and standing Dylan Jacobs;
Standing: Shelley, Jennifer, Allen III & wife Pam, Page, Danny & bride Missy,
Ben & Barbara Summerlin; Tammy & Doug Daughtry; Betsy Summerlin Harrold;
Mary Charles Daughtry Jacobs, & Mike Harrold. Not Pictured: David & Cole Jacobs
Tristyn & Drake Daughtry.

Centenary Families



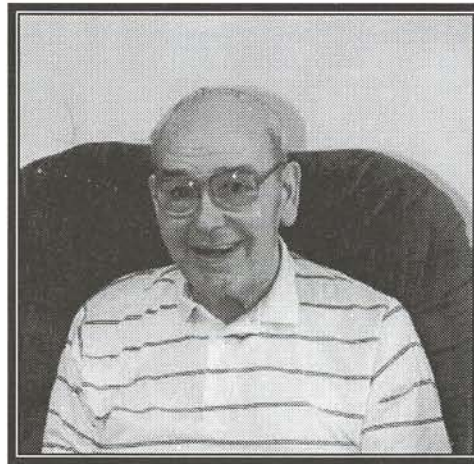
Ann Burns & John Tarkington Family
Johnny, Ann, Ann Burns (Burnsy), John Tarkington
 Ann: 5-1-1924 5-24-1999 d/o Worth & Alice Burns
 John:



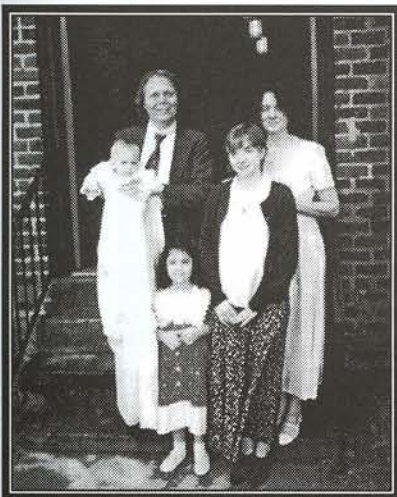
John Douglas Tarkington Family
Johnny & wife Karen
 Children: Annlisa, Jenna, & Andrew



Louise Burns Nye
 D/o Worth & Alice Burns



Joseph (Joe) Bonson Nye
 6-23-1925 4-6-1999

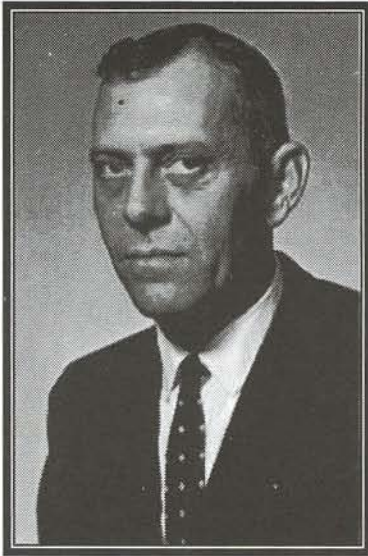


Rob & Marlynn Burns
Bridget, Amanda and Chree
 Rob: s/o Louise Burns Nye



Joe & Elizabeth Nye Riggs
 daughter Taylor Riggs (inset)
 Elizabeth: d/o Joe & Louise Burns Nye

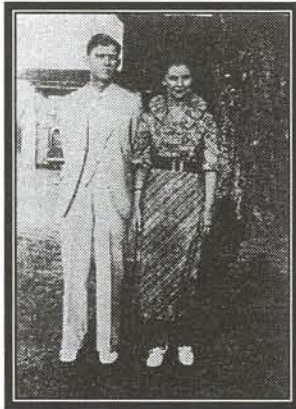
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Hal Douglas (Pete) Burns
S/o Worth & Alice Burns
9-15-1922 12-18-1969



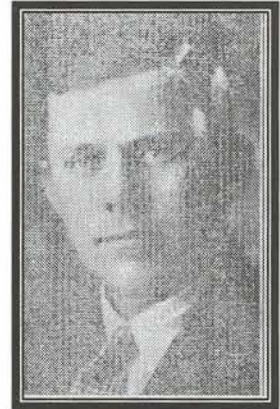
Elaine Smith & Pete Burns Family
Josh & Wayne Cusick, Elaine Burns, Lucy & Jessica Cusick,
John, Leslie, Carolyn and Hal Burns Insert: Andrew Guy Burns



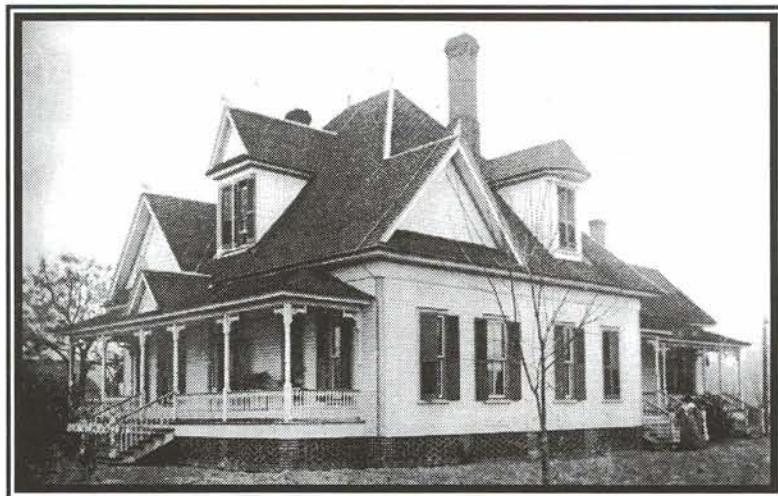
William Solomon & Maxine Burns
S/o Worth & Alice Burns
Willie: 12-22-1912 6-13-1950



Loretta (Twinkle), Sarah Louise & Douglas McDonald Burns
Children of William & Maxine



Joseph (Joe) R. Burns
3-16-1910 - 11-14-1939
s/o Worth & Alice Burns



Home of Joseph R. & Louisa Gaddy Burns
3017 Ward Store Road, Fairmont, NC
Road formerly called Old Stage Road

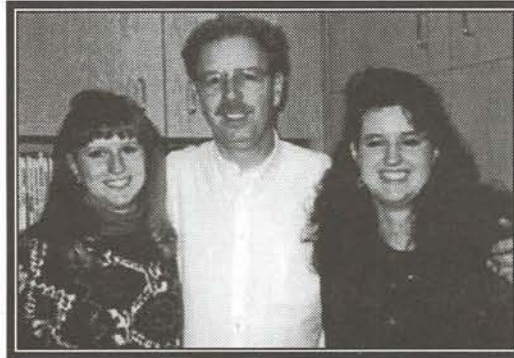
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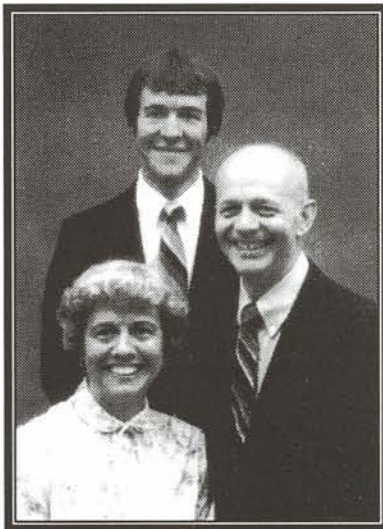
Worth & Alice Burns Stuart, & sons Joe, Burns, Frank Stuart
 Worth is grandson of Archibald & Mary Ann Stuart (see Stuart Family p. 65)
 Alice is daughter of Worth and Alice Burns
 Worth: 8-4-1898 6-12-1976
 Alice: 3-10-1914 7-1-1987



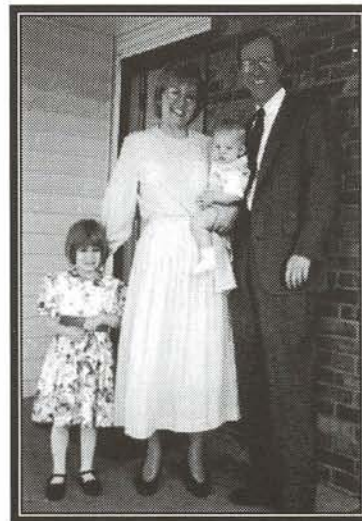
Joe Stuart Family
 Sara, Donna, Joe, Sandy & Susan Stuart
 S/o Worth & Alice Burns Stuart



Frank Stuart Family
 Frank & daughters Ashley & Shelley Stuart
 S/o Worth & Alice Burns Stuart
 Frank: 9-24-1944 3-8-1993



Burns Stuart Family
 Mavis Berley, Worth & Burns Stuart
 s/o Worth & Alice Burns Stuart
 Burns: 12-24-1935 5-19-1994

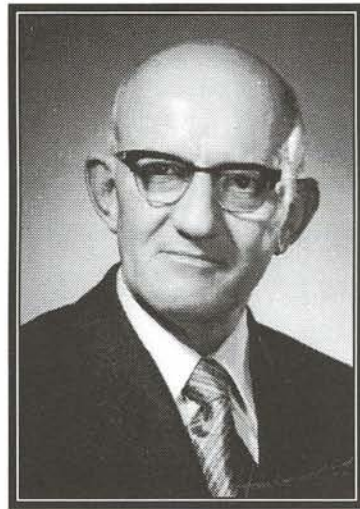


Worth Stuart Family
 Alli, Anita, Bo, & Worth Stuart
 s/o Mavis & Burns Stuart

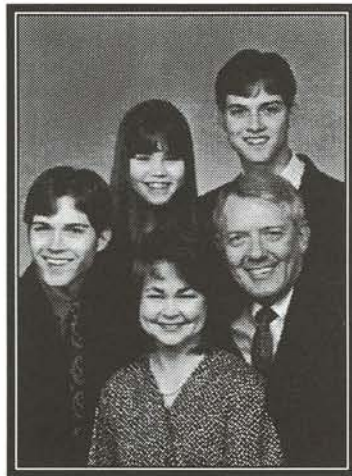
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Frances Foster Page
W/o Rev. Jack Ward Page



Rev. Jack Ward Page, Sr.
3-7-11 - 9-19-77
S/o Bettie Burns & Frank M. Page



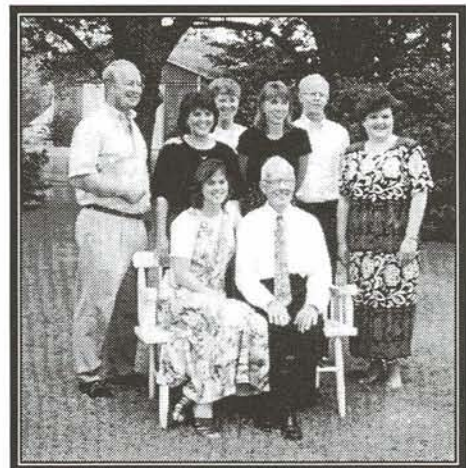
Rev. Jack Ward Page, Jr. Family
S/o Frances & Jack Ward Page, Sr.
Standing, Benjamin, Jordan, Russell
Karen & Jack Ward Page, Jr.



Robert Page Family
S/o Frances & Jack Ward Page, Sr
Front: Jack, Robert, David
Back Robert (Bob), Sally, Edgar (Ed)

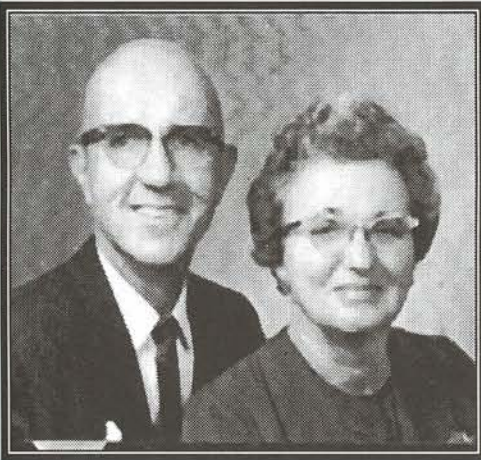


Thelma Whitehead & Frank Mitchell Page, Jr.
Thelma:
Frank: 12-20-1908 - 3-28-1998
Frank: s/o Bettie Burns & Frank M. Page, Sr.

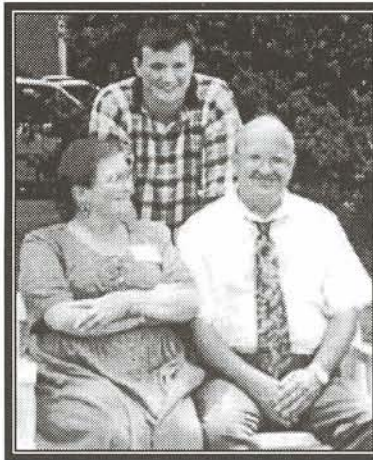


Frank Page Family
Seated: Stacey & Frank Page
Bill, Shirley, Burns, Penny, Mike & Sherry

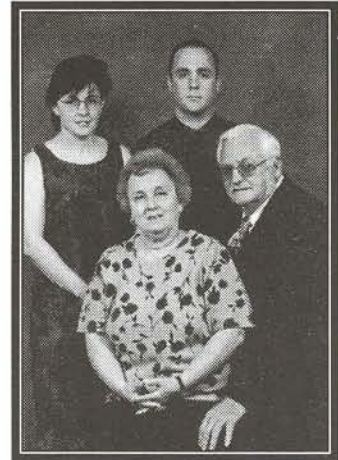
Centenary Families



Cole Livingston Page & Elizabeth Mosley Page
 Cole 5-17-1914 8-7-1974
 Elizabeth: 5-10-1913 1-30-1988
 Cole: s/o Bettie Burns & Frank M. Page



Drema, David & Cole Page, Jr.
 s/o Elizabeth & Cole L. Page



Betty Alice & Allen Givens Family
 Betty: d/o Elizabeth & Cole L. Page
 Seated: **Betty Alice & Allen Givens**
 Standing: **Renee & Len Givens**



Eula Pearl McLamb & Preston Douglas Page
 S/o Bettie Burns & Frank M. Page



Susan Page
 children of Preston & Pearl Page



Douglas Page

The Burns/Page Connection

The Burns/Page Clan are descendants of **Joseph R. Burns** and **Lou Gaddy Burns**. They had three children: **James Soloman** (who died a few days after birth), **Bettie Emma Burns** (born 1881), and **Jesse Worth Burns** (born 1883) . **Bettie Emma Burns** married **Frank Mitchell Page**. They had seven boys. Two of the boys died in infancy. On October 20, 1918 tragedy struck the **Frank M. Page** family. **Frank** died on that day of influenza. On October 21, 1918, **Bettie** gave birth to **James Page** and on October 22nd, **Bettie** died of influenza. The five older Page boys (**Bill, Frank, Jack, Cole and Press**) moved in with **Jesse Worth** and **Alice Oliver Burns** who lived about ¼ mile from them. **Worth Burns** was appointed the guardian of the Page boys. The baby, **James**, was taken by **Frank's** sister, **Dora Page Harrelson**, and he survived until December 25, 1919. the Page boys and the Burns children (**Joe, Jake, Willie, Alice, Louise, Bettie, Bob, Pete and Anne**) were reared as one family in the Burns Homeplace where **Ruth Burns** still lives. The Burns/Page Family has been and always will be one family.

By Joe Burns, great grandson of Joseph R. and Lou Gaddy Burns



Front: Worth, Will & David Burns, Jason Paddock, Andrew Burns, Jeffrey Transou, Elizabeth Burns holding Genna Tarkington, Shelley Summerlin, Allison Transou, Robert, Benn, Russ, Jack & David Page

Next: Hal, Carolyn & Leslie Burns, Johnny Mac Tolar, Mary Charles Daughtry, Amanda Paddock, Kathy Tolar, Danny Summerlin, Sandy, Sara, Shelley Stuart, , Susan, Ashley Stuart, Elaine Burns, Lucy & Josh Cusick
Karen & Jordan Page, Sally & Edgar Page

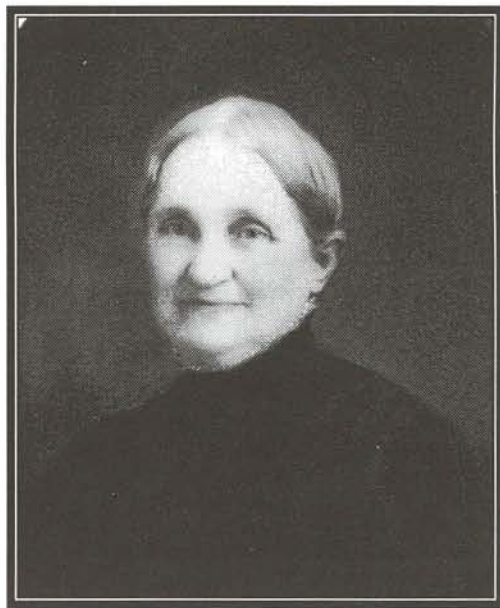
Next: John & Karen Tarkington, James Burns, Jennie Paddock, Kathryn Burns Hall, Susan Page, Betty Summerlin, Ann Tarkington, Louise Nye, Alice Stuart, Ruth Burns, Elizabeth Nye, Mary Alice Burns, Joe & Donna
Stuart, Iola & Bob Burns, Joe, Joanna & Jane Burns, Worth Burns, Burnsy Tarkington

Back: Mike & Betsy Harrold, Ann Burns, Bryan Tolar, Frances Page, Amy Tolar, Frank Page, Charlie Summerlin, Preston Page, Fred Paddock, Howard Burns, Allen & Pam Summerlin, Johnny Burns, Burns & Mavis Stuart,
Ward Page, Worth & Nita Stuart, Ward Page, Stan Usher, Wayne Cussick

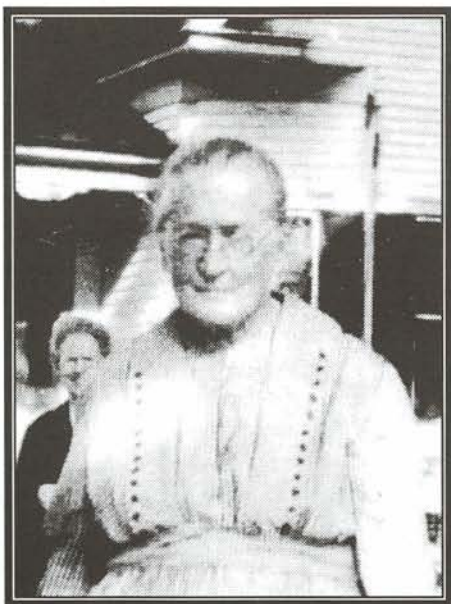
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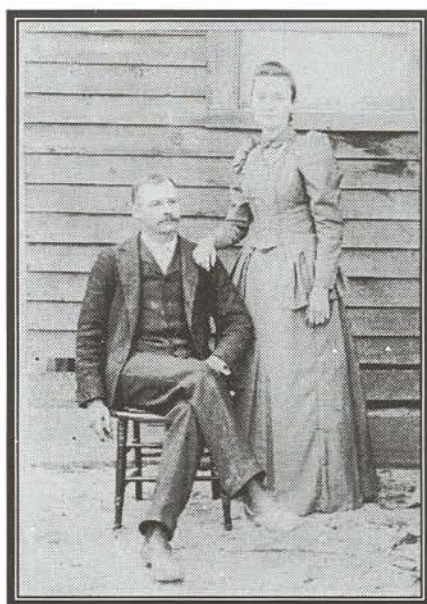
James D. Crawford *
11-23-1827 - 5-31-1914
One of the trustees at the time the land
for the church was acquired



Charity Ann Gaddy Crawford *
11-14-1837 - 6-10-1911
w/o James D. Crawford
d/o Elizabeth (Betsy) Jones & James Gaddy

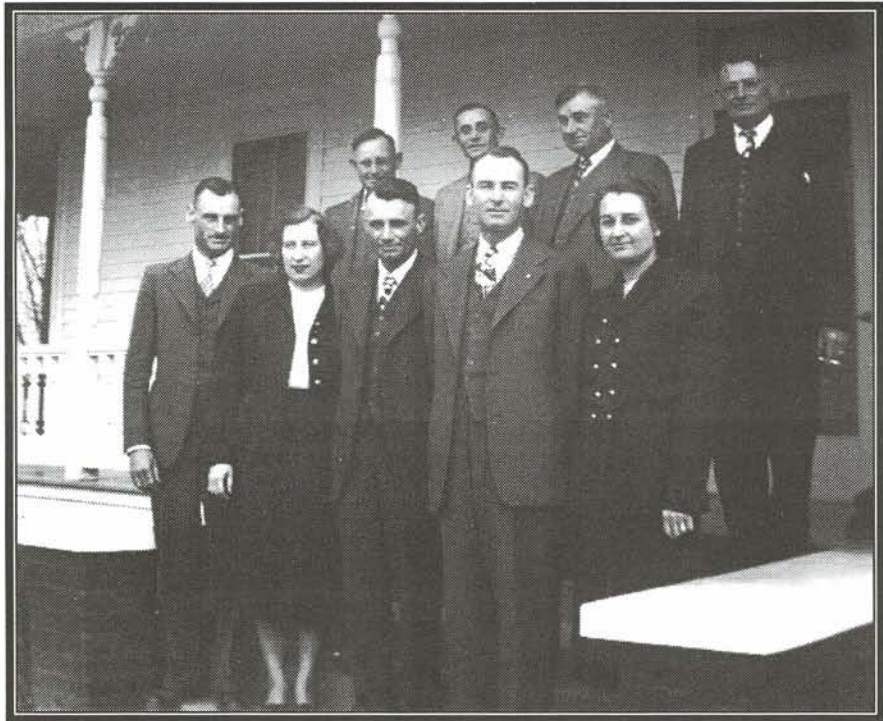


Frances Victoria McCormic (McLellan Easterling) *
11-6-1853 - 10-6-1932
W/o William B. McLellan : 8-21-1844 - 9-2-1872
W/o Henry Easterling



James W. & Mary Etta McLellan Crawford
James W *: 3-17-1859 - 7-14-1936
Mary Etta *: 10-11-1871 - 4-5-1916
James: s/o James D. & Charity Gaddy Crawford
Mary Etta: d/o Victoria & William B. McLellan

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James W. & Mary Etta McLellan Crawford Family
Front: Lawrence, Halene, Henry, Theodore (Buck), Ethel Crawford
Back: Pope, Guy, John, James William (Jim) Crawford

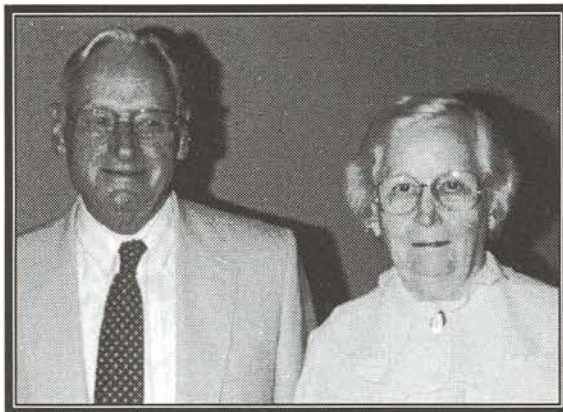


Front: Lawrence, Theodore (Buck), Henry, Mrs. Pope (Vera), Mrs. Henry (Pat) Crawford,
Mrs. Gaddy (Ethel Crawford) Ward, J. Gaddy Ward, Sr.
Back: Pope Crawford, Mrs. John (Stelle) Crawford, John Crawford

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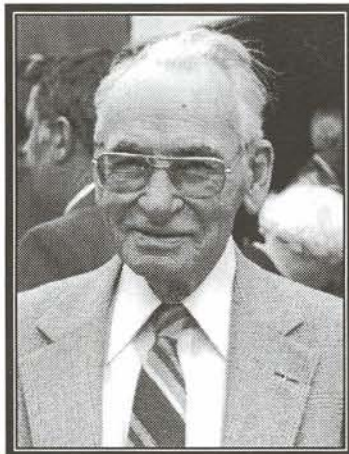
Buck Crawford, Ann Crawford Maclean, Mrs. Buck (Mary Beth) Crawford, Patsy Crawford Howell, Lawrence Crawford
 Mary Beth: 3-29-1915 9-28-1995
 Buck: 7-13-1903 7-19-1992



Lawrence & Marie Robinson Crawford
 Lawrence: 7-23-1910 - 10-5-1999



Theodore (Buck), Mary Elizabeth (Beth) & daughter Betsy Crawford



Theodore (Buck) Crawford
 7-13-1903 - 7-19-1992



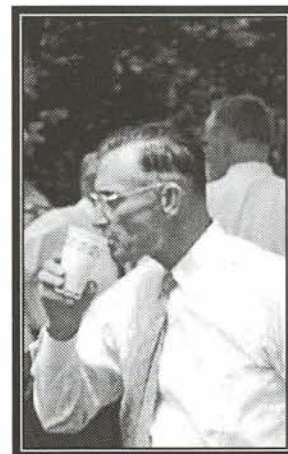
Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Crawford
 3-29-1915 - 9-28-1995
 W/o Theodore (Buck) Crawford



Elizabeth (Betsy) Crawford Hardin & son Edward (Ted) Hardin
 Betsy: d/o Buck & Mary Beth Crawford



Halene Crawford
 6-18-1908 - 11-29-1997



Guy Crawford
 6-14-1894 - 11-20-1965

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Henry & Alicia (Pat) Sumner Crawford

S/o James W. & Mary Etta Crawford

Henry: 6-23-1905 - 6-23-1967

Pat: 8-1-1909 - 1-25-1981



Henry, daughter Anne, & Alicia (Pat) Crawford



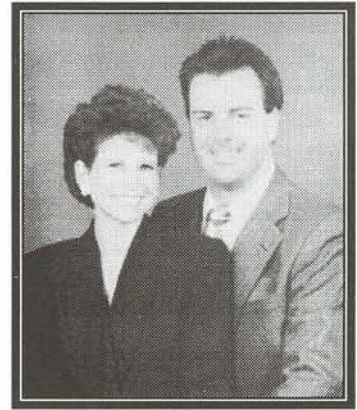
Alicia (Patsy) Crawford Howell

D/o Henry & Alicia (Pat) Crawford

W/o Abe Howell

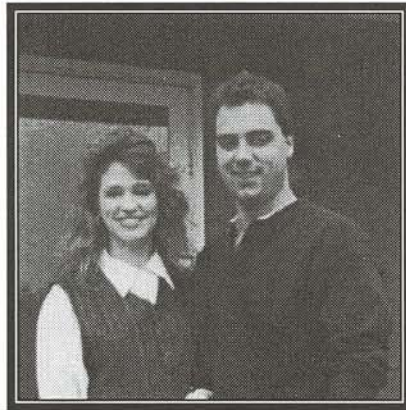


Ottice (Abe) Howell



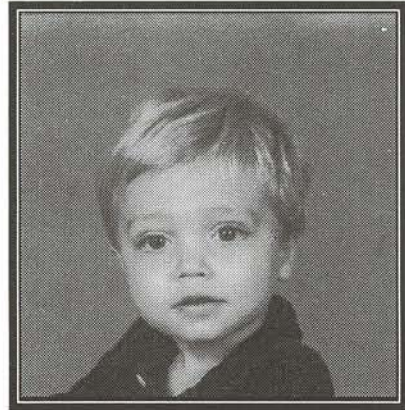
Velerie & David Howell

s/o Abe & Patsy Crawford Howell



Mark & Lynne Conner Howell

S/o Abe & Patsy Crawford Howell



Noah Henry Howell

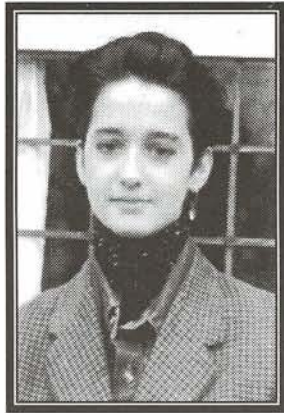
s/o Mark & Lynne Howell

Great grandson of Alicia & Henry Crawford

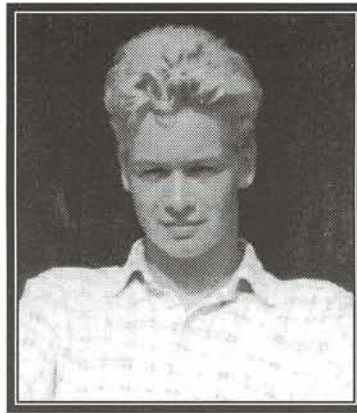
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Anne Crawford Maclean
D/o Henry & Alicia (Pat) Crawford



Diana Maclean
d/o Lorry & Anne Crawford Maclean



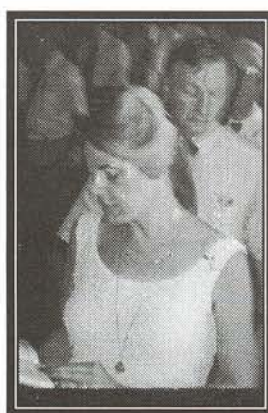
Christopher Maclean
s/o Lorry & Anne Crawford Maclean



Pope Crawford
S/o James W. & Mary Etta Crawford
4-29-1896 - 8-30-1982



Vera Baker Crawford
w/o Pope Crawford
3-14-1913 - 8-27-1989



Mary Annis Crawford
d/o Pope & Vera Crawford

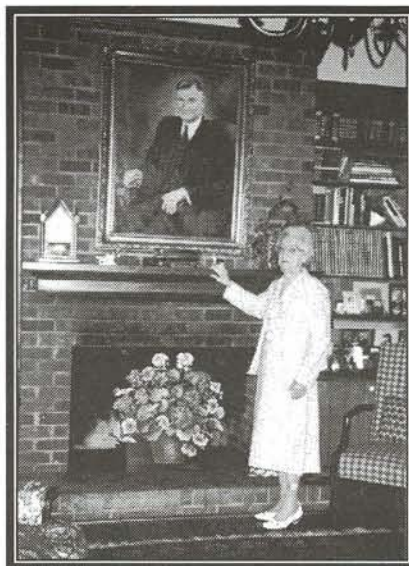


Crawfords
Front: Jean Crawford Clansky, Nora Crawford, Betsy Crawford Hardin,
Doris Crawford McCormick, Patsy Crawford Howell
Back: Bill Crawford, Ted Hardin, Catherine McCormick Jones, Jim Clansky,
Abe Howell, Guy McCormick, & Larry Crawford

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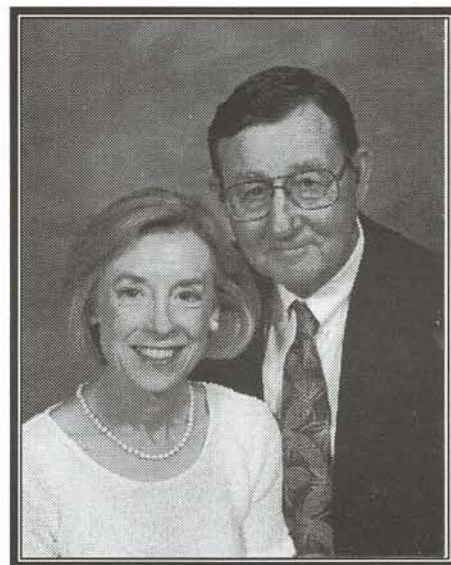
Estelle DeHart & John Crawford
Children: Jean & Doris
 John: 5-1-1890 - 4-6-1950



Estelle (Stelle) DeHart Crawford
 5-6-1905 - 4-19-1999



John & Estelle (Stelle) Crawford Family
Front: Megan McCormick, Jennifer Jones, Lois & Mike McCormick,
Inset Guy Jones & Meredith McCormick
2nd Row Estelle DeHart Crawford, Jean Marie McCormick, Doris Crawford
McCormick
Back: Jim & Jean Crawford Clansky, Dr. Kathryn Combs, Catherine
McCormick Jones, Joe Jones and Guy McCormick
 Jean Clansky & Doris McCormick are daughters of Estelle & John Crawford
 Megan & Meredith McCormick; Guy & Jennifer Jones are great grandchildren
 of Estelle & John Crawford



Jean Crawford & Jim Clansky



Crawford Family

Larry, Mary Beth, Marie, Trey, Bill, Jim Crawford; Bill Ward, Vera, Estelle, Halene Crawford; James Gaddy Ward, Lawrence, Jane Crawford; Doris McCormick, Mary Annis Crawford, Guy McCormick, Ethel Ward, Badger Gaddy, Lois McCormick, Polly Ward, JoAnne Crawford

The Crawford Family of Gaddysville and Rowland, North Carolina

John (b. c. 1705) and Jane Henderson (b. c. 1709) Crawford, the ancestors of the Crawfords of Gaddysville and Rowland, North Carolina came to Stamford, Connecticut in 1733 from County Tyrone in Northern Ireland. With them came two sons. The youngest, Archibald (b. 1733, d. 1806), was born at sea on the way to America. The family moved to Pound Ridge, New York about 1743. A total of six children were born to that family. John died at Pound Ridge, November, 1773.

After the Revolutionary War most of the Crawford Family moved to farmland selected by Robert, the brother who was wounded in battle and died shortly after the Revolutionary War, near the Saratoga Springs area in upstate New York. Two of the brothers who were Loyalists for religious reasons moved to Canada. Archibald, who was a Patriot, could not serve in the army because he was born without a thumb on his right hand. He later bought a hotel in the resort of Saratoga Springs. He and his wife, Mary Benedict (b. 1740, d. 1813) are buried in Whitford cemetery.

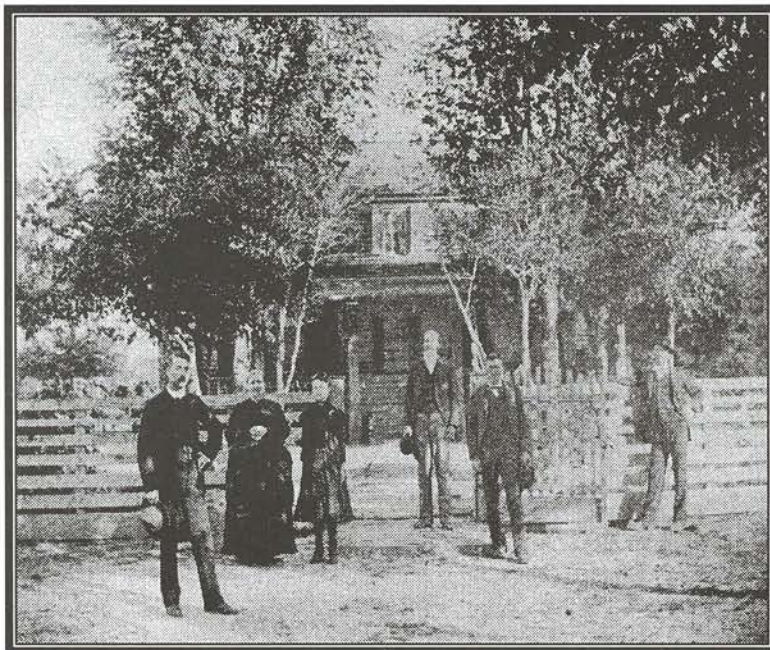
Archibald's oldest son, Daniel (b. 1764, d. 1839) married Sally Bemus (b. 1768, d. 1865). Her father owned a popular tavern on the Hudson in Stillwater, New York and a farm on nearby Bemus Heights where one of the battles of Saratoga was waged during the Revolutionary War. They lived in the Saratoga Springs area and are buried in Whitford Cemetery. They had 8 children. Bemus Heights has acquired historical significance as the place where the battle was fought that resulted in the capture of General Burgoyne and his army. General Gates occupied the Bemus house, as his headquarters, until after the battle of September 19, 1777, when it was occupied by General Lincoln.

One of Daniel and Sally's children, John Bemus Crawford (b. 1797, d. 1847) was trained as a teacher. He moved to Wake Forest, North Carolina where he met and married Louisa T. Harris (b. 1800, d. 1892). They settled in Goldsboro, North Carolina. John died in 1847. Louisa died in 1892 and is buried in Goldsboro, North Carolina. They had five children.

The oldest son of John B. and Louisa Crawford was James Daniel Crawford (b. 1827, d. 1914). He was born in 1827. He married Charity Ann Gaddy (b. 1837, d. 1911), daughter of James Gaddy of Marion County, South Carolina, in 1857. They had two children, a son, James William and a daughter, Lucy M. The family settled at Gaddysville, North Carolina where James D. owned a store and was postmaster. He also owned several farms in the vicinity. The family attended Bethany (?) Church until they helped establish Centenary Methodist Church. James D. was a member of a South Carolina unit during the War of Northern Aggression. Both are buried at Centenary.

James William Crawford (b. 1859, d. 1936) married Mary Etta McLellan (b. 1871, d. 1916) in 1887. They lived on a farm near Rowland. They had fourteen children. Mary Etta died suddenly April 15, 1916. James married Kate Carter Mclean. There was no issue by that marriage. Kate died and was buried by her first husband in Fairmont, North Carolina. James died July 14, 1936. He and Mary Etta are buried at Centenary. The Children were William James (Jim) (b. 1888), John C. (b. 1890), Maude (b. 1891) Guy S. (b. 1894), Pope P. (b. 1896), Infant (b. 1898), Ethel (b. 1901), Theodore (Buck) (b. 1903), Henry K. (b. 1905), Jewel (b. 1907), Halene (b. 1908), Lawrence (Doc) (b. 1910), Dorothy (b. 1912) and Clarence (b. 1915) Lucy M. Crawford (b. 1867, d. 1949) married William B. Gaddy (b. 1867, d. 1918). They had four children, Ralph B. (b. 1892), Ruby, James H. (b. 1896) and C. Badger (b. 1901). William and Lucy are buried at Dillon, South Carolina.

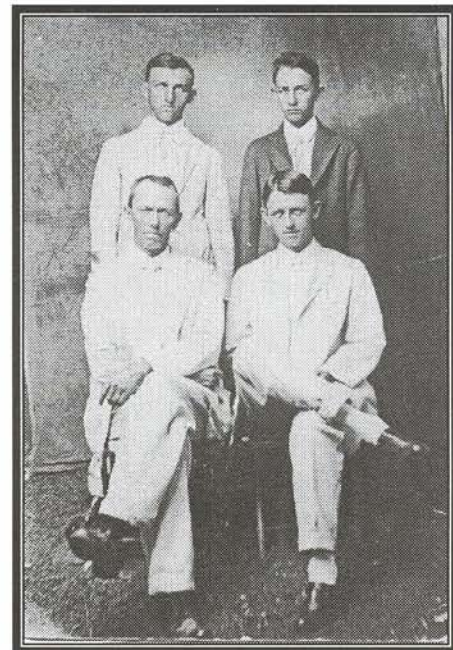
Submitted by: Larry Crawford



Romulas (Rom) Arthur Gaddy Home

The persons in the picture are thought to be, though not confirmed:
Rom Gaddy, Arrametta (Mittie) Roberts (his mother), Kittie, (sister)
Charles Betts Gaddy (his father), Charles Edgar Gaddy (brother) &
William Bulious Gaddy (brother)

Rom *:10-3-1861 - 10-10-1940 Mittie: 7-19-1842 - 10-16-1918
 Charles Betts: 4-5-1836 - 8-13-1900 Charles Edgar:10-1-1864 - 5-16-1906



William Bulious Gaddy & sons

H/o Lou Crawford the d/o Charity & James D. Crawford
 Seated: **William Bulious & son Ralph Burton Gaddy**

Standing left: **J. Hovey Gaddy 11-23-1879**

Standing right: **Charles Badger Gaddy**

William: 9-21-1867 - 10-18-1918



Charles Badger Gaddy

s/o Lou Crawford & William B. Gaddy

9-19-1901 - 11-30-1983



Ralph Burton & Fannie Jane McCormick Gaddy

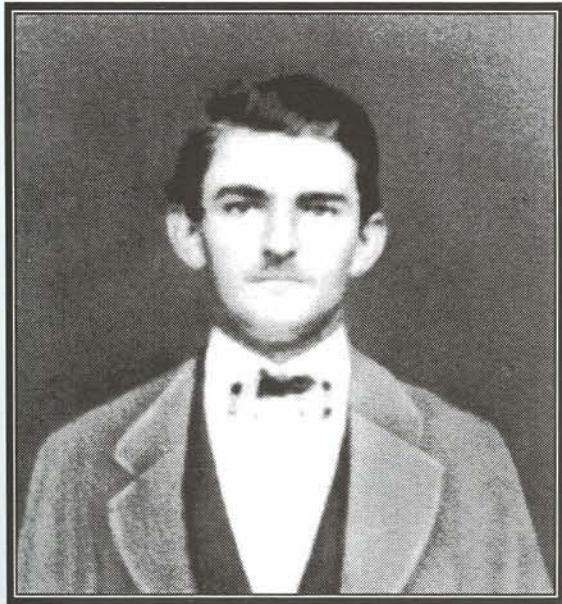
s/o Lou Crawford & William B. Gaddy

Fannie Jane: d/o Ida Harrelson & Charles Ayers McCormick

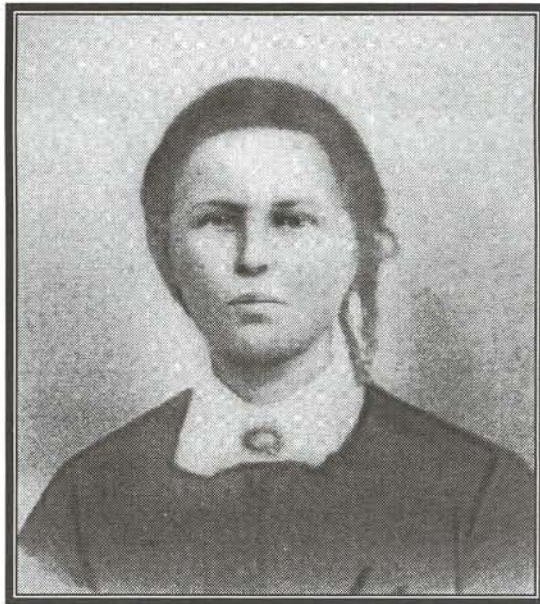
Ralph: 2-11-1892 - 10-2-1979

Fannie Jane: 9-23-1894 - 5-27-1974

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Alexander Edens *
10-27-1850 3-28-1912
s/o Morgan and Mary Murchison Edens



Jacobina Breeden Edens *
6-12-1852 12-16-1917
w/o Alexander Edens

Children of Alexander and Jacobina Breeden Edens



Lena Blanche
2-3-1875 6-12-1924
m. Homer Benjamin Ward



Cora Breeden *
9-27-1876 11-18-1950
Single



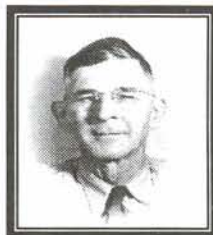
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7-4-1878 7-19-1902
Single



Edgar Vivian
8-5-1880 5-6-1936
m Lillie Christine Davis



William Herman *
11-19- 1882 10-28-1961
Single



Lucien Franklin
1-30-1884 9-1946
m. Allie McGirt



Lawrence Roderic
9-4-1887 3-22-1955
m. Birdille Reeves
"Blanche"



Rev. Lacy Thomas *
9-4-1887 4-19-1968
Single



Walter Mary
11-9-1889 3-15-1962
m. Mary Schwenck



John Allen *
4-11-1891 4-12-1968
Single



Leon Douglas
6-27-1893 3-2-1976
m. Esther Mae Maness



Carl Corprew *
4-22-1896 7-2-1979
m. Myrtle Mae Ward

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Edgar Vivian Edens & Lillie Davis Edens
 8-5-1880 - 5-6-1936 3-4-1883 - 11-6-1950

Children of Edgar & Lillie Edens: Marie, Margaret, Edgar V. Jr. & Lillian



Marie Vivian Edens
 11-8-1908 - 5-1-1998



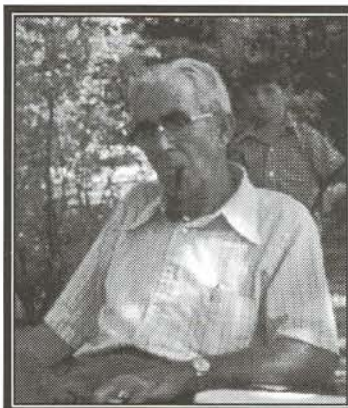
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 5-28-1914 living



Elizabeth B. Jones & Edgar V. Edens, Jr.
 Edgar: 4-24-1916 - 09-20-1987



Lillian Edens Stutts
 12-28-1917 - 4-2-1994
 w/o Harold L. Stutts



Harold L. Stutts
 8-17-1917 - 3-19-1975



Edens
 Lillian Edens Stutts, Leo Foscue Edens of Dartmouth England
 (s/o Lucien), Margaret Edens, Edgar, Jr. & Elizabeth Edens

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Lucien Franklin & Allie McGirt Edens

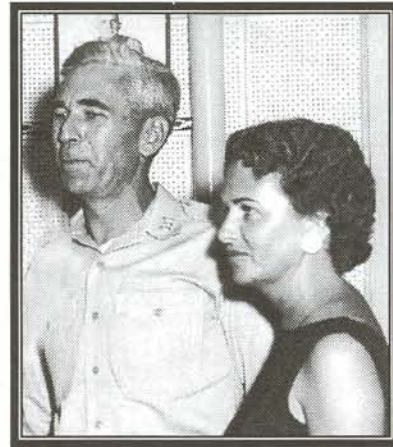
Lucien F. and Allie M Edens children: Leo, Rachel & Elvert



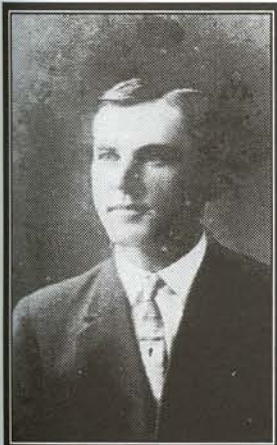
Leo Foscue &
Dorothy Simpson Edens



Rachel Alexander Edens Hall
W/o Herman Hall



Lt. Col. Elvert McGirt &
Willa Walker Edens
Elvert: 2-9-1915 8-24-1995



Lawrence Roderic Edens
S/o Alexander & Jacobina Edens

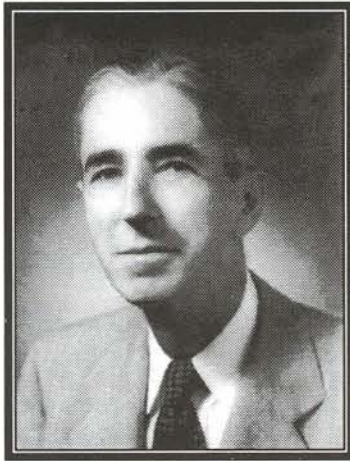


Blanche Reeves Edens
w/o Lawrence R. Edens
1-19-1894 - 6-27-1989



Lawrence Roderic & Blanche Reeves Edens Family
John Malcolm & Evelyn Edens Lewis, Blanche Reeves Edens,
Ivan C. & Christine Edens Pearson, Mary Edith Lucas &
Reeves Murchison Edens
Ivan Crump Pearson: 2-1-1915 - 3-3-1994

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Walter Mary Edens
S/o Alexander & Jacobina Edens



Walter M. & Mary Schwench Edens Family
Mary Edens Chrane & Mary (Bee) Schwench Edens
Walter Alexander Edens, Sr., Walter Mary Edens,
Joseph (Joe) Emery Edens

Mary S. Edens 3-1-1896 - 5-28-1981 Joe: 8-2-1921 - 12-1987



Walter Alexander & Dorothy (Dottie) L. Edens, Sr. Family
Susan, Walter A. (Sandy) Jr., Dottie , Walter A. Sr., Joanne

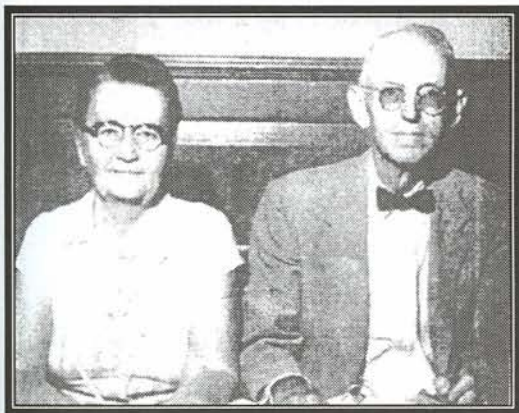


Mary Edens & Bob Chrane Family
Front: Mary Edens Chrane, Ariella Mandelson, Molly Chrane
Mandelson, & Meg Chrane d/o Rob Crane.
Back: Bob Chrane, Rob Chrane, Adam & Peter Mandelson



Edens Family Homeplace ca 1911
Near Rowland, NC

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Esther Maness & Leon Douglas Edens
 Doug: 6-27-1893 - 3-2-1976
 Esther: 3-6-1894 - 6-10-1966



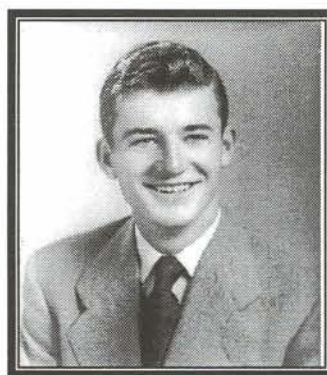
Leon Douglas & Esther Maness Edens Family
 Front: Ouida, (w/o Wiley); Ryan, Rene'(d/o Wiley)& Demi Palles
 Back: Robert (Bobby) Flowers & Dotsie Edens; Wiley Reynolds Edens
 Wiley: 11-25- 1925 - 4-23-2001 Bobby: 9-20-1927 - 2-17-2000
 Not in the picture: Richard (Dick), Olivia (Libby) & Frank)



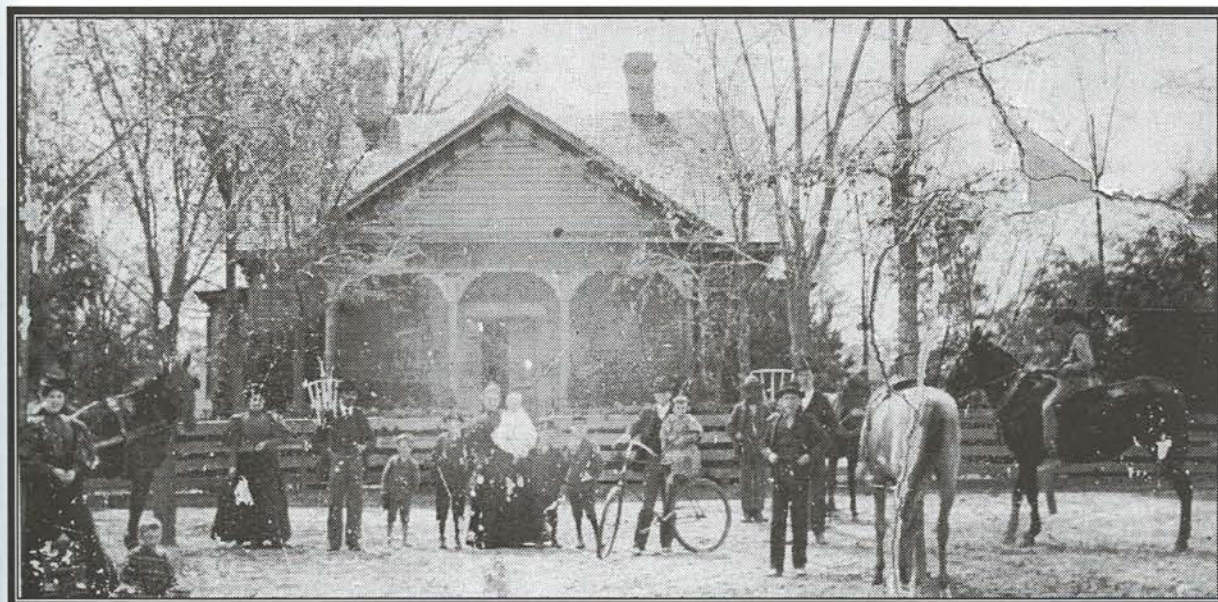
Richard (Dick) Douglas & Charline Edens
 Dick 11-8-1924 - 8-1-1986



Olivia (Libby) Dale Edens Brown
 7-30-1931 - 6-16-1995

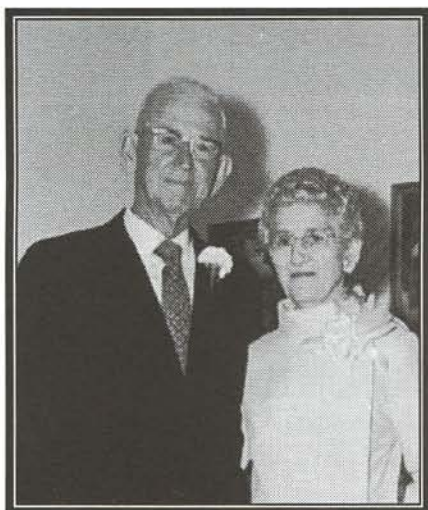


Frank Edens
 1-13-1930 - 9-2-1962

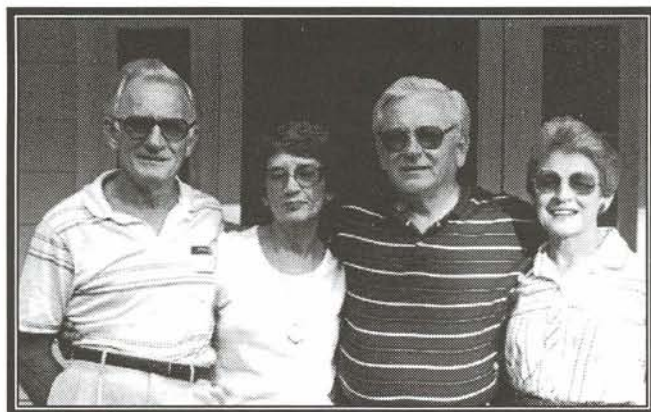


Edens Home Place near Rowland Ca 1896
 Cora, John, Lena, Alexander (Alex), Walter, Lucien, Jacobina, Carl in mother's arms, Lawrence, Lacy, Ed with bicycle, Douglas on Bicycle, James Thompson (farm worker in background), Clarence in back, Herman in front (hands on hips), John Willie Hunt (farm worker on mule)

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Carl C. Edens & Myrtle Mae Ward Edens
 S/o Alexander & Jacobina d/o John Wesley & Ella Burns Ward
 4-22-1896 7-2-1979 10-22-1894 6-24-1982
 Myrtle Mae Ward Edens (see Ward Family, p74)



Children of Carl & Myrtle Ward Edens
Carl C, Jr., Doris Edens Bartlett,
John Clarence, Catherine Edens Watkins



Ruth Mollenhauer & Carl C. Edens, Jr.



Ruth & Carl C. Edens, Jr. Family
Ann, John & daughter Madeline Edens, Jackie & Ted Edens,
Ruth & Carl Edens, Jr., Susan Edens



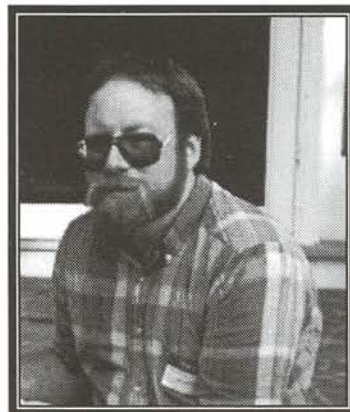
Doris Edens Henderson Bartlett



Carol Henderson Wycoff



Sallie Henderson Shreck



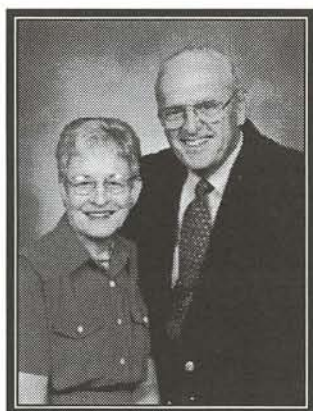
William (Bill) N. Henderson, Jr.

Carol, Sallie, & Bill Henderson: children of Doris Edens and William N. Henderson, Sr.

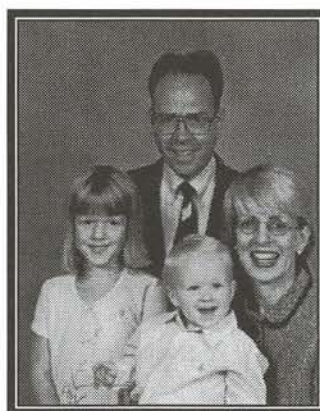
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John Clarence & Betty Jean Caveness Edens Family
Front: Amanda Edens, d/o Alan T. & Claudia Edens, John C. & Betty Jean Caveness Edens
Emily, Claudia, Alan T., & Amy Edens; Ruth, Rev. John Richard (Rick) & Rev. Jill Edens;
Alan, Brenda Edens., Iain & Andrew Kerr



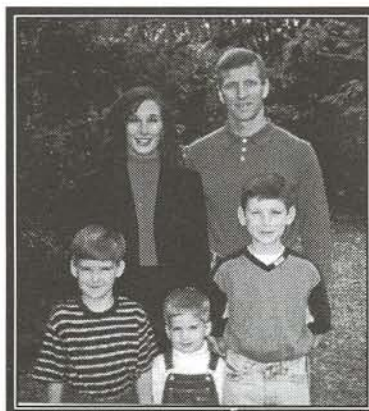
Catherine Edens & Frederick L. Watkins
 And family



Glenn & Lee Watkins Newick
Children: Grace & Graham



Col. Dave & Marty Watkins Weinberg Family
Allison, Dave, Marty, & Matthew Weinberg



Vicki & David Watkins Family
Children: Carson, Brady, & Drew

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**Home of Allen Edens & his sister Letilla Margaret Edens
Circa 1914**

Seated: **Allen Edens, Letilla Edens, Lena Blanche Edens Ward, & son Allen Edens Ward**
 Others: **Homer Benjamin Ward** (s/o Lena & Homer B. Ward, Sr), **Bernard Ashby Edens, Edith Ward Edens, John Crawford**
 Allen Edens 9-10-1854 - 8-9-1917 s/o Mary Murchison & Morgan Edens & Brother to Alexander Edens
 Letilla Edens 9-22-1848 - 9-13-1919 d/o Mary Murchison & Morgan Edens
 Lena Edens Ward: 2-3-1875 - 6-12-1924 d/o Alexander & Jacobina Edens
 Bernard A. Edens: 3-20-1880 - 3-12-1943 s/o Duncan & Elizabeth Bowyer Edens



Homer Benjamin Ward, Sr.
 S/o Enoch Benjamin & Catherine Gaddy Ward
 5-14-1873 - 10-27-1911



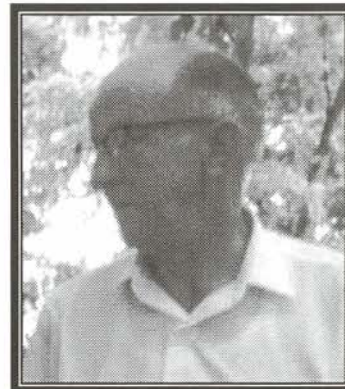
Homer Benjamin Ward, Jr.
 s/o Lena Edens & Homer B. Ward, Sr.
 4-26-1904 - 1-3-1958



Fannie Sue Bethea Ward
 w/o Homer B. Ward, Jr.
 d/o T. W. & Martha Sue McRae Bethea
 12-21-1904 - 5-17-2001



Alice McDonald Ward & son Allen Edens Ward, Jr.
 D/o John F. & Ariadne McLean McDonald
 Alice: w/o Allen E. Ward, Sr.



Allen Edens Ward, Sr.
 7-9-1909 - 8-10-1970



Edens Family Reunion 1949

Children in front: Mary Edens, Edgar V. Edens, III, Harold Loving Stutts, visitor

Row 1 & 2 : Edgar Edens, Jr., Christine Edens Pearson, Lawrence Edens, (hidden), Elizabeth Jones Edens, Clarence Barrington, Mary Edens Barrington, Margaret Edens, Esther Maness Edens, Marie Edens, Blanche Reeves Edens, Cora Edens, Homer B. Ward, Lillie Davis Edens, Irma Edens, Pauline Edens Adams, Douglas Edens

3rd Row: Wiley Edens, Dick Edens, John Clarence Edens, Bobby Edens, Carl Edens, Jr., Ivan Pearson, Lacy T. Edens, Frank Edens

4th Row: John A. Edens, Herman Edens, Carl Edens, Sr., Edith Ward Edens, Myrtle Ward Edens, Paul Byrum holding Ashby Byrum

On Porch: Lillian Edens Stutts holding son Neil Stutts.



At the Home of Allen Edens and his sister Letilla Edens ca 1914

Bernard Edens (at steering wheel), Letilla Edens (front seat), Allen Edens & Lena Edens Ward (back seat); Standing in back: Edith Ward Edens & John Crawford.

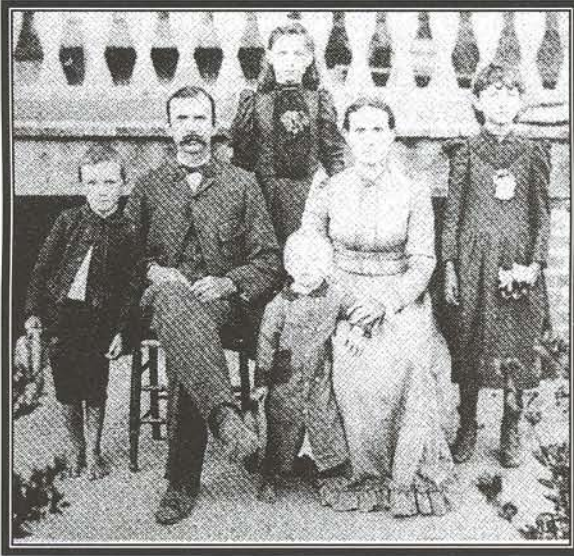
Standing on running board: Allen Edens Ward; seated on running board: Homer Benjamin Ward (Allen Edens was the first President of the Bank of Rowland)

Edens Family

According to family tradition, Richard Edens migrated from Maryland and settled in Marlboro County, SC in about 1772. His only known son was Rev. Allen Edens, a local Methodist Minister in the Clio area. He operated a blacksmith shop and owned large tracts of land. One of his eight sons, Morgan, married Mary Murchison. They were the parents of Letilla M., Alexander, Franklin, Allen, and Duncan Edens. In 1866 the widow, Mary Edens, moved her family to North Carolina and bought land in the Cotton Valley Community.

Submitted by John C. Edens

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Rev. Jesse R. Gaddy and his wife Sarah Carolyn had 13 children. Children in the picture with Jesse and Sarah Carolyn are: Left: James "Jim" M. Gaddy (12-26-1859 - 8-17-1932), center: Elizabeth Jane Gaddy (4-4-1851 - 9-27-1927), right: thought to be Charity Catherine Gaddy (3-27-1856 - 5-25-1913), front: John Wesley Gaddy (9-24-1867 - 6-20-1925). John Wesley Gaddy married Emma Pittman. They are the parents of Neva, Alton, Grace, Evander, Yates, Lacy, Junius, and Bessie.

Rev. Jesse R. Gaddy was one of the first Trustees for Centenary Memorial Methodist Church. His name appears on the original land deed as a Trustee.

(Picture from the book: That Our Names May Be Written: A Gaddy Family History by William Carmi Gaddy & Corinne McDougald Gaddy. (People were identified by Grace Gaddy.)

Rev. Jesse Rhodes & Sarah Carolyn Moore Gaddy
 12-25-1825 - 6-5-1904 1-16-1830 - 8-20-1881



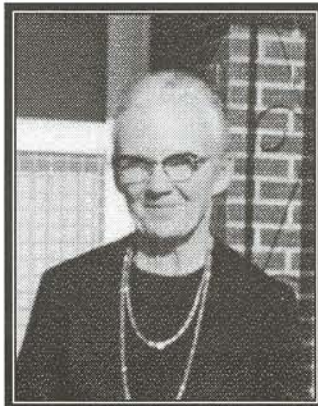
Children of John Wesley & Emma Pittman Gaddy
Grandchildren of Rev. Jesse R. & Sarah M. Gaddy

John Wesley Gaddy: 9-24-1867 6-25-1925 Emma Pittman Gaddy: 2-17-1878 2-27-1920

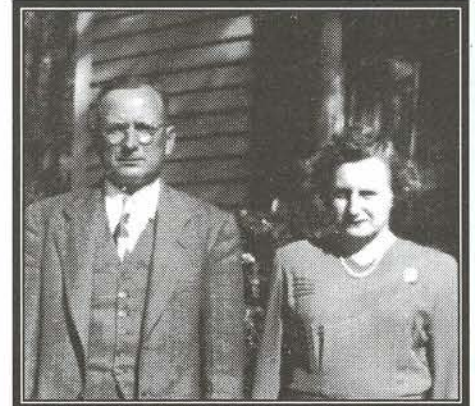
L to R: Neva S., Alton Lee, Grace V., Evander Earl, Yates Douglas, Lacy Wayne, Junius Wesley, Bessie S. Gaddy
 Alton: 8-19-1906 6-30-1976 Evander: 6-18-1914 10-1986
 Junius: 8-10-1918 11-13-1995 Lacy: 8-21-1908 3-24-1970



Grace V. & Bessie S. Gaddy
 Bessie: 10-24-1903 - 3-19-1991



Neva Gaddy Townsend
 1898 - 1-31-1983



Yates Douglas & Grace V. Gaddy
 Yates: 12-20-1899 - 6-20-1965

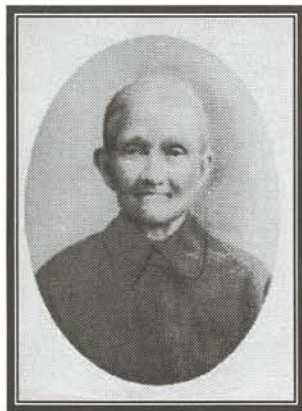
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Sarah Ann McArthur Hammond *

W/o John (Jack) Hammond
5-20-1828 11-16-1911

John (Jack) Hammond was one of the first trustees



Parana Hammond *

D/o John (Jack) & Sarah Ann Hammond
12-9-1855 - 1-1-1926



James Hammond *

s/o John & Sarah Ann Hammond
1866 - 1924



Harriet Stuart Hammond *

w/o James Hammond
5-15-1875 - 12-30-1966



Mary Hammond, Charles Hammond & Harriet Stuart Hammond

Mary * & Charles *: children of Harriet S. & James Hammond
Charles: 1-12-1897 - 9-8-1962



Robert Bruce Hammond *

s/o Harriet S. & James Hammond
9-12-1916 - 11-20-1944
Died in World War II

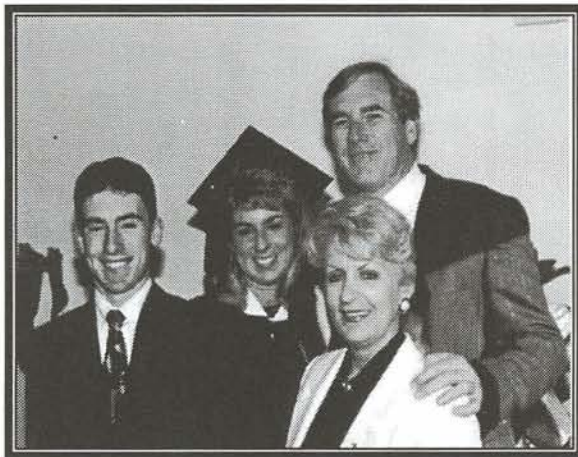
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Mary Hammond & Annie Hammond Baily
D/o Harriet and James Hammond
Mary: 7-25-1900 6-8-1986
Annie (Mrs. William): d. 1-1999



Carolyn Rogers & Clifford H. Hammond
S/o Harriet & James Hammond
Clifford: 8-8-1911 - 11-1-1994



Clifford Marvin (Jack) & Ava Hall Hammond Family
Mark, Kimberly, Ava & Jack Hammond
S/o Carolyn & Clifford Hammond



James Richard (Dick) & Emma Jean Webster Hammond Family
Keith, Emma Jean, Dick, & James (Jim)
S/o Carolyn & Clifford Hammond
Jim: 5-27-1958 - 4-25-1995



Annie Hammond Baily's Family
Front: Mrs. Willie Clark, Paul & Becky Baily, Annie Baily
Back: Billie & Bob Baily, Bill & Juanita Baily
Paul & Becky are children of Bill & Juanita Baily
Bob & Bill are sons of Annie Hammond & William Baily



Billie & Bob Baily

My Great Grandfather, John (Jack) Hammond (for whom I am named) and my Great Grandmother, Sarah Hammond, were charter members of Centenary. (He was a trustee when the land was acquired.{editor}) The trim work inside the church was done by "Jack" Hammond and Archibald Stuart. One may notice a small hole in the wall over the choir section. That was drilled by Jimmy Ward and me in the mid "50's. Bees would congregate in the wall before every homecoming, and we applied insecticide to dispose of them. This was done under the supervision of Mr. Gaddy Ward.

Submitted by Clifford Marvin (Jack) Hammond,
Current Trustee

Centenary Families



Jay Hammond
12-14-1868 - 5-9-1957



Julia Hammond
8-6-1879 - 2-5-1953
w/o Jay Hammond

Children of Jay & Julia Hammond



Ashby Hammond
Deceased



Evelyn Hammond Dukes



Douglas Hammond
5-13-1915 - 8-11-1983



Front: Karen & Kate Allen, Peggy Hammond Carr,
Adam Carr, & Judy Hammond Fox
Back: Libby Hammond Allen, Tara Fox, David Carr,
Evelyn Hammond Dukes, Ashby Hammond, Keith Allen
Judy & Libby: ds/o Doug Hammond;
Peggy: d/o Ashby Hammond



Douglas & Marian McCormac Hammond
daughters Judy & Libby
Marian: 9-21-1919 - 12-5-1988

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J. Oliver McArthur *
1871 – 1949
Principal of school



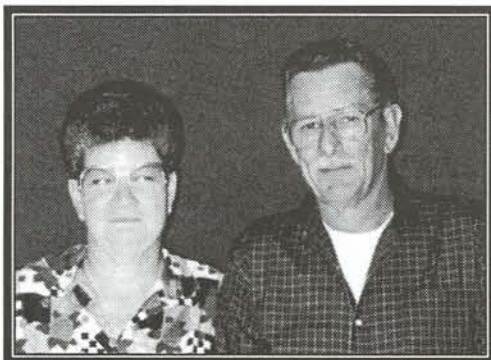
Estelle S. McArthur *
1884 – 1924
w/o J. Oliver McArthur



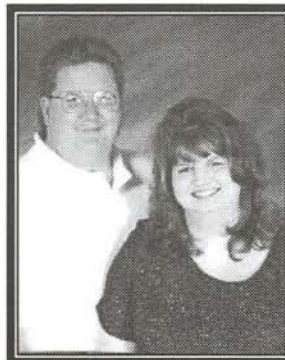
Aline Britt * & Julian Oliver McArthur *
10-2-1914 – 12-13-1984 5-12-1909 – 12-30-1976
s/o John O. McArthur



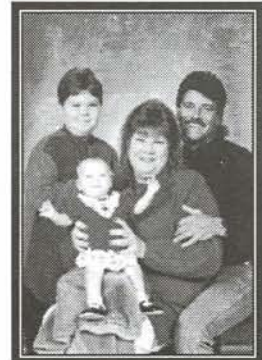
Aline & J. Oliver McArthur Children
Bobby Keith, Larry Oliver, Julian Morton, James Stafford, Betty Jo, & Frances Estelle McArthur



Doris & Larry McArthur
s/o J.O. & Aline McArthur



Woody Oliver & Sandra McArthur
s/o Doris & Larry McArthur



Donna & Jerry Caulder
children: Christopher & Jerrica
Donna: d/o Doris & Larry McArthur

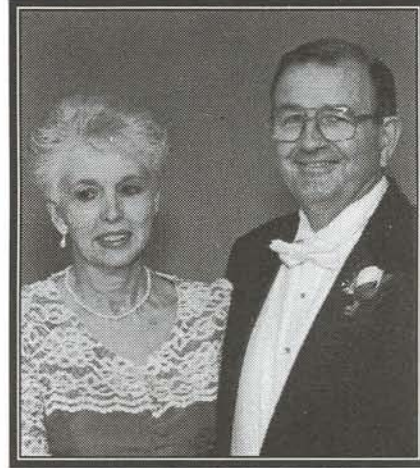
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Louise & William Preston McArthur
 S/o J. Oliver & Estelle McArthur
 Louise *: 10-11-1917 - 9-18-1987
 Preston *: 7-15-1910 - 4-9-1967

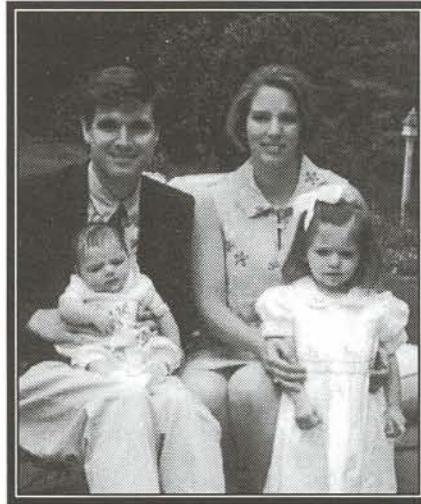


**Anne McArthur
 Wilkinson**



Helen McArthur & Charles Rivers

Anne & Helen are daughters of Louise & W. Preston McArthur



Lee & Amanda Rivers Chapman

Children: **Hailey & Rivers Lee**
 Amanda: d/o Helen & Charles Rivers

Families of Anne McArthur Wilkinson & Helen McArthur Rivers

Daughters of Preston & Louise McArthur

Front: David, Dan, Carolyn Butler; Ashley & Kristin Rivers; Monica & Charles Wagner; Marie Wells & Kathy Rivers

2nd Row: Jonathan, Rob, Bob, Anne Wilkinson, Anne-Marie Wilkinson & Jim Hill, Charles, Helen, Mary Rivers, Julie Rivers Wagner

3rd Row: Matt & Ben Rivers, Ken Wagner, & Bentley Rivers

Inset: Preston Rivers, s/o Bentley & Kathy Rivers



Bobby & Jimmy McArthur

Bobby, Jimmy & Morton: children of Aline & J.O. McArthur



Lena & Morton McArthur

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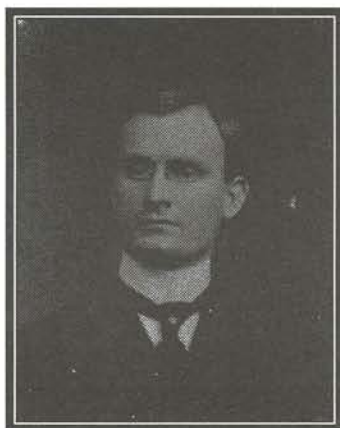
Henry K. McCormic *
 Aug 9, 1856 - Mar 23, 1916
 S/o James & Crissa Jane McCormic
 Grandson of John McCormic



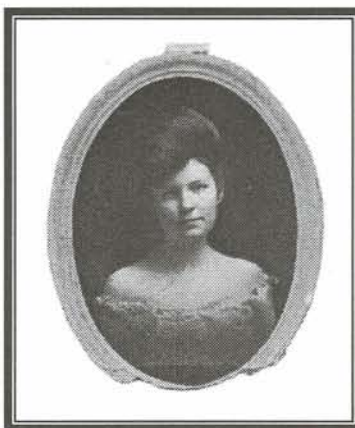
Mary Catherine Thompson *
 May 24, 1866 - July 16, 1938
 W/o Henry K. McCormic
 D/o William Berry & Martha Ann Hamer Thompson

Children of Henry K. & Mary Catherine:

Lena Esten, Bessie Wightman, Henry Grady, Ruby Tennyson & William Hamer McCormic



Dr. Livingston Franklin Johnson
 Jan 7, 1877 - Apr 4, 1935



Lena Esten McCormic
 Jan 24, 1866 - Dec 2, 1940



Lena Esten McCormic Johnson
 w/o Dr. Livingston F. Johnson



**Clifford Bullock
 & Lila Bullock**
 Clifford: 9-17-1903 - 6-16-1957
 Lila: 5-14-1909 - 8-6-1986



Lila Johnson Bullock
 D/o Dr. Livingston &
 Lena McCormic Johnson

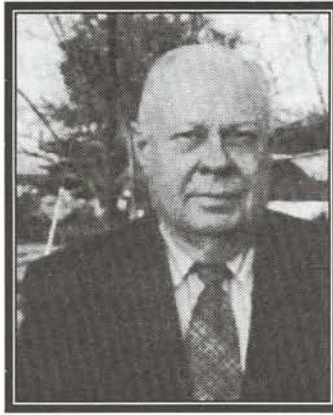


**Joy Bullock Watts, Robert Watts with Hailey Harris
 Ronnie & Mandy Watts Harris, Wanda Watts, Lori
 & Randy Carlyle with Lindsay**
 Joy: d/o Clifford & Lila Bullock
 Mandy & Wanda: ds/o Joy & Robert Watts
 Randy s/o Faye Bullock Carlyle

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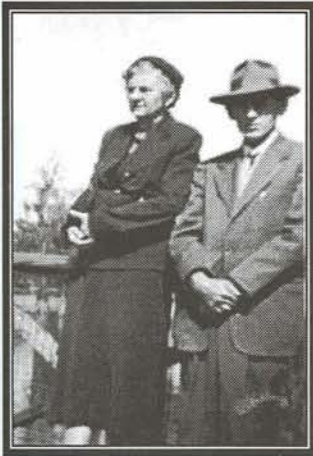
**Bessie Wughtman
McCormic McArn**
Aug 12, 1887 - 9-5-1961
W/o John Hugh McArn, Sr



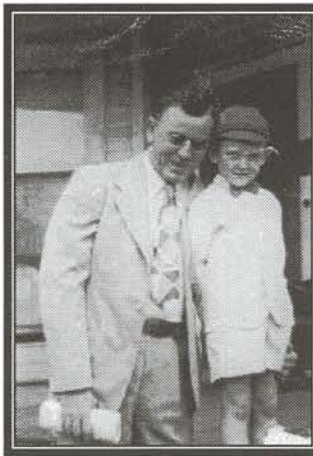
John Hugh McArn, Jr.
8-20-1917 2-23-1996
s/o Bessie & John Hugh McArn, Sr.



Henry William McArn
10-12-1919 11-19-1982
s/o Bessie & John Hugh McArn, Sr.



**Fannie Bell Taylor * &
Henry Grady McCormic ***
Henry: 3-5-1890 - 6-7-1945
Fannie Belle: * w/o Henry G. McCormic
Fannie Belle: 9-26-1891 - 7-20-1962



Robert Taylor McCormic *
s/o Henry Grady & Fannie Bell McCormic
1- 21- 1921 - 3-27-1957
C hild: **Johny Joyner** s/o John &
Mary Frances McCormic Joyner



**Mary Frances McCormic Britt, Neil (Mac) &
wife Kathy Britt**
Neil: s/o Mary Frances and N.L. Britt
Mary Frances: 12-7-1923 - 2-9-1999



William Hamer McCormic
11-3-1895 7-25-1969

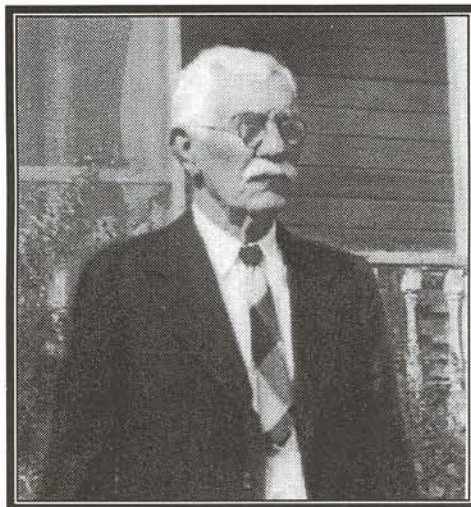


Mary Bryant McCormic
1-9-1896 10-1-1989
w/o W. Hamer McCormic



**Children of Hamer & Mary McCormic with Mary
Allie Britt, Doris Page, Helen Brunson,
Mary McCormic, & Joyce Auman**

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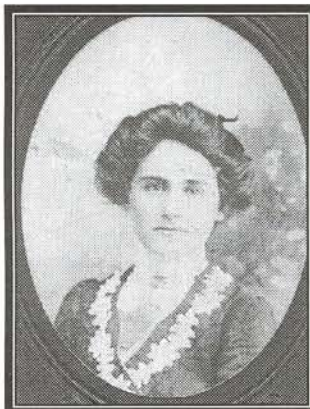
Martin J. McCormic *

1-18-1861 - 12-5-1946

s/o Niven & Mary Ann Martin McCormic

m. Ella Jane Faulk d/o Mary McLellan & J. Collins Faulk

Children of Martin J. & Ella Jane Faulk McCormic: Minnie Mae, Dora Lee, Mary Anna, Sallie, William, Leslie, Mamie, Amanda, Walter Thadeus, Ora, & Martin Boyd



Dora Lee McCormic *

5-10-1885 - 10-25-1979



Walter Thadeus McCormic *

2-6-1898 - 12-26-1964



Leslie Franklin McCormic

m. Pansy Craft



Ora Elease McCormic *

1-27-1901 - 8-19-1983



Martin J. & Ella Jane Faulk McCormic Homeplace

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Pansy Craft & Leslie Franklin McCormic
Pansy 12-1895 - 6-1996 4-1894 - 5-1988



Children of Pansy & Les McCormic
Leslie Craft (10-7-1917 - 3-17-1967), **Annie Laurie McCormic Wells** (6-16-1920 - 11-10-1986)
William Martin McCormic & John Alexander McCormic



Sara Mac Connelly Boyer
d/o Sallie McCormic & Richard F. Connelly



Dora & Ora McCormic



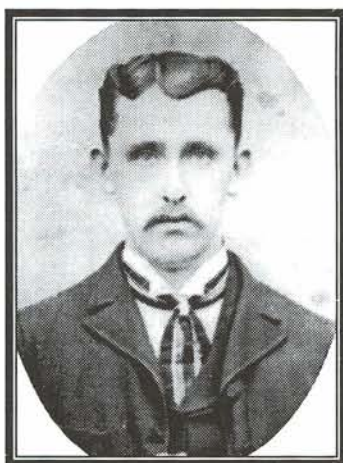
Ora, Les, & Dora McCormic



Ora McCormic, Rubye White McCormic
Audrey Rogers Williams

Centenary Families

Children of Joseph Thompson & Rachel Meekins McGirt: Archibald m. Bertha Easterling; Lorena; Joseph; Alton m. Effie Brown; Beulah Benton m. Carson Miller; Mary Ellen m. Henry Straughan; Allie m. Lucien Eden



Archibald McGirt *
9-3-1871 7-21-1950



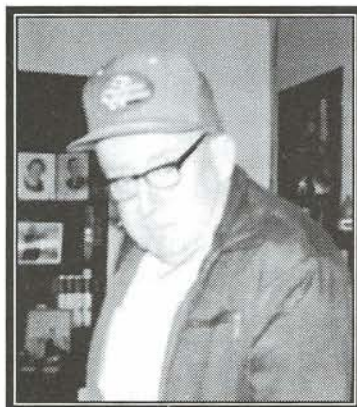
Bertha Easterling McGirt *
w/o Archibald McGirt
d/o Victoria & Henry Easterling
6-14-1875 6-7-1957



Lorena McGirt
4-24-1881 9-16-1959



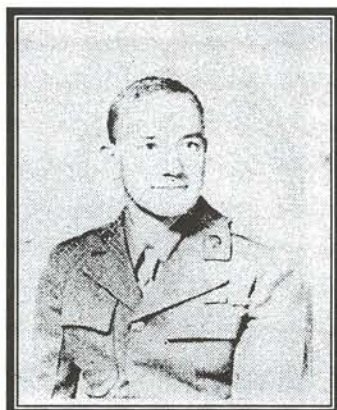
Joseph Ernest McGirt
9-20-1886 - 12-9-1965



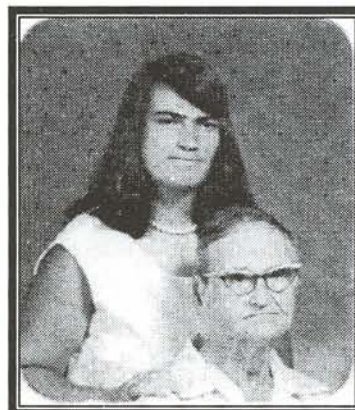
James Lawrence (Uncle Buddy) McGirt *
S/o Archibald & Bertha McGirt
7-13-1919 - 12-5-1985



Archie Kilton McGirt
S/o Archibald & Bertha McGirt
11-16-1920 - 6-9-1957



Joseph McLean (Mack) Straughan
5-3-1907 - 5-14-1982
s/o Mary Ellen McGirt & Henry Straughan

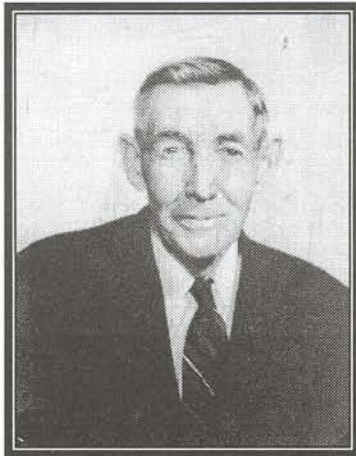


Retha Watts Straughan & daughter Peggy
Retha: w/o Joseph (Mack) Straughan
Retha: 6-7-1902 - 10-29-1992

Centenary Families



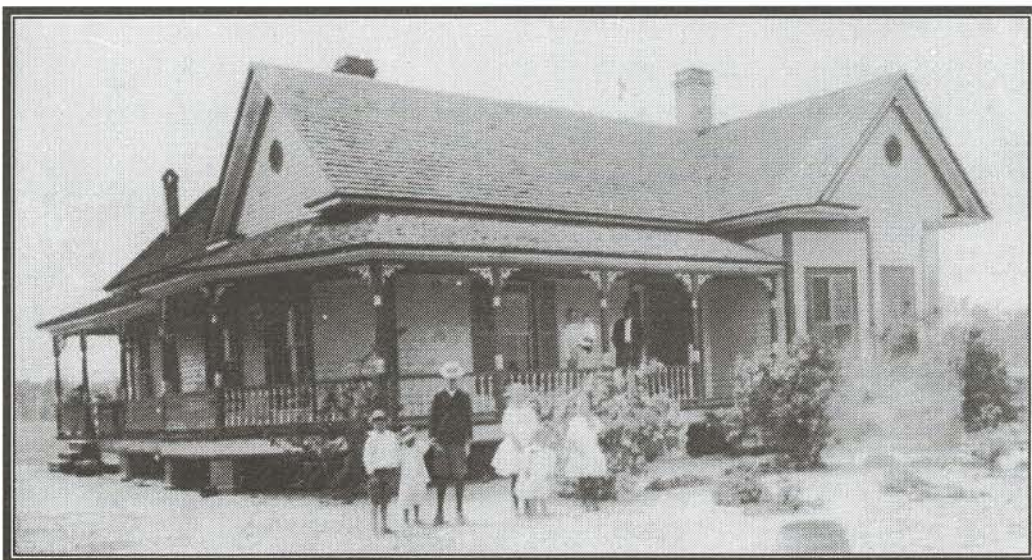
Neil T. & Elizabeth McKellar McLean
Married in 1868
Parents of Duncan E. McLean



Duncan E. McLean
5-14-1872 - 9-28-1954



Lillie McCormic McLean
11-28-1879 - 8-15-1945



Duncan E. & Lillie McCormic McLean Homeplace in 1911
Not in order: Fred, Lota, Willie Mae, Sam, Russell, Irma Neill, Stacey



McLean Family

Front: Esta Blanche, Ray Cameron (12-13-1919 / 5-16-2000), Fred (2-22-1897 / 3-2-1963), friend, Lois Grimsley, Martin Luther

Back: Sam, Straudie McLean (Duncan's sister), Stacey, Willie Mae, Irma Neil, Lota McLean Grimsley, James Russell, Carl Grimsley, Lillie McCormic McLean & Duncan E. McLean



Children of Duncan & Lillie McCormic McLean

At 50th wedding anniversary of Sam & Ruby McLean

Stacy & wife, Gladys McLean; Earl Bray & wife Esther McLean Bray; Russell & wife Elizabeth McLean; Sam & wife Ruby McLean; Kathryn Easterling McLean & husband Luke McLean;

- Willie Mae McLean & husband Henry Alexander (Andy) Hasty,

Murphy (Mutt) & Ray McLean not present for picture

Sam: 10-14-1904 - 4-18-1981 Ruby: 5-16-1907 - 8-28-1980

Luke: 2-8-1917 - 5-30-1985; Stacy: 11-13-1910 - 10-9-1982; Gladys 7-23-... - 1-18-1994

Willie Mae: 12-31-1902 - 8-31-1990 Andy: 1-1-1907 - 1-25-1994

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**Russell, grandson David Kenneth
& Elizabeth Faircloth McLean**

Russell: 8-23-1906 - 12-13-1985
Elizabeth: 9-24-1908 - 9-26-1998
David Kenneth: s/o James McLean



Murphy Brown McLean

10-22-1912 - 9-22-1973
m. Marion Wilson



**Sam & Ruby McLean,
Fred & Amelia McLean,
Luther & Kathryn McLean**

Fred: 2-22-1897 - 3-2-1963



Front: **Irma Neil McLean Herdman** (6-19-1908 - 3-4-1989)

**Erline (Fred's dght), Luther McLean &
Esta McLean Bray** (12-28-1914 - 3-27-1993)

Back: **Willie Mae McLean Hasty, Sam, Russell,
& Stacey McLean**

Lumberton, N. C. 10/13/21 1921

M Centenary Church
Rowland N.C.

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1921 To Statement Rendered,
Sept 21 T.M. Hockley Piano 485.00
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Jan 15 " " " " " " 117.00
Feb 19 " " " " " " 66.00
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1920
576.97

Statement covering the purchase of the Piano

Willie Mae McLean was Treasurer for the Piano Fund. In the mid 1980's, she brought her records, statements and cancelled checks, to John Clarence Edens to be preserved with the Centenary History. The Hockley Piano was purchased in September 1921 at a cost of \$485.00 from Stephens & Barnes Furniture Company of Lumberton, N.C. It took approximately 10 years to complete payment. The last cancelled check written to Stephens & Barnes Furniture Company was dated August 28, 1931.

The piano is used today for the annual homecomings.

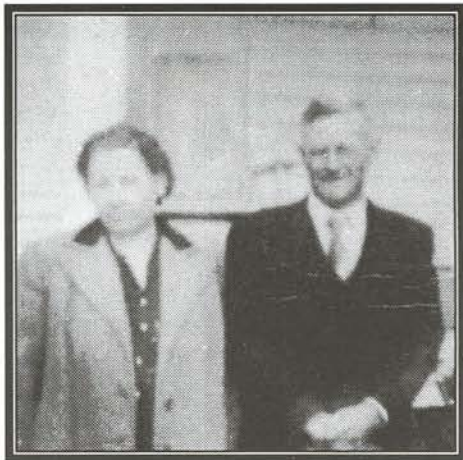
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ROWLAND, N.C. Feb 12 1924

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Stephens & Barnes \$ 36.00
thirty six and 00/100 DOLLARS

No. Centenary Piano Willie Mae McLean

One of the Checks as recorded on the Statement

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Lota Lee McLean & Carl Grimsley

Lota: d/o Duncan & Lillie McLean
 Lota: 11-20-1900 - 1-13-1962
 Carl: 2-14-1898 - 10-26-1959
 Carl: s/o Houston Mitchell &
 Belle Griffin Grimsley

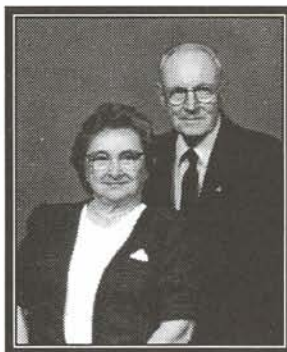


Lota Lee & Carl Grimsley Children

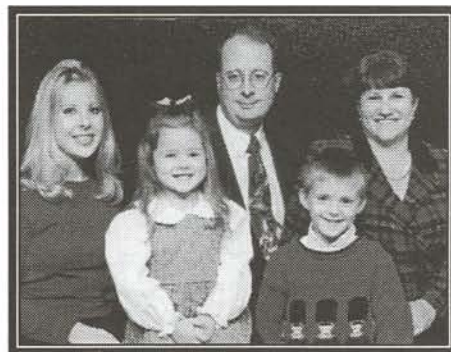
**Lois G. Abbott, Geraldine (Jerry) G. Campbell,
 Dorothy Jean G. Walston, Betty McLean G. Ross**
 Dorothy Walston: 1-12-1927 - 2-24-2000
 Carl E. Walston 5-19-1925 - 2-14-1998



Don Ross, Jerry G. Campbell & Ray McLean
 Front: Lois Abbott & Betty Ross



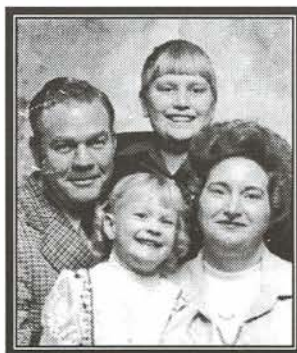
**Lois Grimsley Jones &
 Charles L. Abbott**
 Charles: 9-11-1921 - 4-27-1992



Sheila & John L. Clayton Family
 Children: **Lauren McLean, Madeline Lee
 & John Connor**
 Sheila: d/o Lois Lee & James Jones, Jr.



Derrill Pope Grimsley & his Girls
**Lois Ann Chappell, Donna Denise
 Griffin & Carolyn Sue Geir**
 Derrill: s/o Lota & Carl Grimsley
 Derrill: 2-16-1932 - 10-19-1993



**Geraldine (Jerry) &
 William Carlyle Campbell**
 Children: **Christie Ann
 W. C. (Carl), Jr.**



Back: Carl Walston, Don Ross
**Front: Jerry Campbell, Lois Abbott,
 Jean Walston, & Betty Ross**

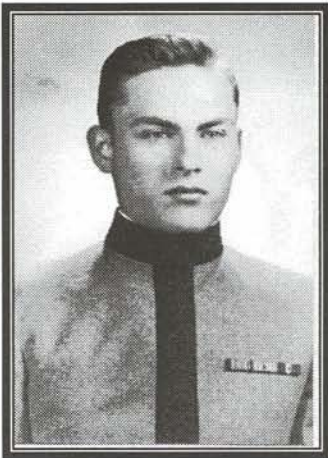
Centenary Families



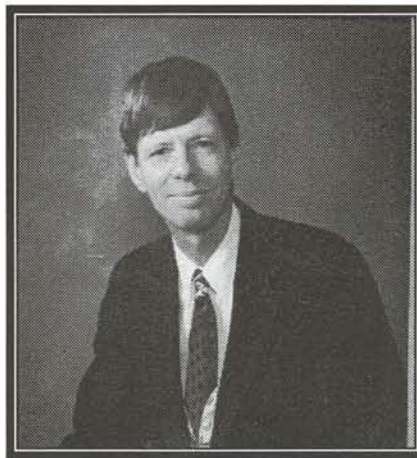
William Henry McLellan, Sr.
S/o William B. & Frances Victoria McCormic McLellan
10-11-1869 - 3-6-1926



Blanche Melvin McLellan
W/o William Henry McLellan, Sr.
11-17-1894 - 10-26-1976



William Henry McLellan, Jr.
6-30-1925 - 9-19-1951
s/o William Henry & Blanche Melvin McLellan
Killed in the Korean War



Roderick McLellan Colville
s/o William Henry McLellan &
Betty Bullock McLellan Colville



**Blanche Melvin McLellan & son,
William Henry McLellan**



Carson Alexander Miller & Beulah McGirt Miller Family
(09/30/1868 - 02/1915) (10/14/1869 - 07/01/1957)
Married 01/06/1888

Children

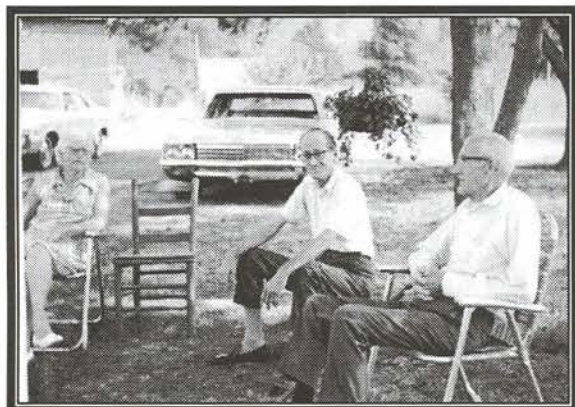
- Minta Blanche Miller Branch -- 05/23/1889 - 07/30/1975
- Leroy Baxter Miller ----- 10/28/1890 - 02/1967
- Lillie Mae Miller Prevatte ----- 01/01/1892 - 08/01/1981
- James Hilton Miller ----- 01/01/1894 - 09/1935
- Eula Enoch Miller ----- 04/08/1895 - 1933
- Raymond Leslie Miller ----- 11/17/1896 - 04/20/1973
- Emma Cathleen Miller Nye Ambrose - 12/28/1897 - 12/05/1979
- Carson Benton Miller ----- 09/27/1899 - 10/24/1971
- Leon Joseph Miller ----- 05/23/1901 - 07/20/1984
- Ernest LaMarr Miller ----- 04/13/1903 - 01/30/1972
- *Edmond Earl Miller ----- 06/22/1905 - 11/12/1990
- *Charles Durham Miller ----- 04/19/1907 - 06/03/1912
- *George Pate Miller ----- 03/03/1909 - 12/18/1980
- *Beulah Aileen Lavene Miller Singletary Abbott-- 06/04/1912

*not pictured

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Beulah McGirt * & Carson A. Miller * Family
Minta Miller Branch, Aileen Miller Singletary, Emma Miller Nye Ambrose,
Lillie Miller Prevatte, Pate Miller, Raymond Miller

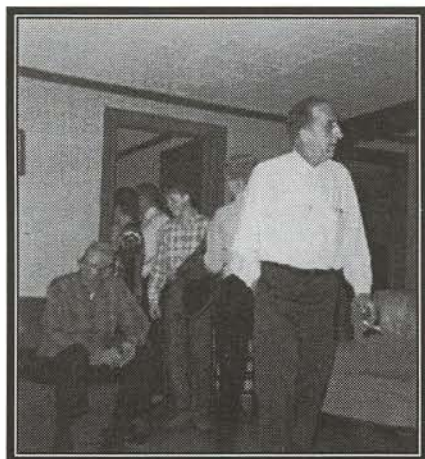


**Emma Miller Ambrose, Carson Prevatte, *
& Raymond Miller ***

Carson: s/o Lillie Miller Prevatte
7-3-1925 - 9-5-1974



**Aileen Miller Singletary, Lillie Miller
Prevatte & Minta Miller Branch**



Edmond Miller



**Ernest Miller, Leon Singletary, Margaret B Miller,
Roy Miller, Minta Miller Branch, Lillie Miller Prevatte
Aileen Miller Singletary on car**

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Cornie Faulk * & Isham * Phillips Family
On right, Cornie Faulk Phillips (Mrs. Isham Phillips),
Bill Phillips and child, Cornie's son Gaines Phillips
Bill: s/o Gaines Phillips & grandson of Cornie F. Phillips
Isham Phillips: 1868 - 1936 Cornie: 1876 - 1965



Testa * and Gaines Phillips *
S/o Cornie & Isham Phillips
Testa: 4-3-1908 - 8-17-1971 Gaines: 11-29-1903 - 5-16-1988



Gladys Phillips *
D/o of Cornie & Isham Phillips
8-18-1901 - 8-22-1998

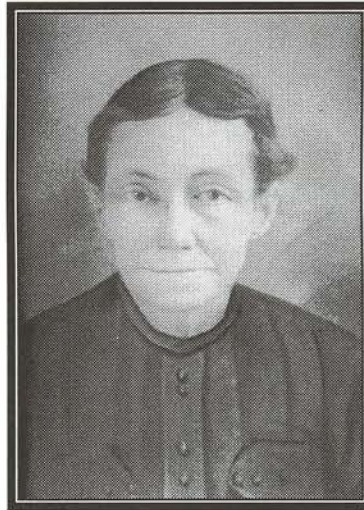


Mildred Phillips Davis
D/o of Cornie & Isham Phillips

Centenary Families



Archibald McCallum Stuart
1839 – 1907
s/o Mary McCallum & Daniel Stuart



Mary Ann McLellan Stuart
1843 - 12-30-1912
w/o Archibald McCallum Stuart



John L. Stuart
1869 - 1939
s/o Archibald & Mary Ann Stuart



Lena Roberts Stuart
1878 – 1942
w/o John L. Stuart
Married 9-26-1908



Daniel Archibald (Dannie) Stuart
3-31-1872 - 7-20-1962
s/o Archibald & Mary Ann Stuart



Children of Archibald & Mary Ann McLellan Stuart

Peter Stuart, 9-6-1873 - 5-27-1952
Dannie Stuart, 3-31-1872 - 7-20-1962
Harriet Stuart Hammond *, 5-15-1875 - 12-30-1966
Ann Flora (Fodie) Stuart 8-14-1883 - 12-9-1967

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Martin Luther Stuart
2-20-1890- 11-20-1918
died in WW I
s/o Archibald & Mary Ann Stuart



Robert Franklin Stuart, Sr.
1881 - 1941
s/o Archibald & Mary Ann Stuart



Evelyn Council Stuart
1-16-1900 - 10-12-1982
w/o Robert Franklin Stuart, Sr.



**Robert, Sr., Ann, Robert ,Jr
& Evelyn Stuart**



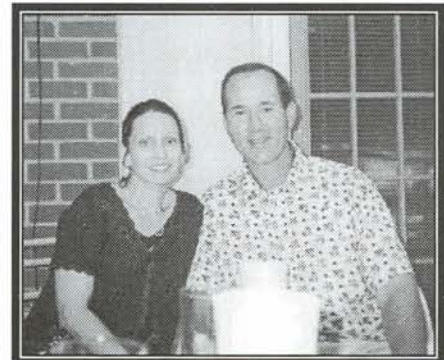
Stuart Homeplace
built prior to 1900
1151 Stuart's Mill Road, Fairmont, NC



Robert Stuart & sister Ann Stuart Ashley
children of Evelyn Council & Robert F. Stuart, Sr.



Robert F. Stuart, Jr. Family
Maude Allen, Robert, Robbie, Bobby Stuart
Robert: s/o Evelyn Council & Robert F. Stuart, Sr.



Lisa & Joey Stuart
s/o Robert & Maude Allen Stuart

Centenary Families



**Peter McCallum Stuart & wife Orilla Jane McIntyre,
Daughter, Sarah Ann Stuart, & son, Archie David Stuart**

Peter, s/o Archibald & Mary Ann McLellan Stuart
 Peter: 9-6-1873 5-27-1952 Orilla: 10-6-1871 1-12-1946
 Sarah: 12-17-1900 3-12-1959 David: 10-1-1908 8-14-1992



Alice Burns & Gilbert Worth Stuart

s/o Peter & Orilla Stuart
 Alice: d/o Worth & Alice Burns
 (see Burns Family p. 23)



Katherine & Archie David Stuart Family

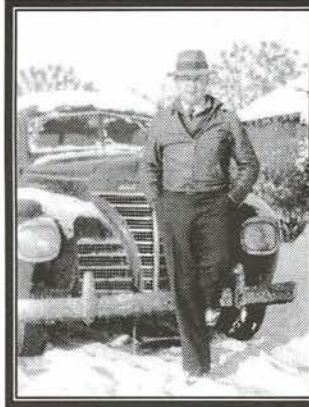
First row: Katherine, Ellen, David, Mike Stuart
 Second row: Callie, A.D. Jr., Bill, Jane, Nancy, Katie and John Stuart
 Katherine: 10-19-1911 8-1-2000 David: 10-1-1908 8-14-1992

Centenary Families

Children of John L. & Lena Roberts Stuart: Leon, Paul, Hilda, & Ruth



Leon & Emily Oliver Stuart



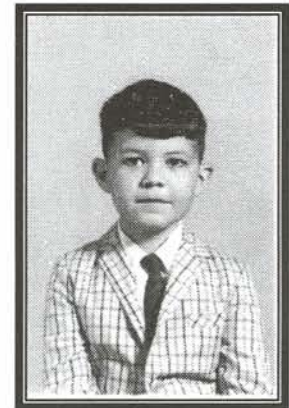
Paul Stuart



Paul & Annie Stuart



Leon & Emily Stuart Family
 Rev. Michael & Jane Stuart Hale, son John Hale,
 Daughter Lisa Hale & husband Michael Packer holding Amanda
 Leon and Emily Stuart; Inset Amanda & Megan Packer



John David Stuart
 s/o Leon & Emily Stuart
 5-6-1962 - 12-4-1970

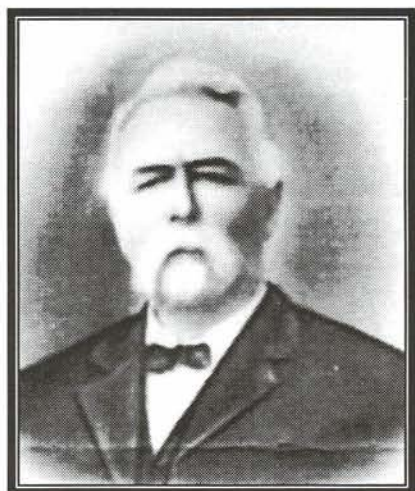


Ecil & Hilda Stuart Griffin Family
 Standing: Hilda & Ecil
 Seated: Joe, Carol Hanson, & John Griffin
 Ecil: 12-31-1913 2-29-1992

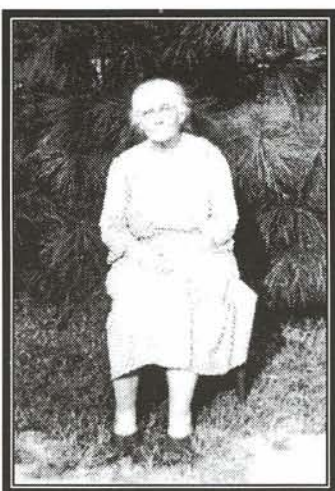


Ruth Stuart Atkinson & Lillian Faulk Floyd
 Ruth: 7-25-1917 - 3-26-1977 Lillian: 8-8-1916 - 5-2-1970

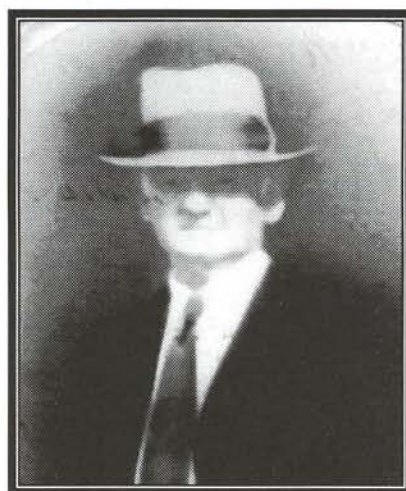
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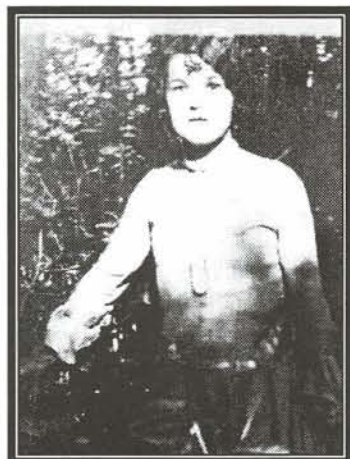
Richard L. Faulk *
 3-15-1841 11-28-1919
 s/o Hinnent & Rosanna Lee Faulk
 m. Flora McLellan *: 2-25-1848 6-15-1909



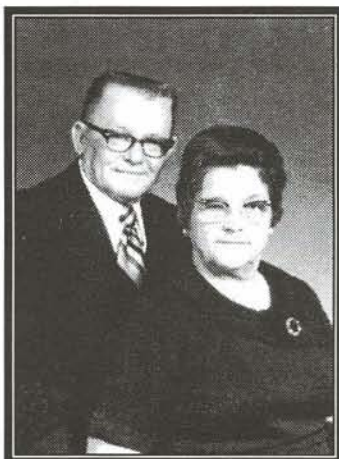
Swannie Rebecca Faulk
 12-16-1874 11-22-1953
 d/o Flora McLellan & Richard L. Faulk



James Archie McCormick *
 3-10-1874 3-18-1932
 m. Mary Monroe Faulk *,
 d/o Richard & Flora Faulk
 Mary: 3-18-1878 3-21-1913



Fodie Estelle McCormick *
 Fodie: 6-14-1907 - 7-24-1947
 Fodie & Thelma: ds/o Mary Monroe Faulk
 & James Archie McCormick



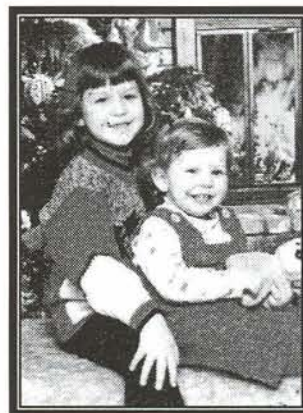
**John Murchison &
 Thelma McCormick Oliver**
 John Oliver: 3-28-1908 4-1-1981
 Thelma: 11-27-1908 - 10-30-2000



**Thelma McC. Oliver with sons
 John Edsel & Archie Edwin Oliver**



John Edsel Oliver Family
 Joan & Jeff Oliver with dau. Jessica;
 Rose, w/o John Edsel, Thelma Oliver & John Edsel

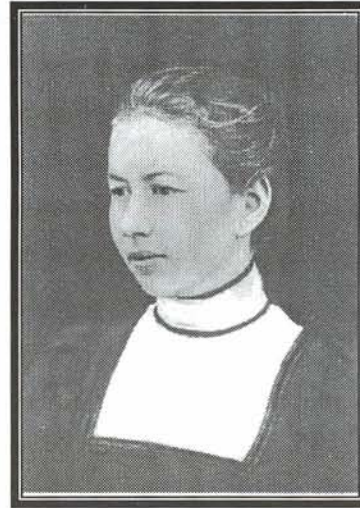


Jeff's Children
 Jessica & Jonothan Oliver

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Volney Jesse Faulk
S/o Richard & Flora McLellan Faulk
6-5-1882 - 7-7-1941



Mary Margaret Stuart Faulk
d/o Mary Ann McLellan & Archibald Stuart
w/o Volney Jesse Faulk
3-14-1878 - 11-13-1919



Luther McCollum & Ruby Marie Hopper Faulk
Inset: Earlier picture of Luther Faulk



Caldwell & Beatrice Faulk Peoples
Caldwell: 1915 - 1991 Beatrice: 1914 - 1985

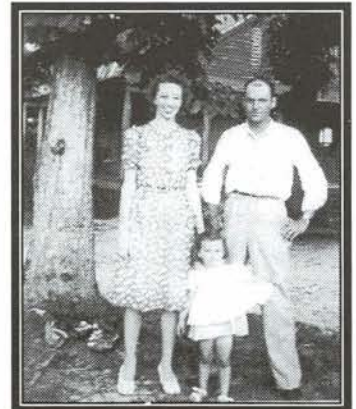
Luther, Beatrice and Lillian: children of Volney J. & Mary M. Stuart Faulk
Grandchildren of Archibald & Mary Ann McLellan Stuart and Richard & Flora Faulk
Great Grandchildren of Hinnent & Rosanna Lee Faulk



**Leon Stuart, Lillian, Luther
& Beatrice Faulk**



**Dannie & Fodie Stuart,
& Lillian Faulk Floyd**



**Lila Beatrice Faulk,
& Caldwell Peoples
& Daughter Joanne Peoples**

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Stuart Family

By Ann Stuart Ashley

The parents of Robert F. Stuart, Jr. and Ann Stuart Ashley were Evelyn Council of White Oak, NC and Robert F. Stuart, Sr. of Centenary Community, Robeson County, NC. Evelyn Council attended Flora McDonald College and came to Centenary School to teach. Both parents were active in Centenary Church, church school, and in public school. Evelyn played the piano for the church and taught Sunday School. Robert served in various ways.

Ann Stuart and Red Ashley have two daughters who grew up in Fairmont, NC: (1) Marilyn A. who married John Nelson and now lives at Lake Lure, NC; (2) Jamie A. who married Grady Leggett and now lives in Waxhaw, NC. Jamie and Grady are parents of William Russell Leggett born 8-7-1998 and was christened at Centenary August 1999.

How the Stuart Family Came To The Centenary Area

By Robert Stuart, Jr.



Daniel Stuart, who must have come from the Maxton area, came to the Centenary area in 1833. He purchased the John Cade home place. The farm had a pre-existing pond and grist mill, which family tradition said he wanted. I do not know if he had a wife at that time or not, but, in 1836 he married Mary McCallum, who came from the North Carolina Gaddy's Mill area. She had two children, a daughter whose name was Sarah Jane Stuart, who grew up to marry Calvin Phillips. Her son's name was Archibald Stuart. His mother, Mary McCallum died when he was an infant. A great Aunt, Polly Brown came and helped Daniel rear these two children. She was known to the Stuart family as Aunt Poll.

Archibald Stuart inherited part of the Daniel Stuart farm and continued to live at the Cade home place. Archibald married Mary Ann McLellan from the Centenary area. They had six boys and four girls. Their names are John Lellan, Peter McCallum, Daniel A., Sarah Elizabeth, Harriet Rogers, Mary Margaret, Ann Flora Stuart, Robert Franklin, Quintin Asher and Martin Luther. Most of the Stuart children grew to adulthood in the Centenary area.

Inset: Picture of the Stuart Home

How the Stuart-Faulk Household Came to Be

By Robert Stuart, Jr.

In the early 1900's the Richard Faulk farm and the Archibald Stuart farm joined. They could see each other's house. It is no surprise that Volney J. Faulk noticed that TALL Mary Margaret Stuart. They said she was a very striking person. In June 1910, Volney J. Faulk and Mary Margaret Stuart were married.

From the marriage, they had two daughters, Beatrice and Lillian, and one son, Luther. Shortly after Luther was born, Mary Margaret died. At that time the near-by Stuart household consisted of his (Luther's) Aunt Ann Flora Stuart, his Uncle Daniel A. Stuart, and his Uncle Robert F. Stuart. None of the Stuart family members were married or had any parental obligations, so they did what families did in those days, "families took care of families". I am not sure the Faulk family members were as free to do like-wise.

In the days to come, Robert F. Stuart Sr. married one of the Centenary school teachers, Evelyn Council. They had two children, Robert F. Stuart, Jr. and Ann Council Stuart. We grew up as brothers and sisters in the household that had become the Stuart-Faulk family. We had some good times.



John L. Stuart

In buggy: Leon Stuart, Robert Stuart, Sr. & Paul Stuart
 Picture courtesy of Robert Stuart, Jr.



Stuart Family

Picture courtesy of Edwin Floyd

Elizabeth, Flora, Visitor, Margaret , , John Stuart
Seated: Archibald Stuart Mary McLelland
Holding Bradley Thompson Orilla Stuart (?) on piazza
 Circa 1904, Late Spring



The Stuart Family Reunion

1?. 2. Robert Stuart, 3. Wayland Floyd, 4. Dick Hammond, 5. Joanne Peoples, 6. Jane Stuart, 7. ?, 8. Bobby Bailey, 9. Jack Hammond, 10. Mary Hammond, 11. Katherine Hammond, 12. Dan Jones, 13. Sarah Stuart, 14. Charlie Hammond, 15. Mrs. Farrior, 16. ?, 17. Lillian Floyd, 18. Jay Hammond, 19. Emily Stuart, 20. Archie David (A.D.) Stuart, Jr., 21. Catherine Stuart, 22. Caldwell Peoples, 23. Evelyn Stuart, 24. Beatrice Faulk Peoples, 25. Cliff Hammond, 26. Edwin Floyd, 27. Frank Stuart, 28. Hilda Griffin, 29. Peter Stuart, 30. Danny Stuart, 31. Luther Faulk, 32. Harriet Stuart, 33. Fodie Stuart, 34. Leon Stuart, 35. Paul Stuart, 36. , 37. Carolyn Hammond, 38. Cora McIntyre, 39. Leslie Thompson, 40. Maggie Farrior Thompson, 41. Donnie Jones, 42. Peter (Pete) Jones, 43. James B. (Red) Ashley, 44. Bobby Frank Floyd, 45. Ecil Griffin, 46. Carol Griffin, 47. John Stuart.

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Samuel Oliver Thompson
4-16-1862 7-24-1924



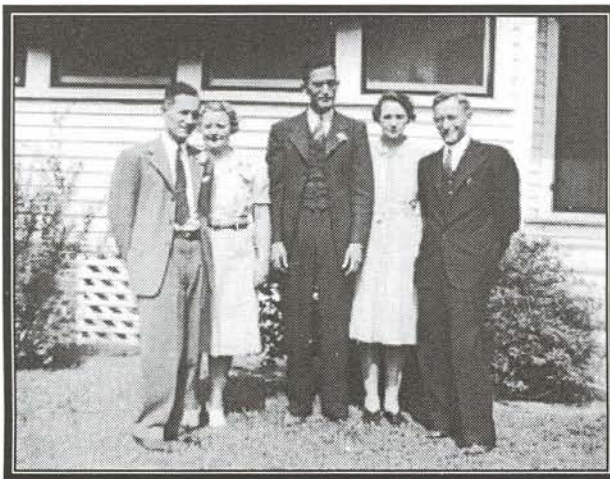
Sarah Elizabeth Stuart Thompson
8-31-1870 10-25-1933
w/o Samuel Oliver Thompson
d/o Archibald & Mary Ann McLellan Stuart



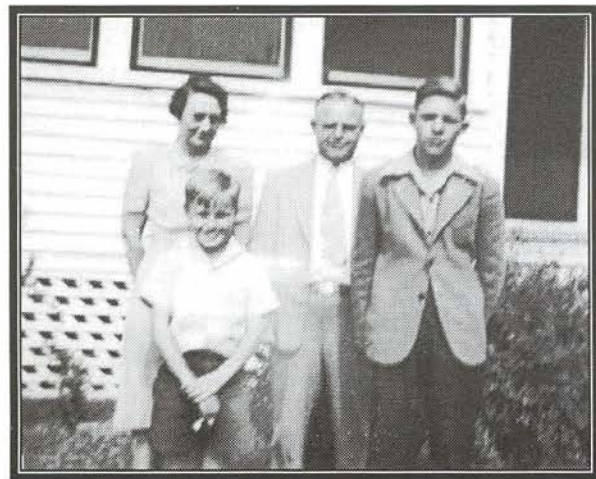
Leslie Stuart Thompson
S/o Sarah Elizabeth & Samuel O. Thompson
6-5-1903 8-8-1959



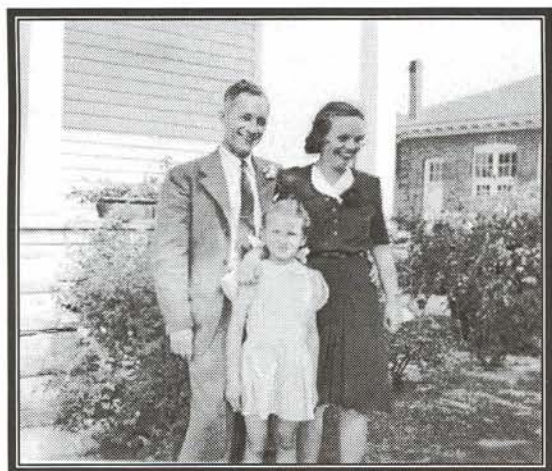
Margaret (Maggie) Farrior
w/o Leslie Stuart Thompson



Children of Samuel Oliver & Sarah Elizabeth Stuart Thompson
Leslie Stuart., Donnie Virginia, Bradley Oliver,
Mary Louise (Meddie), & Emerson McLean Thompson



Family of Mary Louise & Wayland Floyd
Mary Louise, Edwin, Wayland & Robert Francis
(Bobby Frank) Floyd
Mary Louise: 1-20-1906 - 1-22-1952
Wayland: 5-23-1904 - 12-31-1977
Bobby Frank: 10-8-1927 - 5-1-1977



Leslie, Margaret F. Thompson & daughter Carolyn
Leslie: s/o Sarah Elizabeth Stuart & Samuel Oliver Thompson



Donnie Thompson & Peter Jones & son Dan
Donnie: d/o Sarah Elizabeth Stuart & Samuel O. Thompson
Donnie: 7-27-1908 - 12-14-2000

Donnie Thompson Jones and Peter Daniel Jones

By Rev. Daniel Jones

Samuel Oliver and Sarah Elizabeth Stuart Thompson had five children and all were born in Bennettsville, SC, while Samuel worked there with the telephone company. In Bennettsville, they attended the Methodist Church. About 1910, the family moved to Maxton, NC.

The children were Emerson McLean Thompson (b.11-8-1899 d. 6-1967), Leslie Stuart Thompson (b. 6-5-1901 d. 8-8-1959), Bradley Oliver Thompson (b. 10-15-1903 d. 10-6-1987), Mary Louise (Meddie) Thompson (b. 1-20-1906 d. 1-22-1952), Donnie Virginia Thompson (b. 7-27-1908 d. 12-14-2000)

Donnie Virginia Thompson married Peter Daniel Jones of Laurinburg on January 4, 1936 at Chestnut Street Methodist Church in Lumberton. They had one son, Daniel Patterson Jones (b. 10-16-1943) who is an associate minister serving at First United Methodist Church in Wilson, NC.

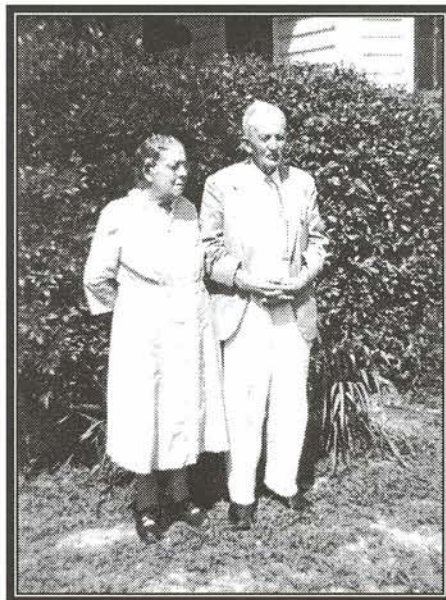
Pete and Donnie moved in 1994 to Wesley Pines Methodist Retirement Community in Lumberton, NC.

Centenary Families



Ella Burns Ward & John Wesley Ward, Sr.
3-23-1861 - 8-16-1933 9-4-1862 - 3-29-1947

John Wesley Ward, Sr. was a merchant and farmer, who lived in Cotton Valley. He was the son of Enoch Benjamin Ward (1839 - 1904) and Elizabeth Catherine Gaddy (1835 - 1906). Elmira (Ella) Cornelia Burns Ward was the daughter of Solomon Burns (1816 - 1890) and Emily Tadlock Burns (1814 - 1899) and sister to Joseph R. Burns.
By John C. Edens



Blanche Ward Williams & John Wesley Ward, Sr.
Brother & Sister



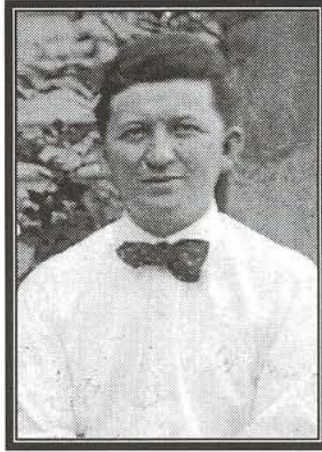
John Wesley Ward, Sr. & children September 4, 1946
Wife and mother of the children was Elmira (Ella) Cornelia Burns Ward who died August 16, 1933
John Wesley Ward, Sr.; John Wesley (Jack) Ward, Jr.; Edith Ward Edens; Mabel Ward McKenzie; Jesse Burns Ward;
Daisy Blanche Ward, Myrtle Ward Edens, Mattie Ward Bullock, Joseph Carl (Pete) Ward, James Gaddy Ward, Sr.
(Ernest Benjamin Ward died February 26, 1946)

Centenary Families



Margaret McRacken Ward Jessup
W/o Sam Jessup.
3-12-1912 - 2-12-1983

D/o Margaret McRacken & Ernest Benjamin Ward, Sr
Grandd/o Margaret McRacken & Stephen Edmund Ward



Ernest Benjamin Ward, Sr.
11-2-1885 - 2-26-1946



Rachel Annie Oliver Ward
second w/o Ernest Benjamin Ward, Sr.
7-5-1890 - 3-27-1976



Martha (Marty) Black & Dr. Ernest Benjamin Ward, Jr. Family
Front: Dr. Ben and Marty Ward, Granddaughters Sarah McKenzie Wallace,
Twins Rachel Katherine & Emory Elizabeth Ward
Back: David G. Bunn, III, Caroline Bunn, Dr. David Bunn, Jr. & Dana Ward Bunn,
Dr. Ernie & Kayla Walters Ward III, Margaret Ward Wallace
Dr. E. Ben Ward, Jr.: s/o Rachel Oliver & E. Benjamin Ward, Sr.



Dr. Stephen (Steve) & Margaret Ward Wallace
Margaret Tucker & Sarah McKenzie Wallace



John Wesley Ward, Jr.
12-5-1886 - 10-7-1953



Maggie Inman Ward and John Wesley Ward, Jr. Family
seated: Ella Burns (Jackie) Ward Emler Spencer, Maggie Inman
Ward Morrison, John Wesley (Wes) Ward, III
standing: Mary Amanda (Mandy) Emler Bills, James (Jim)
Logan Emler, John Wesley (Jay) Ward, IV, James McIntyre
(Mack) Ward; Inset : Spencer Todd Bills & Avery Logan Bills

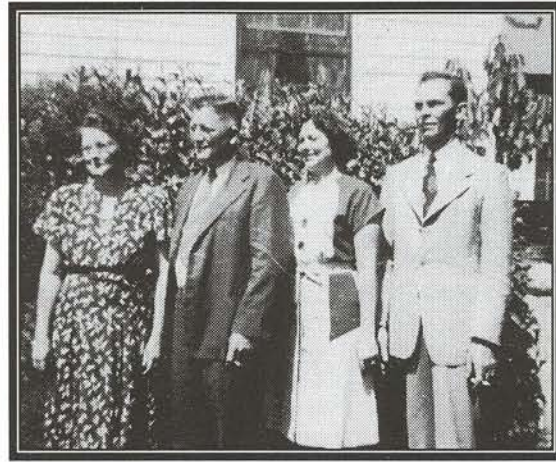


James McIntyre (Mack) & Florine Butler Family
Seated: Betsy Butler Ward, Mack & Florine Butler, Mary Kathryn & (Mackie) Pate
Standing: John Wesley (Wes) Ward III, John Wesley (Jay) Ward, IV,
James McIntyre (Mack) Ward, & James (Jimmy) Pate

Centenary Families



Daisy Blanche Ward
2-23-1893 - 5-19-1975



Ethel Bullock and Jesse Burns Ward Family
Ethel Bullock, Jesse Burns Ward, Mary Kate
Ward Ellwanger & Jack Ellwanger

Ethel: 3-22-1894 - 8-19-1981 Burns: 8-3-1891 - 2-13-1963
Mary Kate: 2-7-1922 - 12-28-1995 Jack: 5-9-1918 - 7-23-1993



Rembert & Mabel Ward McKenzie Sr. Family
Rembert Sr.: s/o Louisa Ann Gaddy & John McKenzie
Seated: Rembert, Sr. & wife Mabel Ward McKenzie
Children: John Ward, Rembert, Jr., Ernest, & Emily McKenzie
Rembert Sr: 4-11-1887 - 2-10-1968 Mabel: 1-11-1890 - 12-29-1946
John Ward: 9-11-1918 - 3-19-1994



Rembert, Jr. &
Christine Shelley McKenzie



Ernest & Kate Ray McKenzie

Centenary Families



Edith C. Ward Edens
10-19-1888 - 2-3-1978



Bernard Ashby Edens
s/o Elizabeth Bowyer & Duncan
Murchison Edens
Duncan was a brother of Alexander Edens
Bernard: 3-20-1880 - 3-12-1943



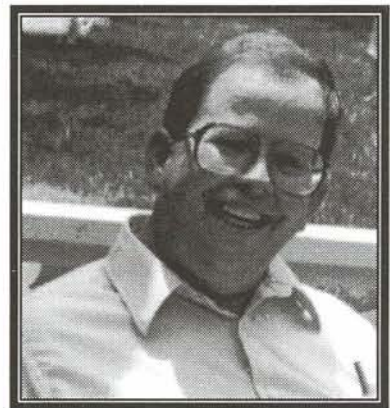
Edith Catherine Ward Edens
w/o Bernard Ashby Edens
10-19-1888 - 2-3-1978



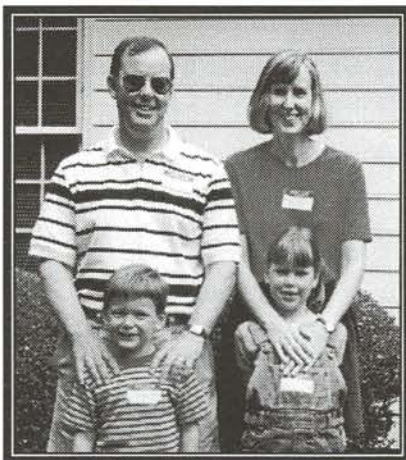
Cornelia Elizabeth Edens Byrum
D/o Bernard Ashby & Edith C. Ward Edens
6-30-1916 - 12-3-1975



Paul T. Byrum
s/o Rev. John T. Byrum
8-1-1912 - 11-18-1978



Paul Ashby Byrum
S/o Cornelia Edens & Paul T. Bryrum
1-4-1947 - 3-18-1995

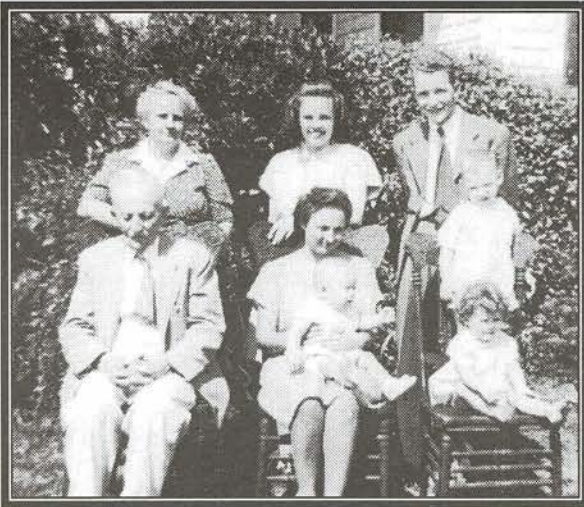


**Thomas (Tom) Edens &
Rebecca (Becky) Holmes Byrum**
s/o Cornelia Edens & Paul T. Byrum
Children: Andrew & Elizabeth



Myrtle Ward & Carl C. Edens Family
Carl C. Sr., Myrtle Ward, Carl Jr.,
Catherine & John Clarence Edens
Doris Alexander Edens not pictured
(See Edens family on page 40)

Centenary Families



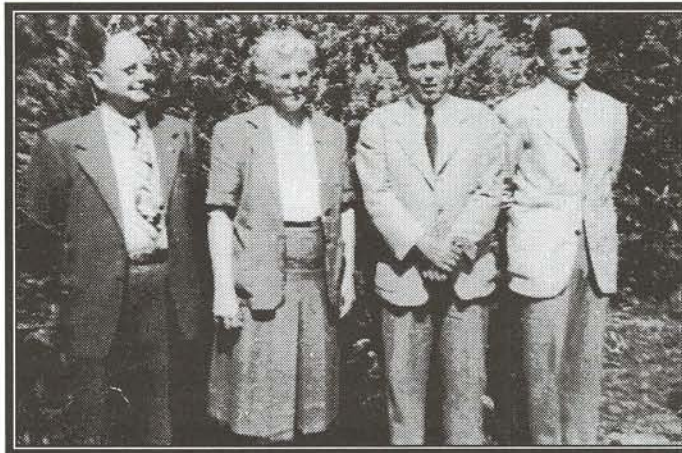
Mattie Perry Ward & William Thomas Bullock Family
Front: John W. Ward, Sr., Hilda Bullock Lemmon
Holding Ward Lemmon
Joey Lemmon standing in chair; Betty Cotton seated
Back: Mattie Ward Bullock, Mary Ella Bullock Cotton
& Doyle

Mattie: 4-12-1896 - 2-14-1977 William: 11-12-1896 - 11-6-1961
 Mary Ella: 3-18-1922 - 9-22-1994 Doyle: 11-21-1920 - 10-1-1998



Mattie Perry Ward & William Thomas Bullock Family
Front: Daisy Hilda , Mattie Ward, Mary Ella Bullock
Back: Robert Lemmon (Bobby), William Thomas
(Bill), Jr, John Walter (J.W.), &
Evander Burns (Van) Bullock

Bill: 10-15-1925 - 12-13-1991



Joseph Carl (Pete) & Beulah Williams Ward Family
Joseph Carl (Pete), Beulah Williams, Joseph Carl (Joe Pete), Jr.,
& Henry William (Hank) Ward

Pete: 9-12-1898 - 4-25-1956 Beulah: 12-22-1900 - 7-11-1991



Joseph Carl (Joe Pete) Ward, Jr.
 2-26-1924 - 10-5-1999



Henry (Hank) Ward
 6-1-1927 - 4-1-1985

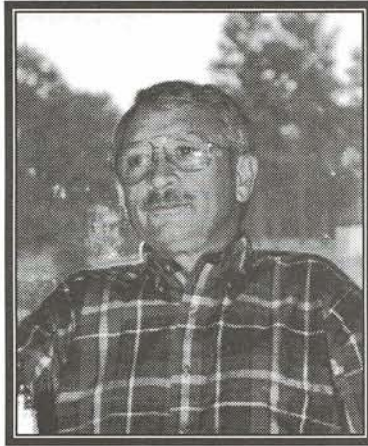
Centenary Families



James Gaddy & Ethel Crawford Ward
 Gaddy: 11-4-1901 - 4-27-1982
 Ethel: 2-19-1901 - 8-16-1978



**Ethel (Sister) Ward Beck, dght. Kimberly Beck,
 James Gaddy Ward, Jr. & James Gaddy Ward, Sr.**



James Gaddy Ward, Jr.



Ethel (Sister) Ward Beck Hill

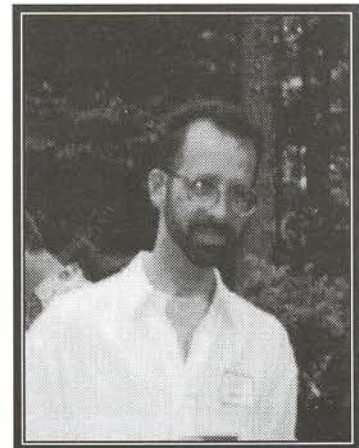
James Gaddy Ward & Ethel Ward Beck Hill are Children of James Gaddy & Ethel Crawford Ward, Sr.
 and Great grandchildren of James D. & Charity Gaddy Crawford



Parthenia (Polly) Thompson Ward
 W/o James Gaddy Ward, Jr.
 1-23-1934 - 3-14-1986



William (Bill) Ward Family
 s/o Polly & James Gaddy Ward, Jr.
Bill, Vernetta, & son Zackarey Kyle
 (Zack) Ward



James (Jim) Gaddy Ward III
 s/o Polly & James Gaddy Ward, Jr.



The Enoch Benjamin Ward Home in Cotton Valley

Pictured: Homer Benjamin Ward, Catherine Power (Kate) Ward, Elizabeth Catherine Gaddy Ward, Enoch Benjamin Ward. (Catherine Gaddy & Enoch Benjamin Ward are parents of Homer B. Ward, Catherine P. Ward, John W. Ward, Anna Blanche Ward, Emily Elizabeth Ward, Susan Julia Ward, Florence Louisa Ward & Enoch James Ward)

The home is now occupied by William (Bill) & Vernetta Ward

John Simpson Willis:

John Simpson Willis, who is buried in Centenary Cemetery (# 8,11), was born September 29, 1823 and died October 3, 1892. He was a former sheriff of Bladen County, where he lived before following the turpentine industry into this area. At his death, his widow and some family went to Georgia and Alabama. It is not known if any of his descendants are buried in the Cemetery or not, but he certainly has some living in the community. A long time ago, his **daughter, Julia**, married, **Duncan McLellan**, and they moved near Bethesda Church. They, too, had a daughter named **Sara Lee** who had a daughter named **Vernetta**, who married **William W. Ward**, and they have a son **Zack**. John Simpson Willis is Vernetta's great, grandfather and Zack's great, great grandfather.

Submitted by Robert Stuart September 2000

The Ward Family

William Ward, the propagator of the Ward Family in Robeson County moved from Martin County, North Carolina and first settled in Upper Marion County, South Carolina about 1790 before settling in Robeson County in the early 1800's. **William's son Enoch** married **Emily Rhodes**, daughter of **Jacob Rhodes**. Their son **Enoch Benjamin** married **Catherine Gaddy**, daughter of **Elizabeth Jones and James Gaddy**.

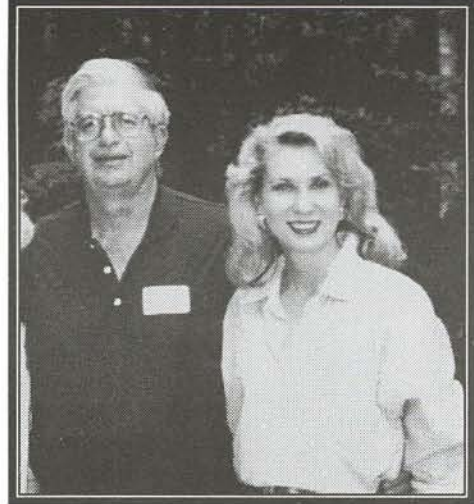
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Centenary Families

Children of Wiley Reynolds & Hattie Lee Hunsucker Maness



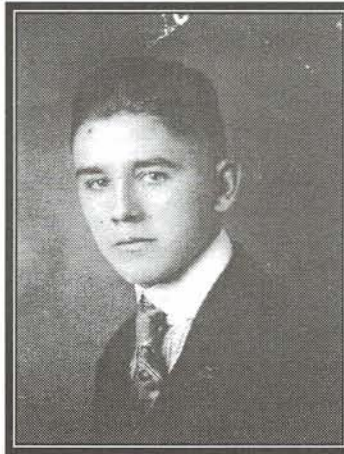
Rev. Madison Ward & Ruth Nixon Maness
5-15-1904 - 3-15-1990 1-5-1911 - 4-8-1998



Dr. Richard (Dick) & Ann Maness Anglin
Ann: d/o Madison & Ruth Maness



Marriott & Harvey C. Maness
Harvey: 4-20-1896 5-1987



Dewey L. Maness
1897 - deceased
married Juanita Smith of Concord, NC



Esther Maness Edens
3-6-1894 6-10-1966
married Leon Douglas Edens
(see Edens Family page 39)



Pearl Maness Johnson & daughter Lee Anna Johnson Durham
1899 - 1968 (Married Monroe Johnson)

The Ward, Burns, and Maness Connection

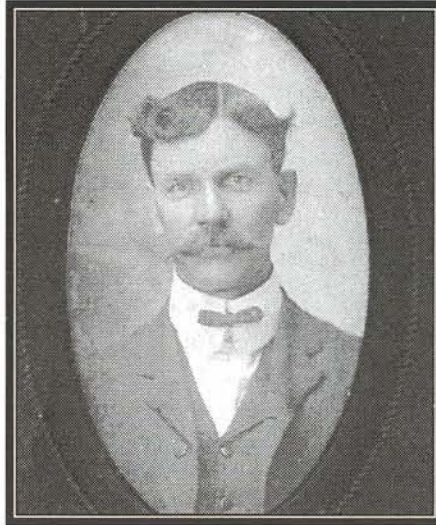
In the early 1870's in Moore County, North Carolina a sister of Ella C. Burns and Joseph R. Burns, married Clarkson Hunsucker. One of their daughters, Hattie Lee Hunsucker married Wiley Reynolds Maness. Both Hattie Lee Hunsucker and Wiley Reynolds Maness died in the early 1900's leaving five children. Early in the year of 1909, Madison and Esther Maness came from Moore County to the Centenary Community to live with their Great Aunt and Uncle, Ella Burns and John W. Ward, Sr. At the same time, Harvey, Dewey, and Pearl Maness entered the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, NC. Eventually, after reaching young adulthood, these three Maness children joined Madison and Esther in the Ward Home.

By John Clarence Edens

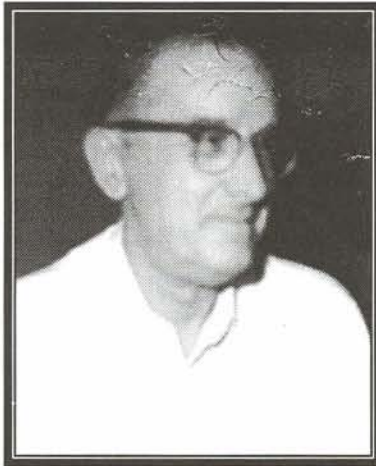
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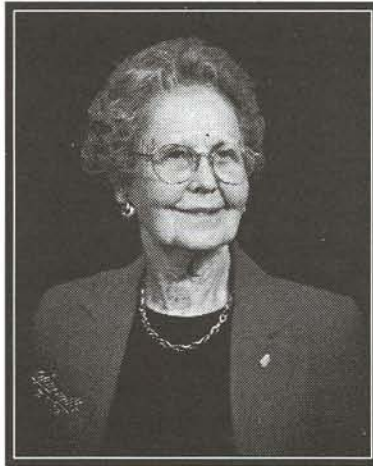
Blanche Ward Williams
3-17-1876 - 8-16-1951



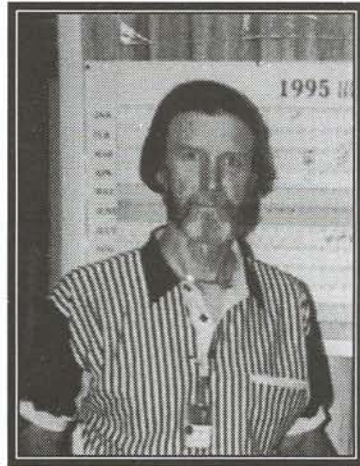
Frank Williams
6-22-1872 - 3-17-1938



Benjamin (Ben) F. Williams, Sr.
S/o Blanche Ward & Frank Williams
8-26-1921 - 8-24-1988



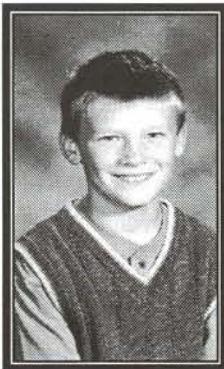
Audrey Rogers Williams
w/o Benjamin F. Williams, Sr.



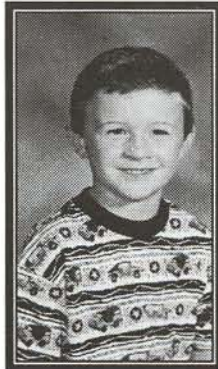
Benjamin (Benjie) Williams, Jr.
s/o Ben & Audrey R. Williams



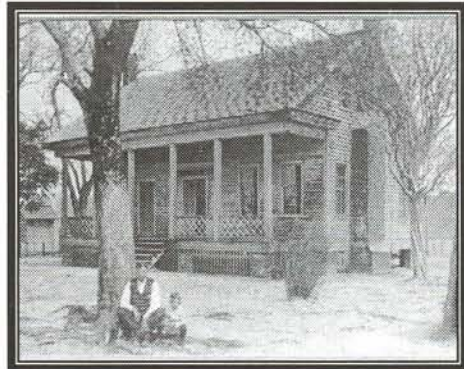
Missy Williams Branch
d/o Benjie & Vivian Williams



Russell Branch
sons of Missy Williams &



Parker Branch
Dwayne Branch



Enoch Benjamin Ward Home in Cotton Valley
Frank Williams & son Benjamin

Centenary Families



Rev. Don Lee Harris

Rev. Don Lee Harris

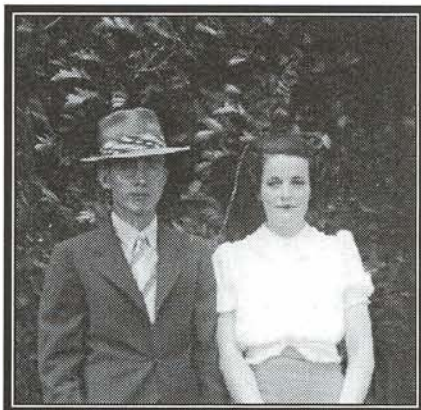
The Centenary Memorial Association will forever be indebted to the Rev. Don Lee Harris. It was he who convinced the North Carolina United Methodist Conference in 1971 to make Centenary a Memorial Church and deed the Church properties to a set of Trustees who desired to preserve Centenary Church as a place that future generations descending from former members could gather and enjoy a part of their heritage.

Also unknown to many, Don Lee Harris has deep family roots reaching into the early life of Centenary Methodist Church, Centenary Public School and the Centenary community. In January 1906, the great grandparents of Don Lee, Lewis H. and Virginia Webb and family transferred their memberships from Oak Grove Methodist Church to Centenary. The Webb's immediately became active in Centenary Church with Virginia teaching a Sunday School class, and in the absence of the minister, conducting some of the regular religious church services. Two of their daughters, Vassa and Ethel can be seen in the Centenary Public School picture taken in 1906 that is included in the Centenary Public School section of this book. Lewis and Virginia Webb's daughter, Annie, was the grandmother of Don Lee. In January 1908, this Webb family moved their church memberships to Caledonia Methodist Church near Laurinburg, NC. Although the Webbs were at Centenary Church for only two years, they blazed a good trail for Don Lee Harris who arrived there 61 years later in 1969.

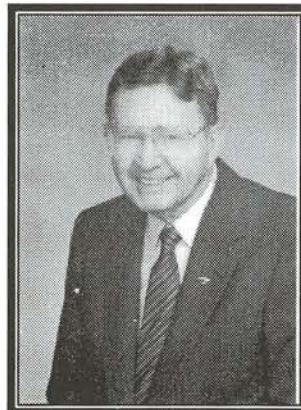
By John C. Edens



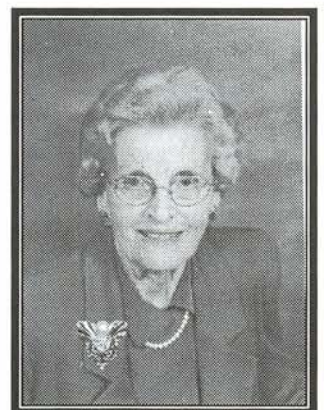
Emma & Don Lee Harris
July 4, 1972 at the Carl Edens Home



Hal W. & Harriette B. McCormick



Hal W. McCormick
d. 4-2-1981
died just before 75th birthday



Harriette B. McCormick
Centenary Member & Teacher
85 on Jan. 26, 2001

Centenary School

Recorded July 2000

Preston Page thinks he began school there in 1922. **Worth Burns**, with whom he lived got the Robeson School Board to start a school bus from his home to Centenary and **Preston** started to school at Centenary. **Miss Ollie Mae Carr** was his first grade teacher. **Robert Stuart** and **Pete Burns** started to school in 1928 and **Miss Estelle DeHart** was their teacher. **Robert** thinks this was her first year – she later married **John Crawford**. **Miss Carr** married a **Floyd** from Fairmont. She died just recently.

Other teachers remembered are:

Miss Mae Dennis, **Miss Ruth Johnson** who married **J. W. Williamson**, **Miss Christy or Chrissie Floyd** who was principal at one time, **Ashby Hammond**, **Mary Hammond**, **Martha V. McLeod**, later principal, **Miss Evelyn Council**, who began teaching in 1919 and later married **Mr. Robert Stuart, Sr.** **Mr. J. R. Poole** was County Superintendent. **Miss Alease Squires** later married a Mann. Others include: **Ruby Ward**, **Lucille Floyd**, **Lucy Moore**, **Bessie Gaddy**, **Mary Hugh Stewart**, **Harriette Bullard**, **Ruth McIntyre**, **Virginia Mae Adams**, **Mary Hammond**, **Willie Mae McLean**, **Miss Edgerton** and **Alice Robinson**.

Preston remembers his classmates as **Bob Burns**, **James Rogers**, **Evelyn Hammond**, **Lillian Faulk**, **Edith Williams** – all years at Centenary.

There were four classrooms with movable walls and dividers that could be opened up for assembly or Chapel. Chapel was held each morning and the students who went on to Rowland had to stand up as there were no seats for them.

Preston remembers one April Fool Day that **Mr. Worth** came to the bus and told all the students to be sure to go to school. Seems that was a day boys played hookey. He checked later in the day and found that **Cole and Willie Burns** left school. He found them, took them to school, and gave them a whipping in front of their class.

Robert Stuart had many memories of the school one of which was that they had a portable record player. Sometimes **Maxine McDonald** would come in and play the piano – made it really “rock”

Leon and Paul Stuart added that several families who came to school: one with a pony and buggy, another with a mule and wagon. There was a stall/shelter behind the school where the mule and pony stayed during school hours. We remember the canals – the boys' was behind the cemetery and the girls'

was behind the school. **Jack McCormick** says he “remembers how clear the water was in the canal”. Jack especially remembers the pump..... the boys would pump the water and put things like a hair pins, buttons etc. in it and tell the girls that the items came from the cemetery. **Paul Watts** adds that he remembers the powdered milk they had at school – terrible taste.

Centenary School Memories

by
Marie Crawford

“I had a very warm concern for Centenary Church and school on my first visit to the community.

I graduated from The University of Georgia, June, 10, 1935. I had met **Lawrence Crawford** by accident when he went to my home town with **Halene Crawford**, **Aunt Blanche McLellan**, **Dora McCormic** and **Guy Crawford** to visit **Will McCormic**. He had moved to Georgia to work as a turpentine manager. Later Guy and Lawrence went back to Georgia to persuade my sister and me to teach at Centenary. At that time you received much better pay than Georgia Teachers.

Our first year at Centenary was a busy one since we had no previous experience in the teaching profession. It was a three teacher school with about one hundred pupils. The school was beginning to close out with many children going to Rowland. It took one year and half for it to completely close.

Everyone seemed to look forward to knowing the Centenary teachers. It seemed they always found their life's partners, married and established a family and became an active part of the community.

I really learned more about Centenary school and church through conversation with my new friends and relatives. They had box suppers as fund raisers. **John Crawford's** buddies bid up a beautiful decorated box prepared by **Estelle Dehart** from South Carolina. They kept the bids going fast and furious until he paid \$40.00 which was a tremendous price. He and Stelle ate supper together from the box. Soon the wedding bells begin to ring. They married and now have children and grandchildren in the community.

Miss **Harriette Bullard** taught during my second year and married **Hal McCormick**. **Mrs. Robert Stuart** married and has a family in the community. **Lawrence Crawford** and I married and lived 64 years together. **Larry Crawford** is our son.

As told to me – Uncle **Joe Burns** was a very Christian person with many friends and relatives in the Centenary communities. One summer there was

a terrible dry spell - the crops were dying, the animals were very thirsty. A prayer meeting was called at Centenary. Uncle Joe got on his knees and looked up and prayed for rain. A cloud came over - there was thunder and a down pour of rain.

A tender occasion for me told to me by my husband, **Lawrence E. Crawford**..... his mother died when he was five years of age. **Mr. Crawford** was worried about rearing his children alone. So, he read his Bible and prayed. Lawrence said he heard his father pray behind closed doors. Hearing his father pray stayed with him all his life and helped him to be a better Christian. Mr. Crawford saw that his children were at Centenary Church every Sunday. Respectfully, **Marie Robinson Crawford**

Centenary School

By **Harriette Bullard McCormick**
June 2000

"I had finished college in June of 1936 and had applied to teach in Robeson County. To be certified in North Carolina I had to take a course in N.C. History which I found available at old Wake Forest College. So I enrolled for the six-weeks course with **Dr. Scaggs** as my professor. The course was delightful, and I have always been grateful that it was required. I returned to my home in Nashville, Georgia and sat around waiting. I had gone to college "on a wing and a prayer" since all we had was lost in bank closings which did not repay. My father was from Elrod, and had gone to Georgia where he engaged in the naval stores industry. He always teased my mother who was a native Nashvillian saying that he took us to N.C. one time and could no longer keep us away!

At the end of September, I received a telegram from **Ben Floyd** who was County School Superintendent asking if I would accept a job at Centenary School located between Rowland and Fairmont. I wired my acceptance, and with three days notice, packed my possessions and rode the Atlantic Coastline train all Saturday night. I arrived on Sunday and was taken to the home where I would board. This was **Cliff McCormick's** home. My roommate was an old maid **Mary Stewart**. We had "bowl and pitcher" facilities and an "outhouse". To add to the situation part of my luggage did not arrive. I was wearing new brown suede shoes with heels. We walked a mile to the school on Monday morning through a rutted sandy road. I was gourd green, did not know much about what I was doing and wondered what I had gotten into! All my shoes were in the lost luggage which finally arrived on Thursday. My feet felt horrible but I had made it through 4 days.

My assignment was third, fourth and half of the fifth grade to teach. My classroom was the largest room in the building which served as the gathering place for chapel, PTA, etc. There were no lights as the carbide system was out of order and was not replaced. The area had no electricity. Furniture was old, the blackboard was rough and cracked and supplies were a worn eraser and chalk. Heat came from a pot-bellied stove in each room. During the school day the pupils took turns getting in wood and kindling. This was a treat for them. Water came from a pump outside which required priming.

I never had more eager students and more respectful ones in the 42 years that I taught. The faculty when I came consisted of **Mary Stewart, Marie Crawford** and me. **Marie** was from Lenox, Georgia and was pregnant and was replaced by **Ruth McIntyre**. **Ruth** taught first and second grades and **Mary Stewart** taught half of the fifth grade, sixth and seventh. Our enrollment was small for maintaining a separate school. The last year that the school was operated, I had 52 students. I remember teaching the **Watts** family and **Lee Shepherd's** children. Most of the children were from tenant families. Other families sent their children to Rowland School by bus. The bus came early to leave Centenary students and late to pick them up. Most of our days began at 7:30 A.M. and ended at 5:00 or 5:30 P.M. We had chapel every morning with Bible reading which **Mary Stewart** did, a Bible story which I did and we all sang. (we had an old piano). When there were services at the Centenary Church, we attended - funerals or whatever.

Families in the community were very hospitable to us and we ate many delicious meals with them (the **Thad McCormicks**, the **Burns**, the **Wards**, the **Millers**, the **Stewarts**, the **Ayers** and others).

It was inevitable by 1942 that the school enrollment had dropped too low to maintain it and we were transferred to the Rowland School. We had lost one teacher - **Mary Stewart** went to another county school - and **Ruth McIntyre** and I ran the show. We were heartbroken to move, but it had to be.

Lucille Floyd was added to our faculty when enrollment was high enough to need an additional teacher. She, **Mary Stewart** and I roomed and boarded at **Floyd Currie's**. In December 1940, **Hal** and I married, **Lucille** moved on and **Ruth McIntyre** and I went to Rowland.

The school was a landmark and I hated to see it demolished. I attended the Centenary Church and loved it. **Hal** attended too, and transferred from the country Baptist church his parents had attended at Pleasant Hill. I taught the Intermediates in Sunday

School at Centenary. Our classroom was whatever car was available. They were a joy to teach. I remember **Robert Stuart, Carl Edens, Jr., Pete Burns** in the class.

The first funeral I attended was **Joe Burns'** service at the Burns' home. I helped with the singing – a quartet I think."

Centenary Memories

of Esther Hall Stone – Mrs. Carl Stone

Although I wasn't at Centenary for a long period of time, the memories I have are cherished. I finished the 8th grade there in about 1930. I especially remember **Miss Martha V. McLeod**. She was very kind to the students and conscious that some did not have enough to eat, brought very little for lunch. Some days she would suggest that the class make soup for the next day, asking any students who wanted to, to bring whatever they could, but not calling on a student. My mother always canned tomatoes so that's what I would bring. Others brought potatoes, carrots, turnips and **Miss McLeod** would bring whatever else was needed. That soup smelled so good cooking on the pot-bellied stove. We would be almost starving before it got ready for us to eat. All the students had to bring their own spoons and bowls. I could bring my biscuit also or whatever I usually brought. The boys took turns going to the woods to cut wood for the stove. They brought it to the schoolhouse and the girls helped bring it in.

There was a canal behind the school – one side was for the boys and the other for the girls and you didn't cross over. If the boys wanted to tease the girls it had to be on the road. The students were respectful to the teachers and to each other. They might get loud or noisy, but all the teacher had to do was point at the student to correct him/her. When the door was opened for us to go out for recess, I remember how **Pete Burns** would get on his hands, feet straight in the air and walk out the door, across the porch and down the steps. (This tale has been repeated by several others talking of their Centenary Days.) Others tried to do this including girls, but we never succeeded.

Mr. Robert Stuart, Sr. let the teachers drive his car that they called "Sweet Marie". **Miss McLeod** usually was the driver. If the car stopped or wouldn't start, the boys would all push it hard and fast (sometimes across the church yard) until she got it started, usually with students in the car. We thought **Miss McLeod** was an old maid but later she married a **Mr. Matthews**.



Louise & Floyd Currie
Teachers roomed at their home which still stands near the Church



The pictures on this page are the property of Mrs. Marie Crawford. Only student identified is **Jean Grimsley (Walston)**, first on the left on the first row.

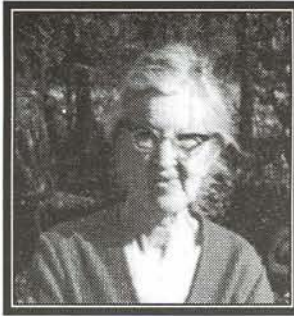


First on left is **Robert Miller**; First girl, on the left, on front row is **Lois Grimsley (Abbott)**

Teachers at Centenary School



Marie Crawford



Mary Hammond



Evelyn Council Stuart



Ashby Hammond



Estelle DeHart



Estelle DeHart Crawford



Bessie Gaddy



Harriette Bullard
McCormick



Oliver McArthur
Principal
39



Annie Smith
Music Teacher
#40



Mary Ellen McArthur
#63



Flora Anna McGirt
#79

(# indicates their number on the Class Picture of 1905/06)



Virginia Mae Adams



Virginia Mae Adams
Cottingham



Ollie Carr



Ollie Carr Floyd



Blanche Reeves
Edens



Christine "Chrissie"
Floyd



Ruth McIntyre



Mae Dennis Wiehrs



Lucille Floyd
Mrs. William McKinley



Ruth Johnson
Mrs. J.W. Williamson

Other Teachers (no pictures available)recalled by Robert Stuart, Jr. include: Ms. Collier; Miss Edgerton; Lucy Moore; Alease Squires (Mrs. Mann); Mary Hugh Stewart (1930's), and Alice Robinson



Mae Dennis, Martha V. McLeod, Estelle Dehart



Martha V. McLeod, Mae Dennis and Estelle DeHart
In front of Robert Stuart, Sr. Home where they boarded.



Willie Mae McLean (Hasty),
Martha V. McLeod (Matthews) &
Ruth Ward



L. to r.: Pete Burns, Robert Stuart, Stelle DeHart, teacher, Evelyn Rogers
Woodrow Rogers on far right on back row ca 1928 - 1929

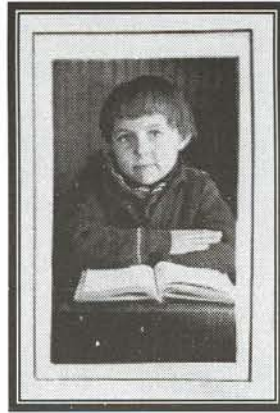
Students at Centenary



Pete Burns
School Picture



Preston Page
School Picture ca 1923



Betty Burns Summerlin
School Picture



Cole Page
School Picture



Lillian Faulk



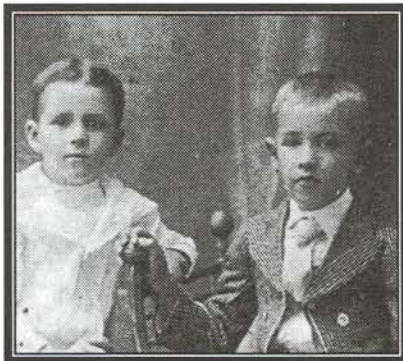
Ruth Stuart



Lou Butler # 41 in class picture



Archie Raeford Butler



Don (#49) & Walter McLeod (#73)
Class Picture



William Butler
23 in class picture



Watson Butler



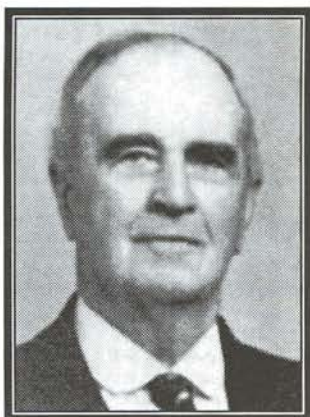
Louise Burns



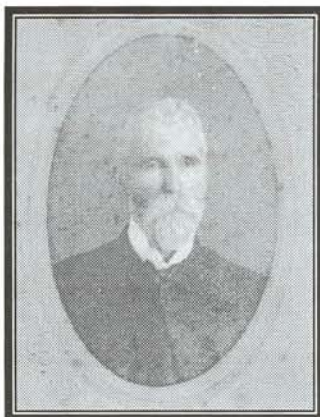
1906 Spring – Centenary School

1. Erice Gaddy 2. Berta Rowell 3. Pete Ward 4. Flora McLeod 5. John Miller 6. Mannie Edgerton 7. Cornelia Ayers 8. not known 9. Janie Stanton 10. – Carter 11. Baby Carter 12. May McCormic 13. Mared Ivey 14. Boyd Ayers 15. Alford Butler 16. Straudie Ivey 17. Verrie McCormic 18. Thad McCormic 19. Amanda McCormic 20. Luther McCormick 21 – Carter 22 Sallie Carter 23. William Butler 24. Mattie Ward, 25. Carl Edens 26. Bessie Stanton 27. Pope Crawford 28. Myrtle Ward 29. Eva Gaddy 30. Worth McCormick 31. Roy Jackson 32. Fred McLean 33. Leslie McCormic 34. Newman Miller 35. Nancy Miller 36. Malcolm McLellan 37. Ethel Webb 38. Guy Crawford 39. Oliver McArthur, Prin. 40. Annie Smith, Music Teac. 41. Lou Butler 42 Ab Ivey 43. Mary Ivey 44. Cramer Miller 45. Kate Murray 46. Eufa Jackson 47. Wright McLellan 48. Bessie Ayers 49. Don McLeod 50. Leola Faulk 51. Douglas Edens 52. Maggie Rowell 53. Fannie McCormick 54. Charlie Hammonds 55. Ethel Murray 56. Ethel Miller 57. John Edens 58. Daisy Ward 59. Nora Ayers 60. Blanch Edgerton 61. Edith Ward 62. Lacy Edens 63. Mary Ellen McArthur, Teacher 64. Mrs. Oliver McArthur 65. Maggie Faulk 66. -- 67. Cora Miller 68. Rady Carter 69. Vassie Webb 70. Sallie McCormic 71. Burns Ward 72. Mabel Ward 73. Walter McLeod 74. Walt Jackson 75. Fred McCormic 76. Linnie Miller 77. Annette Hammond 78. Kate Edgerton 79. Flora Anna McGirt - Teacher

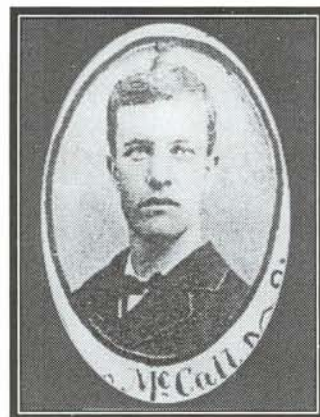
Ministers who have served Centenary Methodist Church
 And/or
 Centenary Memorial United Methodist Church



James William Bradley
 1903 - 1906



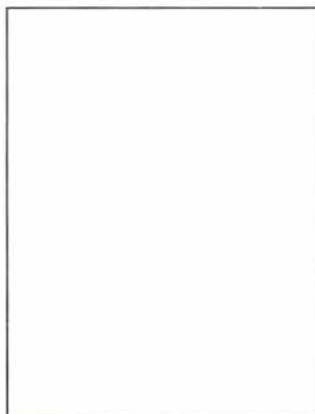
J. M. Ashby
 1907 - 1908



F. B. McCall
 1909 - 1911



J. A. Lee
 1912 - 1915



Andrew James Groves
 1916 - 1919



William Calhoun Merritt
 1920 - 1922



P. D. Woodall
 1923 - 1927



Charles A. Jones
 1928



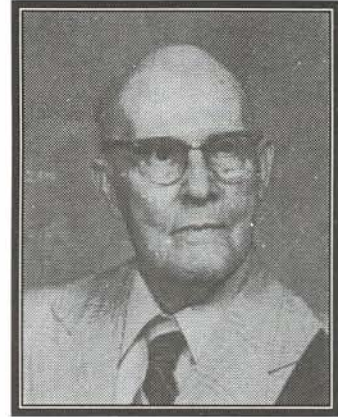
Jesse Herbert Lanning
 1929 - 1930



Dwight A. Petty
1931 - 1932



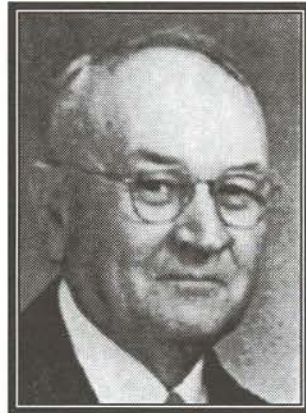
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1933 - 1936



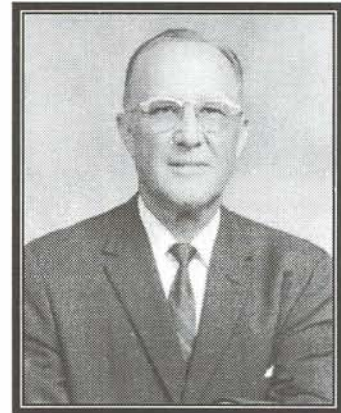
John Bascom Hurley
1937 - 1939



William Carlton Wilson
1940 - 1944



William Lawrence Loy
1945 - 1949



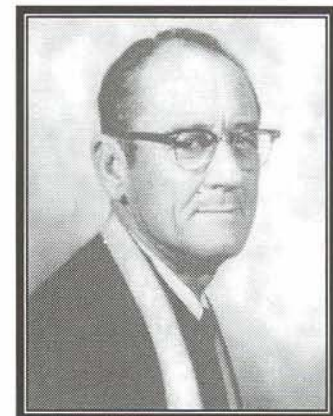
William Alton Tew
1950 - 1952



Martin R. Chambers
1953 - 1957



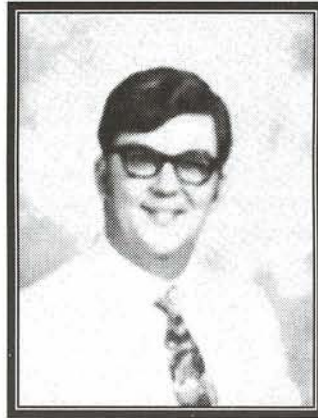
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1957 - 1961



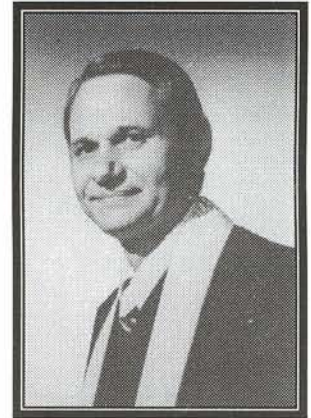
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1961 - 1965



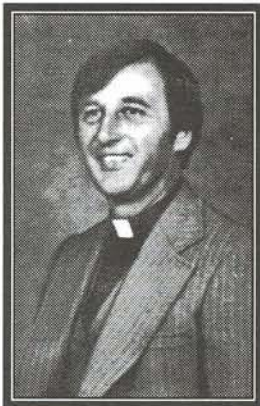
W. R. Heston
1965 - 1969 (Jan)



R. C. Flynn (supply pastor)
1969 (Jan - June)



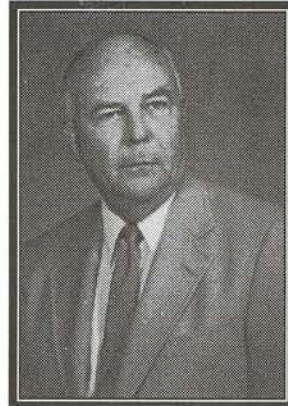
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1969 - 1976



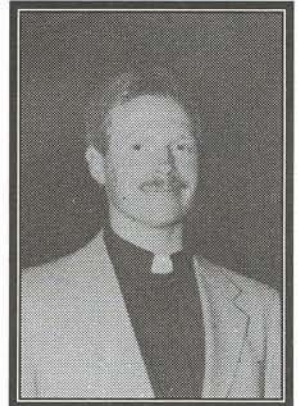
Al Morris
1976 - 1979



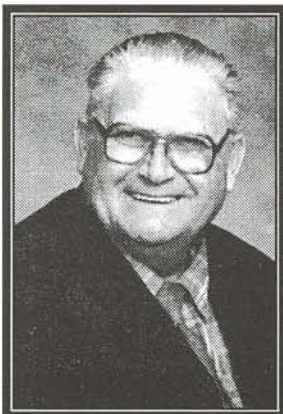
Orville William Watson
1979 - 1980



Amos Stone
1980 - 1986



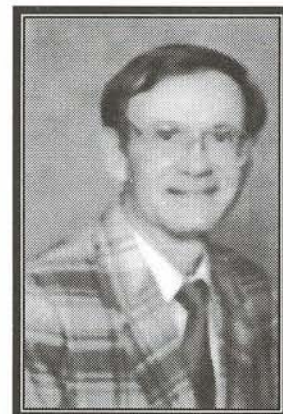
David Francis
1986 - 1992



Wayne Thomas
1992 - 1993



Audrey Holmes
1993 - 1997



Gene Goldfinch
1997 - 1999



Connie Stutts
1999-present

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF CENTENARY PASTORS

{Recorded in 1935 ; updated 2000 by Editor}

Taken from "A Brief History of Centenary Methodist Church, Rowland Circuit, North Carolina Conference"
By Rev Lacy Thomas Edens

CHAFFIN, WASHINGTON S. Born, 1815, Stokes County, North Carolina. Joined the North Carolina Conference at Mocksville, 1840. Died and was buried at Jonesboro, North Carolina, 1895. Served Centenary, 1882.

AVENT, ISAAC W. Born, 1823, Chatham County, North Carolina. Joined the North Carolina Conference at Raleigh, 1853. Died and was buried at Chalk Level, North Carolina. Served Centenary, 1883.

HORNADY, JOHN A. Born, 1853, Randolph County, North Carolina. Joined the North Carolina Conference at Wilmington, 1884. Died and was buried at Maxton, North Carolina, 1926. Served Centenary, 1884-'85.

SANFORD, JONATHAN, Born, 1854, Richmond County, North Carolina. Joined the North Carolina Conference at Fayetteville, 1872. Died at Siler City and was buried at Lumberton, North Carolina. Served Centenary, 1886-'88; 1893-'94.

HOYLE, SAMUEL V. Born, 1836, Georgetown, District of Columbia. Joined the North Carolina Conference at Norfolk, Virginia, 1854. Died and was buried at Jonesboro, North Carolina, 1892. Served Centenary, 1889-'90.

JURNEY, N. M. was located 1900. Served Centenary, 1891-'92.

POPE, ERSKINE was located at the North Carolina Conference in Rocky Mount in 1906, at his own written request. Served Centenary, 1895-'98.

HARRISON, Z. T. Born, 1849, Rockingham, North Carolina. Joined the North Carolina Conference, 1871. Died and was buried at Rockingham, North Carolina, 1904. Served Centenary, 1899-1900.

ALLRED, BARZILLAI C. Born 1849 Randolph County, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1883 in Statesville, NC. Superannuated. After retirement from Conference, he lived in Oxford, North Carolina until his death November 5, 1935. Served Centenary, 1901-'02.

BRADLEY, JAMES WILLIAM Born 1871 McDowell County, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1899 at Washington, NC. After retirement from Conference, he lived in Cary and Raleigh, North Carolina until his death March 28, 1961. Buried at Montlawn Memorial Park in Raleigh, NC. Served Centenary, 1903-'06 {First year of the formation of the Rowland Circuit}.

ASHBY, J. M. Born, 1851, Patrick County, Virginia. Joined the North Carolina Conference at Statesville, 1883. Died in Elm City and was buried at Mount Airy, North Carolina, 1915. Served Centenary, 1907-'08.

McCALL, F. B. Born, 1858, Richmond County later became Scotland County, North Carolina. Joined the North Carolina Conference at Wilson, 1879. Died at Laurel Hill and was buried at Gibson, North Carolina, 1928. Served Centenary, 1909-'11.

LEE, JACOB A. Born, 1856, Cleveland County, North Carolina. Joined the North Carolina Conference at Raleigh, 1882. Died at Shelby, North Carolina, 1932. Served Centenary 1912 - '15.

GROVES, ANDREW JAMES Born 1857 Duplin County, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1896 in Kinston, NC. Superannuated. After retirement from Conference, he lived in Sanford, North Carolina. until his death April 19, 1942 in his eighty-fifth year. Buried in Sanford. Served Centenary, 1916-'19.

MERRITT, WILLIAM CALHOUN Born 1866 Sampson County, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1893 at Wilmington, NC. After his retirement from the North Carolina Conference, he lived in Durham, North Carolina until his death June 14, 1940. He is buried in Durham. Served Centenary, 1920-'22.

WOODALL, Preston DeWitt. Born 1872 Johnston County, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1899 in Washington, NC. Died in 1957, buried Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, NC. Served Centenary, 1923 - '27.

JONES, CHARLES. A. Born 1869 Moore County, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1903 in Goldsboro, NC. Died July 20, 1952. Buried Fuquay Springs, NC. Served Centenary 1928.

LANNING, JESSE HERBERT Born 1894 at Tyro. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1917 in Asheville, NC. Died May 14, 1981 and is buried Bethel Cemetery, Linwood, NC. Served Centenary, 1929-'30.

PETTY, DWIGHT A. Born 1889 in Chatham County, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1918 at Goldsboro, NC. Died June 19, 1971 and buried at Rose Hill, NC. Served Centenary, 1931-32.

WHEDBEE, JAMES CARSON Born 1878 in Perquimans County, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1906 at Rocky Mount, NC. After retirement from the Conference, he lived at Sumter, South Carolina until his death December 4, 1948 in his seventieth year. Buried at Sumter. Served Centenary, 1933 - '36.

HURLEY, JOHN BASCOM – Born 1892 Montgomery County, North Carolina, Joined the North Carolina Conference 1917 at Greenville, NC. Died August 25, 1987 and is buried in Fayetteville, NC. Served Centenary 1937-'39.

WILSON, WILLIAM CARLETON Born 1900 in Hillsborough, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1926 in Durham, NC. – Died October 23, 1982 and is buried in Raleigh, NC. Served Centenary 1940-'44.

LOY, WILLIAM LAWRENCE. –Born 1889 Snow Camp, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1916 at Durham, NC. Died June 30, 1961. Served Centenary 1945-'49.

TEW, WILLIAM ALTON. –Born 1907 Goldsboro, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1933 in Durham, NC. Died October 24, 1982 at Durham, NC. . Served Centenary 1950-'52.

CHAMBERS, MARTIN REED. – Born 1895 Obion County, TN. Joined the Conference 1919 at Memphis, TN. Died 1984 in Winston-Salem, NC. Buried at Bahama. Served Centenary 1953 – June 1957.

PARRISH, JOHN HENRY. – Born 1906 Raeford, NC. Joined the North Carolina Conference 1954 at Raleigh, NC. Died 1980 in Wilmington, NC and is buried in Fayetteville, NC. Served Centenary 1957 – '61.

SALMON, FRANK DONALD - Born 1920 in Ashland, KY. Joined Kentucky Conference 1954 and transferred to the North Carolina Conference 1959. Died 1981 Shallotte, NC and is buried there. Served Centenary 1961 – '65.

HESTON, W. R. – Served Centenary 1965 – Jan '69.

FLYNN, R. C. – Served Centenary Jan – June 1969 (supply pastor)

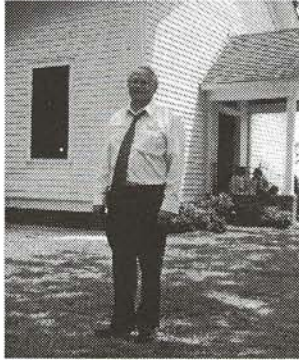
HARRIS, DON LEE - Served Centenary 1969 – 1971 when the church was deeded to the trustees and became a Memorial Church - Centenary Memorial United Methodist Church

Note: The dates that the Methodist Ministers served were on a calendar year basis until 1955 when the conference date was moved to June. The dates for the ministers (on pictures) taken from history written by Lacy T. Edens.

Other Ministers who have visited or graced the Centenary Pulpit



Days of coats are gone
Robert Stuart & Rev. David Francis



Another 100° Sunday
Rev. Don Lee Harris



What do you think?
Rev. Al Morris with Ruby McLean



A Presbyterian Minister at Centenary?
Rev. Park with Centenary Member Polly Ward



Break the ice with a good joke
Rev. Jack Ward Page



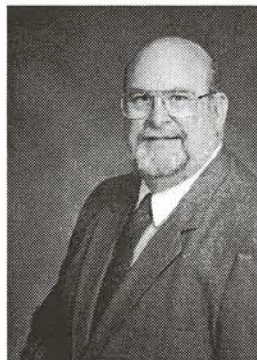
Relatives
Pianist Wes Ward with Rev. Jill Edens & Rev. Richard Edens



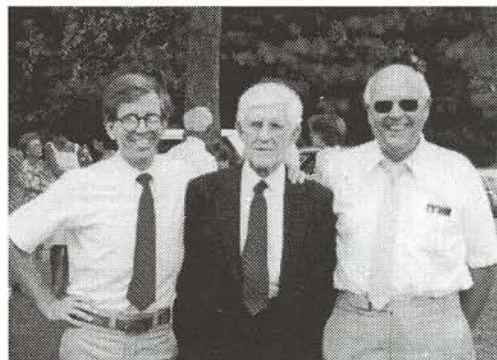
Van - Former Rowland native
Catherine Watkins, Van Bullock and daughter Cindy



mmm good
Rev. Connie Stutts



Married into Centenary Family
Rev. Mike Hale



Ministers Three
Richard Edens, Madison Maness & Amos H. Stone

Sunday School Rolls of Centenary Methodist Church

The names are recorded here as they were written on the roll – no attempt has been made to correct known misspellings.

Officers and Teachers 1897

Supt. **D. H. Smith**
Asst. **Mr. John Hammond**
Senior Class Teacher
Mr. J. Oliver McArthur
Intermediate
Miss Lila Thompson
Illustrated Lesson Paper
Miss Nancy McCormic
Little People #1
Mr. John Hammond
Little People #2
Miss Attie McArthur
Secy & Tres.
J. L. Stuart

Class No. 1
J. O. McArthur
{Joe Oliver McArthur}
Miss Nancy McCormic
Miss Attie McArthur
Miss Mary E. McArthur
Mrs. M. F. McArthur
Miss Lizzie Stuart
Miss Sue Ward
Miss Bertha Easterling
Miss Johnnie Hammond
Miss Apama Hammond
Miss Walker Jackson
Miss Willie Thompson
Miss Lila Thompson
Miss Ellen McCormic
Mrs. I. R. Butler, Jr.
Mrs. H. K. McCormic
Miss Straudie McCormick
Mr. D. H. Smith
Mr. A. J. Campbell
Mr. H. J. Ward
Mr. Jay Hammond
Mr. J. L. Stuart
Mr. John Hammond
Mr. D. A. Stuart
Mr. V. E. Faulk
Mr. W. H. McLellan
Mrs. J. C. Faulk
Alford McCormic
Martin McPhail
Mr. N. L. Martin
Kittie McArthur
Worth Burns
Miss Bettie Burns
Miss Lena Edens
Miss Cora Edens

Class No. 2
Miss Lila Thompson
Miss Minnie McCormic
Miss Lena McCormic
Miss Hattie Jackson
Miss Anna Martin
Miss Artemitia Kinlaw
Miss Bessie McCormic
Miss Dora McCormic
Mr. Robbt Stuart
Worth Burns
Miss Islu Faulk
Ora McCormic

Class No. 3
Miss Nancy McCormic
Fodie Stuart
Jewel Curtis
Sallie McCormic
Dora Faulk
Lizzie Curtis
Bille Jackson
Earnest Ward
Jack Ward
Amoret Hammond
Sallie McLellen

Class No. 4
Miss Attie McArthur
Edith Ward
Mable Ward
M. Muray
Susan Sealy
John Sealy

Class No. 5
Mr. John Hammond
Grady McCormic
Luther Stuart
John Curtis
Lawrence McCormic
Maston McCormic

Officers and Teachers 1898

John Hammond, Supt.
H. J. Ward, Asst.
J. L. Stuart, Secy

Teachers
Miss Apama Hammond
Miss Sue Ward
Miss Nancy McCormic
Mr. John Hammond

Class No. 1
Apama Hammond
Bertha Easterling
Emma Lowery
Mrs. Lula Hammond
Johnnie Hammond
Lizzie Stuart
John Stuart
Herbert Ward
Margaret Stuart
M. E. McArthur
Mrs. M. F. McArthur
Addie McArthur

Class No. 2
Miss Sue Ward
Robt. Stuart
Lena McCormic
Dora McCormic
Bessie McCormic
Fodie Stuart
Class No. 3
Miss Nancy McCormic
Sallie McCormic
Amoret Hammond
Ernest Ward
Susan Sealy

Edith Ward
Jack Ward
Lacy Edens

No class No. 4

Class No. 5
John Hammond
Mable Ward
Johnnie Sealy

Officers and Teachers 1899

Mr. Jno. Hammond, Supt.
H. G. Ward, Asst.
Senior Class Teacher
Miss Lila Thompson
Intermediate Class #2
Miss Attie McArthur
Class # 3
Miss Sue Ward
Class #4
Miss Nancy McCormic
Jim McLauren

Class No. 1
Miss Lila Thompson
Miss Mary C McAuthor
Miss Sue Ward
Miss Nancy Mcarmoc
Miss Attie McArthur
Miss Johnnie Hammond
Miss Apamma Hammond
Miss Willie Thompson
Miss Margaret Stuart
J.O. McArther
Jim McLauren
Jay Hammond
H.G. Ward
Mr. Jno Hammond
Jim A. Mcarmoc
J. L. Stuart

Class No. 2
Miss Attie McArthur
Jewel Curtis
Lizzie Curtis
Lena Mcarmoc
Bessie Mcarmoc
Arment Hammond
Hattie Jackson
Bell Jackson
Ernest Ward
Jack Ward
Fada Stuart

Class No. 3
Miss Sue Ward
Edith Ward
Mable Ward
Rachel Oliver
Susan Ceila
Jim Crawford
Jno Crawford
Jno Curtis
Grady Mcarmoc
Claud Faulk

Class # 4
Miss Nancy Mcarmoc
Ruby Mcarmoc
Dasy Ward
Burns Ward
Jno Curtis

Sunday School Roll 1902

John Hammond, Supt.
J. T. Williams
Miss Addie McArthur
Miss Parie Hammond
C. J. Faulk

Class No. 1

J. T. Williams, Teacher

Mary Ellen McArthur
Mrs. C. J. Faulk
Dora McCormic
Minnie McCormic
Lula Ford
Johnnie Hammond
Bessie McCormac
Lena McCormac
Nancy McCormac
Bertha Easterling
Strauda McCormac
Bettie Burns
Lena Edens
Worth Burns
Jim Arch McCormac
Jim McLaurin
D. A. McPhail
J. L. Stewart
Margaret Stewart
Apama Hammond
Cora Edens
Lawrence Easterling
D. E. McLean
Dannie Stuart

Class No. 2

Addie McArthur, Teacher

Fodie Stewart
Edith Ward
Susan Sealy
Sallie McCormac
Earnest Ward
Jack Ward
Lucien Edens
Ira McCormac
Grady McCormac
James Crawford

Class No. 3

Miss Parie Hammond, Teacher

Mable Ward
Marticia Moore
Ruby McCormac
L. McCormac
Burns Ward
Luther Stewart
John Sealy
Walter Edens
Johnnie Crawford
Willie McCormac
Tillie Watts
Artilia Watts
Walter McLeod

Class No. 4

C.J. Faulk, Teacher

Mirtle Ward
Daisy Ward
L. Faulk
Gracie Ford

Maston McCormac
Furmon McCormac
Paul Ford
Wooten Sealy
Guy Crawford
Hamer McCormac
Leslie McCormac
Pope Crawford
Ray Killpatric
Grady Killpatric

Sunday School Roll 1903

Class No. 1

H.A. Wise

Mary McArthur
Bettie Burns
Dora McCormic
Edna Gaddy
Minnie Faulk
Cora Edens
Inez Skipper
J. W. Gaddy
Emma Gaddy
Lura Gaddy

Class No. 2

Miss Attie McArthur

W. C. Douglass
Lacy Edens
Ernest Ward
Lucien Edens
Jack Ward
Edith Ward
Lonnie Miller
Susan Sealy
Ora McCormic
Fodie Stuart

Roll of Officers and Teachers 1904

John Hammond, Supt.
Prof Patterson, Bible Class
Miss Addie McArthur
Miss Apama Hammond
Mrs. Jno W. Ward

No students listed for this year.

Religious Services conducted 1903

- 1904 by Rev. J. W. Bradley

John Hammond

W. C. Douglass

Prof. Patterson.

Mrs. J. W. Ward

Sunday Nov. 20, 1904

Religious Service conducted by

pastor Rev. J.W. Bradley

Opening Song No. 852

Officers 7 Teachers - 5

Scholars - 38

Collection \$5.50

Year 1906

Class # 1

Mrs. J. W. Ward

Carl Ward
Thad McCormac
Walter Carter *
Gaddy Ward
Jessie Gaddy *
Carl Gaddy
Bertie Rowel
Ora McCormac
Mary Hammond

Lola McLean
*Not on roll in
Oct, Nov, & Dec.

Class # 2

Nancy McCormac

Mattie Ward *
Caroline Ratley
Pope Crawford
Fred McLean
Eric Gaddy
Neva Gaddy
John Edens
Willie Carter
Charlie Hammond
Flora McLeod *
Straudie Ivey
Walter Carter
Maggie Rowel **
Anerew Sellers **
*Not on roll in Oct, Nov, Dec
** Added to roll in Oct.

Class # 3

Miss Apama Hammond

Carl Edens
Wright McLellan
Guy Crawford
Donald McLeod
Leola Faulk
Myrtle Ward
Furman McCormac
Albert Ivey
Mary Ivey
Amanda McCormac **
Flora McLeod **
Mattie Ward **
** Added in October

Class # 4

Attie McArthur

Lucien Edens *
Lacy Edens *
Walter Edens
Douglas Edens
Mabel Ward
Burns Ward
Daisy Ward
Cora Gaddy
Eva Gaddy
Vassie Webb
Ethel Webb
Willie McCormac
Maston McCormac
Lawrence McCormac
Leslie McCormac
Walter McLeod
John Crawford *
Luther Stuart
Claude Faulk
McCoy Martin **
Samuel Rodgers **
* Not on roll in Oct, Nov, Dec.
** Added in Oct.

Class # 5

Mrs. Fannie McArthur

Mrs. R. A. Gaddy
Miss Edith Ward *
Miss Fodie Stuart *
Miss Dora McCormic
Miss Margaret Stuart
Miss Cora Edens
Miss M. E. McArthur
Miss Sallie McCormac
Miss Sallie McLellan
Mrs. Jay Hammond *

Miss Johnnie Hammond
Miss Meranza McLellan
Mrs. Jack Faulk *
*Not on roll in Oct,Nov,Dec

Class # 6

Mrs. Virginia Webb

Mr. Jas Hammond
Mr. R. F. Stuart
Mr. R. A. Gaddy
Mr. J. L. Stuart
Mr. John Gaddy
Mr. Daniel Stuart
Mr. J. A. McCormac
Mr. Weldon Ivey
Mr. John Hammond
Mr. John Carter
Mr. Claude McGirt
Mr. Ernest Ward
Mr. Daniel Johnson
Mr. J. W. Ward

Officers and Teachers for October, November & December

Mr. W. B. Webb
Mrs. Virginia Webb
Mrs. Fannie McArthur
Miss Attie McArthur
Miss Apama Hammond
Miss Nancy McCormac
Mrs. J. W. Ward
Lacy T. Edens
Mrs. J. L. Stuart

Officers and Teachers 1907

Mrs. Virginia Webb
Mrs. Fannie McArthur
Miss Attie McArthur
Miss Margaret Stuart
Miss Apama Hammond
Miss Nancy McCormac
Mrs. J. W. Ward
Lacy T. Edens

Class # 1

Mrs. J. W. Ward

Carl Ward
Gaddy Ward
Thad McCormac
Ora McCormac
Bertie Rowel
Mary Hammond
Leola McLean
Carl Gaddy

Class #2

Miss Nancy McCormac

Maggie Rowel
Pope Crawford
Fred McLean
Eric Gaddy
Neva Gaddy
John Edens
Charlie Hammond
Straudie Ivey
Agnes Martin

Class # 3

Miss Margaret Stuart

Carl Edens
Myrtle Ward
Wright McLellan
Amanda McCormac
Mary Ivey
Donald McLeod

Leola Faulk
Albert Ivey
Guy Crawford
Flora McLeod
Mattie Ward
Raleigh Walker

Class # 4

Miss Attie McArthur

Walter Edens
Douglas Edens
Mabel Ward
Burns Ward
Daisy Ward
Coke Gaddy
Eva Gaddy
Vassie Webb
Ethel Webb
Willie McCormac
Lawrence McCormac
Maston McCormac
Leslie McCormac
Walter McLeod
Luther Stuart
Claude Faulk
McCoy Martin
Malcom McLellan
Jesse Walker

Class # 5

Mrs. Fannie McArthur

Mrs. R. A. Gaddy
Miss Edith Ward
Miss Fodie Stuart
Miss Dora McCormac
Miss Sallie McCormac
Miss M. E. McArthur
Miss Sallie McLellan
Miss Cora Edens
Miss Johnnie Hammond
Miss Meranza McLellan

Class # 6

Miss Apama Hammond

Mr. J. L. Stuart
Mr. D. A. Stuart
Mr. R. J. Stuart
Mr. R. A. Gaddy
Mr. Weldon Ivey
Mr. John Hammond
Mr. John Gaddy
Mr. Claude McGirt
Mr. E. B. Ward
Mr. J. W. Ward, Jr.

Collection from January 1st to June
30th \$7.36. Average Attendance 40.
No. on roll 70. No. of officers and
teachers 8
Average attendance of officers 6.

Quarterly report of Centenary Sunday School

No. of Scholars on roll: 80
Average attendance: 45
Collection for quarter: 5.53
Beg. Balance: 3.05
Expenses for quarter: 5.20
End of quarter Bal. 3.51

No. visitors during quarter: 90
Lacy Thomas Edens

Record For Sunday
Religious Services Conducted by:
Rev. J. W. Bradley
Mrs. J. W. Ward

Miss Apama Hammond
Mrs. Fannie McArthur
Mr. John Hammond
Mr. W. B. Webb
Mr. Lonnie Brown
Mr. Daniel Johnson
Mrs. Virginia Webb

Year 1910

Officers and Teachers

J. B. Ward
John Stuart
Mrs. Fannie McArthur
Mrs. J. W. Ward
Miss Attie McArthur
Miss Apama Hammond
Miss Nancy McCormac
Miss Mabel Ward

Class #1 Oct, Nov, Dec

Mrs. J. W. Ward

No pupils listed
Attendance between 2 & 9 pupils

Class #2 Oct, Nov, Dec

Miss Nancy McCormic

No pupils listed
Attendance between 4 & 8 pupils

Class #3 Oct, Nov, Dec

Miss Mabel Ward

Mattie Ward
Amanda McCormic
Charlie Hammond
Pope Crawford
Pete Ward
Vera Roberts
Fred McLean

Class #4 Oct, Nov, Dec

Miss Attie McArthur

Eva Gaddy
Coke Gaddy
Will McCormic
Leslie McCormic
Laurence McCormic
Ferman McCormic
Maston McCormic
Myrtle Ward
Esther Maness
Carl Edens
John Edens
Lucien Edens
Roy Miller
Hilton Miller
Lielia Miller

Class #5 Oct, Nov, Dec

Mrs. Fannie McArthur

Miss Viola Cooper
Miss Margaret Ward
Miss Edith Ward
Miss Mary E. McArthur
Miss Fody Stuart
Miss Aparna Hammond
Miss Johnnie Hammond
Miss Para Hammond

Officers and Teachers 1911

Mr. Lacy T. Edens, Supt.
Mrs. Ella Ward, Asst. Supt.
Mrs. J. W. Ward, Class #1
Miss Nancy McCormic, Class #2

Miss Mable Ward, Class #3
Miss Attie McArthur, Class #4
Mrs. Fannie McArthur, Class #5
Mr. Leslie McCormic, Sec. & Treas.
Sunday School Roll for 1911

Class # 1

Mrs. J. W. Ward
Alton Gaddy
Frank Rowell
Sam McLean
Madison Maness
Thelma Gaddy
Bessie Gaddy
Willie May McLean

Class # 2

Miss Nancy McCormic
Eric Gaddy
Carl Gaddy
Yates Gaddy
Gaddy Ward
Thad McCormic
Leon Miller
Benton Miller
Rameon Miller
Emma Miller
Lota McLean
Bertie Rowell
Ora McCormic
Ethel Crawford
Agnes Martin
Mary Hammond

Class # 3

Miss Mabel Ward
Mattie Ward
Pete Ward
Amanda McCormic
Charlie Hammond
Pope Crawford
Fred McLean
Pid Rowell
Eva Roberts *
Neva Gaddy
* Not listed after June

Class # 4

Miss Attie McArthur
Eva Gaddy
Myrtle Ward
Esther Maness
Lillie Miller
Lawrence McCormic
Maston McCormic
Furman McCormic
Carl Edens
John Edens
Hilton Miller
Leslie McCormic
John Crawford
Jim Crawford
Eula Miller
Guy Crawford
Joe McGirt *
Leroy Miller
L. R. Edens *
E. B. Ward *
R. L. Stuart *
M.L. {no last name listed} *
Douglas Edens
W. C. McCormic
Walter Edens
Luther Stuart **
Mr. M. E. Bobbitt **
Willie McCormic **
* Not listed after June

** Added in June

Class # 5

Mrs. Fannie McArthur
Miss Viola Cooper *
Miss Edith Ward
Miss Mary E. McArthur *
Miss Fodie Stuart
Miss Apama Hammond
Miss Johnnie Hammond
Miss Parrie Hammond
Mrs. Allie Edens *
Miss Pollie Brown *
Dora McCormic
Minta Miller

Sunday School Roll 1912

Class # 1

Mrs. J. W. Ward
Alton Gaddy
Frank Rowell
Sam McLean
Madison Maness *
Bessie Gaddy
Russell McLean
Ernest Miller
Marvin Miller
Allen Miller
Blanche Rowell
Bud Rowell
Mag Rowell
Theodore Crawford
Henry Crawford
Hallene Crawford
* Not listed after June

Class # 2

Miss Nancy McCormic
Thelma Gaddy
Carl Gaddy
Yates Gaddy *
Gaddy Ward
Thad McCormic
Leon Miller
Benton Miller
Raymond Miller
Willie Mae McLean
* Not listed after June

Class # 3

Miss Mable Ward
Mary Hammond
Pete Ward
Lota McLean
Charlie Hammond
Pope Crawford
Emma Miller
Bertie Rowell
Eric Gaddy
Ora McCormic
Ethel Crawford
Fulton Miller
Furman Miller
Thad McCormic **
** Added in June

Class # 4

Miss Attie McArthur
Amanda McCormic
Mattie Ward
Fred McLean
Neva Gaddy
Hilton Miller
Eula Miller
LeRoy Miller
Maston McCormic

Carl Edens
John Edens
Guy Crawford
Joe McGirt
M. L. Stuart *
L. R. Edens *
J. B. Ward *
William Butler **
Ferman McCormic **
* Not listed after June
** Added after June

Class # 5

Mrs. Fannie McArthur
Dora McCormic
Minta Miller
Edith Ward
Fodie Stuart
Apama Hammond
Johnnie Hammond
Parrie Hammond
Lillie Miller
Myrtle Ward
Esther Maness
Eva Gaddy
Mrs. Allie Edens
Daisy Ward

Roll of Officers and Teachers 1912

Mr. Lacy T. Edens, Supt.
Mrs. J. W. Ward, Class 1
Miss Nancy McCormic, Class 2
Miss Mable Ward, Class 3
Miss Attie McArthur, Class 4
Mrs. Fannie McArthur, Class 5
Mr. Leslie McCormic, Sec. & Treas.

Class # 6

John Gaddy
Robert Stuart
Jim Crawford
John Crawford
M. T. Bobbitt *
L. R. Edens **
W.M. Edens **
J.B. Ward **
* Not listed after June
** Added after June

The Record for Sunday October 9, 1910
A few absent on account of Diphtheria

Record for Sunday
Year 1910, 1911

Conducted by:
Mr. John Stuart
Mr. John Gaddy, Sect.
Mrs. J. W. Ward
Mr. J. L. Stuart
J. B. Ward
Mr. Lacy T. Edens
Mr. M. E. Bobbitt

It is recorded that on July 1, 1911 the following committee were appointed:

Music: Edith Ward
Daisy Ward
Myrtle Ward
Hall: Eric Gaddy
Fred McLean
Thad McCormic

Gather Books:

Ora McCormic
Lota McLean
Agnes Martin

Year 1913**Class # 1****Mrs. J. W. Ward**

Alton Gaddy
 Bessie Gaddy
 Sam McLean
 Russell McLean
 Frank Rowell
 Blanch Rowell
 Albert Rowell
 Theodore Crawford
 Henry Crawford
 Hallen Crawford
 Ernest Miller

Class # 2**Miss Nancy McCormick**

Thelma Gaddy
 Carl Gaddy
 Yates Gaddy
 Gaddy Ward
 Leon Miller
 Benton Miller
 Raymond Miller
 Willie May McLean
 Madison Maness
 Frank Rowell *

*Added in June

Class # 3**Miss Mabel Ward**

Mary Hammonds
 Charlie Hammonds
 Pope Crawford
 Ethel Crawford
 Bertie Rowell
 Emma Miller
 Thad McCormick
 Ora McCormick
 Eric Gaddy
 Peat Ward
 Lota McLean

Class # 4**Miss Attie McArthur**

Amanda McCormick
 Maston McCormick
 Ferman McCormick
 Fred McLean
 Neva Gaddy
 Mattie Ward
 William Butler
 Hilton Miller
 Ewla Milla
 Carl Edens
 John Edens
 Guy Crawford
 S.T. Heraldson
 Pid Rowell *

*Added in June

Class # 5**Miss Apama Hammonds**

Minta Miller
 Lillie Miller
 Edith Ward
 Daisy Ward
 Myrtle Ward
 Esther Maness
 Apama Hammonds
 Johnie Hammonds
 Parie Hammonds
 Foda Steward
 Eva Gaddy

Dora McCormick
 John Crawford
 Jim Crawford
 Coke Gaddy
 Joe McGirt *
 Robert Steward *
 Mary Hammond *
 Lacy Edens *
 Will McCormick *
 Mrs. Fannie McArthur *
 John Gaddy *
 Douglas Edens *
 Burns Ward *
 * Added in June

Year 1914**Class # 1****Mrs. J. W. Ward**

Alton Gaddy
 Sam McLean
 Russell McLean
 Thedora Crawford
 Henry Crawford
 Hallen Crawford
 J. O. McArthur *
 Jack McArthur *
 Ermine McLean *
 *Added in February

Class # 2**Miss Nancy McCormick**

Thelma Gaddy
 Carl Gaddy
 Gaddy Ward
 Willie Mae McLean
 Madison Maness
 Bessie Gaddy *
 Bessie Hammond *
 Thedora Crawford **
 *Added in February
 ** Added in May

Class # 3**J.B. Ward**

Ethel Crawford
 Ora McCormick
 Mary Hammond
 Lota Lee McLean
 Eric Gaddy
 Gaddy Ward *
 Homer Ward *
 Carl Gaddy *
 Yates Gaddy *
 *Added in February

Philathea Class**Miss Attie McArthur**

Edith Ward
 Daisy Ward
 Mattie Ward
 Mabel Ward
 Dora McCormick
 Neva Gaddy
 Eva Gaddy
 Appama Hammond
 Mary Hammond
 Mrs. R.A. Gaddy
 Mrs. M. F. McArthur
 Myrtle Ward *
 Esther Maness *
 Amanda McCormick *
 * Added in May

Baraca Class**Lacy T. Edens**

Carl Edens, Secy

John Edens
 William Butler
 M.T. Bobitt
 Jim McLaurin
 R.A. Gaddy
 Coke Gaddy
 John Gaddy
 Will McCormick
 Maston McCormick
 Furman McCormick
 Thad McCormick
 Fred McLean
 R. F. Stuart, Pres.
 J. B. Ward *
 J. C. Ward *
 E. B. Ward
 J. Burns Ward
 George Faulk
 Spurgeon Hammond
 J. L. Stuart
 Guy Crawford
 John Crawford *
 * Added in May

**Officers and Teachers
1914**

Mr. Lee, Pastor

Teachers:

Miss Nancy McCormick
 Miss Attie McArthur
 Mrs. J. W. Ward
 Mr. L. T. Edens
 Mr. J. B. Ward

Mr. E.B. Ward, Supt.
 Mr. J.C.Ward,Secy,Trea

[1915] students not listed
 Oct - Mar
 Record for Sunday
 Religious Services conducted by:

M. T. Bobbitt
 L. T. Edens
 E. B. Ward
 Mr. Lee
 J. B. Ward

1915**J. Carl Ward – Secy & Treasurer****Class No. 1****Mrs. J. W. Ward**

Lacy Gaddy
 Annie Hammond
 Jermanuel McLean
 Russell McLean
 Henry Crawford
 Halene Crawford
 Jack McArthur
 Clyde Gaddy
 Ashby Hammond

Class No. 2**Miss Nancy McCormick**

Madison Maness
 Theodore Crawford
 Willie Mae McLean
 Thelma Gaddy
 Bessie Hammond
 Sam McLean
 Bessie Gaddy
 Ernest Miller
 Alton Gaddy
 Sam McLean

Class No. 3
J. Burns Ward
Ora McCormic
Gaddy Ward
Carl Gaddy
Mary Hammond
Ethel Crawford
Leon Miller
Benton Miller
Gary Wright

Baraca Class
Lacy T. Edens
Carl Edens
William Butler
Thad McCormic
Worth McCormic
Fred McCormic
Clifford McCormic
Lommie McCormic
Will McCormic
J.A. McCormic
R.F. Stuart
John Stuart
Dannie Stuart
John Crawford
Guy Crawford
Jim Crawford
Pope Crawford
Fred McLean
Charlie Hammond
Roy Miller
Hilton Miller
John Gaddy
E.B. Ward
J. B. Ward
Pete Ward
Spurgeon Hammond
Frumon McCormic
Maston McCormic
John Edens
Carl Grimsley
Worth Burns
George Faulk
Leslise McCormic
Worth Lewis
Arthur Wright

Philathea Class
Miss Attie McArthur
Miss Foddie Stuart – Pres.
Miss Dora McCormic – V. Pres.
Miss Apama Hammond – Sect
Miss Attie McArthur – Teacher
Mrs. M.F. McArthur
Mrs. C.W. McArthur
Mrs. A.E. Wright
Miss Mable Ward
Miss Mattie Ward
Miss Daisy Ward
Miss Eva Gaddy
Miss Neva Gaddy
Miss Minta Miller
Miss Emma Miller

Miss Eula Miller
Miss Esther Maness
Miss Myrtle Ward
Miss Amanda McCormic
Miss Bessie Wright
Miss Lillie Miller
Miss Sallie McCormic
Mrs. J. B. Ward

Members of Home Department

Mr. John C. Lewis
Mrs. John C. Lewis
Mr. M. J. McCormic
Mrs. M. J. McCormic
Mr. J. W. Crawford
Mrs. J.W. Crawford
Mr. Jay Hammond
Mrs Jay Hammond
Mr. D.E. McLean
Mrs. D.E. McLean
Miss Strawdie McCormic
Mrs. Vick Easterling
Mr. Jas Hammond
Mrs. Jas Hammond
Mr. R.A. Gaddy
Mrs. R.A. Gaddy
Mr. J.O. McArthur
Mrs. J.O. McArthur
Mr. Ernest Webb
Mrs. Ernest Webb
Mr. Joe Burns
Mrs. Joe Burns
Mr. Worth Burns
Mrs. Worth Burns

1916

Scholars not listed for 1916 & 1917

Teachers were:

Mrs. Jno W. Ward
Mrs. J. B. Ward
Mr. Burns Ward
Mr. Lacy T. Edens
Miss Attie McArthur
Miss Dora McCormic
Mr. L. Douglas. Edens
Mr. J. O. McArthur
Joseph C. Ward Sect./Treas.
J Carl (Pete) Ward, Sect./Treas.
'15&'16
Yates Gaddy, Sect./Treas. '17
Record for Sunday
Religious Services conducted by:
Ernest B. Ward
Lacy T. Edens

. 1927 – 1929

Only the teachers and total number of scholars present were listed.

Class No. 1

Miss Attie McArthur, 1927, '28
Mrs. Gaddy Ward, 1929

Miss Bessie Gaddy, 1929

Class No. 2

Miss Margaret Ward, 1927, '28, '29
Miss Estele Dehart, 1929

Class No. 3

Mrs. J. L. Stuart, 1927
Miss Bessie Gaddy, 1928, '29
Mrs. C. C. Edens, 1929

Class No. 4

Miss Apama Hammond, 1927, '28, '29
Mrs. W. F. Currie, 1928, '29

Class No. 5

Mr. L. D. Edens, 1927, '28, '29

Class No. 6

Mr. J. O. McArthur, 1927, '28
Mrs. Worth Burns, 1929

1937 - 1938

No teachers or scholars listed

Record for Sunday
Religious services conducted by:

Rev. L. T. Edens
Mr. F. W. Currie
Miss Mary Stewart
Rev. J. B. Hurley
Mr. Bob Burns
Mr. Cole Page
It is recorded that on Dec. 5, 1937, they sent \$4.62 to the Orphanage

The collection ranged from .20 to 1.42

THE

Church Register

OF THE

Centenary Class

Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Nashville, Tenn.:
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1. The names should be recorded in chronological order.
2. The beauty of the book will be enhanced by using a plain black ink in making all entries. Pencil marks mar the appearance of the register.
3. The law requires that the first name should be written in full. To illustrate: write *James E. Brown*, not J.E. Brown.
4. If a mistake should be made in an entry, it should be carefully erased.
5. Observe the following, when recording the names of members : use the third column under head of "To who Married" *only* when a woman (whose name is already on the roll) marries, then insert in this column *only* the surname of the man to whom she is married. To illustrate : the name of Mary Jones appears on the register, she marries a Mr. Johnson; simply find her name on the roll and write "Johnson" opposite her name in the column under " To whom Married." This obviates the necessity of recording her name in a new place, which would derange the chronological accuracy of the record. Under the general heading, "When and How Received," write under the proper sub.heading *only the date* of reception. Thus: "10 Jan, '90," rather than "Jan. 10, '90, or January 10, 1890. In the column, "By whom Received," write the name of the preacher who officiates at the reception, and not the name of the pastor unless he receives the member in person. Under the general heading, "When and How Removed," write under the proper sub.heading *only the date* of removal, as in reception. Thus: "15 Nov., '90."
6. On the last double page of the book provision is made for the "Annual Summary of Members. After the name of the pastor is written, then write in the next column headed. "Conference Year Ending," *only* the date of the close of the conference year. Thus: "10 Oct., '90 Then write in figures in the proper place as indicated in the headings the whole number of conversions, receptions or removals, during the conference year. In giving the totals include only the total number received and removed. In making up the net increase or decrease do not take the difference between the total number received and removed, but the difference between the total membership of the preceding year and the membership of the present year. In the column headed, "Present number," write the present number of members in the Church.

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PREFATORY NOTE

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This Register is the result of their labors. The veterans of the Publishing House and Officers of the General Conference hereabouts say that it meets the demand.

Afterward, the Committee on Publishing Interests of the General Conference of 1890, recommended it in the following language:

"They have carefully examined the Church Register referred to them and recommended by the Nashville Preachers' Association, and they respectfully recommend the adoption of the same by this General Conference, and that the Book Agent is hereby instructed to publish an edition of the same, and keep them in stock; and further, that this General Conference earnestly recommend this Register to our Churches, and that it be procured whenever the purchase of a new Church Register becomes necessary."

R. A. YOUNG,

President of the Association

CHURCH REGISTER

CENTENARY

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

REGISTER OF PASTORS

<u>Name of Bishop</u>	<u>Name of P.E.</u>	<u>Name of P.C.</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Smith, A. Coke	Rone, W.S.	Bradley, J.W.	Dec. 1902
Candler, W.A.	Cole, J.N.	Bradley, J.W.	Dec. 1903
Candler, W.A.	Cole, J.N.	Bradley, J.W.	Dec. 1904
Wilson, A.W.	Cole, J.N.	Bradley, J.W.	Dec. 1905
Wilson, A.W.	Moore, W.H.,D.D.	Ashby, J.M.	Dec. 1906
Galloway, C.B.	Moore, W.H.,D.D.	Ashby, J.M.	Dec. 1907

REGISTER OF MARRIAGES

<u>Names</u>	<u>By whom Married</u>	<u>Date</u>
Homer B. Ward Lena B. Edens	J. W. Bradley	4-29-1903
Wyche Rowland Jewell Curtis	J. W. Bradley	11-Nov. 1903
Rev. Ed Pitman Minnie McCormic	Rev. Durham	Jan. 1903
James A. McCormic Mollie Faulk	J. W. Bradley	3 Jan. 1906
Frank M. Page Bettie Burns	J. W. Bradley	7 Jan. 1906
J. B. McArthur Estelle Smith	J. E. Underwood	21 Feb. 1906
Jas. A. McCormic Mollie Faulk	J. W. Bradley	3 Jan 1906

REGISTER OF INFANT BAPTISMS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>By Whom Baptized</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Charles S. Hammond	James Hammond Harriett Hammond	J. W. Bradley	12 Sept. 03
2.	Mary Hammond	James Hammond Harriett Hammond	J.W. Bradley	12 Sept. 03
3.	Ethel Crawford	J. W. Crawford M. E. Crawford	J. W. Bradley	1 Nov. 03
4.	McLellan Crawford	J. W. Crawford M. E. Crawford	J. W. Bradley	1 Nov. 03
5.	Marvin J. Faulk	C. J. Faulk Minnie Faulk	J. W. Bradley	19 Aug. 06
6.	Lena Pearl Webb	W. B. Webb Ada Webb	J. W. Bradley	19 Aug. 06

REGISTER OF MEMBERS – 1903

<u>Names</u>	<u>To Whom Married</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>How Received</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>How Removed</u>
1. Gaddy, Jessie R. L.E.				5 June 04	Death
2. Gaddy, John W.					
3. Gaddy, Elizabeth J.					
4. Gaddy, Charity C.					
5. Gaddy, Sarah F.					
6. Gaddy, Virginia Edna	R.W. Bullard				
7. Gaddy, Mary J.					
8. Gaddy, Addie L.					
9. Gaddy, Jesse Laura					
10. Gaddy, Romulus A.					
11. Gaddy, Lula E.					
12. Burnes, Joseph R.					
13. Burnes, F. Louisa					
14. Burnes, Bettie D.	Page			17 Feb 06	C/T
15. Burnes, J. Worth					
16. Crawford, James D.					
17. Crawford, Charity Ann				10 June 1911	

Names	To Whom Married	When	How Received	When	How Removed
18. Crawford, J. Willie					
19. Crawford, Mollie E.					
20. Hammond, John					
21. Hammond, Johnnie R.					
22. Hammond, Harriet R.					
23. Hammond, Joseph		12 Sept 03	Vows		
24. Faulk, Minnie L.		12 Sept 03	Vows		
25. Faulk, Leola B.		12 Sept 03	Baptism		
26. Miller, Henrietta		12 Sept 03	Vows		
27. Miller, Nancy E.		12 Sept 03	Baptism		
28. Miller, Wm P.		12 Sept 03	Vows		
29. Powell, Eliza				20 June 04	Death
30. Gaddy, W.B. Mrs.					
31. Curtis, Jewell M.	Rowland	12 Sept 03	Vows	1 May 1911	Death
32. McLean, Duncan E.		12 Sept 03	Vows		
33. McCormic, Martin J.					
34. McCormic, Ella J.					
35. McCormic, Minnie	Pitman			1 June 03	Withdrew
36. McCormic, Dora Lee					
37. McCormic, Sallie					
38. McCormic, Rebecca				3 June 06	Death
39. McCormic, J. Augustus				30 May 03	Death
40. McCormic, Frances F.					
41. McArthur, M. Fannie					
42. McArthur, S. Addie					
43. McArthur, J. Oliver					
44. McArthur, Mary E.					
45. McArthur, Charles					
46. Ayers, Catherine L.					
47. Ayers, Nancy					
48. Edens, Tillie					
49. Edens, Jackie B.					
50. Edens, Lena	Ward			30 Apr 05	Withdrew

Names	To Whom Married	When	How Received	When	How Removed
51. Edens, Cora					
52. Stuart, Archie				25 Apr 07	Death
53. Stuart, Mary A.					
54. Stuart, John L.					
55. Stuart, Daniel A.					
56. Stuart, Peter M.				Feb 05	C/T
57. Stuart, M. Margaret	Vol Faulk				
58. Stuart, Robert F.					
59. Stuart, N. Flora					
60. Stuart, M. Luther					
61. Thompson, J. Numa					
62. McLean, Lillie					
63. Watts, Margaret					
64. Estulin, Burtha					
65. Faulk, Richard					
66. Faulk, Flora				1909	Death
67. Faulk, J. Venable					
68. Faulk, Swana R.					
69. Faulk, Mary M.	McCormic				
70. Faulk, C. Jack				1910	Death
71. Faulk, V. Ed					
72. Ward, E. Ben				2 May 04	Death
73. Ward, E. Catherine				16 Nov 06	Death
74. Ward, John W.					
75. Ward, Ella C.					
76. Ward, H. Ben				30 Apr 05	C/T
77. Ward, Ernest B.					
78. Ward, Edith C.					
79. Ward, E. Mabel					
80. Ward, J. Burns					
81. Ward, Daisy B.					
82. Curtis, Lula F.					

Names	To Whom Married	When	How Received	When	How Removed
83. McClelland, Archie H.					
84. McClelland, Sallie E.					
85. McClelland, Maranza					
86. McClelland, Sarah					
87. McClelland, Flora					
88. McClelland, Daniel					
89. McClelland, Malcolm					
90. Thompson, Sarah E.				1900	C/T
91. Sealy, James B.				14 Oct 05	C/T
92. Sealy, Susan C.				14 Oct 05	C/T
93. Campbell, Andrew J.				18 Jul 04	C/T
94. Hamilton, Andrew					
95. Goin, Stephen				18 Nov 05	Ch. Conf.
96. McCormic, Maston J.		12 Sep 03	Vows		
97. Faulk, Isla B.	McLelland	12 Sept 03	C/T	21 Feb 1910	C/T
98. Faulk, Volney J.		12 Sept 03	Vows		
99. Edens, Lacy T.		12 Sept 03	Baptism		
100. Edens, Lucien F.		12 Sept 03	Baptism		
101. McCormic, Ira N.		12 Sept 03	Vows	Sept 28 1909	C/T
102. McLelland, Wright		12 Sept 03	Baptism	1910	Death
103. Edens, Lawrence R.		12 Sept 03	Baptism	4 Jan 06	C/T
104. Easterling, Victoria		28 Mar 04	C/T		
105. McCormic, Straudie		28 Mar 04	C/T		
106. Strickland, Minnie		10 Sept 04	Baptism	18 Nov 05	Ch. Conf.
107. Strickland, Mary E.		10 Sept 04	Baptism	18 Nov 05	Ch. Conf.
108. Strickland, Mary		10 Sept 04	Vows	18 Nov 05	Ch. Conf.
109. McDonald, Maggie		10 Sept 04	Vows	18 Nov 05	Ch. Conf.
110. McDonald, Maud		10 Sept 04	Vows	18 Nov 05	Ch. Conf.
111. McDonald, Douglass D.		10 Sept 04	Vows	18 Nov 05	Ch. Conf.
112. Faulk, Maggie		10 Sept 04	Baptism		
113. Sealy, John		10 Sept 04	Baptism	14 Oct 05	C/T
114. Sealy, Woodard		10 Sept 04	Baptism	14 Oct 05	C/T
115. Gaddy, Coke		10 Sept. 04	Vows		

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116. McCormic, Lawrence		10 Sept 04	Vows		
117. Crawford, James		10 Sept 04	Vows		
118. Crawford, John C.		10 Sept 04	Vows		
119. Ward, John W. Jr.		10 Sept 04	Vows		
120. Edens, Walter M.		10 Sept 04	Baptism		
121. Strickland, Jacob C.		20 Nov 04	C/T	18 Nov 05	Ch Conf.
122. McCormic, Nancy J.		6 Mar 05	C/T		
123. Philips, Mrs. C.A.		17 June 05	C/T		
124. Hammond, James		7 Oct 05	Vows		
125. Ward, Blanche		7 Oct 05	Vows		
126. Ward, Myrtie May		7 Oct 05	Vows		
127. Ward, Mattie P.		7 Oct 05	Vows		
128. Gaddy, Eva		7 Oct 05	Vows		
128. Webb, L. H.	Transferred from Oak Grove		1 Jan 06	27 Jan 1908	C/T
129. Webb, Virginia	"	"	"	27 Jan 1908	C/T
130. Webb, Irnie	"	"	"		
131. Webb, Ethel	"	"	"	27 Jan 1908	C/T
132. Webb, Vassa	"	"	"	27 Jan 1908	C/T
133. Webb, Winston B.	"	"	"	Dec 3 rd 1906	C/T
134. Webb, Ada	"	"	"	Dec 3 rd 1906	C/T
135. McArthur, Stella		22 June 06	C/T		
136. McCormic, Jas. A.		19 Aug 06	Vows		
{137} McGirt, Claude P.		19 Aug 06	Vows		
{138} Stuart, Mrs. Jno. L.					
{139} Webb, Sallie McLelland					
{140} Williams, Mrs. Callie		7 Feb 1909	Vows	19 Mar. 1911	Withdrew
{141} Maness, Esther		May 1909	C/T		
{142} Rowell, Maggie		5 Sept 1909	Baptism		
{143} Hammond, Mary		5 Sept 1909	Vows		
{144} Ward, Joseph Carl		5 Sept 1909	Vows		
{145} McCormic, Leslie		22 Sept 1911	Baptism/Vows		

J. W. Bradley signed the Register (By Whom Received) by the following numbered names:23-28; 31-32; 97-137
F.B. McCall, P.C. signed by numbers 140-145

{THIS CONCLUDES THE COMPLETE BOOK}

Church Register
Rowland Charge – Centenary Members 1904 {-1916}
Methodist Episcopal Church South,
Book at Rowland United Methodist Church
 {B – Baptism; V – Vows; C/T – Certificate of Transfer}

<u>Name</u>	<u>Whom Married</u>	<u>Received Date</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Removed Date</u>	<u>How</u>
Gaddy, Rev. J. R. *				1904	* Death
John W.					
Eliz J.					
Charity C.*				May 25 1913	* Death
Sarah F. *				Sept 08 1912	* Death
Virginia E.	R.W. Bullard			Sept 12 1912	Trans to Purvis
Mary J.					
Addie L.					
J. Laura	Banfield				
Rom A.					
Lula E.					
Burns, Joe R.					
F. Louisa					
Bettie D.	Page			17 Feb 1906	Certificate
J. Worth					
Crawford, Jas. D. *				May 31 1914	* Death
Mrs. Jas.D. *				10 June 1911	* Death
J.W.					
Mrs. J.W. *				April 06 1916	* Death
Hammond, John*				May 12 1913	* Death
Jonie R.					
Harriett					
McCormic, Martin J.					
Mrs. Martin J. *				Jan 29 1916	* Death
Dora					
Sallie					
Rebecca *				08 Aug 1906	* Death
Frances					
Ayers, Catherine					
Nancy					
Edens, Tillie					
Jackie B.					
Cora					
McArthur, Fannie					
Attie					
Mary E.	Harrell			July 14 1914	Certificate
J. Oliver					
Chas.					
Stuart, Arch *				April 25 1907	* Death
Mrs. Arch *				Dec 30 1912	* Death
Jno. L.					
Dan A.					
Peter M.				1904	Certificate
Margaret	Vol Faulk				
Robert F.					

<u>Name</u>	<u>Whom Married</u>	<u>Received Date</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Removed Date</u>	<u>How</u>
Stuart, N. Flora M. Luther					
Thompson, Numa Sarah E.				1900	Certificate
McLean, Lillie					
Watts, Margaret					
Easterling, Bertha	McGirt				
Faulk, Richard Flora* J. Vernable Swana R. Mary M.* C. Jack* V. Edd	J.A. McCormic			1909 Mar 21, 1913 1910 Nov 7 1908	*Death *Death *Death Certificate
Ward, E. Ben * E. Catherine* Jno W. Ella C. H. Ben Ernest B. Edith C. E. Mabel J. Burns Daisy B.	Edens			03 Mar 1904 16 Nov 1906 July 1, 1914 Jan 7 1917	*Death *Death C/T Rowland C/T Rowland C/T Purvis
Edens, Lena	Ward				C/T Rowland
Curtis, Lula F.*				1914	*Death
McLelland, Archie Maranza Sarah* Flora* Daniel* Malcolm				May 27, 1914 March 1916 Dec 1907	*Death *Death *Death
Sealy, James B. Susan C.				14 Oct 1905 14 Oct 1905	C/T C/T
Hamilton, Andrew				1909	Withdrew
Goin, Stephen				1902	C/T
Gaddy, Lou					
Powell, Eliza*				20 June 1904	*Death
Edens, Lucien F. Lacy T. Lawrence		12 Sept 1903 12 Sept 1903 12 Sept 1903	B B B	Nov 1 1913 4 Jan 1906	C/T C/T
Faulk, Volney Isla	McLelland	12 Sept 1903 12 Sept 1903	V V	21 Feb 1910	C/T

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Faulk, Minnie		12 Sept 1903	V		
Leola		12 Sept 1903	B	Aug 1912	C/T
Miller, William		12 Sept 1903	V		
Henrietta		12 Sept 1903	V		
Nancy		12 Sept 1903	B		
Curtis, Jewell	Rowland	12 Sept 1903	V	1 May 1911	C/T
McLean, Duncan		12 Sept 1903	V		
McLelland, Wright*		12 Sept 1903	B	July 1910	*Death
McCormic, Ira		12 Sept 1903	V	28 Sept 1909	C/T
Maston		12 Sept 1903	V		
Hammond, Joe		12 Sept 1903	V		
McCormic, Straudie		28 Mar 1904	C/T		
Easterling, Victoria		28 Mar 1904	C/T		
Strickland, Mary					
Minnie		10 Sept 1904	B		
Mary S. Jr.		10 Sept 1904	B		
McDonald, Douglass D.		10 Sept 1904	V	10 Sept 1904	C/T to Rowland
Maggie		10 Sept 1904	V	9 Jan 1906	C/T
Maud		10 Sept 1904	V	9 Jan 1906	C/T
Faulk, Maggie	Faulk	10 Sept 1904	B		
Sealy, John		10 Sept 1904	B	14 Oct 1905	C/T
Woodard		10 Sept 1904	B	14 Oct 1905	C/T
Gaddy, Coke		10 Sept 1904	V		
McCormic, Lawrence		10 Sept 1904	V		
Crawford, James Jr.		10 Sept 1904	V		
John C.		10 Sept 1904	V		
Ward, John W. Jr.		10 Sept 1904	V		
Edens, Walter M.		10 Sept 1904	B	Jan 8, 1914	C/T
Strickland, J. W.		1904	C/T	Feby 6 1910	Ch. Conf.
McCormic, Nancy*		19 Jan 1905	C/T	Mar 31 1916	*Death
Philips, Mrs. C. A.		17 June 1905	C/T		
Hammond, James		7 Oct 1905	V		
Ward, Blanche	Williams	7 Oct 1905	V		
Myrtle May		7 Oct 1905	V		
Mattie P.		7 Oct 1905	V		
Gaddy, Eva		7 Oct 1905	V		

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McArthur , Estelle		22 June 1906	C/T		
McCormic , Jas. A.		19 Aug 1906	V		
McGirt , Claude P.		19 Aug 1906	V	Feb 3 1917	C/T
Webb , L. H.		Jan 1906	C/T Oak Grove	Jan 27 1908	C/T
Virginia		Jan 1906	C/T Oak Grove	Jan 27 1908	C/T
Irníe		Jan 1906	C/T Oak Grove	Jan 27 1908	C/T
Vassa		Jan 1906	C/T Oak Grove	Jan 27 1908	C/T
Ethel		Jan 1906	C/T Oak Grove	Jan 27 1908	C/T
Winston		Jan 1906	C/T Oak Grove	Dec 3 1906	C/T
Ada		Jan 1906	C/T Oak Grove	Dec 3 1906	C/T
McCormic , Willie		2 Dec 1906	V		
Amanda	Connelly	2 Dec 1906	V		
Stuart , Mrs. J.L. (Lena R)		Feb 17 1907	C/T		
Andrews , Hanes L.		Jan 25 1908	C/T	31 May 1909	C/T
Mrs. Fannie W.		Jan 25 1908	C/T	31 May 1909	C/T
McLelland , Sallie	Webb				
Williams , Mrs. Callie		7 Feb 1909	V	19 Mar 1911	Withdrawal
Maness , Esther		18 May 1909	C/T		
Maggie Rowell	Hyatt	5 Sept 1909	B		
Mary Hammond		5 Sept 1909	V		
Joseph Carl Ward		5 Sept 1909	V		
McCormic , Leslie		22 Sept 1911	B & V		
Bertha Rogers McGirt		Feb 15 1912	C/T	Feb 3 1917	C/T
Nannie Hayes McArthur		Feb 15, 1912	C/T		
Alice Oliver Burns		Apr 16 1912	C/T		
Frederick McLean		Jul 26, 1912	V		
Furman McCormic		Jul 26, 1912	V		
Guy Crawford		Jul 26, 1912	V		
Charles Stuart Hammond		Jul 26, 1912	V		
Neva Gaddy		Jul 26 1912	B & V		
Yates Douglass		Jul 26, 1912	B & V		
Bertha Rowell		Jul 26, 1912	B & V		
Frank		Jul 26 1912	B & V		
Hattie		Feb 16 1913	V		
Grace Elizabeth Hammond		Sept 4 1914	B & V		

<u>Name</u>	<u>Whom Married</u>	<u>Received Date</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Removed Date</u>	<u>How</u>
John Allen Edens		Sept 4 1914	B & V		
Carl Corprew		Sept 4 1914	B & V		
Walter Thaddeus McCormic		Sept 4 1914	B & V		
Ola Elise		Sept 4 1914	B & V		
Lota Lee McLean		Sept 4 1914	V		
Willie May		Sept 4 1914	V		
Pope Crawford		Sept 4 1914	V		
Ethel		Sept 4 1914	V		
Leon Douglas Edens		June 25 1915	C/T		
Ethel Bullock Ward				Jan 7 1917	C/T Purvis
Eurice Bascom Gaddy		Sept 2 1916	V		
James Gaddy Ward		Sept 2 1916	V		
Eugene Ashby Hammond		Sept 2 1916	V		
Annie		Sept 2 1916	V		
Bessie Gaddy		Sept 2 1916	V		
Allen Edens		Sept 2 1916	V		
		Sept 26 1916	B		

Centenary roll

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Gaddy, J. W. (std)
 “ Elizabeth J.
 “ Charity C.
 “ Sarah F.
 “ Virginia E.
 “ Mary J.
 “ Addie L.
 “ J. Laura
 “ Rom. A.
 “ Lula E.

Burns, Joe R.
 “ F. Louisa

Page, Bettie D.
 “ J. Worth

Crawford, Jas. D.
 “ Mrs.
 “ J. W.
 “ Mrs. J. W.

Hammond, John
 “ Jonie R.
 “ Harriet

McCormic, Martin J. (std)
 “ Mrs. M. J.
 “ Dora
 “ Sallie
 “ Frances

Ayers, Catherine
 “ Nancy

Edens, Tillie
 “ Jackie B.
 “ Cora

McArthur, Fannie
 “ Attie
 “ Mary L.
 “ J. Oliver (std)
 “ Charles

Stewart, Arch

Stewart, Mrs. Arch
 “ John L. (s.s.s)
 “ Dan. A.
 “ Margt (Faulk)
 “ Robt F.
 “ Flora
 “ M. Luther

Thompson, Numa
 “ Sarah E.

McLean, Lily

Watts, Margt

Easterling, Bertha

Faulk, Richard
 “ Flora
 “ J. Venable

Faulk, Swanna R.
 —“ Mary M
 “ C. Jack
 “ V. Edd

Ward, John W.
 “ Ella C.
 “ Ernest B.
 “ Edith
 “ E. Mabel
 “ J. Burns
 “ Daisey B.

Curtis, Lula F.

McLelland, Archie
 “ Maranza
 “ Sarah
 “ Flora
 “ Daniel
 “ Malcom

Hamilton, Andrew

Gaddy, Lou

Edens, Lucien
 “ Lacy

Faulk, Volney

McLelland, Isla

Faulk, Minnie
 “ Leola

Miller, Wm
 “ Heniretta
 “ Nancy

Rowland, Jewell

McLean, Duncan

McLelland, Wright

McCormic, Ira
 “ Maston

Hammond, Joe

McCormic, Straudie

Easterling, Victoria

Strickland, Mary
 “ Minnie
 “ Mary S. Jr.

Faulk, Maggie

Gaddy, Coke

McCormic, Lawrence

Crawford, James Jr.
 “ John C.

Ward, Jno. W. Jr.

Edens, Walter M.

Strickland, J. W.

McCormic, Nancy

Phillips, Mrs. C. A.

Hammond, James

Ward, Blanche Mrs Williams
 “ Myrtle May
 “ Mattie P.

Gaddy, Eva

McArthur, Estelle

McCormic, James A.

McGirt, Claud P.

Webb, L. H.
 “ Irene

McCormic, Willie
 “ Amanda

Stuart, Mrs. J. L.

Andrews, Hanes L.
 “ Mrs. Fannie W.

Webb, Sallie

Williams, Callie

McCormic, Mary M.

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Rowland Charge (Book at Rowland UMC)
1916 – 1927
Centenary Methodist Church Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Married To:</u>	<u>Received Date</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Withdrew Date</u>	<u>How</u>
J.W. Gaddy *				1925	* Death
Eliz. J. Gaddy *				1927	* Death
Mary J. Gaddy *				1923(4)	* Death
Addie L. Gaddy				1927	* Death
Laura J. Barfield					
Rom A. Gaddy					
Lula E. Gaddy *				1927	* Death
Joe R. Burns					
Louisa F. Burns *				1925	* Death
J. Worth Burns					
Alice Oliver Burns					
J.W. Crawford					
Johnni R. Hammond					
Harriet Hammond					
Martin J. McCormic					
Dora McCormic					
Sallie McCormic	Connelly			July 23 1920	C/T
Frances McCormic *				July 7 1918	* Death
Cathrine Ayers					
Nancy Ayers *				1925	C/T
				1924	* Death
Tillie Edens *					
Jackie B. Edens *				1919	* Death
Cora Edens				Dec 16 1917	* Death
Fannie McArthur *					
Attie McArthur				1924	* Death
J. Oliver McArthur					
Charles McArthur					
Nannie Hayes McArthur					
John L. Stuart					
Dan A. Stuart					
Robt. F. Stuart					
Flora N. Stuart					
Leuther M. Stuart *				Nov 20 1918	* Death
Margarett Faulk *					
				Oct 1919	* Death
J. Numie Thompson *					
				2-4-1929	* Death
Lillie McLean					
Bertha McGirt					
Richard Faulk *					
				1919	* Death

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J. Venable Faulk Swana R. Faulk					
John W. Ward Ella C. Ward *				7-17-1933	* Death (Trans to Rowlar
Earnest B. Ward Mabel E. Ward Daisy B. Ward	McKenzie			Mar 28 1919	C/T
Archie McLelland * Maranza McLelland * Malcom McLelland				Aug 31 1917 1927 12-8-1931	* Death * Death C/T
Lou Gaddy					
Lacy Edens (Pastor W.N.C. Conf.)		9-12-1903	B		
Volney Faulk Minnie Faulk	Faulk	9-12-1903 9-12-1903	B&V V		
Duncan McLean		9-12-1903	V		
Maston McCormic		9-12-1903	V		
Joe Hammond		9-12-1903	V	10-19-1928	Ch Conf.
Straudie McCormic *		3-28-1904	C/T	6-9-1928	* Death
Victoria Easterling *		3-28-1904	C/T	7 Oct 1932	* Death
Maggie Faulk	Faulk	9-10-1904	B	1-5-1933	C/T
Coke Gaddy		9-10-1904	V	1923	C/T
Lawrence McCormic		9-10-1904	V	10-19-1928	Ch Conf
James Crawford, Jr John C. Crawford		9-10-1904	V	1924	C/T
John W. Ward, Jr.		9-4-1904	V		
Mrs. C.A. Phillips		6-17-1905	C/T		
James Hammond *		10-7-1905	V	1924	* Death
Blanch Williams		10-7-1905	V		
Myrtle May Ward Mattie Perry Ward	C.C. Edens Thos. Bullock	10-7-1905 10-7-1905	V V		
Eva Gaddy	Harrelson	10-7-1905	V	1924	C/T
Estelle McArthur *		6-22-1906	C/T	1924	* Death
James A. McCormic *		8-19-1906	V	18 May 1932	* Death
Irme Webb		1---1906	C/T		(trans Wilmington NC)
Willie McCormic		12-2-1906	V		(trans GA)

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Lena R. Stuart		2-17-1907	C/T		
Sallie Webb					
Esther Maness	L.D. Edens	5-18-1909	C/T		
Maggie Rowell	Hyatt	9-5-1909	B	10-19-1928	Ch Conf.
Mary Hammond		9-5-1909	V		
Joseph Carl Ward				(trans to Rowland)	
Leslie McCormic		9-22-1911	B	Nov 6 1918	C/T
Frederick McLean		7-26-1912	V		
Furman McCormic		7-26-1912	V	10-19-1928	Ch Conf.
Guy Crawford		7-26-1912	V		
Chas. S. Hammond		7-26-1912	V		
Neva Gaddy		7-26-1912	B&V		
Yates Douglass Gaddy		7-26-1912	B&V		
Bertha Rowell		7-26-1912	B&V	May 19 1921	Dropped
Frank Rowell		7-26-1912	B&V	May 19 1921	Dropped
Hattie Rowell		2-16-1913	V	May 19 1921	Dropped
Grace Eliz. Hammond		9-4-1914	B&V		
John Allen Edens		9-4-1914	B&V		
Carl Corprew Edens		9-4-1914	B&V		
Water Thad McCormic		9-4-1914	B&V		
Ola Elise McCormic		9-4-1914	B&V		
Lota Lee McLean	Carl Grimsley	9-4-1914	B&V		
Willa May McLean		9-4-1914	V		
Pope Crawford		9-4-1914	V		
Ethel Crawford	Gaddy Ward	9-4-1914	V		
Leon Douglas Edens		6-25-1915	C/T		
Enrice Bascom Gaddy		9-2-1916	V		
James Gaddy Ward		9-2-1916	V		
Eugene Ashby Hammond		9-2-1916	V		
Annie Hammond	William Bailey	9-2-1916	V		
Bessie Gaddy		9-2-1916	V		
Allen Edens *		9-26-1916	B&V	Aug 9 1917	* Death
Thelma Gaddy	Gilchrist	9-26-1916	B&V	Dec 4 1926	C/T
Samuel Roberts		3-3-1918	C/T	Nov 8 1920	C/T

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Madison Maness		9-17-1918	V		
Alton Gaddy		9-17-1918	B&V		
William Page		8-15-1919	V		
Ashby Gaddy		8-15-1919	V		
John Page		8-15-1919	V		
Frank Page		8-15-1919	V		
Lena Barfield		8-15-1919	V		
Jesse Barfield		8-15-1919	V		
Hallene Crawford		8-15-1919	V		
Lacy Gaddy		8-15-1919	B&V		
Joseph Burns Jr.		11-16-1919	V		
Phillips, Chappell *		8-8-1920	B&V	1927	* Death
Wyvis B.		8-8-1920	B&V		
Ayers, Ernest G.		8-8-1920	B&V	11-19-1929	C/T
Carl McGuire		8-8-1920	B&V		
McCormick, Thelma	Oliver	8-8-1920	B&V	9-12-1931	C/T
Fodie E.		8-8-1920	B&V		
McLean, Irma Neil		8-8-1920	V		
Jas. Russell		8-8-1920	V		
Samuel		8-8-1920	V		
Stacey Earl		8-8-1920	V		
Crawford, Theodore		8-8-1920	V		
Henry K.		8-8-1920	V		
Lawrence E.		8-8-1920	V		
McArthur, Jr, J. Olliver		8-8-1920	V		
Wm Preston		8-8-1920	V		
Burns, Wm. Solomon		8-8-1920	V		
Smith, Annie Louise		7-3-1921	C/T	1925	C/T
Ward, Mrs. Ernest B.		11-8-1921	C/T		(trans to Rowland)
Hamilton, Mrs. Margaret		11-18-1921	C/T	4-26-1929	C/T
Maness, Dewey Lee		11-19-1921	C/T	1927	C/T
Pearl	Johnson	11-19-1921	C/T		(trans to Rowland)
Stuart, Mrs. R. F.		11-20-1921	C/T		
Barfield, Alpheus		5-13-1921	C/T		
Hammond, Clifford H.		9-22-1921	B&V		
McLean, Murphy Brown		9-22-1921	V		

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Stuart , Leon Archibald		9-22-1921	V		
Robert Paul		9-22-1921	V		
McArthur , Jack		9-22-1921	V		(trans Presby. Ch.)
Burns , Jas. Worth		9-22-1921	V		
McArthur , Shephed S.		9-22-1921	V		
Gaddy , Evander Earl					
Williams , Benj. Frank					
Webb , Louis L. *				1927	* Death
Archie Caviness *				1927	* Death
Thompson , J. Numa *		1922	C/T	2-4-1929	* Death
Mary Della		1922	C/T	June 1 1930	C/T
Effie McCormick *				1923	C/T to Rowland
				1927	*Death
Margarette Ward			V		
Bruce Hammond					
Preston Page					
Robert Burns					
Cole Page					
Henry McArthur					
Douglas Hammond					
William McArthur					
W.F. McCormick					
Louise Burns					
Alice Burns					
Lillian Faulk					
Beatrice Faulk					
Evelyn Hammond					
Ruth Stuart					
Grace Gaddy					
Esther McLean					
Mrs. Florrine Cole Gaddy		1924	C/T		
F.W. Curry		1925	C/T		
Mrs. F.W. Curry		1925	B		
Mrs. Fannie B. McCormick		1926	C/T		

<u>Name</u>	<u>Married To:</u>	<u>Received Date</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Withdrew Date</u>	<u>How</u>
Arthur Wright		1926	C/T		
Madison Burns *		1926	B	1927	* Death
Mrs. Arthur Wright				C/T	
Dora Hamilton	McCormic	1927	B		
J. W. Bullard		from Asbury	C/T		
Grady McCormick		from Rowland	C/T		
Luther Mc. Fault		10-21-1928	B		
Junius W. Gaddy		10-21-1928	B		
Hilda P. Stuart		10-21-1928	V		
Bettie E. Burns		10-21-1928	V		
Mildred Phillips		10-21-1928	B		
Jennie M. Buttlar		10-21-1928	B		
Dannie Buttlar		10-21-1928	B		
Robert Buttlar		10-21-1928	B		
Katharine Butler		1-6-1929	B		
Carl Corprew Edens Jr.		7-7-1929	B		
Willie Wright		7-7-1929	B		
J.D. Wright		7-7-1929	B		
Earline Wright		7-7-1929	B		
Agnes McGirt		7-7-1929	B		
Wilma McGirt		7-7-1929	B		
Charles Harrington		6-22-1930	C/T		
Mr. E.G. Ayers		15 Jan 1931	C/T		
Mrs. E.G. Ayers		15 Jan 1931	C/T		
Miss Emma McGirt		Mar 1931	C/T		
John M. Wright		12 Sept 1931	B		
Taylor McCormic		12 Sept 1931	B		
Mary Francis McCormic		12 Sept 1931	B		
Hal Burns		12 Sept 1931	V		
Alma Ivey		12 Sept 1931	B	14 Feby 1932	C/T
Linnie McCormic		12 Sept 1931	B		
Bruce Taylor		12 Sept 1931	B		
Robert Stuart		12 Sept 1931	V		
Wacon Cottingham		12 Sept 1931	B		

Name	Married To:	Received Date	How	Withdrew Date	How
Mrs. Myrtle Cottingham		12 Sept 1931	V		
Mr. Bonnie Cottingham		12 Sept 1931	V		
Ann Burns		12 Sept 1931	V		
Wm Lester Ivey		1 Nov 1931	B	14 Feby 1932	C/T
W.W. Rowland		July 1932	C/T		
Ellen Davis		23 Oct 1932	V		
E.P. Gaddy		4-26-1933	C/T		
Mrs. E.P. Gaddy		4-26-1933	C/T		
Richard Douglas		9-8-1933	V		

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>When Received In the church</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>When Removed</u>	<u>How</u>
1. Laura J. Barfield				03-05-1936	Death
2. Rom A. Gaddy				Oct 1940	Death
3. Joe R. Burns				01-03-1936	Death
4. J. Worth Burns					
5. Alice Olivia Burns					
6. J. W. Crawford				07-14-1936	Death
7. John R. Hamonds				10-17-1945	Death
8. Harriet Hammond					
9. Martin J. McCormic				12-05-1946	Death
10. Dora McCormic					
11. Cora Edens				11- -1950	Death
12. Attie McArthur				01-03-1947	Death
13. J. Oliver McArthur				1949	Death
14. Charles McArthur				07-31-1934	Death
15. Nannie Hazes McArthur				1950	Withdrew
16. John L. Stewart				11- -1939	Death
17. Dan A. Stewart					
18. Robert F. Stewart				05-14-1941	Death
19. Flora N. Stewart					
20. Lillie McLean				08-16-1945	Death
21. Bertha McGirt					
22. J. Venerable Faulk				03- -1939	Death
23. Swana Faulk					
24. John W. Ward				03-31-1947	Death
25. Lou Gaddy				05-27-1949	Death
26. Volney Faulk				---	Death
27. Minnie Faulk	09-12-1903		V	Withdrew to Baptist Church	
28. Duncan McLean	09-12-1903		V		
29. Maston McCormic	09-12-0903		V	06-03-1935	Certificate
30. Joe Hammond	09-12-1903		V	01----1939	Death

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31. Straudie McCormic		09-12-1903	V		Death
32. James Crawford, Jr.		03-28-1904	C/T	1927	Death
33. John W. Ward, Jr.		09-10-1904	V	1946	C/T Rowland Ch.
34. Mrs. C.A. Philipps		09-04-1904	V		
35. Blanch Ward Williams		06-17-1905	C/T	08-16-1951	Death
36. Myrtle May Ward	Edens	10-07-1905	V		
37. Irene Webb		10-07-1905	V		Death
38. Willie McCormic		01- -1906	C/T		Death
39. Lena R. Stewart		12-02-1906	V	08-01-1942	Death
40. Sallie Webb		02-17-1907	C/T		
41. Esther Maness	Edens			01-04-1934	Certificate
42. Mary Hammonds		05-18-1909	C/T		
43. Frederick McLean		09-05-1909	V		
44. Furman McCormic		07-26-1912	V		Death
45. Guy Crawford		07-26-1912	V		
46. Charles S. Hammond		07-26-1912	V		
47. Neva Gaddy	Townsend	07-26-1912	V	1945	Withdrew
48. Yates D. Gaddy		07-26-1912	P.F.	11-07-1945	Certificate
49. Grace E. Gaddy		09-04-1914	P.F.		
50. John A. Edens		09-04-1914	P.F.		
51. Carl C. Edens		09-04-1914	P.F.		
52. Walter T. McCormic		09-04-1914	P.F.		
53. Ola E. McCormic		09-04-1914	P.F.		
54. Lota Lee McLean	Grimsley	09-04-1914	P.F.	1938	C/T Rowland
55. Willie May McLean		09-04-1914	V	10-16-1938	C/T Rowland
56. Pope Crawford		09-04-1914	V		
57. Leon D. Edens		01-25-1915	C/T	01-04-1934	Certificate
58. Ethel Crawford	Ward	01-25-1915	V		
59. Eunice B. Gaddy		09-02-1916	V		
60. James Gaddy Ward		09-02-1916	V		
61. Eugene Asby Hammond		09-02-1916	V		
62. Annie Hammond	Bailey	09-02-1916	V		
63. Bessie Gaddy		09-02-1916	V	04-1938	Certificate

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64. Samuel Roberts		03-03-1918	C/T		Death
65. Madison Maness	(Preacher)	11-17-1918	V	1925 Joined NC Conference	
66. Alton Gaddy		08-15-1919	V	08-11-1936	Certificate
67. William Page		08-15-1919	V		
68. Clyde Ashby Gaddy		08-15-1919	V	01-15-1940	Certificate
69. John (Jack) Page		08-15-1919	V	Member of NC Conference	
70. Frank M. Page		08-15-1919	V		
71. Lena Barfield		08-15-1919	V		
72. Jessie Barfield		08-15-1919	V		
73. Halene Crawford		08-15-1919	V		
74. Lacy Gaddy		08-15-1919	V	1945	Certificate
75. Joseph Burns Jr.		08-15-1919	V	11- - 1939	Death
76. Wyvis B. Philipps		08-08-1920	V		
77. Fadie E. McCormic McDonald		08-08-1920	V		Death
78. Irma Neil McLean		08-08-1920	V	03-14-1938	Certificate
79. James R. McLean		08-08-1920	V	1936	Certificate
80. Samuel McLean		08-08-1920	V	10-15-1942	C/T Rowland
81. Earl S. McLean		08-08-1920	V	07-25-1948	Certificate
82. Theodore Crawford		08-08-1920	V	03-18-1944	Certificate
83. Henry K. Crawford		08-08-1920	V		
84. Lawrence E. Crawford		08-08-1920	V	04-25-1944	Certificate
85. J. Oliver McArthur, Jr.		08-08-1920	V		
86. Wm. P. McArthur		08-08-1920	V		
87. Wm. S. Burns		08-08-1920	V	12-06-1935	Certificate
88. Mrs. R. F. Steward		11-20-1923	C/T		
89. Alpheus Barfield		05-13-1921	C/T	1932	Death
90. Clifford H. Hammond		09-22-1921	V		
91. Murphy B. McLean		09-22-1921	V		Certificate
92. Archibald Leon Stewart		08-22-1921	V		
93. Robert Paul Stewart		08-22-1921	V	09-28-1946	Certificate
94. James Worth Burns, Jr.		08-22-1921	V		Certificate
95. Sheperd S. McArthur		08-22-1921	V	03-09-1952	Certificate
96. Evander E. Gaddy		08-22-1921	V	11-15-1938	Withdrew

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		In the church	How		
64. Samuel Roberts		03-03-1918	C/T		Death
65. Madison Maness	(Preacher)	11-17-1918	V	1925 Joined NC Conference	
66. Alton Gaddy		08-15-1919	V	08-11-1936	Certificate
67. William Page		08-15-1919	V		
68. Clyde Ashby Gaddy		08-15-1919	V	01-15-1940	Certificate
69. John (Jack) Page		08-15-1919	V	Member of NC Conference	
70. Frank M. Page		08-15-1919	V		
71. Lena Barfield		08-15-1919	V		
72. Jessie Barfield		08-15-1919	V		
73. Halene Crawford		08-15-1919	V		
74. Lacy Gaddy		08-15-1919	V	1945	Certificate
75. Joseph Burns Jr.		08-15-1919	V	11- - 1939	Death
76. Wyvis B. Philipps		08-08-1920	V		
77. Fadie E. McCormic McDonald		08-08-1920	V		Death
78. Irma Neil McLean		08-08-1920	V	03-14-1938	Certificate
79. James R. McLean		08-08-1920	V	1936	Certificate
80. Samuel McLean		08-08-1920	V	10-15-1942	C/T Rowland
81. Earl S. McLean		08-08-1920	V	07-25-1948	Certificate
82. Theodore Crawford		08-08-1920	V	03-18-1944	Certificate
83. Henry K. Crawford		08-08-1920	V		
84. Lawrence E. Crawford		08-08-1920	V	04-25-1944	Certificate
85. J. Oliver McArthur, Jr.		08-08-1920	V		
86. Wm. P. McArthur		08-08-1920	V		
87. Wm. S. Burns		08-08-1920	V	12-06-1935	Certificate
88. Mrs. R. F. Steward		11-20-1923	C/T		
89. Alpheus Barfield		05-13-1921	C/T	1932	Death
90. Clifford H. Hammond		09-22-1921	V		
91. Murphy B. McLean		09-22-1921	V		Certificate
92. Archibald Leon Stewart		08-22-1921	V		
93. Robert Paul Stewart		08-22-1921	V	09-28-1946	Certificate
94. James Worth Burns, Jr.		08-22-1921	V		Certificate to Union
95. Sheperd S. McArthur		08-22-1921	V	03-09-1952	Certificate
96. Evander E. Gaddy		08-22-1921	V	11-15-1938	Withdrew

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		In the church	How		
97. Benjamin F. Williams			V	10-15-1941	C/T Rowland
98. Margarete Ward			V	07-06-1936	Certificate
99. Bruce Hammond			V	11-22-1944	Death
100. Preston Page			V	07-25-1948	Certificate
101. B. O. Burns					
101A. Robert Burns					
102. Cole Page				10-16-1950	Certificate
103. Henry L. McArthur				05-23-1935	Withdrew
104. Douglas Hammond					
105. William Morrison McArthur				11-17-1937	Certificate
106. W. F. McCormic					
107. Louise Burns	Funderbury			1949	Certificate
108. Alice Burns				10----1939	Certificate
109. Lillian Faulk				03-08-1940	Certificate
110. Beatrice Faulk	Peoples				
111. Evelyn Hammond					
112. Ruth Stewart	Atkinson				
113. Grover Gaddy					
114. Esther McLean	Byrd				To Baptist
115. Florine Cole Gaddy	(same as #135)				
116. W. F. Curry					
117. Mrs. W. F. Curry				04-02-1946	Certificate
118. Fannie Bell McCormick				03-08-1940	Certificate
119. Arthur Wright					
120. Mrs. Arthur Wright					
121. Dora Hamilton	Maxie McCormic				
122. J. W. Bullard					
123. Grady McCormic				08-12-1942	Certificate
124. Luther Faulk					
125. Junius W. Gaddy				1931	Withdrew
126. Hilda P. Stewart				1939	Withdrew
127. Bettie E. Burns	Summerlin, Jr.			1946	Certificate
128. Mildred Philips	Davis	10-21-1928	V		

<u>Name</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>When Received In the church</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>When Removed</u>	<u>How</u>
129. Jennie M. Butler		10-21-1928	V	05-01-1940	Ch. Conf.
130. Danie Butler		10-21-1928	V	05-05-1946	Certificate
131. Robert Butler		10-21-1928	V		Certificate
132. Cathrine Butler	Willoughby	01-06-1929	V	1937	Withdrew
133. Ellen Davis	Campbell	10-23-1932	V	1947	Withdrew
134. E. B. Gaddy (same as Erice Gaddy)		04-23-1933	C/T	1931	Withdrew
135. Mrs. E. B. Gaddy		04-23-1933	C/T	1931	Withdrew
136. Richard Douglas Edens		09-08-1933	V	01-04-1934	Certificate
137. (Mrs.) Frances Butler		11-17-1935	C/T	05-05-1946	Certificate
138. (Mrs.) Louise McArthur		11-17-1935	C/T		
139. Mrs. C. (Clifford) Hammond		12-01-1935	C/T		
140. Blanch M. McLellan		12-09-1935	P.F.		
141 – 154 Blank					
155. C. C. Edens, Jr.		07-07-1929	V		
156. Willie Wright		07-07-1929	V		
157. J. D. Wright		07-07-1929	V		
158. Earline Wright		07-07-1929	V		
159. Agnes McGirt	Mrs. Galloway	07-07-1929	V	1947	Certificate
160. Wilma McGirt	Miller	07-07-1929	V	02- 1946	Certificate
161. Charles Herrington		06-22-1930	C/T	1935	Certificate
162. Mrs. E. Y. Ayers		01-15-1931	C/T	07-14-1936	Certificate
163. E. Y. Ayers		01-15-1931	C/T	07-14-1936	Certificate
164. Emma McGirt		03- -1931	C/T	----	Death
165. John M. Wright		09-12-1931	V		
166. Taylor McCormic		09-12-1931	V	02-25-1938	Certificate
167. Mary F. (Francis) McCormic		09-12-1931	V	03-08-1940	Certificate
168. Hal "Pete" Burns		09-12-1931	V		
169. Linnie McCormic		09-12-1931	V		
170. Bruce Taylor		09-12-1931	V		
171. Robert Stewart		09-12-1931	V		
172. Wacam Cottingham		09-12-1931	V		
173. Myrtle Cottingham		09-12-1931	V		
174. Bonny Cottingham		09-12-1931	V		

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175. Ann Burns	Tarkington	09-12-1931	V	1947	Certificate
176. W. W. Roland		10-22-1932	C/T	To Presbyterian	
177. William Henry McLellan		11-18-1934	P.F.	09-19-1951	Death (Korea)
178. Rev. Lacy T. Edens		5-11-1936	C/T		
179. Mrs. J. W. Ward, Sr.(Mrs. Bessie B. Ward)		07-27-1937	C/T		
180. Mrs. Marie Robinson Crawford		09-02-1936	C/T	04-25-1944	Certificate
181. Ann Council Stewart Ashley		10-03-1937	P.F.	04-21-1950	Certificate
182. Doris Alexander Edens		10-03-1937	V	09-30-1949	Certificate
183. John Clarence Edens		10-03-1937	V		
184. Taylor McCosmic		07-10-1938	C/T	08-12-1942	Certificate
185. Gaddy Gilcris					
186. Eugene Gilcris		09-29-1939	P.F.		
187. James Gaddy Ward, Jr.		09-29-1939	P.F.		
188. Aletha Watts		09-29-1939	P.F.		
189. Mrs. Robert Butler		09-29-1939	V	05-05-1946	Withdrew
190. Mrs. Alexander Gilcris		10-15-1939	C.C.		
191. Frank Watts		10-06-1940	P.F.		
192. Paul Watts					
193. Mrs. Hal McCormick		09-15-1941	C/T	01- -1945	Certificate
194. Mrs. John W. Ward, Jr.		09-01-1942	V	04-07-1946	
195. Mrs. Henry Crawford		1943	C/T		
196. Mrs. Eller D. Watts		11-28-1945	C/T	06-17-1950	Death
197. Marie Robinson	Crawford	09-02-1936 (Same as #180)			
198. Jake Watts		09-26-1945			
199. John H. Brewer		09-28-1945	V		
200. Mrs. Annie Brewer		09-28-1945	V		
201. Mrs. Roberta McArthur		01-13-1946	C/T	03-09-1952	Certificate
202. Mrs. Maude Allen J. Stuart		01-13-1946	C/T		
203. Helen McArthur		10-19-1947	V	10-19-1947	Certificate
204. Barbara McArthur		10-19-1947	V	10-19-1947	Certificate
205. Carl Ayers	(name left off when roll made)				
206. James Richard Hammond		04-02-1950	V		
207. Clifford Marvin Hammond		04-02-1950	V		
208. Mrs. Elaine Burns		08-13-1950	C/T		
209. J. Mac Straughn		01-28-1950	C/T		

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Alphabetical Roll

Received into Full Membership

Name	Address	Date	How	Rec'd By	
Atkinson, Mrs. Ruth	Certificate	1921 Feb 1951	B	P.D. Woodall	
		Lumberton			
Ayers, Carl			B		
Barfield, Jesse		8-15-19		A.J. Groves	
Brewer, John Henry		9-28-45	B	W.L. Loy	
Brewer, Mrs. Annie		9-28-45	B	W.L. Loy	
Burns, J. Worth					
Burns, Mrs. J. Worth, Alice					
Burns, Benjamin Oliver					
Burns, Hal *		8-22-21	B	P.D. Woodall	
Burns, Mrs. Hal, Elaine *		9-12-31	B	D.A. Petty	
Crawford, Guy S.		7-26-12	B	J.A. Lee	
Crawford, Pope		9-4-14	B	J. A. Lee	
Crawford, Halene					
Crawford, Henry K.		8-8-20	B	W.C. Merritt	
Crawford, Mrs. Henry K.		1943	C	W.C. Wilson	
Currie, Floyd W.		8-22-21	C	P.D. Woodall	
Davis, Mrs. Mildred Phillips		10-21-28	B	C. A. Jones	
Edens, Carl C.		9-4-14	B	J. A. Lee	
Edens, Mrs. Myrtle M. Ward		10-7-05	B	J. W. Bradley	
Edens, Carl C. Jr.		7-7-29	B	J. H. Laning	
Edens, John Clarence		10-3-37		J. Bascom Hurley	C/T Charlotte
Edens, John A.					
Edens, Lacy T., Rev.		9-4-14	B	J. A. Lee	
Faulk, Swanna					
Faulk, Luther					
Gaddy, Mrs. Lena Barfield		8-15-19	B	A. J. Groves	
Gaddy, Grace		9-4-14	B	J. A. Lee	
Gilchrist, Mrs. Alexander, Thelma		10-15-39	C	J. Bascom Hurley	
Gilchrist, Gaddy		9-29-39	B		
Gilchrist, Eugene		9-29-39	B		
Hammond, Harriett					
Hammond, Mary		5-8-09	B	F. B. McCall	
Hammond, Clifford H.					
Hammond, Mrs. Carolyn		12-1-35	C	G. C. Whedbee	
Hammond, James Richard		4-2-50	C	W. A. Tew	
Hammond, Clifford Marvin		4-2-50	C		
Hammond, Douglas		8-22-21	V	W. C. Merritt	
Hammond, Eugene Ashby		9-2-16	V	A. J. Groves	
Hammond, Evelyn				P. D. Woodall	
Hammond, Charles S.		7-26-12	V	A. J. Lee	
Hammond, Grace E.					

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Rec'd By</u>	
McCormick, Dora					
McCormick, Walter Thad		9-4-14	V	A. J. Lee	
McCormick, Ora E.		9-4-14	V	A. J. Lee	
McCormick, Wyche		8-22-21	V	P. D. Woodall	Joined Bapt. Rowland April 1951
McCormick, Maxie					
McArthur, Wm. Preston		8-8-20	V	W. C. Merritt	
McArthur, Louise		11-17-35	C	J. C. Whedbee	
McGirt, Bertha					
McArthur, Nannie H.					Transfer to Lakeview, SC 1951 W.A. Tew
McArthur, Shepherd S.		8-22-21	V	W. C. Merritt	Transfer by Certificate May 1950
McArthur, Roberta		1-13-46	C	W. L. Loy	Transfer by Certificate may 1950
McArthur, J. Oliver, Jr.		8-8-20	V	W. C. Merritt	
McLean, Duncan		9-12-03	V	J. W. Bradley	
McLean, Fredrick		9-5-09	V	F. B. McCall	
McLellan, Mrs. Blanche		9-12-35	V	J. C. Whedbee	
McLellan, William Henry, Jr.		11-18-34	V	J. C. Whedbee	Death Sept 19, 1951
Page, Frank M.		8-15-19	V	A. G. Groves	
Page, William B.		8-15-19	V	A. G. Groves	
Peoples, Mrs. Beatrice Faulk					Certificate Sept 1951
Phillips, Mrs. C. A.		8-21-22	V	P. D. Woodall	
Phillips, Wyvis B.		8-8-20	V	W. C. Merritt	
Stuart, Dan A.					
Stuart, Flora N.					
Stuart, Mrs. R. F. Evelyn		11-20-23	C	W. C. Merritt	
Stuart, Robert, Jr.		9-12-31		D. A. Petty	
Stuart, Mrs. Maude Allen		1-13-46	C	W. L. Loy	
Stuart, Archibald Leon		8-22-21	B	W.C. Merritt	Certificate Rowland, Oct. 1951
Straughn, James M. "Mac"		1-14-51		W. A. Tew	Rowland Methodist
Straughn, Mrs. Aletha Retha		9-9-39		G. Bascom Hurley	
Ward, James Gaddy, Sr.		9-2-16	V	A. J. Lee	
Ward, Mrs. Ethel Crawford		1-25-15	V	A. J. Lee	
Ward, James Gaddy, Jr.		9-29-39	V	J. Bascom Hurley	
Ward, Mrs. Bessie ,John Wesley, Sr.		7-27-37	V	J. Bascom Hurley	
Watts, Frank		10-6-40	V	W. C. Wilson	
Watts, Paul		10-6-40	V	W. C. Wilson	
Watts, Jake		10-6-40	V	W. C. Wilson	
Williams, Mrs. Blanche W.		6-17-05	C	J. W. Bradley	Death - Aug. 1951

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**Chronological order of the Roll of Full Membership of Centenary Methodist Church
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			ACTIVE LIST {p. 52}		
No.	Name	Date Rec'd			
			59 (inactive)	Brewer, Mrs. Annie	9-28-45
			60 (trans)	Stuart, Maude Allen	1-13-46
1. (dec)	Burns, J. Worth		61 (trans)	Hammond, James Richard	4-3-50
2. (dec)	Burns, Mrs. Alice		62	Hammond, Clifford Marvin	4-3-50
3. (dec)	Hammond, Mrs. Harriett		63	Burns, Mrs. Elaine	8-13-50
4.	McCormick, Dora		64	Straughn, James M.	1-14-51
5. (dec)	Stuart, Dan A.			Burns, Mrs. B.O.	
6. (dec)	Stuart, Flora N.			Ward, Mrs. J.G., Jr.	
7. (dec)	McGirt, Bertha			Burns, Hal D., Jr.	
8. (dec)	Faulk, Swanna			Stuart, Robbie Allen	
9. (dec)	McLean, Duncan	9-12-03		Burns, John Richard	
10 (dec)	Phillips, Mrs. C.A.	9-4-04		Floyd, Fred	
11 (dec)	Williams, Blanche Ward	6-17-05			
12	Edens, Myrtle Ward	10-17-05			
13	Hammond, Mary	5-18-09			
14 (dec)	Crawford, Guy S.	7-26-12			
15 (dec)	Hammond, Charles S.	7-26-12			
16 (dec)	Edens, John A.	9-4-14		1. (dec) McArthur, Mrs. Nannie H.	
17	Edens, Carl C.	9-4-14		2. (dec) McLean, Fredrick	9-5-09
18 (dec)	McCormick, Walter Thad	9-4-14		3. (St.Hsp)Hammond, Grace E.	
19	McCormick, Ora E .	9-4-14		4. McArthur, Shepherd S.	8-22-21
20	Crawford, Pope	9-4-14		5. Page, Frank M.	8-15-19
21	Ward, Ethel Crawford	1-25-15		6. Barfield, Jesse	8-15-19
22	Ward, James Gaddy, Sr.	9-2-16		7. Phillips, Wyvis B.	8-18-20
23 (trans)	Hammond, Eugene Ashby	8-15-19		8. Gaddy, Grace	
24 (dec)	Page, William B.	8-15-19		9. McCormic, Maxie, Mrs	
25	Gaddy, Lena Barfield	8-15-19		10. Gilchrist, Mrs. Alexander	9-29-39
26	Crawford, Halene	8-15-19		10. Gilchrist, Thelma	9-29-39
27 (dec)	Crawford, Henry K.	8-8-20		11. Gilchrist, Gaddy	9-29-39
28	McArthur, J. Oliver	8-8-20		12. Gilchrist, Eugene	9-29-39
29 (dec)	McArthur, W. Preston	8-8-20		13. Watts, Jake	9-26-45
30	Ayers, Carl	8-8-20		14. McArthur, Mrs. Roberta	1-13-46
31	Stuart, Mrs. Evelyn	11-20-23		15. Wright, J.E.	
32	Hammond, Clifford H.	9-22-21			
33	Stuart, Archibald Leon	8-22-21		dec - deceased	
34	Burns, Benjamin Oliver	8-22-21		trans - transferred	
35 (trans)	Hammond, Douglas	8-22-21		no date on pages 52 and 53 when recorded	
36 (Bapt)	McCormick, Wyehe	8-22-21			
37 (trans)	Peoples, Mrs. Beatrice Faulk	8-22-21			
38. (trans)	Hammond, Evelyn	8-22-21			
39 (trans)	Atkinson, Ruth	8-22-21			
40 (dec)	Currie, Floyd, W.	8-22-21			
41	Faulk, Luther	8-22-21			
42 (trans)	Davis, Mildred Phillips	10-21-28			
43	McArthur, Louise	11-17-35			
44	Hammond, Carolyn	12-1-35			
45	McLellan, Blanche M.	12-9-35			
46	Edens, Carl C. Jr.	7-7-29			
47 (dec)	Burns, Hal (Pete)	9-12-31			
48 (trans)	Stuart, Robert F.	9-12-31			
49 (dec)	McLellan, William Henry Jr	11-18-34			
50 (dec)	Edens, Lacy T.	5-11-36			
51 (dec)	Ward, Mrs. Bessie	7-27-37			
52 (trans)	Edens, John Clarence	10-3-37			
53	Ward, James Gaddy, Jr.	9-29-39			
54	Watts, Miss Aletha Retha	9-29-39			
55	Watts, Frank	10-6-40			
56	Watts, Paul	10-6-40			
57	Crawford, Mrs. Henry	1943			
58 (dec)	Brewer, John Henry	9-28-45			

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The Book is at the Rowland United Methodist Church
Rowland, North Carolina
Revised 1950

Centenary Church – Record of Full Membership

<u>Family Name</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Terminated</u>	<u>How</u>
Burns, J. Worth			J.H. Parrish	08-07-1957	Death
Burns, Mrs. J. Worth (Alice)				05-18-1960	Death
Hammond, Mrs. Harriett				12-31-1966	Death
McCormic, Dora				{10-25-1979}	{Death}
McArthur, Mrs. Nannie H.			Frank D. Salmon	1951 to Lakeview SC w/o letter, {d, 1960}	
Stuart, Dan A.			Frank D. Salmon	07-21-1962	Death
Stuart, Flora N.				12-11-1967	Death
McGirt, Bertha				May 1957	Death
Faulk, Swanna				1953	Death
McLean, Duncan	09-12-1903		J.W. Bradley	1954	Death
Phillips, Mrs. C.A .	09-04-1904		J.W. Bradley	05-27-1965	
Williams, Blanche W.	06-17-1905		J. W. Bradley	08-16-1951	Death
Edens, Myrtle Ward	10-17-1905		J. W. Bradley	{06-24-1982}	Death
Hammond, Mary	05-08-1909		F. B. McCall		
McLean, Fredrick	09-05-1909		F. B. McCall	1963	Death
Crawford, Guy S.	07-26-1912		J. A. Lee	11-20-1965	Death
Hammond, Charles S.	07-26-1912		J. A. Lee	09-09-62	Death
Hammond, Grace E.			J. A. Lee	{06-19-1993}	{Death}
Edens, John A.	09-04-1914		J. A. Lee	04-12-1968	Death
Edens, Carl C.	09-04-1914		J. A. Lee	{07-02-1979}	Death
McArthur, Shepherd S.	08-22-1921			Mar 8 1952	Certificate
McCormic, Walter Thad	09-04-1914		J. A. Lee	12-26-1964	Death
McCormic, Ora E.	09-04-1914		J. A. Lee	{08-19-1983}	{Death}
Crawford, Pope	09-04-1914		J. A. Lee		
Ward, Ethel Crawford	01-25-1915		A. J. Lee		
Ward, James Gaddy, Sr.	09-02-1916		A. J. Groves		
Hammond, Eugene Ashby	08-15-1919		A. J. Groves		
Page, William B.	08-15-1919		A. J. Groves	10-12-1962	C/T Wesley UMC Riverside, CA

<u>Family Name</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Terminated</u>	<u>How</u>
Page, Frank M.	08-15-1919		A. J. Groves	C/T Elm City Meth Ch, NC	
Gaddy, Lena Barfield	08-15-1919		A. J. Groves		
Crawford, Halene	08-15-1919		A. J. Groves		
Crawford, Henry K.	08-08-1920		W. C. Merritt	06-23-1967	Death
Barfield, Jesse	08-15-1919		A. J. Groves		
Phillips, Wyvis	08-18-1920		W. C. Merritt		
McArthur, J. Oliver	08-08-1920		W. C. Merritt	12-30-1976	Death
McArthur, Wm. Preston	08-08-1920		W. C. Merritt	04-09-1967	Death
Ayers, Carl			W. C. Merritt		
Stuart, Mrs. R.F. Evelyn	11-20-1923		W. C. Merritt		
Hammond, Clifford H.	09-22-1921		W. C. Merritt	{11-01-1994}	{Death}
Stuart, Archibald Leon	08-22-1921		W. C. Merritt	10-21-1951	C/T to Rowland
Burns, Benjamin O.	08-22-1921		P. D. Woodall	04-07-1968	C/T to Rowland
Hammond, Douglas	08-22-1921		P. D. Woodall	03-25-1964	C/T Ashpole Presby
McCormic, Wyche			P. D. Woodall	Apr 1951	C/T Rowland Baptist
Peoples, Beatrice Faulk, Mrs.	08-22-1921		P. D. Woodall	09-06-1951	C/T Presby in FayettevilleNC
Hammond, Evelyn	08-22-1921		P. D. Woodall	04-08-1958	Presby in Lumberton,
Atkinson, Mrs. Ruth	08-22-1921		P. D. Woodall	02-27-1951	
Gaddy, Grace			P.D. Woodall	1944	Chestnut UMC,Lumberton
Currie, Floyd W.	08-22-1921		P. D. Woodall		Death
McCormick, Maxie Mrs.			P.D. Woodall		
Faulk, Luther	08-22-1921		C. A. Jones	10-30-1968	C/T Oak Forest UMC W-S NC
Davis, Mrs. Mildred Phillips	10-21-1928			03-26-1964	Chestnut UMC,Lumberton
McArthur, Mrs. Louise	11-17-1935		J. C. Whedbee		
Hammond, Mrs. Clifford (Carolyn)	12-01-1935		J. C. Whedbee		
McLellan, Mrs. Blanch M.	12-09-1935		J. C. Whedbee	10-26-1976	Death
Edens, Carl C. , Jr.	07-07-1929		J. H. Lanning		C/T
Burns, Hal D.	09-12-1931		D. A. Petty	12- -1969	Death
McLellan, William Herny, Jr.	11-18-1934		J. C. Whedbee	09-19-1951	Killed in Action (Korea)
Edens , Lacy T. Rev.	1936		J. C. Whedbee	04-19-1968	Death
Ward, Mrs. J.W. Sr.(Bessie)	7-27-1937		J. Bascom Hurley		Death
Edens, John Clarence	10-3-1937		J. Bascom Hurley		C/T

<u>Family Name</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Terminated</u>	<u>How</u>
Gilchrist, Mrs. Alexander	9-29-1939		J. Bascom Hurley	4-4-1965	Action of Quarterly Conference
Gilchrist, Gaddy	9-29-1939		J. Bascom Hurley	"	"
Gilchrist, Eugene	9-29-1939		J. Bascom Hurley	"	"
Ward, James Gaddy, Jr.	9-29-1939		J. Bascom Hurley		
Straughn, Aletha Watts	9-29-1939		J. Bascom Hurley		
Watts, Frank	10-6-1940		W.C. Wilson		Certificate
Watts, Paul	10-6-1940		W.C. Wilson		
Watts, Jake	9-26-1945		W. L. Loy		
Crawford, Mrs. Henry	1943		W.C. Wilson		
Stuart, Robert F. Jr.	9-12-1931		D. A. Petty		
Stuart, Mrs. Maude Allen	1-13-1946		W. L. Loy		
McArthur, Mrs. Roberta	1-13-1946		W. L. Loy	3-8-1952	Certificate
Hammond, James Richard	4-2-1950	B&V	W. A. Tew	1960	C/T
Hammond, Clifford Marvin	4-2-1950	B&V	W. A. Tew		
Burns, Mrs. Elaine	8-13-1950	C/T	W. A. Tew		
Straughn, James M.	1-14-1951	C/T	W. A. Tew		
Brewer, John H.	8-28-1945		W. L. Loy	1-17-1967	D
Brewer, Mrs. John H.	8-28-1945		W. L. Loy		
Wright, J. D.	1951 reinstated		W. A. Tew		
Ward, Mrs. James Gaddy Jr.	1956		M. R. Chambers		
Burns, Mrs. Benj. O.	1956		M. R. Chambers	4-7-1968	C/T
F. W. Floyd	1958		J. H. Parrish		
Mrs. F. W. Floyd	1958		J. H. Parrish		
E. B. Gaddy	1960		J. H. Parrish	1-24-1963	Death
Mrs. E. B. Gaddy			Frank Salmon	10-18-1963	C/T Dillon, SC Baptist
Faulk, C.C. Mr.	11-10-1963	C/T	Frank Salmon	1970	Death
Burns, Hal, Jr.	3-22-1964	P.F.	Frank Salmon		
Stuart, Robbie Allen	3-22-1964	P.F.	Frank Salmon		
MacLean, Mrs. Frances Anne Crawford	4-6-1967		Warner R. Heston		
Mr. Ottice(Abe) L. Howell	7-8-1967	C/T	W. R. Heston	Mar 1973	C/T Providence UMC
Mrs. Ottice (Patsy Crawford) L. Howell	7-8-1967	C/T	W. R. Heston	Mar 1973	in Charlotte, NC
Burns, John Richard	3-19-1967	P.F.	W. R. Heston		

Rowland Charge – Marriages
Methodist Episcopal Church South,
Book at Rowland United Methodist Church
1903 – 1915

<u>Name</u>	<u>By whom Married</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>By whom Married</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ward Homer B. Edens Lena B.	J.W. Bradley	29 April 1903	Archibald McGirt Betha Easterling	J.A. Lee	Jan 8 1913
Roland Wyche W. Curtis, Jewell	J.W. Bradley	10 Nov 1903	Joseph Brown Bullock, Jr. Ruby Tennyson McCormic	J.A. Lee	May 28 1913
Woodell - Ivey -	J.W. Bradley	16 Nov 1903	John Hugh McArn Bess Wyghtman McCormic	J.A. Lee	Nov 11 1913
Pate John L. Adams Lizzie	J.W. Bradley	26 Nov 1903	Daniel H. McCall Emily Pearl Adams	J.A. Lee	Feb 4 1914
Luther Ammons Minnie Bryant	J.W. Bradley	26 July 1905	James Franklin Blue Ada Vivian Lee	J.A. Lee	Apr 8 1914
D.A. Bass Stella Granger	J.W. Bradley	6 Oct 1905	Bernard A. Edens Edith Catharine Ward	J.A. Lee	June 30 1914
C.R. Bridgers Nellie Chappell	J.W. Bradley	6 Dec 1905	Lyndsay Norment Juliette Bullard	J.A. Lee	Aug 16 1914
G C C Taylor Katie B. McLean	J.W. Bradley	7 Dec 1905	John M. Rogers Annie L. Bryant	J.A. Lee	Jan 19, 1915
Jas A. McCormic Mollie Faulk	J.W. Bradley	3 Jan 1906			
W.L. Burchett Minnie Holcombe	J.W. Bradley	3 Jan 1906			
Frank M. Page Bettie Burns	J.W. Bradley	10 Jan 1906			
Robert E. Emanuel Willie Thompson	J.W. Bradley	10 Jan 1906			
Dr. L.T. Johnson Lena McCormic	J.W. Bradley	30 May 1906			
Wm Lacey Price Elizabeth A. Pate	F.B. McCall	18 Nov 1909 Fee \$10.			
Vol Faulk Margrett Stewart	F.B. McCall	6 Mar 1910 Fee \$2.			
Robert W. Bullard Virginia E. Gaddy	F.B. McCall	21 Dec 1910 Fee \$5.			
Luther McLaurin Mary E. McLean	F.B. McCall	26 Oct 1911 Fee \$1.			
John M. McCall Mary T. Paul	J.A. Lee	Dec 14 1911			

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Church Register 2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Witnesses</u>
Marvin Currie Nellie Peirce	Feb 4, 1934	J. C. Whedbee	Floyd Currie Sarah Louise Currie
Robert Sharpe Loy Clara Dell Bullock	Sept 6, 1935	J. C. Whedbee	Mrs. J. C. Whedbee Gene Graham
W. Rowland McKellar Mary Lane Watson	Oct 14, 1940	W. Carleton Wilson	
J. C. Holt Ina Wyatt Royal	Dec. 25, 1940	W. Carleton Wilson	
Paul T. Byrum Cornelia Edens	Dec. 27, 1940	W. Carleton Wilson	
John Malcolm Lewis Evelyn Edens	April 11, 1941	W. Carleton Wilson	
Mary Kay Ward Jack Elwanger	June 9, 1941	W. Carleton Wilson	
Dan L. McLaurin Corine Pate	June 28, 1941	W. Carleton Wilson	
L. J. Watson Grace Carmichael	Aug 2, 1941		
Ivan Crump Pearson Christine Edens	Feb 22, 1942		
Stewart Monroe Bracey Hazel Brown Robers	March 15, 1942		
Alton Price Mary Hamer Pate	March 28, 1942		
Bryon Lee Davis Ruby Mae Bullock	April 26, 1942	W. Carleton Wilson	
J. B. McGirt Annie Marie Rogers	August 14, 1942		
H. C. Sholar Dorothy Royal	July 5, 1942		
Robert Manley Durham Lee Anna Johnson	Feb. 27, 1943		
Jefferson Fairley Charlotte Bullock	May 15, 1943	W. Carleton Wilson	
Ralph B. Lassiter Bertha Mae Ammons	July 12, 1943		
T. M. Rogers Dell Webster	Sept. 13, 1943		

Name	Date	Minister	Witnesses
W. M. Richardson Dorothy Watson	Oct. 2, 1943		
Ray Mumford Mildred McArn	Jan 26, 1944	W. Carleton Wilson	
Charles Allen Summerlin, Jr. Betty E. Burns	June 1, 1942		
John Tarkington Ann Burns	Aug 5, 1944	Rev. Jack Page	
Roy Edwin Davis Mildred Faison Phillips	April 20, 1946	W. L. Loy	Katherine Johnson Gladys Phillips & Ray Davis, Sr.
Earl H. Tyndell, Jr. Miriam McCormic	Dec 21, 1946	W. L. Loy	Mrs. Mary McCormic Richard J. Dameson & Henry W. McArn
James Barry Ashley, Jr. Ann Council Stuart	June 15, 1947	W. L. Loy	Mr. J. B. Ashley, Sr. Mrs. J. B. Ashley, Sr. & Mrs. J. E. Griffin
Millard S. Singletary Elma McQueen	July 3, 1947	W. L. Loy	Robert F. Pate Mrs. G. F. Pate L. G. Singletary
Lyman Bright Dixon Elva Deane Barrow	Feb 2, 1948	W. L. Loy	J. A. Barrow Mrs. J. A. Barrow Elizabeth M. Bond
Edwin M. Price Jimmy Ruth Ivey	June 5, 1948	W. L. Loy	Mrs. J. B. Ivey Tom Price & D.D. Bullock
Clarence Muriel Adkinson Ruth Elizabeth Stuart	Dec 8, 1948	W. L. Loy	Leon Stuart R. P. Stuart & Mrs. J. C. Griffin
H. Alexander Hasty Willie Mae McLean	Feb 24, 1946	W. L. Loy	J. R. McLean Mrs. J. R. McLean & Mrs. W. R. McKellar
James Edwin Edmund Joyce Ann Curles	June 24, 1950	W. A. Tew	Mrs. John Curles Mrs. W. A. Tew & Mrs. Edmund's mother
Lee Wayne Weaver Mary Elizabeth Norment	June 26, 1947	W. Carlton Wilson	
Junie Lacy Brunson Helen Hamer McCormic	Aug 18, 1950	W. A. Tew	Mrs. W. A. Tew Mrs. Hamer McCormic & Mr. Brunson's mother
James Goodman Parrish Helen Parker	Nov 11, 1950	W. A. Tew	Mrs. W. A. Tew
Douglas Hammond Marion Mills McCormic	Dec 9, 1950	W. A. Tew	

Church Register
Rowland Charge – Infant Baptisms
Methodist Episcopal Church South,
Book at Rowland United Methodist Church
1903 - 1915

No.	Name	Parents	By Whom Baptized	Date
1	John, Wilburn C	H.M. John Effie John	J.W. Bradley	22 Mar 1903
2	Holcombe, Nellie	James Holcombe Elnora Holcombe	J.W. Bradley	29 June 1903
3	Hamer, Wm Alex	R D Hamer Lizzie Hamer	W.S. Rowe	25 July 1903
4	Beasley, Henry B.	James Beasley Ella Beasley	J.W. Bradley	01 Aug 1903
5	Hammond, Chas	James Hammond Harriett Hammond	J.W. Bradley	12 Sept 1903
6	Hammond, Mary	James Hammond Harriett Hammond	J.W. Bradley	12 Sept 1903
7	McLean, Fred	Duncan McLean Lillie McLean	J.W. Bradley	03 Nov 1903
8	McLean, Lota	Duncan McLean Lillie McLean	J.W. Bradley	03 Nov 1903
9	McLean, Willie May	Duncan McLean Lillie McLean	J.W. Bradley	03 Nov 1903
10	Gaddy, Arthur Coke	Rom Gaddy Lou Gaddy	J.W. Bradley	04 Nov 1903
11	Gaddy, Eva Mace	Rom Gaddy Lou Gaddy	J.W. Bradley	04 Nov 1903
12	Gaddy, Iris Bascom	Rom Gaddy Lou Gaddy	J.W. Bradley	04 Nov 1903
13	Gaddy, Carl Bond	Rom Gaddy Lou Gaddy	J.W. Bradley	04 Nov 1903
14	Gaddy, Mattie Thelma	Rom Gaddy Lou Gaddy	J.W. Bradley	04 Nov 1903
15	Fowler, Jno Alex	S W Fowler F.E. Fowley	J.W. Bradley	13 Aug 1904
16	Adams, Robt Eugene	J.S. Adams Della Adams	J.W. Bradley	28 Sept 28
17	Adams, Clifton	J.S. Adams Della Adams	J.W. Bradley	08 Sept 1904
18	Adams, Howard	J.S. Adams Della Adams	J.W. Bradley	28 Sept 1904
19	Stubbs, Meda	A. Thom. Stubbs Amanda Stubbs	J.W. Bradley	08 Jan 1905

No.	Name	Parents	By Whom Baptized	Date
20.	Stubbs, O. Wyche	A. Thom. Stubbs Amanda Stubbs	J.W. Bradley	08 Jan 1905
21.	Stubbs, Rolland C.	A. Thom. Stubbs Amanda Stubbs	J.W. Bradley	08 Jan 1905
22.	Webb, Lessie	J.B. Webb Sallie Webb	J.W. Bradley	23 Jan 1905
23.	Bridgers, Geo. Alex.	John Bridgers Martha Bridgers	J.W. Bradley	09 May 1905
24.	Long, Jessie	R. W. Long Margaret Long	J.W. Bradley	11 June 1905
25.	Long, Willie	R. W. Long Marg. J. Long	J.W. Bradley	11 June 1905
26.	Long, Dan Clifton	R.W. Long M.J. Long	J.W. Bradley	11 June 1905
27.	Long, Walter	R.W. Long M.J. Long	J.W. Bradley	11 June 1905
28.	Long, Minnie	R.W. Long M.J. Long	J.W. Bradley	11 June 1905
29.	Beasley, Victoria	J.T. Beasley Minnie Beasley	J.W. Bradley	22 Nov 1904
30.	Bullock, Catholine	E. Bullock Mamie Bullock	J.W. Bradley	06 Nov 1904
31.	Webster, Jos. Miller	W.W. Webster Della Webster	J.W. Bradley	17 Nov. 1914
32.	Ward, Homer Ben.	H.B. Ward Lena Ward	J.W. Bradley	24 Nov 1904
33.	Ward, Carl	J.W. Ward Mrs. Ward	J.W. Bradley	24 Nov 1904
34.	Ward, Gaddy	J.W. Ward Mrs. J.W. Ward	J.W. Bradley	24 Nov 1904
35.	Rowland, Wm Waldmer	Wyche Rowland Jewell Rowland	J.W. Bradley	24 Nov 1904
36.	Meda Stubbs	A.T. Stubbs Amanda Stubbs	J.W. Bradley	03 Jan 1905
37.	Oland Wyche Stubbs	A.T. Stubbs Amanda Stubbs	J.W. Bradley	03 Jan 1905
38.	Roland C. Stubbs	A.T. Stubbs Amanda Stubbs	J.W. Bradley	03 Jan 1905
39.	Lessie Webb	J.B. Webb Sallie Webb	J.W. Bradley	03 Jan 1905

No.	Name	Parents	By Whom Baptized	Date
40.	Geo. Alex. Bridgers	Jno. Bridgers Martha Bridgers	J.W. Bradley	03 Jan 1905
41.	Jessie Long	R.W. Long Margaret Long	J.W. Bradley	12 June 1905
42.	Willie Long	R.W. Long Margaret Long	J.W. Bradley	12 June 1905
43.	Daniel Clifton Long	R.W. Long Margaret Long	J.W. Bradley	12 June 1905
44.	Walter Long	R.W. Long Margaret Long	J.W. Bradley	12 June 1905
45.	Minnie Long	R.W. Long Margaret Long	J.W. Bradley	12 June 1905
46.	James K. Lee	T.W. Lee Etta Lee	J.W. Bradley	27 Aug 1905
47.	Flora Ann Chisholm	James Chisholm Eugenia Chisholm	J.W. Bradley	27 Aug 1905
48.	Isabella Chisholm	James Chisholm Eugenia Chisholm	J.W. Bradley	27 Aug 1905
49.	Katie Bulah Grooms	P.K. Grooms Sallie Grooms	J.W. Bradley	27 Aug 1905
50.	Wilton D. Stubbs	A.T. Stubbs Amanda Stubbs	J.W. Bradley	28 Oct 1905
51.	Richmond P. Long	R.W. Long Maggie Long	J.W. Bradley	23 July 1906
52.	Geo. Bradley Thompson	Jno Thompson Sallie Thompson	J.W. Bradley	07 Aug 1906
53.	Mamie Burchett	W.L. Burchett.,Gd. Deceased	J.W. Bradley	07 Aug 1906
54.	Ina Rochelle Bracy	G.E. Bracy Lola Bracy	J.W. Bradley	08 Aug 1906
55.	Marvin J. Faulk	C.J. Faulk Minnie Faulk	J.W. Bradley	19 Aug 1906
56.	Lena Pearl Webb	W.B. Webb Ada Webb	J.W. Bradley	19 Aug 1906
57.	Thelma Covington	Chas. Covington Lottie Covington	J.W. Bradley	31 Aug 1906
58.	Philip J. Parish	Arch Parish Florence Parish	J.W. Bradley	31 Aug 1906
59.	Nelson Edens	Jas Edens Dead	J.W. Bradley	03 Sept 1906
60.	Wm Julian Edens	Jno. Edens Dead	J.W. Bradley	03 Sept 1906

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>By Whom Baptized</u>	<u>Date</u>
61.	Bulah Paul	John Paul Lizzie Paul	J.W. Bradley	02 Oct 1906
62.	Maggie Paul	Jno Paul Lizzie Paul	J.W. Bradley	02 Oct 1906
63.	Lizzie Paul	Jno Paul Lizzie Paul	J.W. Bradley	02 Oct 1906
64.	Lillian Hubbard	Julian Hubbard Dead	J.W. Bradley	02 Oct 1906
65.	Willie W. Webster	W.W. Webster Della Webster	J.W. Bradley	02 Oct 1906
66.	Rebecca M. Draughon	R.T. Draughon Maggie Draughon	J.W. Bradley	07 Oct 1906
67.	Eva McLean	Dead Maggie McLean	J.W. Bradley	07 Oct 1906
68.	Dudley McLean	Dead Maggie McLean	J.W. Bradley	07 Oct 1906
69.	Della Dorsey	P.J. Dorsey Mrs. Dorsey	J.W. Bradley	15 Oct 1906
70.	Kenneth Dorsey	P.J. Dorsey S.J. Dorsey	J.W. Bradley	15 Oct 1906
71.	Ruby B. McQueen	Jno McQueen Dee McQueen	J.W. Bradley	21 Nov 1906
72.	Curtis Lewis Stubbs	W.D. Stubbs Ella Stubbs	J.W. Bradley	25 Nov 1906
73.	Eliza Jane Stubbs	Will D. Stubbs Ella Stubbs	J.W. Bradley	25 Nov 1906
74.	Nicholas Vernon Gaddy	N.W. Gaddy Nannie Gaddy	J.M. Ashby	Aug 11 1907
75.	Worth Humphry Gaddy	N.W. Gaddy Nannie Gaddy	J.M. Ashby	Aug 11, 1907
76.	Margaret Louise Hubbard	Miss Mary Paul (sponsor) Parents Dead	J.M. Ashby	Aug 11 1907
77.	Gladis Wilby Chisholm	Dead Florida Chisholm	J.M. Ashby	Aug 25, 1907
78.	Emma Inez Chisholm	Dead Florida Chisholm	J.M. Ashby	Aug 25, 1907
79.	Nellie Chisholm	Dead Florida Chisholm	J.M. Ashby	Aug 25, 1907
80.	Geo. M. Pate	Adult	J.M. Ashby	Sept 1, 1907
81.	Geo. Lewis Pate	Geo. M. Pate Marie H. Pate	J.M. Ashby	Sept 1, 1907

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>By Whom Baptized</u>	<u>Date</u>
82.	Henry Crawford	J.W. Crawford Mollie Crawford	J.M. Ashby	Sept 15 1907
83.	Jewell Crawford	J.W. Crawford Mollie Crawford	J.M. Ashby	Sept 15, 1907
84.	Samuel Wesley McLean	D.E. McLean Lillie McLean	J.M. Ashby	Jan 1908
85.	James Russell McLean	D.E. McLean Lillie McLean	J.M. Ashby	Jan 1908
	Patrick C. Henry	Adult	J.M. Ashby	June 12 1908
86.	Mary Shepherd Henry	P.C. Henry Maggie Henry	J.M. Ashby	June 12 1908
87.	John T. Henry	P.C. Henry Maggie Henry	J.M. Ashby	June 12 1908
88.	Sarah W. Henry	P.C. Henry Maggie Henry	J.M. Ashby	June 12 1908
89.	Annie Lee Beasley	D.T. Beasley Mrs. D.T. Beasley	J.M. Ashley	July 25 1908
90.	Nina Gurtrude Jones	Frank Jones Mrs. F. Jones	J.M. Ashby	Aug 10 1908
91.	James Newell Stubbs	A. Thoms Stubbs Mrs. A.T. Stubbs	J.M. Ashby	July 27 1908
92.	Georgia Peale Duncan	S.M. Duncan Janie E. Duncan	J.M. Ashby	Sept 14 1908
93.	Hammon Marian Duncan	S.M. Duncan Janie E. Duncan	J.M. Ashby	Sept 14 1908
94.	Kallie May Duncan	S.M. Duncan Janie E. Duncan	J.M. Ashby	Sept 14 1908
95.	Albertine Duncan	S.M. Duncan Janie E. Duncan	J.M. Ashby	Sept 14 1908
96.	Robert Cochran Emanuel	Father - Dead Mrs. Willie Emanuel	J.M. Ashby	Dec 19 1908
97.	Sarah Lila Pharr	Mrs. H.SE. McCormic Sponsor, Parents Dead	J.M. Ashby	Dec 19 1908
98.	Eula Gertrude	N.W. Gaddy Nannie Gaddy	F.B. McCall	July 1909
99.	Tempie Benton	W.L. Burchett Minnie Burchett	F.B. McCall	July 07 1909
100.	Clyde Henry	Walter Covington Anna Covington	F.B. McCall	Aug 1909
101.	Frank	Charles Covington Lottie Covington	F.B. McCall	Aug 1909
102.	Rosa Virginia	Wins. Webb Ada Webb	F.B. McCall	Aug 1909

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103.	Margaret Louise	R.D. Hamer Hamer	F.B. McCall	Aug 1909
104.	Flora Lee	R.D. Hamer Hamer	F.B. McCall	Aug 1909
105.	John Adams	Dr. Geo. M. Pate Marie Pate	F.B. McCall	Sept 05 1909
106.	Mary Chattie	T.W. Stackhouse Nina Stackhouse	F.B. McCall	Sept 19 1909
107.	John Richard	J.T. Williams Mary A. Williams	F.B. McCall, P.C.	19 Sept 1909
108.	Eugene Wilson	L. Edgar McCall Mamie McCall	F.B. McCall, P.C.	Oct 01 1909
109.	Julian Oliver	J.O. McArthur Estelle McArthur	F.B. McCall, P.C.	08 Nov 1909
110.	Jack	Chas W. McArthur Nannie McArthur	F.B. McCall, P.C.	08 Nov 1909
111.	Hariet Elizabeth	A. Thomas Stubbs Amanda Stubbs	F.B. McCall, P.C.	24 Nov 1910
112.	Archibald Leon	John L. Stuart Lena Stuart	F.B. McCall, P.C.	18 Dec 1910
113.	William Preston	J.O. McArthur Estelle McArthur	F.B. McCall, P.C.	18 Dec 1910
114.	Lena	Alpheus Barfield Barfield	F.B. McCall, P.C.	27 Dec 1910
115.	Jesse Gaddy	Alpheus Barfield Barfield	F.B. McCall, P.C.	27 Dec 1910
116.	Artemus Blue	A.W. Pate Mary Pate	F.B. McCall	Mar 26 1911
117.	George Angus	A.W. Pate Mary Pate	F.B. McCall	Mar 26 1911
118.	Mary Hellen	McFadyen Jessie B. McFadyen	F.B. McCall	09 Apr 1911
119.	John Franklin	Robt. E. Bridgers Lorena Bridgers	F.B. McCall	13 July 1911
120.	Robert Taylor	R.T. Draughon Maggie Draughon	F.B. McCall	16 July 1911
121.	Sarah Bennett	R.T. Draughon Maggie Draughon	F.B. McCall	16 July 1911
122.	Tracey Whiteman	T.W. Stackhouse Nina Stackhouse	F.B. McCall	05 Nov 1911
123.	Sarah Elizabeth	Dr. Geo. M. Pate Marie Pate	F.B. McCall	12 Nov 1911

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124.	Robert Paul	John L. Stuart Lena Stuart	F.B. McCall	16 Nov 1911
125.	James Leon Ammons	Asa Ammons Blennie Ammons	J.A. Lee	Dec 25 1911
126.	Annie Elizabeth Carper	Julian Howard Carper Annie Carrie Carper	J.A. Lee	Dec 31 1911
127.	Charles Cecil Webster	W.W. Webster	J.A. Lee	Jan 24 1912
128.	Mary Katherine Webster	J.D. Webster		
129.	Charles Thomas Pate, Jr	Charles T. Pate	J.A. Lee &	Apr 29 1912
130.	John Billingsby Ingram Pate	Mamie I. Pate	A. McCullen	
131.	Mary Frances Pate			
132.	Nellie Gardner Johnson	William M. Johnson Nellie M. Johnson	J.A. Lee	June 2, 1912
133.	Leo Foscue Edens	Lucien F. Edens Allie Edens	J.A. Lee	June 16 1912
134.	Irma Neill McLean	Duncan E. McLean	J.A. Lee	July 23 1912
135.	Stacey McLean	Lillie S. McLean		
136.	Joseph Robert Burns	J. Worth Burns	J.A. Lee	July 25 1912
137.	James Worth Burns	Alice O. Burns		
138.	Charles Rupert Bridgers	Robert E. Bridgers Lorena Bridgers	J.A. Lee	Aug 01 1912
139.	Susan Elizabeth Townsend	James S. Townsend Rosa Flowers Townsend	J.A. Lee	Aug 26 1912
140.	William Morrison McArthur	Charles W. McArthur Nannie Hayes McArthur	J.A. Lee	Jan 06 1913
141.	William Alford Paul Leroy Paul Marvin Lee Paul	John D. Paul Mary E. Paul	J.A. Lee	Jan 13 1913
142.	Sheppard Smith McArthur	J.O. McArthur E.H. McArthur	J.A. Lee	April 07 1913
143.	Mary Frances Harrell	S.T. Harrell M.E. Harrell	J.A. Lee	Apr 23 1913
144.	Margaret Pearsall Culbreth Theresa Mayo Culbreth	John T. Culbreth Clara D. Culbreth	J.A. Lee	July 13 1913
145.	Thomas Jackem Graham, Jr Wilma Lovenia Graham	Thomas J. Graham Dorothy E. Graham	J.A. Lee	Oct 05, 1913
146.	Mary Susan Stuart	John L. Stuart Lena R. Stuart	J.A. Lee	Oct 07, 1913
147.	Allie May Gaddy	N.W. Gaddy N.E. Gaddy	J.A. Lee	Oct 30 1913
148.	Margaret Dixon McCall	John M. McCall Mary T. McCall	J.A. Lee	Nov 25 1913

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149.	Edith Frances McGirt	Archie McGirt Bertha E. McGirt	J.A. Lee	Feb'y 02 1914
150.	Murphy Brown McLean	Duncan E. McLean Lillie S. McLean	J.A. Lee	Feb'y 15 1914
151.	William Zebulon Pate	G.M. Pate M.E. Pate	J.A. Lee	April 12 1914
152.	Howard Lee Webster	W.W. Webster J.D. Webster	J.A. Lee	June 12 1914
153.	Laura Mabel Bracy Albert Bruce Bracy David Council Bracy	A.S. Bracy M.F. Bracy	J.A. Lee	July 07 1914
154.	Alice Kume Bracy Julia Bracy	Jesse E. Bracy Mary Bracy	J.A. Lee	July 07 1914
155.	Walter Moore Bridgers	Robert E. Bridgers Lorena Bridgers	J.A. Lee	July 30 1914
156.	Helen Marie Bullock	J.B. Bullock, Jr Ruby T. Bullock	J.A. Lee	Aug 16 1914
	Malcolm Lonie Adams	W.J. Adams, Jr. Anna Mae Adams	J.A. Lee	Aug 20, 1914
	Elizabeth Fowler Flora Ruby Fowler	S.W. Fowler F.E. Fowler	J.A. Lee	Oct 09 1914
	Henry Luther McArthur	Chas W. McArthur Nannie H. McArthur	J.A. Lee	Nov 02 1914
	Mildred Eugenia McArn	John H. McArn Bessie W. McArn	J.A. Lee	March 21 1915
	Annie Elizabeth Pate Zebulon Vance Pate	Chas T. Pate Mary I Pate	J.A. Lee	March 28 1915
	William Solomon Burns Alice Dewdrop Burns	J. Worth Burns Alice Oliver Burns	J.A. Lee	April 05 1915
	Clarence Eugene McKay	James A. McKay Jessie A. McKay	J.A. Lee	April 28, 1915
	Myrtle Frances McKay Mary Inez McKay	J. William McKay Sudie F. McKay	J.A. Lee	April 28, 1915
	Mary Evelyn Carper	Julian Howard Carper Annie Carrie Carper	J.A. Lee	May 17 1915
	Eugene Ashby Hammond Douglas Hammond	Jay Hammond Julia C. Hammond	J.A. Lee	Oct 17 1915
	Esther Blanche McLean	Duncan E. McLean Lilly McLean	J.A. Lee	Oct 17 1915
	Martha Susan Paul	John D. Paul Mary E. Paul	J.A. Lee	Oct 26 1915
	Amanda Louise Burns	J. Worth Burns Alice O. Burns	J.A. Lee	Nov 02 1915

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	Wilson Maurice Webster	W.W. Webster J.D. Webster	J.A. Lee	Nov 06 1915
	William Albert Graham	Thos. J. Graham Dorothy E. Graham	J.A. Lee	Nov 09 1915
	Hallene Crawford Lawrence Evens Crawford	J.W. Crawford Mary E. Crawford	J.A. Lee	Nov 21 1915
	Clara Dell Bullock	J.B. Bullock,Jr Ruby T. Bullock	J.A. Lee	Nov 25 1915
	Margaret McCracken Ward	Ernest B. Ward Margaret M. Ward	J.A. Lee	Nov 26 1915
	Allen Edens Ward	H.B. Ward Lena B. Ward	J.A. Lee	Nov 26 1915
	Robert Lansing Norment	Lyndsay Norment Juliette Norment	J.A. Lee	Nov 28 1915

Church Register
Rowland Circuit – Infant Baptisms
Methodist Episcopal Church South
Book at Rowland United Methodist Church
1916 – 1927

No.	Name	Parents	By Whom Baptized	Date
1.	Evylin R. Ammons	Asa Ammons Blennie Ammons	A.J. Groves	June 08 1916
2.	Mary Hamer Pate	Geo. M. Page Marie H. Pate	A.J. Groves	June 10 1916
	Robt Evans Bridgers	Robert Bridgers Loraine Bridgers	A.J. Groves	July 29 1916
	James F. Blew	James F. Blew Ada V. Blew	J.A. Lee	Dec 10 1916
	Euclid Groves Adams	W.F. Adams, Jr Annie Mae Adams	A.J. Groves	Jan 28 1917
	Robert Burns	J. Worth Burns Alice Burns	A.J. Groves	Mar 08 1917
	Thompson	J.T. Thompson Sallie Thompson	A.J. Groves	April 07 1917
	Edmund Thompson	J.T. Thompson Sallie Thompson	A.J. Groves	April 07 1917
	Evander Wesley Ward	J.Burns Ward Ethel Bullock Ward	A.J. Groves	Oct 29 1917
	John Hugh McArn	John McArn Bessie McArn	A.J. Groves	Nov 29 1917
	Lela B. Faulk	Volney Faulk Margarett Faulk	A.J. Groves	Jan 21 1918

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	Lillian E. Faulk	Volney Faulk Margarett Faulk	A.J. Groves	Jan 21 1918
	Louis D. Webb	Irme Webb Sallie Webb	A.J. Groves	Apr 08 1918
	Archie C. Webb	Irme Webb Sallie Webb	A.J. Groves	Apr 08-1918
	Earnest J. Barker	Earnest J. Barker Sarah B. Barker	A.J. Groves	July 20 1918
	Archie P. Barker	Earnest J. Barker Sarah B. Barker	A.J. Groves	July 20 1918
	David Wesley Paul	John D. Paul Lizzie Paul	A.J. Groves	Oct 09 1918
	Hayes McArthur	C.W. McArthur Nannie McArthur	A.J. Groves	Nov 17 1918
	Joseph B. Bullock	J.B. Bullock Ruby Bullock	A.J. Groves	Nov 17 1918
	Ruth E. Stuart	John L. Stuart Lena Stuart	A.J. Groves	Nov 24 1918
	Robert B. Hammond	Jas. Hammond Harriet Hammond	A.J. Groves	Dec 01 1918
	Clifford H. Hammond	James Hammond Harriet Hammond	A.J. Groves	Dec 01 1918
	Cornelia Edens	B.A. Edens Edith Edens	A.J. Groves	Mar 02 1919
	John W. McKenzie	Rembert McKenzie Mabel McKenzie	A.J. Groves	Mar 02 1919
	Elizabeth Easterling	Ned Easterling Ethel Easterling	A.J. Groves	May 04 1919
	Wm Hill Palmer	D.L. Palmer Esther Palmer	A.J. Groves	Aug 21 1919
	James B. Burchett	Wm L. Burchett Minnie Burchett	A.J. Groves	Aug 31 1919
	Bettie Emma Burns	J.W. Burns Alice Burns	A.J. Groves	Nov 05 1919
	Chas Wilton McArthur	C.W. McArthur Nannie H. McArthur	A.J. Groves	Nov 05 1919
	Mary Lane Watson	A.E. Watson Sarah Watson	A.J. Groves	Nov 16 1919
	Wilbur Eugene Webster	W.W. Webster Della Webster	A.J. Groves	Nov 18 1919
	Reva Dudley Carper	Carroll Carper Bertha Carpet	A.J. Groves	Dec 02 1919

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	Jas. Robert Pate	G.M. Pate, M.D. Marie Pate	W.C. Merritt	June 09 1920
	Jas. Albert Porter	James E. Porter Lottie S. Porter	W.C. Merritt	03- 28- 1921
	Edward Porter	James E. Porter Lottie S. Porter	W.C. Merritt	03- 28- 1921
	Pauline Porter	James E. Porter Lottie S. Porter	W.C. Merritt	03- 28- 1921
	John Franklin Porter	James E. Porter Lottie S. Porter	W.C. Merritt	03- 28- 1921
	Wm Everett Porter	James E. Porter Lottie S. Porter	W.C. Merritt	03- 28- 1921
	Hilda Stuart	John L. Stuart Lena R. Stuart	W.C. Merritt	04- 08- 1921
	Martin Luther McLean	D.E. McLean Lillie McLean	W.C. Merritt	09- 06- 1921
	Ray Cameron McLean	D.E. McLean Lillie McLean	W.C. Merritt	09- 06- 1921
	Anna Neil McCall	John McCall Mary McCall	W.C. Merritt	11- 13- 1921
	Ruby McC. Bullock	J. Brown Bullock Ruby Bullock	W.C. Merritt	03- 25- 1922
	Taylor McCormick	Grady McCormick	W.C. Merritt	03- 25- 1922
	Marion Smith Rogers	A.B. Rogers Bertha S. Rogers	W.C. Merritt	05- 26- 1922
	Mary Eliz. Norment	Lindsay Norment Juliette Norment	W.C. Merritt	09- 24- 1922
	Robt. Franklin Pate	G. Fletcher Pate Lelia Pate	W.C. Merritt	09- 24- 1922
	Mary Alese Thompson	Walter Thompson Cora Thompson	W.C. Merritt	09- 24- 1922
	Herbert Layton Thompson	Walter Thompson Cora Thompson	W.C. Merritt	09- 24- 1922
	Agnes McGirt	Archie McGirt Bertha McGirt	P.D. Woodall	May 1923 (C)
	Wilma McGirt	Archie McGirt Bertha McGirt	P.D. Woodall	May 1923 (C)
	Archie McGirt	Archie McGirt Bertha McGirt	P.D. Woodall	May 1923 (C)
	Frances M. Hamilton	David Hamilton Margarette Hamilton	P.D. Woodall	June 1923 (C)

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	Mary E. Hamilton	David Hamilton Margarette Hamilton	P.D. Woodall	June 1923 (C)
	Howell Burns {Hal D.}	J. W. Burns Alice O. Burns	P.D. Woodall	June 1923 (C)
	Carl Edens	Carl C. Edens Myrtle M. Edens	P.D. Woodall	June 1923 (C)
	Robert Stuart	Robert F. Stuart Evelyn Stuart	P.D. Woodall	June 1923 (C)
	Mary Kate Ward	Burns Ward Mrs. Burns Ward	P.D. Woodall	1923
	John McN. Smith	John McN. Smith Roberta O. Smith	J.R. Andrew	1918
	Olivia Ann Smith	John McN. Smith Roberta Smith	J.R. Andrew	1923
	Effie I. McCormick	J.M. McCormick Effie McCormick	P.D. Woodall	1924
	Hilda Bullock	W.T. Bullock Mattie P. Bullock	P.D. Woodall	1924
	Mary E. Bullock	W.T. Bullock Mattie P. Bullock	P.D. Woodall	1924
	Chas. P. Smith	C. McD. Smith Frances Smith	P.D. Woodall	1924
	Mary E. Smith	C. McD. Smith Frances Smith	P.D. Woodall	1923
	Mary Kate Paul	Sam Paul Ada Paul	P.D. Woodall	1924
	Joseph C. Ward, Jr.	J.C. Ward Beulah Ward	P.D. Woodall	1925
	Martha Stanton	C.B. Stanton Fannie Stanton	P.D. Woodall	1925
	Frank Adams	W.F. Adams Mae Adams	P.D. Woodall	1925
	Billy Adams	W.F. Adams Mae Adams	P.D. Woodall	1925
	Charles M. Norment	Lindsay Norment Juliet Norment	P.D. Woodall	1926
	Charlotte Bullock	Brown Bullock Ruby Bullock	P.D. Woodall	1926
	Ruby M. Bullock	Brown Bullock Ruby Bullock	P.D. Woodall	1926
	Ernest B. Ward, Jr.	E.B. Ward Rachel Ward	P.D. Woodall	1926

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	Richard Douglas Edens	L. D. Edens Esther Edens	P.D. Woodall	1926 (C)
	Wiley Reynolds Edens	L. D. Edens Esther Edens	P.D. Woodall	1926 (C)
	Lee Anna Johnson	Monroe Johnson Pearl Johnson	P.D. Woodall	1926
	Grace Carmichael	Dr. T.W. Carmichael Madge Carmichael	P.D. Woodall	1927
	Thaddeus Carmichael	Dr. T.W. Carmichael Madge Carmichael	P.D. Woodall	1927
	G.F. Pate, Jr.	G.F. Pate Mrs. Lela Pate	P.D. Woodall	1927
	Sarah F. Barker	E.J. Barker Mrs. Sarah J. Barker	P.D. Woodall	1927
	Doris Alexander Edens	C.C. Edens Myrtle Edens	P.D. Woodall	Nov 1927 (C)
	John Clarence Edens	C.C. Edens Myrtle Edens	P.D. Woodall	Nov 1927 (C)
	Christine Edens	Lawrence Edens Mrs. Lawrence Edens	P.D. Woodall	
	Evylin (Evelyn) Edens	Lawrence Edens Mrs. Lawrence Edens	P.D. Woodall	
	Reeves Edens	Lawrence Edens Mrs. Lawrence Edens	P.D. Woodall	
	William Wesley Smith	Chas McD. Smith Mrs. Frances Smith	P.D. Woodall	
	Hal Douglas Burns, Jr.	Hal D. Burns, Sr. Elaine S. Burns	W.A. Tew	5-11-52
	Robert Worth Burns	Benj. O. Burns Iola Burns	J.H. Parrish	3-30-58
	William Wade Ward	James Gaddy Ward, Jr. Parthenia Ward	J.H. Parrish	3-30-58
	Lucy Elaine Burns	Hal D. Burns, Sr. Elaine Burns	J.H. Parrish	5-11-58
	James Richard Hammond	James R. Hammond Emma Jean Hammond	J.H. Parrish	5-11-58
	Joseph D. Stuart	Robert Stuart Maude Allen Stuart	J.H. Parrish	8-17-58
	Robert F. Stuart	Robert Stuart Maude Allen Stuart	J.H. Parrish	8-17-58
	Robbie Allen Stuart	Robert Stuart Maude Allen Stuart	J.H. Parrish	8-17-58
	Mary Alice Burns	Benj. O. Burns Iola Burns	J.H. Parrish	4-10-60
	Janice Lynn Floyd	F.W. Floyd Clarinda Floyd	J.H. Parrish	4-12-59

(C) Confirmed with Centenary Register for 1924 - 1927

Centenary Church Treasurers Book of Pledges

Robert F. Stuart, Sr. Treasurer's Book

This book was provided by Robert F. Stuart, Jr. Some of the years are recorded here to show the value of money in the earlier years when the church was growing. Some records were hard to interpret. The x in the later years indicates that the person pledged. No attempt was made to record those amounts.

Name, Last	First	1922	1923	1924	1925 ?	1926	1927	1928	1929
					loose sheets				
Ayers	Kathryn	0	5.00	7.75					
	Nancy	2.00	8.00	8.00					
	Earnest	0.50	0.00	0.00	x	x			
	Mrs. Earnest		0.00						
	Carl McGuire	0.25	0.00	0.00	x	x			x
Bullock	Mattie Perry	10.00	10.00	0.00					
Barfield	Alfred	10.00	20.00	20.00		x			x
	Laura J.	2.00	2.75	2.50	x				x
	Lena	1.05	1.00	0.90	x				x
	Jesse	0.80	1.00	0.70	x			x	x
	Alphius				x				
Bullard	J.W.		0.00						x
Burns	Joseph R.	24.00	24.00	12.00	x				x
	Louisa F.	24.00	24.00	12.00					
	J. Worth	24.00	24.00	64.00	x	x		x	x
	Alice Oliver	24.00	24.00	12.00	x				
	Joseph R, Jr.	2.75	3.10	3.00	x				x
	William Solomon	0.80	1.25	3.00	x				x
	J. Worth, Jr.	1.20	1.25	3.00	x				
	Mrs. J. Worth								x
	Jake W. Jr.								x
	Bob		0.00		x				x
	Hal		0.00						
	Alice		0.10	0.00	x				x
	Ann		0.00						
	Louise		0.10		x				x
	Betty								x
	Cole				x				
Butler	Dannie		0.00						x
	Robert		0.00						x
	Janie		0.00						x
	Katherine		0.00						x
Cottingham	Wacon		0.00						
	Mrs. Bonnie		0.00						
	Mr.		0.00						
Crawford	J. Wil.	40.00	45.00	0.00	x	x			x
	Wil. James	0.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
	John C.	25.00	35.00	0.00					
	Guy S.	0.00	5.00	0.00	x	x			x
	Pope	0.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
	Ethel	2.00	0.00	0.00		x			
	Hallene	0.25	0.00	0.00	x				x
	Theo. McC	0.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
	Henry K.	0.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
	Lawrence Evans	0.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
Currie	F.W. (Floyd)		0.00			x			x
	Mrs. F.W.		0.00			x			x
Easterling	Victoria	40.00	25.00	0.00	x	x			x
Edens	Cora Breeden	13.75	15.00	20.00	x	x			c
	Lacy Thomas	0.00	8.00	12.50					
	John Allen	19.50	20.00	25.00	x	x			x
	Carl Corprew	10.00	12.00	6.25	x	x			x
	Myrtle Ward	10.00	12.00	6.25	x				x
	Leon Douglas	30.00	56.25	0.00	x	x			x
	Mrs. L.D.(Esther Maness)		0.00	0.00	x				x

Name, Last	First	1922	1923	1924	1925 ?	1926	1927	1928	1929
	Carl Jr.		0.00						
Faulk	Maggie	0.00	0.00	0.00					x
	J. Venable	3.00	0.00	0.00					x
	Volney	0.00	0.00	0.00					x
	Swana R.	0.00	0.00	0.00					x
	Minnie	2.50	0.00	0.00					x
	Beatrice				x				x
	Lillian				x				x
	Luther								x
Gaddy	John W.	0.00	0.00	0.00					
	Yates Douglas	6.00	11.00	10.00	x	x		x	x
	Elizabeth J.	3.25	3.00	5.00					
	Mary J.	3.00	3.00						
	Addie S.	0.00	0.00	0.00					
	Eris B.	0.00	1.00	0.00	x	x			x
	Mrs. Eris B.			0.00					x
	Thelma	0.00	1.00	0.00					
	Rom. A.	0.00	11.25	5.00	x	x			x
	Lula E.	3.50	4.69	0.00	x				
	Alton	3.00	3.00	3.50	x			x	x
	Lacy	1.20	0.90	2.00	x			x	x
	Earl		1.10	0.00				x	x
	Neva S.	3.00	3.00	0.00	x			x	x
	Bessie	3.00	3.00	0.00	x			x	x
	Grace				x			x	x
	Coke	0.00	0.00	0.00					
	Eva	0.00	0.00	0.00					
	Clyde		1.00	0.00					x
	Junius								x
	Ashby				x				
	Evander L.				x				
	Esther				x				
	Lizzie					x			
Grimsley	Lota Lee	2.25	0.00	0.00	x				x
Hammond	Johnnie R.	16.50	15.00	16.00	x	x		x	x
	Joseph	7.50	1.00	0.00	x				x
	James	0.00	0.00	0.00					
	Harriet	0.00	2.20	0.00	x				x
	Chas. S.	0.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
	Mary J.	0.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
	Grace Elizabeth	0.00							
	Bessie		0.00	1.00					x
	Annie	0.00	0.00	0.00					x
	Clifford H.	20.00	0.30	0.00	x				x
	Eugene Ashby	17.25	25.00	10.00	x				x
	Evelyn				x				x
	Douglas				x				x
	Bruce				x				x
	Jay					x			
Hamilton	Sallie	1.50	5.00	0.00					x
	Mrs. Dave					x			
Harrington	C.D.		0.00						
Maness	Madison	2.50	2.50	0.00	x	x			x
	Esther	2.50	4.00						
	Dewey S.	0.00	0.00	5.00					
	Pearl	2.50	0.00	0.00					
McLean	Duncan E.	5.50	22.25	26.20	x				x
	Lillie	2.25	2.75	1.00	x				x
	Frederick	0.00	0.00	0.00					x
	Willie May (Mae)	2.75	2.75	5.00	x	x			x
	Samuel W.	1.35	1.50	0.00	x				x
	Jas. Russell	1.20	2.50	1.00					x

Name, Last	First	1922	1923	1924	1925 ?	1926	1927	1928	1929
	Stacy E.	1.00	0.10	0.00	x				x
	Murphy B.	0.60	0.50	0.00	x				x
	Irma Neal	1.00	0.50	0.00	x				x
	Esther								x
	Joseph R.				x				
	Fred		0.00		x				
	D.C.					x			
McCormic	Martin J.	15.00	20.00	17.00	x				x
	Dora	0.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
	Ora E.	0.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
	W. Thaddeus	2.50	10.00	5.00	x	x			x
	Straudie	2.50	4.00	1.75					
	Lawrence	0.00	0.00	0.00					
	Furman	1.25	0.00	0.00					
	Maston	1.25	0.00	0.00					
	James A.	2.50	0.00	0.00	x	x			x
	Fodie E.	0.00	0.00	0.00					x
	Thelma Lee	0.00	0.00	0.00					x
	Willie	0.00	0.00	0.00					x
	Wytche				x				
McCormic	Grady		0.00			x			x
	Mrs. Grady		0.00						x
	Mary Frances		0.00						
	Taylor		0.00						
McArthur	Mary F.(Fannie)	9.25	16.25	12.00					
	Attie	8.25	10.00	11.00	x	x		x	x
	J. Oliver	10.00	22.50	10.00	x	x			x
	Estelle Smith	7.00	12.50	10.00					
	J. Oliver, Jr.	1.00	0.00	2.00	x				x
	W. Preston	1.10	0.00	2.00	x				x
	Shepherd S.	1.10	0.00	1.00	x				x
	Charles W.	4.00	9.50	5.00	x				x
	Mrs. C.W.								x
	Nannie Hayes	3.50	12.00	0.00	x				
	Jack	2.00	0.20	0.00	x				x
	William				x				x
	Henry				x				x
	C.W., Jr.								x
	Hayes								x
McGirt	Bertha	8.00	8.00	0.00	x				x
McLelland	Maranza	0.00	0.00	0.00					
	Malcom	1.50	0.00	0.00					x
	Mrs. Will (Blanche)					x			
Phillips	Cornelia A.	5.90	5.00	5.00	x			x	x
	Wyvis B.	1.80	3.00	0.00					x
	Chappell	1.20	1.00	0.00		x			
	Mildred								x
	Mrs. I.R.					x			
Page	William Burns	2.50	3.00	3.00	x				x
	Jack Ward	1.20	2.50	0.25					x
	Frank M.	3.00	3.00	3.00	x				x
	Preston		0.00		x				x
	Cole		0.00						x
	John				x				
Smith	Annie Louise	7.00	10.00	12.00					
Stuart	John L	12.00	18.25	12.25		x		x	x
	Lena R.	12.00	12.00	12.25	x				x
	R. Paul	3.00	3.00	3.00	x				x
	Leon A.	3.00	3.00	3.00	x				x
	Daniel A.	18.00	18.00	18.00	x				x
	Ann Flora	18.00	18.00	18.00	x				x
	Robert F.	18.00	18.00	18.00	x			x	x

Name, Last	First	1922	1923	1924	1925 ?	1926	1927	1928	1929
	Evelyn C.	18.00	18.00	18.00	x				x
	Ruth		0.00		x				x
	Robert		0.00			x			
	Hilda		0.00						x
	J.L.				x				
Taylor	Bruce		0.00						
Thompson	Mary D.		30.00		x				
Thompson	Newmy			0.00					x
	M. Della			30.00		x			x
	J.N.				x				
Ward	John W.	75.00	75.00	10.00	x	x	x		x
	Ella C.	12.50	10.00	1.00	x				x
	Ernest B.	30.00	32.50						
	Rachel O.	30.00	22.05						
	John W. Jr.	15.00	0.00	0.00	x				x
	Daisy B.	12.00	12.00	12.00		x			x
	Joseph Carl	24.00	26.50						
	James Gaddy	2.50	6.00	0.00	x	x		x	x
	Mrs. James G.				x				x
	Margaret	2.50	2.00	0.25	x				x
Webb	Ernie	0.00	0.00	0.00					
	Sallie	0.00	0.00	0.00					
	Archie		0.00	0.00					
	L.D.		0.00	0.00					
Williams	Blanche	7.00	15.00	1.00	x	x			x
	Bennie		2.25	0.25	x				x
	Luther								x
Wright	Arthur		0.00		x	x			x
	Mrs. Arthur		0.00		x				x
	Willie		0.00						
John	J.D.		0.00						
	Earline		0.00						

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Officers for 1931

Pres. **Mrs. R. F. Stuart**
Vice Pres **Miss Flora Stuart**
Rec. Sec. **Mrs. J. L. Stuart**
Treas. & Cor. Sec. **Mrs. Floyd Currie**
Supt. Of Publicity **Mrs. R. A. Gaddy**
Social Service **Miss Attie McArthur**
Supt of Supplies **Miss Johnnie Hammond**
Supt of Mission Study **Mrs. J. W. Burns**
Supt of Local Work & Voice Agent **Mrs. C. C. Edens**

Jan. 1931

The Dec. meeting was held at the Church with only 7 members present. Opening Hymn 107 "*Joy to the World*", followed with prayer by **Miss McArthur**. Calling of roll and short discussion of non-attending members. Devotional Reading - 'The Spirit of the Christian Workers', Matthew 10:5-10. Missionary Topic "Centros in Mexico serving the Children.". Then election of officers for 1931. Place of meeting was at the home of **Mrs. J.W. Burns**. Closing with prayer by **Mrs. Burns**.

Feb. 1931

The Jan. meeting was held at the home of **Mrs. J.W. Burns**. Opening Hymn 633 - "*Tell ye the Story*", followed by Lord's Prayer in unison. Roll called, six members present. Topic for Worship - "The Lordship of Christ Recognized". Scripture lesson - "The Rich Ruler", Mark 10:17-23 read by Pres. A letter from Johnathon to Zaccheus read by **Mrs. Burns**. Zaccheus's reply to Johnathon's letter given by Mrs. J.L. Stuart. A short discussion of article in voice "Hatching Happiness" on Tithening. The next place of meeting with **Mrs. C.C.** and **Miss Cora Edens**. Closed with prayer by **Mrs. Burns**. All enjoyed refreshments and hospitality of **Mrs. Burns**.

March 1931

The February meeting was held with **Miss Cora and Mrs. Carl Edens**. Opening hymn "*Take My Life and Let It Be*" followed by Lord's Prayer in unison. Roll called: nine members present. Minutes of last meeting read. A nice little solo by Little **Doris Edens**. Then a Missionary Study discussion by Pastor [**Mr. Petty**] also adv't of the "Messenger". Next on the program was Installation Service of the Centenary Auxiliary Officers. Scripture Lesson taken from Luke 15:11-24 Knowing God as Father. The basis of true prayer read by our President. Closed with Prayer by Pastor. Social hour much enjoyed by all. Thanking **Miss and Mrs. Edens** for their courteous hospitality of the evening.

Apr. 1931

The March meeting was held with **Miss Attie McArthur**. Opening hymn - 408 "*Lead Kindly Light*". Prayer by Pastor. Minuits of last meeting read. Roll called, with five members present. Scripture lesson taken from Mat. 6:19-34 & Luke 12:22-31. "Simple, Christlike Trust - It's place in the life of prayer". Hymn 481 - "O Love that will not let me go". Read and sang in a meditative manner. Topic for Discussion: "Another Home Mission Field Discovered & Entered." Closing with prayer. All expressed their appreciations of **Miss Attie's** hospitality during the social hour as they departed.

May 1931

The Apr. meeting was held in the home of **Mrs. J.W. Ward**. Opening with Hymn 193 "*Holy Spirit, faithful Guide*" following Prayer by Pastor. Scripture lesson Mat.6:7 Mark 1:35 also Luke 6:12. Topic for Worship - Waiting in Silence, Alone and with Others The Devotional Service being led by **Mrs. C.C. Edens**: followed by Hymn 188 "*O Spirit of the living God*." Minuits of last meeting read. Roll called, with 9 members present, & 2 visitors. Topic for Discussion: Adult Illiteracy - Its Background and Causes" given by **Mrs. J.L. Stuart**. Then a discussion as to whether or not Centenary would entertain the Spring Zone Meeting. Closing with Lord's prayer in unison. All expressing their appreciations of **Mrs. Ward's** great hospitality.

The May meeting was held at Centenary. Opening with song and prayer. Regular program being omitted. Suggestions and plans being made for the entertaining of Roberson & Hoke Zone meeting in June.

On June the 4th Centenary Auxiliary entertained the Zone meeting, with much success. We were so glad one our oldest and dearly beloved member's **Mrs. J.W. Ward**, was able to attend after a few weeks of previous illness.

The October meeting was held at the Parsonage with **Mrs. D.A. Petty** with 8 members present. Opening with Hymn #428. followed by Lords Prayer in unison. Roll called, followed by discussion as to plans to increase our special or individual auxiliary treasure. Scripture lesson taken from Mat. 6 chap and Luke 23rd Chap. Read by Pres. Reading topic – "World Current in Africa, given by **Mrs. J. W. Burns and Mrs. J.L. Stuart**. Hymn #196, closed with prayer after which all enjoyed social hour and refreshments served by **Mrs. Petty**.

1931: The Nov. meeting was held at Centenary, observing the "Week of Prayer, a special offering being taken for the "Spofford Home" Opening Hymn # 465 followed by prayer, Roll called, six members being present. Scripture lesson taken from John 17: 6-23 – The Lords Intercessory prayer given by president. Reading given by **Mrs. Burns** – "Jesus's Challenge" "Our Spofferd Home" given by **Mrs. J.L. Stuart**. Closing with Hymn 348.

The December meeting was not held as the weather was to bad on the day of appointment.

1932: The Jan. meeting was held at Centenary. Only three members present.

The Feb. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R.F. Stuart. Opening with Hymn 416. Roll called, ten members being present, and 3 visitors. A poem "Jesus" was read by Mrs. Burns Ward. Duet "What Would you Give to Jesus" by Mrs. Burn's & daughter (Alice). "A Vital Christ" read by Mrs. Burns Ward. Topic for worship, "Courage of Jesus" given by our President. A paper of expansion or explanation on the chap. of Proverbs was given by Mrs. Petty. Singing Hymn #411 closing with Prayer by Pastor. All enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. And Miss Stuart during the social hour in their home.

The Mar. meeting not held as it was a snowy day. Mar. 9

1932: The Apr. meeting was held at the home of **Miss Attie McArthur**. Opening song #107 – "Joy to the World", followed by the Lords Prayer in unison. Roll called, six members present and five visitors. Theme for the Worship Service: "The Joy of Jessus" given by the President. Topic: for discussion moving Pictures and Lawlessness and Moving Pictures and Our Wesley House communities, given by **Mesdame Burn's and Stuart**. Then a short business discussion, Dismissed by Pray by Pastor. (**Petty**) All enjoying the hospitality of **Miss McArthur** during the social hour in her home.

1932: The Sept. meeting was held at the home of **Mrs. J. W. Ward**. Opening Song "*The Kingdom Coming*, followed by the Lords Prayer. Roll called, 11 members present and 2 visitors. Worshipping Service Theme: "Finding God in Great Causes: Scripture lesson taken from Mat. 28th Chap & 10:12 and 23rd verses. Topics of study: "The McTyeire School & its work for China read by **Mrs. Stuart** and "The M.E. Church South and China's Forward Movement read by **Mrs. Ward**. Song "*O Master Let Me Walk With Thee*", Place of Oct. meeting given by **Mrs. Floyd Currie**. Closed with prayer. All greatly enjoyed the social hour and hospitality of **Mrs. Ward** and daughter.

1932: The Oct meeting was held with **Mrs. Floyd Currie**. Opening song: "*O Master Let Me Walk With Thee.*" Followed by Lord's Prayer" in unison. Roll called; 4 members present & one visitor. Worshipping Service Theme: "Finding God where Jesus Found Him". Math. 4:1-11 "Jesus found God in facing a decision as to what his life's work should by. Mark 14: 32-42, Jesus found God in facing defeat & death. Topics for thought & study: "Woman's work in China", and "The Shanghai Medical School". Then Song: "*O Jesus, I Have Promised*". Closed with prayer by President. All enjoyed the hospitality shown by **Mrs. Currie** while in her home. Hoping to have more members present at our Nov. meeting.

The minutes are printed as recorded in the book. Spelling changes have not been made.
Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stuart

Homecoming Minutes 1950 – 2000

The Secretaries of The Homecoming Committees Who Recorded These Minutes Are:

Rev. Lacy T. Edens
Carolyn Hammond
Daisy B. Ward
Parthenia "Polly" Ward
Maude Allen Stuart
Elaine Burns

1950 – A brief history of Centenary Methodist Church was read by **Lacy T. Edens**, historian, on Homecoming Day which was held at Centenary on Sunday, August 27, 1950. The sermon for this occasion was preached by **Jack Ward Page** – a native of the community and pastor of the Methodist Church at Robbins, North Carolina. His subject was "DOOMED PASTS AND LIVING FUTURES", based on Isaiah 51:1-11. He remained throughout the week and preached each night.

Since Homecoming Day, the church building at Centenary has undergone renovation on the inside, which included installation of a gas heating plant at the cost of \$1611.37. The outside of the building was painted at a cost of \$758.10 making a total of \$2,369.47.

Since last Homecoming, Centenary has received into church membership by transfer **J. Mack Straughn** and removed by death, **Miss Cora B. Edens**.

1951 – Homecoming day was observed at Centenary Methodist Church with a sermon by **Madison Ward Maness** – whose youth was spent in the community and is at present pastor at Mount Gilead Methodist Church. His subject was "THE SECRET OF HAPPY LIVING", based on Matthew 20:28.

In the afternoon, a history of the church was read, much informal singing was enjoyed, and **Jack Ward Page** of Robbins spoke at the memorial service in memory of **Miss Cora B. Edens**, and mention was made of other members now deceased. His remarks were based on Hebrew 12: "Wherefore, seeing we are encompassed by so great a crowd of witnesses."

1952 – Homecoming Day was observed at Centenary on October 12, 1952. Speaker for the day was a young lawyer from Fayetteville – **J. C. Ward, Jr.** He used as his subject "OUR PRECIOUS HERITAGE", based on I Peter 1:3,4,5.

The afternoon service was given over to congregational singing and business affairs. The program was concluded with a memorial service for **William Henry McLellan, Jr.** who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Korean War. The speaker for this service was Lawyer **Robert Campbell** of Rowland. **Hal D. Burns, Jr.** received infant baptism on Mother's Day.

1953 – Homecoming was observed on August 30, 1953. The sermon was preached by **Leonard Theodore (Ted) Wilson** of Goldsboro – son of **W. C. Wilson** who was a pastor on the Rowland Circuit. Sermon text was Hebrews 11:24,25. In the afternoon, an obituary on **Mrs. Julia Williams Hammond** was read.

1954 – Centenary Methodist Church observed its annual homecoming on August 29, 1954. **B. M. Madison** addressed the congregation and was assisted in the program by representatives of the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh,

NC. under the direction of **Mr. Hammack**. Memorials were for **John W. Ward, Jr.** and **Miss Swanna Faulk**

1955 – Homecoming Day was observed on August 28, 1955. Pastor **Martin R. Chambers** presided over the morning service. A Rowland Quartette composed of **Warren Cook, Paul Smith, Henry McKellar, and James Johnson (Mrs. Paul {Jean Graham} Smith,** accompanist) rendered several selections. **Van W. Bullock**, whose ancestors were residents of the community, preached a sermon on "WORLD PEACE".

A brief afternoon session presided over by **J. W. Page**, (Pastor of Fairmont Methodist Church in Raleigh and a native of the community) was held. History of the church was read by **Lacy T. Edens**. After some general remarks by the people, a committee was appointed for future considerations of homecoming. **John Richard Burns** received Holy Baptism during the year.

1956 – The annual homecoming of Centenary Methodist Church was held on August 26, 1956. Pastor **Martin R. Chambers** presided over the morning worship service. Pianist for the choir was **Miss Joyce Pate**. **Miss Jackie Ward** sang a solo, "Eternal God, Our Father". The Reverend **W. L. Loy**, minister of Macedonia Methodist Church, Raleigh, NC and former pastor at Centenary, preached on "CHOICE OF HIGHEST VALUES", based on Matthew 7:24. **Mrs. Benjamin O. {Iola} Burns** and **Mrs. James Gaddy {Polly} Ward, Jr.** were welcomed into the membership of Centenary.

At two o'clock, a memorial service was held for **Mrs. Della Thompson, Mrs. Bessie B. Ward** and **Joseph C. Ward, Sr.**

1957 – Homecoming was observed on August 25, 1957. Pastor **J. H. Parrish** presided over the service. **Mrs. Emma Jean Hammond**, accompanied by **Miss Jackie Ward**, presented a solo, "The Lord Is My Light." **Robert F. Stuart**, a kinsman of the speaker, introduced with appropriate remarks, the **Rev. E. M. Thompson, Jr.** of the Cavel Charge at Roxboro, NC.

In the afternoon, the **Rev. Lacy T. Edens** presided over a memorial service for **Robert Taylor McCormick, Mrs. Bertha Easterling McGirt and Jay Hammond**. Mention was made of **Mrs. Beulah McGirt Miller** who once lived in the community and was recently buried at Centenary and the recent death of **Rev. P. D. Woodall**, who served Centenary as pastor 1923-27.

Dr. Benjamin Ward of Whiteville presided over a brief business session at which time **Gaddy Ward, Sr.** was elected president, **B.O. Burns**, vice president and **Mrs. Clifford Hammond**, secretary, and **Mr. Lacy Edens** chairman of the memorial committee. Since the last homecoming, a new cover has been put on the church building and new steps have been placed at the entrance at an approximate cost of \$1400.00. **James Gaddy Ward, III** received infant baptism on Palm Sunday.

1958 – At the ninth annual homecoming, **Pastor J. H. Parrish** was in charge of the morning service and preached on "THE PRODIGAL COMES HOME" Luke 15:11-32. **Miss Joyce Pate** was in charge of music and accompanied **Miss Jackie Ward** as she sang "And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears."

After a sumptuous dinner and social gathering on the grounds, the congregation reassembled for the memorial service. Memorials were given for the following: **Homer B. Ward, Mrs. Sally C. McCormic Connelley, and Jessie Worth Burns**. Mention was made of the death of **Donald**

McLeod, who in his boyhood attended Sunday School at this church.

Music for the afternoon service was led by the **Rev. Kenneth Neuenschwander** of the Rowland Baptist Church. A solo "*Count Your Many Blessings*" was sung by **Mary Annis Crawford** and accompanied by **Jackie Ward**. **Frank Page** of Elm City, NC presided over the business session. **Lucy Elaine Burns, Robert Worth Burns, William Wade Ward, Robbie Allen {Stuart}, Robert Franklin {Stuart} III, and Joseph Daniel Stuart** were baptized during the year. Next year's homecoming chairman will be **Preston McArthur**, vice president. **Gaddy Ward, Mrs. Clifford Hammond** re-elected secretary.

1959 – The tenth annual Homecoming Day at Centenary Methodist Church was held August 23, 1959. **Pastor J. H. Parrish** presided and introduced the **Rev. Jack Ward Page**, native son and now pastor at Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville, NC. **Rev. Page** preached on "CHRIST AND YOUR LIFE". After the benediction and blessing the congregation assembled on the church grounds for the usual feast and social hour.

Rev. Parrish led the afternoon session. A solo, "*This is a Story of Jesus*" was sung by **Wesley Ward** and accompanied by his sister, **Jackie Ward**. **Frank Page** conducted the business session, and **Lacy T. Edens** presided over the memorial service. Memorials were read for **Miss Sarah Stuart** and **Leslie Stuart Thompson**.

1960 – Homecoming Day was observed at Centenary Methodist Church on August 28, 1960. The **Rev. J. W. Page** presided at the morning worship service in the absence of **Pastor Parrish**. A former pastor of the Rowland Charge, **Rev. W. Carleton Wilson**, was our guest for the occasion. Misses **Kay Neil Hall** and **Sarah Lee Sellars** rendered special music for the service.

In the afternoon memorials were given for **Mrs. Julia Thompson Miller** and **Mrs. Alice Oliver Burns**. **Ben Ward** conducted the business session.

1961 – Centenary Methodist Church held its annual homecoming on August 27, 1961. The morning service was presided over by the **Pastor Frank D. Salmon**, who also preached the sermon on "THE GREATEST" based on John 3:16. **Mr. and Mrs. Salmon** rendered a duet and were accompanied by Miss **Sarabeth Pate** who was in charge of the music.

After a bountiful repast on the church lawn, the congregation reassembled for the memorial session. **Robert F. Stuart** presented memorials for: **J. W. Bradley**, pastor at Centenary 1903-1906; **W. L. Loy**, pastor 1945-49; and **Mrs. J. H. Lanning**, whose husband was pastor in 1929-30. **Henry K. Crawford** presided at the business session.

1962 - Homecoming Day was observed on August 26, 1962. The morning service was presided over by **Pastor Frank D. Salmon**. Native son **Madison W. Maness** led the morning prayer. The **Rev. Jack W. Page**, now serving as District Superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, preached an inspiring sermon on "THE INFLUENCE OF CHRIST THROUGH THE AGES" based on Matt. 8:1-14. **Miss Sarabeth Pate**, was in charge of the music, accompanied **Earle Stubbs**, who rendered a solo, "*Hold Thou My Hand.*"

The congregation enjoyed an hour of fellowship and a bountiful repast under the shade trees on the lawn of the church.

The pastor presided at the afternoon service. **Lacy T. Edens**, memorials chairman, presented the following memorials: **Mrs. Bessie W. McCormick McArn; Mrs. Lota Lee McLean Grimsley; Mrs. Fannie Belle Taylor McCormick; William Herman Edens; Walter M. Edens, and Daniel Archibald Stuart.** **Henry K. Crawford** presided at a brief business session when **Carl C. Edens** was elected chairman. The service concluded with the benediction by **Lacy T. Edens**. **Hal D. Burns, Jr. and Robbie Allen Stuart** were welcomed into the membership of Centenary.

1963 – The fourteenth annual homecoming was held on August 25, 1963. **Pastor Frank D. Salmon** led the morning service. A trio composed of the **Misses Betsy Butler, Faye Bullock, and Rachael Frazier** sang "*Sing Aloud To God*" accompanied by **John Wesley Ward, III**. A former pastor, **J. H. Parrish** preached on "THE HOMECOMING OF THE PRODIGAL SON" from the text Luke 15:18.

The usual picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

Pastor Frank Salmon presided at the afternoon meeting with **Wesley Ward** at the piano. The following memorials were read: **Frank Edens; Eros B. Gaddy; Charles Hammond; Fred McLean; J. Burns Ward.** The memorial program ended with the chairman, **Lacy T. Edens**, reading "*The Rainy Day*", a poem **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow** wrote on the death of his wife. **Carl Edens** presided over a brief business session. The meeting concluded with the benediction by **Rev. Salmon**.

1964 – The annual homecoming at Centenary was observed on August 23, 1964. **Pastor Frank D. Salmon** presided at the morning worship service. **Miss Jeanette Stone** rendered a solo, "*I Love To Dwell In Spirit*", accompanied by **Wesley Ward**, music chairman for the day. The sermon was by the **Rev. J. W. Page**, Rocky Mount District Superintendent and native son. **Rev. Van Bullock** led the morning prayer.

At the afternoon meeting, **Lacy T. Edens** read a memorial for the late **William Carl McCormick**, whose death occurred in Georgia but who was a native of the Centenary community. **Carl C. Edens** conducted a brief business session when the same officers were re-elected. **J. W. Page** gave the benediction. A new parsonage for the Rowland Charge was occupied in November 1963.

1965 – The sixteenth annual homecoming at Centenary Methodist Church was observed on August 15, 1965. **Pastor Warner R. Heston** presided at the morning worship service. **Bishop Paul N. Garber** was the guest speaker, giving historical data concerning the founding of the Methodist Church and its spread in America. Other eminent guests were the **Rev. Barney L. Davidson**, Fayetteville District Superintendent and the **Rev. J. W. Page**, Rocky Mount District Superintendent.

At the afternoon service memorials were read for **W. Thad McCormick** and **Mrs. I. R. Phillips**. Since last homecoming, the church has been painted and minor repairs made to the steeple, shutters and ventilators at a cost of approximately \$690.00.

1966 - Homecoming Day was observed at Centenary on August 28, 1966. The **Rev. Madison W. Maness** (native son) was the guest speaker for the day. **J. Wesley Ward, III** and **Mrs. Paul {Jean Graham}Smith** had charge of the special music. A memorial service was held for **Guy S. Crawford** and **Mrs. Esther M. Edens**.

Carl C. Edens presided over a short business session and the same officers were re-elected.

1967 – Centenary Methodist Church observed its annual homecoming on August 27, 1967. The **Rev. Howard M. McLamb**, Executive Director of the Conference Board of Evangelism, was our guest speaker.

After the usual picnic lunch and social hour, the congregation reassembled for the memorial service. **Pastor W. R. Heston** opened the meeting with prayer. **Carl Edens** introduced **Robert F. Stuart** who presented these memorials: **Mrs. Harriet Hammond**, **W. Preston McArthur** and **Henry K. Crawford**.

C. C. Edens presided over the business session. The **Rev. Lacy T. Edens** resigned as memorials chairman and moved that **Robert F. Stuart** be made permanent chairman. The **Rev. J. W. Page** expressed his/our thanks to "**Mr. Lacy**" for serving so faithfully in the past. Present officers were re-elected. The **Rev. Heston** closed the service with prayer. A brass altar cross has been presented to the church in memory of **H. K. Crawford**. **John Richard Burns** was welcomed into the membership of Centenary.

1968 – The nineteenth annual Centenary homecoming was observed on August 25, 1968. The **Rev. J. W. Page**, native son and now pastor at Hayes Barton United Methodist Church in Raleigh, NC, presided over the services. The **Rev. Michael L. Hale**, pastor of the St. John's United Methodist Church in Fayetteville and husband of the former **Miss Jane Stuart** of this community, was the guest speaker. **Mrs. {Jane} Hale** presented special music.

Following the morning worship service, the **Rev. Page** led the blessing and a bountiful picnic lunch was spread. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all present.

The afternoon session opened with prayer. The **Rev. Page** paid tribute to the late **Rev. Lacy T. Edens**, who had in the past been in charge of memorials. He continued by sharing some of his fond memories of growing up in the community - of family - of friends. Memorials chairman **Robert F. Stuart** prepared the following: **The Rev. Lacy T. Edens; John A. Edens; Mrs. Pearl M. Johnson; and Miss Ann Flora Stuart**. Homecoming chairman **Carl C. Edens** conducted a short business session and the meeting dismissed with the benediction.

1969 - The 1969 Centenary Homecoming was held the fourth Sunday, August 24th. The **Rev. Don Lee Harris**, pastor of the church, presided at the morning worship service. **Mrs. Diane Bethea** was pianist and presented special musical selections. The **Rev. Robert C. Flynn**, a former student pastor of this charge and now serving Coats United Methodist Church and completing his undergraduate work at Methodist College in Fayetteville, was the guest speaker for the day. The text was Ephesians 2:4-10 and his meditation emphasized "Repentance, Faith, Love". At the conclusion of this remark, he sang the hymn, "*More Love to Thee*".

After the worship service, the **Rev. Harris** asked the blessing and everyone enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch.

The **Rev. Jack Ward Page** led the afternoon service. With **Mrs. Ann Burns Tarkington** at the piano, those gathered joined in singing the hymn, "*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*." **Rev. Page's** remarks were concerned with how nice it is to come back for homecoming.

There were no memorials this year. The present committee was re-elected. After singing "*Blest Be The Tie That Binds*", the **Rev. Madison Maness** offered the closing prayer and gave the benediction.

Weatherwise – those who had been attending the homecoming for a number of years remarked that it was the most nearly perfect picnic day remembered.

1970 – The 1970 annual homecoming was held at Centenary United Methodist Church on August 23, 1970. With **Wes Ward** presenting special music, our pastor, the **Rev. Don Lee Harris** conducted the morning worship service. The **Rev. M. W. Maness**, recently retired from fulltime service and former member at Centenary, offered the morning prayer. **Mr. Harris'** meditation, based on Hebrews 13:8 (Phillips Translation) asked three questions: First: "Have you changed any since last year?" Second: "Has the world changed any since last year?" Third: "Have you changed any more toward Christ, since last year?" The **Rev. J. W. Page** gave the closing prayer, benediction and blessing before adjourning to the yard for the usual bountiful lunch.

The **Rev. Page** presided at the afternoon session with **Wes Ward again at the piano**. The congregation joined in singing hymn 402, "*And Are We Yet Alive*". **Mr. Page's** comments concerned these "somewhat sentimental homecomings". **Robert F. Stuart**, memorials chairman, prepared the following tributes (most ever): **Claude Faulk**, read by **Clarence Edens**; **H.D. "Pete Burns**, by **Bob Page**; **Mrs. Lillian Faulk Floyd**, by **Bob Burns**; **Floyd Currie** by **Abe Howell**; **Wyche F. McCormick** by **Cliff Hammond**; **Lacy Gaddy** by **Robert Stuart**. It was announced that **William Burns** had died on August 13, 1970. A period of silent prayer preceded a memorial prayer by **Mr. Page**.

Homecoming Chairman **C. C. Edens** held a brief business session in which last years minutes were read and the day's collection was given as \$417.00.

Some discussion on revising the committee was presented and it was decided that **Mr. Edens** be re-elected as chairman and he is to fill any committee now vacant (by death or moving away) with those "who will get the job done". **Mrs. C. C. {Myrtle Ward} Edens** asked to be relieved from the music committee and suggested that **Wes Ward, Jim Ward** and **Lucy Burns** be placed on it. The **Rev. Page** pronounced the benediction.

Weatherwise – Threatening skies gave way to sunshine and a nice breeze.

1971 – The Centenary Memorial Association, formerly Centenary United Methodist Church, held its annual homecoming on August 22, 1971.

The **Rev. Don Lee Harris** presided over the morning worship service. **John Wesley Ward, III**, pianist, and **Miss Mackie Butler**, soloist, presented special music, "*God Is My Salvation*" by **L. Calder**.

On behalf of the Methodist Conference, **C. C. Edens** presented the church deed to the Centenary Memorial Association chairman, **Robert F. Stuart, Jr.** The **Rev. W. A. Tew** of Enfield, pastor when these homecoming services were begun (1950) brought the message entitled "*Wonderful Words of Life*".

The **Rev. Frank Salmon** of Shallotte, NC returned thanks on the churchyard where the usual bountiful picnic dinner was spread.

The afternoon session with the **Rev. Harris** again presiding opened with the congregation singing "*Faith of Our Fathers*". **Mr. Harris'** remarks "our continuing process of faith." **Robert Stuart**, memorials chairman, gave the tribute to **John David Stuart** and mention was made of **Mrs. Gaines (Testa) Phillips** whose interment was here at Centenary the past week following her death in an automobile accident. **C. C. Edens** conducted a brief business session when present officers were re-elected. **Mr. Edens** announced that the following persons had been named as the Board of Trustees of the new Centenary Memorial Association: **Robert F. Stuart, Jr., Chairman**;

Hal Douglas Burns, Jr.; John Clarence Edens; Clifford Marvin Hammond; James Gaddy Ward, Jr. Mr. Harris pronounced the benediction.

1972 – The Centenary Memorial Association observed their homecoming on August 27, 1972. **Wes Ward**, pianist, presented a varied musical program. The choir sang “Turn Back, O Man” and **Miss Mackie Butler** rendered a solo, “*But the Lord Is Mindful*” by Mendelsohn. The **Rev. Don Lee Harris** presided over the morning service assisted by **The Rev. J. W. Page**. Guest minister was **the Rev. W. C. Wilson**, pastor of the Rowland Charge from 1939-1944 and now retired (living in Raleigh). His sermon was entitled “Hallmarks of the Vital Christian Faith” with the scripture lesson from the book of Ruth.

The Rev. Page pronounced the benediction and we adjourned to the yard where a most enjoyable picnic lunch was served.

The congregation joined in singing the hymn “*Abide With Me*” to open the afternoon session. **The Rev. Harris** read appropriate scripture and his remarks were concerned with our being able “to remember those of the church family and church fellowship who have died this past year”, and how “we must have faith as we remember”. All observed a period of silent prayer and **Mr. Harris** concluded with a memorial prayer. **Robert F. Stuart**, memorials chairman, prepared the following memorials: **J. W. {James Worth} “Jake” Burns**, a former member at Centenary.; **Wyvis Phillips**, a former member at Centenary; **Ernest Miller**, attended Centenary in early life but was never a member; **Matthew L. Page**, of the Centenary community. **Mr. C. C. Edens** conducted the business session. **Mr. J. Gaddy Ward** made a motion that the money which was in the name of the Centenary Memorial Association on Certificate of Deposit in the Southern National Bank of Rowland be placed in the Centenary Cemetery Fund and that as funds were needed for the Centenary Memorial Association said funds could be removed from Centenary Cemetery Fund into the checking account of the Centenary Memorial Association. **Mr. Robert Stuart** seconded the motion which was carried without a dissenting vote. On a motion by **Robert Stuart**, the homecoming committee will remain the same. After the group joined in singing “*God Be With You Til We Meet Again*”, **Mr. Harris** pronounced the benediction.

1973 – The annual homecoming of Centenary Memorial United Methodist Church was observed on a partly cloudy and mild day, August 26, 1973.

The Rev. Don Lee Harris presided over the eleven o'clock worship service and gave the sermon. The lesson from the Holy Scriptures was from the 2nd chapter of Philippians (the text being (9-11) “wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; That at the name of JESUS every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.” **James Gaddy Ward, III**, was in charge of music and **Miss Mary Ann Moore** presented a solo, “*Let There Be Peace On Earth*” by Miller and Jackson.

The Rev. Michael Hale of Elfand, NC offered a prayer of Thanksgiving for good fellowship and good food after which everyone enjoyed the generous picnic spread.

At 1:30 a brief business session was held. **Mr. Carl C. Edens**, chairman, presided. The group joined in singing hymn 416, “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*” accompanied by **Miss Lucy Burns** at the piano. **Madison Maness** inquired {about} the old church records which are at present at the **J. Gaddy Ward** home. It is hoped that they can be placed here in the church vestibule in a suitable desk or case. Questioned about a marker for the church, **Jimmy Ward** said he is planning to see about one. After a brief discussion, **Leon Stuart** was asked to be in charge of markers for some of the graves in the cemetery. He consented to serve. **Mrs. Louise Nye** made a motion that the same committee serve again, which, of course carried unanimously. **Mr. Harris** gave the benediction. In Memorial: **Raymond Leslie Miller and Mrs. Ethel Miller Lynch**.

1974 – The Twenty-fifth annual homecoming was held at Centenary on August 25, 1974 – another partly cloudy, warm and humid day – the twenty-fifth year of good picnic weather.

James Gaddy Ward, III was responsible for the music. **Miss Mary Ann Moore** sang “*Give Us This Day*” by Kaye and Day. **The Rev. Don Lee Harris** of the Rowland United Methodist Church gave the Meditation entitled “*God Is Good*”. The text was 1st Chronicles 16:34 – “O Give thanks unto the Lord for God is good – and his steadfast love endures forever.” During the announcements, **Mr. Carl C. Edens** gave the memorials for the past year: **Murphy B. McLean, Ernest G. Ayers, and Cole Page**. A period of silent prayer was observed.

The Rev. Madison Maness gave the closing prayer and benediction including the dinner blessing. A sumptuous picnic lunch was served in the churchyard.

The singing of hymn 416, “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*”, opened the afternoon session accompanied by **Jim Ward** at the piano. **Mr. C. C. Edens**, chairman, presided and thanked all the various committees for their hard work. **Mr. Harris** explained about the combined Methodist/Presbyterian Youth Group cleaning the church and the church yard. A donation from the church to the Youth group was, in turn, their gift to the local rescue squad to help in purchasing a resuscitator.

Bob Burns made a motion that the committee remain the same with the exception that **Cliff Hammond** be made alternate chairman. It was seconded by **Robert Stuart** and carried unanimously by the group. The session dismissed with the singing of “*God Be With You Til We Meet Again*.”

1975 – The twenty-sixth annual homecoming was observed by the Centenary Memorial Association on a very hot and humid August 24, 1975. **The Rev. Don Lee Harris** presided at the worship service and presented the morning sermon. **James Gaddy Ward, III** had charge of music and **Mrs. Robert O. Bridgers**, soloist, offered “*Come Ye Blessed*” by J. P. Scott.

The Rev. Madison W. Maness gave the benediction and everyone adjourned to the church yard for fellowship and food.

With **Wes Ward** at the piano, the afternoon session opened with the singing of hymn 416, “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*”. Chairman **Carl C. Edens** presided over the business session. **Mrs. C. H. {Carolyn} Hammond** read the minutes of the 1974 homecoming. **Mr. Carl** expressed to **Mr. Harris** and all the ladies his thanks to each for

his/her part in "making this a good day." There was a brief discussion to change the time for annual homecoming but no action was taken. The collection was \$432.00.

Upon a motion by **Robert Stuart** and seconded by **J. Gaddy Ward**, the committee will remain the same. The day's events adjourned with prayer by **Mr. Harris**. The congregation for worship service was smaller than usual due to the very hot weather. The men had removed their coats prior to the service at the suggestion of **Mr. Harris**. The Methodist/Presbyterian Youth Group had helped clean the church and grounds again this year. Memorials: Daisy B. Ward.

1976 – The Twenty-seventh homecoming was observed at Centenary Church on August 22, 1976. The **Rev. Al Morris** of the Rowland United Methodist Church presided at the worship service and delivered the sermon entitled "Re-entry, For Fine Homecoming" was the text: "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing unto heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.'" Acts 1:10-11. **John Wesley Ward, III**, tenor sang "The Gifts of Love" by Hopson – accompanied by **James Gaddy Ward, III**, who also presented other appropriate musical selections. **Mr. Morris** pronounced the benediction and asked the blessing. Then everyone enjoyed a bountiful picnic lunch and fellowship in the church yard.

The afternoon session was presided over by Co-chairman **Clifford H. Hammond**. The group joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". **Mr. Hammond** expressed a vote of thanks to **Maude Allen Stuart, Emily Stuart, Iola and Mary Alice Burns and Parthenia Ward** for their part in cleaning the church. **Harvey Maness** reported on several relatives with Centenary connections and expressed his "great pleasure at being back at Centenary. **Robert Worth Burns** made a motion that the homecoming committee remain the same – seconded by **Frank Page**, and approved by the group. The collection for the day was \$697.00. **B. O. Burns** made a motion to express to **J. Gaddy Ward** how much he was missed today at the first homecoming he had ever missed. The entire group seconded the motion. **Bill Page** of Riverside, California offered a few words of observation on seeing so many of the folks and his renewed faith by just being here at Centenary today. **Jack W. Page** made a few remarks concerning the continuation of these homecoming services. **Robert F. Stuart** moved that the meeting adjourn and **J. W. Page** pronounced the benediction. A cool overcast morning was pleasant for the worship service. By time to put away the tables and finish straightening out the church yard, it was hot and humid! Memorials: **Victor Bryan Beck, Leon Douglas Edens, Alton Lee Gaddy, Gilbert Worth Stuart**.

Weatherwise: A cool overcast morning turning into a warm and humid day.

1977 – The 1977 homecoming at Centenary Church was observed on the fourth Sunday, August 28th. The **Rev. Al Morris** of the Rowland United Methodist Church brought the message – "SOUL – FOOD" WAS THE TEXT FROM Amos 8:11 – "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord God, "when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." **Miss Mary Alice Burns** was in charge of musical selections for the day. She presented **Doug Page** of Raleigh (son of **Preston and Pearl Page**) who sang the hymn, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." The **Rev. Jack W.**

Page introduced some of the Centenary families and his guest, **Henry Graham**. He then gave the benediction for the morning service and asked the blessing. The picnic tables laden with goodies were arranged behind the church. Friends and families joined together for good food and fellowship.

The afternoon session opened with the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". Co-chairman **Carl C. Edens** expressed the thanks of all for the work of the various committees and turned the rest of the meeting over to co-chairman **Clifford H. Hammond**. The secretary gave the minutes of the past year. The **Rev. Al Morris** expressed his thanks to "those who keep up the church" for the new paint job and the sign. **B. O. Burns** made a motion that the committees remain the same – seconded by **Robert F. Stuart** and carried unanimously. Collection for the day was \$308.30. **Madison Maness** wondered aloud if "The Robesonian" (Lumberton paper) would have a write-up and **Ms. Courtney Sharp-Ward** was recognized. **Mr. Morris** closed the homecoming events with prayer.

Weatherwise – a warm, mostly sunny with a nice breeze in the church yard.

Memorials: **Mrs. Blanche M. McLellan, Mrs. Mattie Ward Bullock, John Tarkington, J. O. McArthur, Mrs. Ruth Stuart Atkinson, Mrs. Flonnie Sue Gaddy**.

1978 – Centenary Memorial United Methodist Church held its annual homecoming on August 27, 1978. The **Rev. Al Morris** of the Rowland United Methodist Church presided at the worship service. The **Rev. Madison W. Maness** of Fayetteville administered the sacrament of infant baptism for **Jonathan Foster Page**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster Page (Bob and Sally)** of Raleigh; and grandson of **Mrs. Frances Foster Page**, and the late **Rev. Jack Ward Page**. – to be called "Jack." **James Gaddy Ward, III**, in charge of music, presented **Miss Sharon Burney**, soloist, who rendered "The Holy City" by S. Adams. The **Rev. John Richard Edens**, son of **John Clarence and Betty Jean Edens** of Laurinburg and grandson of **Carl C. and Myrtle Ward Edens**, brought the morning message – "What Mean These Stones?" with scripture selection from Joshua 4:1-7, 20-24 and 11 Timothy 1:1-15. **Rick's** wife, the **Rev. Jill Edens** led the morning prayer. Both **Rick and Jill** are recent graduates of Yale Divinity School and serve as associate pastors at Elm Grove United Methodist Church, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. **Mr. Maness** gave the benediction.

Mr. Morris asked the blessing. An abundance of tempting foods graced the picnic tables where friends and relatives joined for good food and good times.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Co-chairman **Cliff Hammond** presided, thanked the various committees for "jobs well done". The secretary read the minutes of the 1977 homecoming and then announced that the committee had purchased a "weed-eater" for working around the cemetery markers; that a professional crew had cleaned the church; and urged friends to remember that these are expenses each year – so remember when the collection plate is passed. Collection for the day was \$541.30. **Robert F. Stuart** made a motion that the committees remain the same, seconded by **C. Badger Gaddy**, and as usual the group made it unanimous! **Madison Maness** made a few remarks of remembering the barefoot boys of yesterday and "the inspiration and joy of being back at Centenary. With no further business **Mr. Morris** gave the closing prayer. Weatherwise – a hazy, humid day – but very pleasant and comfortable in the yard. Memorials:

Jack Ward Page, Edith Ward Edens, Bessie Ayers, Ethel Crawford Ward.

1979 – The Centenary Memorial Association observed the 30th anniversary of these homecomings on August 26, 1979. **The Rev. Orville W. Watson** of the Rowland United Methodist Church led the service and preached the sermon entitled, “Dying Men, and the Living Word”, with the text from Zechariah 1:1-7. Musical selections for the day were prepared by **Miss Mary Alice Burns** and **James Gaddy Ward, III**, soloist, presented “*The Birds' Song*” by Williams. Mr. Watson gave the benediction.

Rev. Madison Maness offered the blessing as we gathered around the picnic tables where tempting foods were spread, then shared. The usual “Gaddy Ward axe handle tea” was enjoyed by all. However, the very warm day found us dry at the tea table for the first time ever.

Chairman **Clifford H. Hammond** called the afternoon session to order. The group joined in singing the hymn, “*For All The Blessings of The Year*” accompanied by **Mary Alice Burns**. All committees were graciously thanked for jobs well done. The secretary read the 1978 minutes. **Bob Burns** gave an update on last years speakers, Rick and Jill Edens, who are now in Chapel Hill, NC serving the United Christian Church (United Church of Chapel Hill). Collection was \$565.05 (some added later via mail). **B. O. Burns** made a motion that committees remain the same, seconded by **Robert F. Stuart** and carried. **Madison Maness**, accustomed to speaking at such gatherings, remarked how good it was to see the church filled almost to capacity. The group for dinner was unusually large with most of the Burns grandchildren in attendance. **Mr. Maness** closed the meeting with prayer. Weatherwise – HOT AND HUMID! Memorials: **Carl Corprew Edens**. The display case at the left front of the sanctuary has been placed in the church in loving memory of **Ethel Crawford Ward** by her husband **J. Gaddy Ward**.

1980 – Beautiful sunny skies and gentle easterly breezes were the order of the day when we observed the 31st homecoming at Centenary Church on August 24, 1980. An especially large congregation assembled to hear a former pastor, the **Rev. Don Lee Harris**, now serving Rosemary United Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids, NC, bring the morning meditation entitled, “I Will Cling to the Old Rugged Cross.” His Scripture and text were taken from Galatians 6:11-14. **Mr. Harris** said that every gospel “emphasized the cross” – We must first identify with the cross, then understand the cross, finally accept the cross. **The Rev. Amos H. Stone** of the Rowland United Methodist Church presided at the Worship Service. **Miss Mary Alice Burns** did her usual excellent joy in preparing the presenting appropriate musical selections. **James Gaddy Ward, III** presented a solo, “*The Twenty-third Psalm*” by Williams. **The Rev. Allen Lee**, retired Methodist minister of Red Springs, closed the service with prayer.

Mr. Stone asked the blessing when folks had the tables spread with “the bountiful supply” and **Gaddy Ward** had the “axe handle tea” ready to serve.

After a delicious sampling of special sought out goodies and joyful visiting of friends and relatives, the group reassembled for a brief business session. Chairman **C. H. Hammond** called the meeting to order and the group joined in singing Hymn 546, “*For All the Blessings of the Year*”. **Mr. Cliff** thanked the various committees for their good work in preparing for homecoming (with a special note of thanks to P.T.W.) (Parthenia Thompson Ward). The secretary read notes from the 30th homecoming and

announced the day’s collection of \$595.00. **John Clarence Edens** made a motion that **Robert F. Stuart** be made a co-chairman with **C. H. Hammond** and it was approved. **Parthenia Ward** suggested that **Mary Alice Burns** be placed on the music committee since she “often gets left holding the bag.” **James Gaddy Ward, Jr.** and **Bill Ward** were recognized also for a job well done - grounds, tables, etc. With no further business the group joined in the Methodist Youth Fellowship benediction (Numbers 6:24-26). A made to order picnic day. The unusually large crowd for the worship service attested to the love and esteem with which **Don Lee and Emma Harris** are held in our community. Also, about sixty-five of the Burns-Page relatives shared the day. Memorials: **Dora McCormick, Sam Jessup and Nora Ayers**.

1981 – Tropical depression Dennis drenched the area with showers in the week prior to the 32nd annual homecoming at Centenary – but August 23, 1981 was a partly cloudy with pleasant cool temperatures that found us with windows closed in the sanctuary. **The Rev. Amos H. Stone** of the Rowland United Methodist Church led the service and preached the sermon entitled “Live One Day at the Time” with the scripture lesson from Matthew 6:25-34. **Mary Alice Burns** was pianist for the service and **Bert and Debbie Ayers** presented special music, a duet, “*Love is Why*” by Ellis and Lakey. Chairman of Centenary Memorial Association Trustees, **Robert F. Stuart** announced that the church needs a new roof and work on the steeple. There are also plans to extend a stoop over the front steps. **The Rev. Madison Maness** closed the worship service with prayer and asked the blessing.

Gaddy Ward’s “axe handle tea” (he did help) and much good food and fellowship were shared by all those in attendance. The extremely pleasant weather kept the crowd in the yard visiting longer than usual.

About two o’clock a short business session was held. Co-chairman **Robert F. Stuart** presided and the group joined in singing “*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*”. The secretary read the minutes from the last homecoming. Collection for the day was \$760.85. **Bob Burns** made a motion that the committees remain the same and it was approved. There was some discussion of next year being the 100th anniversary of the organization of Centenary and that some special plans should be made. **J. Gaddy Ward** suggested that **Madison Maness** would be the appropriate speaker. **Madison** accepted and discussed briefly the “historical message” of Centenary. **Robert Stuart** thanked all those who worked to help make the homecoming possible. **Mr. Maness** dismissed the group with prayer that emphasized “thankfulness and pride in our forefathers who organized this church.” The Trustees met for a discussion of the repairs to be done to the church and to the cemetery fence. Centenary Church Family and Centenary Community Memorials: **Shep McArthur, Lizzie McCormick, Alicia S. Crawford, Sam and Ruby McLean, and Ethel B. Ward**.

1982 – The 33rd homecoming of Centenary Memorial Association was observed on August 22, 1982. This year is also the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the church in 1882. **The Rev. Amos H. Stone** presided at the worship service. The sermon was delivered by **The Reverend Madison W. Maness**. Special music was presented by **Wes Ward** of the First Presbyterian Church of Lumberton and **Debi Parker**, soloist, who sang “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*” by Eugene Englert. The sacrament of infant baptism was administered to **Andrew**

Guy Burns, son of Hal Douglas and Carolyn Smith Burns.

After the benediction and blessing, all gathered around the picnic tables where the usual tempting foods were spread, then shared.

During the afternoon session, **B. O. Burns** gave a slide presentation of past homecomings. Memorials: **Frank K. Salmon** (former pastor), **Orville W. Watson** (former pastor), **J. Gaddy Ward, Sr.**, **J. Mack Straughn**, **Myrtle Ward Edens**. It was also noted that **Mrs. Leila Pate** died on Saturday. The Picture in the vestibule is given in loving memory of **J. Gaddy Ward**, by the **B. O. Burns** family. Ministers who served today were **Madison W. Maness**, **John Richard Edens** and **Amos H. Stone**. **Clifford H. Hammond** and **Robert F. Stuart** were Co-Chairman of Homecomings {There were no minutes for this year. The information has been taken from the church bulletin.}

1983 – The **Rev. Robert F. Moore**, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Fairmont, NC was the guest speaker at the 1983 homecoming service on August 28th. His sermon, entitled, "The Marks of a Fool" followed the scripture lesson from Matthew 23:1-2, 13-24. The service was presided over by the **Rev. Amos H. Stone** of the Rowland United Methodist Church. **Wes Ward** was organist for the service and **Mackie Pate** was soloist, presenting "Now with Thanksgiving" by D. Busaro. The coordinating arrangements of yellow and white chrysanthemums were in memory of those who departed this earth since the last homecoming: **Pope P. Crawford**, **Mrs. Evelyn C. Stuart**, **Stacy McLean**, **Mrs. Neva Gaddy Townsend**, **Douglas Hammond**, **Ora McCormic**, **Rev. W. A. Tew** (former pastor), **Rev. W.C. Wilson** (former pastor).

Dinner on the church yard was a time of sharing food, memories and planning ahead.

The afternoon session was presided over by **Preston Page** who thanked the committees for another successful homecoming day. There was no new business and the committees remain the same. To close our meeting, the group joined in the MYF Benediction. Today's collection was \$646.20. Church histories were available for \$2.00.

1984 – Perfect picnic weather was the order of the day at the 1984 Centenary Homecoming on August 26th. It was pleasantly cool in the church and fans were not needed for the worship service. The **Rev. Amos H. Stone**, using scripture from Luke 4:14-21, brought the morning message, "Where Do We Go From Here?". Special music for the day was a duet "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Mendelssohn sung by **Mackie B. Pate**, mezzo-suprano and **Margaret Pate**, Soprano, accompanied by **Jean Smith** at the piano.

The afternoon session was opened by **Preston Page** presiding and the group joined in by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" The committees were thanked and the minutes of the last meeting were read. **Robert Stuart** gave a report on the \$2,000.00 given for the tornado victims of the Red Springs area. **Frances Page** reported a \$100.00 contribution to the Robeson County Church and Community Center for **Peggy Straughan**. **Iola Burns** suggested that **Maggie Morrison** and **Frances Page** serve on the music committee. **Preston Page** was made permanent presiding officer at the evening session. **Rev. Stone** dismissed the session with prayer. Memorials for 1984 were: **C. Badger Gaddy** and **William Burns Page**. Also memorial gifts were: matching fern stands in the Sanctuary in loving memory of **William Burns Page** by **Mrs. Jake Burns** and **Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Burns**; the

oak fern stand in the vestibule in loving memory of **Ora Elise McCormic** by her niece, **Sara Mac Boyer** and family, **Delton**, **Susanne**, **Jason** and **Mackenzie**.

1985 – The 36th annual homecoming at Centenary was held on August 25, 1985. The **Rev. Amos H. Stone** presided over the morning service. The guest minister was the **Rev. M. E. Seahorn** (retired) who is the father of **Mrs. Sarah Ballard**. **John Wesley Ward, III** was in charge of the music. **Mr. Mac Porter**, soloist, is a tenor in the adult choir of the First Presbyterian Church in Lumberton and is employed by the Lumberton City Schools. He sang "Come Ye Blessed" by J.P. Scott and "At the River" by Aaron Copland. The Sacrament of Baptism was given to **Leslie Elaine**, daughter of **Hal and Carolyn Burns** and granddaughter of **Mrs. H. D. (Elaine) Burns**. {There were no minutes for this year. The write-up was taken from the bulletin.}

1986 – The 37th homecoming at Centenary was held on August 24, 1986. **Rev. David Francis** presided and brought the morning message. **Wes Ward** and the Kirk Singers of First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton brought special music. **Jeremy Michael Clifton**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. John Clifton** and grandson of the late **Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McArthur** was baptized during the morning service. In the afternoon session presided over by **Robert Stuart** and **Cliff Hammond**, the following memorials were given: **Beatrice Faulk Peoples**, **Parthenia T. Ward** and **Mary N. Hammond**. Memorial gifts: the ceiling fans in the sanctuary and vestibule are given in loving memory of **Carl C. and Myrtle Ward Edens** by their children, **Carl C. Edens, Jr.**, **Doris E. Bartlett**, **John Clarence Edens** and **Catherine E. Watkins**; the two chairs in the vestibule in loving memory of **Polly T. Ward** and **J. Gaddy Ward, Sr.** were given by **W. E. Lupo** and were refinished and reupholstered by the Centenary Memorial Association.

1987 – The 38th annual homecoming at Centenary was observed on August 23, 1987. As usual the weather was hot but the newly installed ceiling fans given in memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens** by their children made the church more pleasant.

The **Rev. David Francis** of Rowland United Methodist Church presided at the worship services and delivered the sermon entitled "Forgiveness". He brought out we always have one more opportunity to ask for forgiveness and admit our mistakes. Saying I am sorry and forgiving is one of the hardest things to do. Special music by **Wes Ward** of the First Presbyterian Church of Lumberton and **Mac Porter** guest soloist.

Memorials: **Earl Gaddy**, **Richard (Dick) Edens**, **Hayes McArthur**, **Alice B. Stuart** and **Cornelia Ayers**.

After the benediction, **Rev. Francis** asked the blessing and everyone gathered outside around the picnic tables to enjoy good food and fellowship.

Afterwards a brief business meeting was held with **Preston Page** presiding. He thanked the **Edens** family for the fans and how much they meant to all of us. There was no new business. All officers were re-elected. **Frank Page** commented that today was one of our best meetings. **Wes Ward** made a motion that we have homecoming on the third Sunday in August instead of the fourth, due to the fact that so many parents were taking their children back to college at this time. The motion was passed.

1988 – The 39th annual homecoming at Centenary was observed on August 21, 1988. The **Rev. David Francis** of Rowland United Methodist Church presided at the worship

service and delivered the sermon entitled "The Wedding Feast of the Lamb".

Special music by **Wes Ward** of the First Presbyterian Church of Lumberton and **Mrs. Pam Stone** guest soloist. Memorials: **Mrs. John Hugh (Louise) McArn**, **Mrs. Cole (Elizabeth) Page**, **Mr. Gaines Phillips**.

After the benediction **Rev. Francis** asked the blessing and every one gathered out side around the picnic tables to enjoy good food and fellowship.

A business meeting was held afterwards with **Preston Page** presiding. New officers were elected. **Clarence Edens**, Co-Chairman, **Mrs. Elaine Burns**, Secretary. **Wes Ward** commented that **Mrs. Mary Alice (Burns) Usher** would be in charge of the music next year. **Bob Burns** made a motion that **Jack Ward Page, Jr.** preach next year and it was approved.

1989 – The 40th Annual Homecoming was held on August 20, 1989. The **Rev. David Francis** of the Rowland United Methodist Church presided at the morning worship and welcomed "one of our own", **Rev. Jack Ward Page** of Coats United Methodist Church as the guest minister. **Ward** gave an inspiring message on "Imitations of God." **Wes Ward**, baritone, sang two lovely hymns "*The Church in the Wildwood*" and "*Others*". **Rev. Francis** administered the sacrament of infant baptism for **Zackarey Kyle Ward**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ward**, grandson of **James Gaddy Ward, Jr.** and the late **Polly Ward**. Memorial flowers were for **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens** by the family and **Mrs. Beulah Rogers** by **Bud Rogers**. Flowers honoring **Zachary Ward** by **Mr. and Mrs. James Gaddy Ward, Jr.** and **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page** by **Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns** were given.

After the benediction and blessing, a delicious and delightful picnic lunch was enjoyed on the grounds.

During the business session, a report from the trustees was given that **John Clarence Edens** had been elected as Treasurer. The trustees asked that everyone be encouraged to give more money so that we can be assured that Centenary Church will be maintained after this generation is gone. Nothing major is foreseen as needed in the near future. The CD at the Bank earns about \$2800 a year. Collections usually pay for upkeep expenses of Homecoming. It was suggested and approved that **Rev. Richard Edens** be the guest minister for the 1990 services.

1990 – The 41st Annual Homecoming was held on August 19, 1990 at Centenary Church. The **Rev. David Francis** of the Rowland United Methodist Church presided at morning worship. Again **David** welcomed one of the many ministers to have their roots in Centenary Church, **Rev. Richard Edens** of Chapel Hill, son of **Clarence and Betty Edens** and grandson of the late **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens**. **Richard** used as his text Ezekiel 34: 1-19 and brought an inspiring message "At The Table." **Rev. Francis** welcomed **Mac Porter** from the First Presbyterian Church of Lumberton. **Mr. Porter**, a tenor, sang two beautiful hymns: "*There's Something About That Name*" and "*My Tribute*" accompanied at the piano by our Minister of Music, **Wes Ward**. Members who have died in the past year were **Rev. Madison Maness** and **Mrs. Pope (Vera) Crawford**.

Memorial flowers were placed in the church in memory of **Madison Maness** by **Bob and Iola Burns**, **Ruth and Elaine Burns**; in memory of **Mrs. Pope Crawford** by the **Crawford family**; in memory of **Louise McArn** by her family; in memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens** by the **Edens family**.

After the benediction and blessing of our usual delicious and bountiful picnic, lunch was enjoyed on the grounds. It was rather hot but with all the visiting and joy of seeing friends and loved ones, no one minded!

During the business session the minutes of last year were read and approved. **Clifford Hammond** suggested **Ward Page** be asked to be guest minister next year. **Clarence Edens** thanked all committees for their work for making another successful homecoming. **Bob Burns** made a motion that the same slate of officers serve next year. This was seconded by **Frances Page**. It was suggested that the trustees names and officers be on the Homecoming bulletins.

1991 – The 42nd Annual Homecoming of Centenary United Methodist Church was held on August 18, 1991. **Rev. David Francis** conducted the morning worship services and welcomed the **Rev. Jack Ward Page**. **Ward** who completed Divinity School at Duke in May and is the minister of the United Methodist Church in Washington, NC. **Ward** used as his Scripture Deuteronomy 4:32-40 and brought us an inspiring message, "God's Family Album." **David** welcomed **Jay Ward** of Lumberton as our soloist this morning. **Jay** is a rising senior at Woodberry Forest High School and is the son of **Betsy and Wesley Ward** of Lumberton. **Jay** sang "Spirit of the Living God" and "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus". He was accompanied on the piano by **Wes Ward**. Memorials were for **Miss Bessie Gaddy**, **Mrs. Willie Mae Hasty**, and **Mrs. Beulah Ward**. Memorial flowers were placed in the church for each. In addition, flowers were in memory of **Mrs. Louise McArn** by **John Hugh McArn** and in honor of **Ward and Karen Page** by their cousins.

After the benediction and blessing we could hardly believe our good fortune to be able to have our bountiful picnic lunch on the grounds. The threat of storm "Bob" had continued even during the morning services, but the day couldn't have been more delightful! A little warm, but just enough breeze to keep the insects away.

During the business session chaired by **Preston Page**, several suggestions were made as to ministers for the coming years. It was more or less decided that we would like to have **Richard Edens** and **Ward Page** to return as well as any new ministers from the Rowland Church and other ministers whose background is in Centenary. **Robert Stuart** reported that repairs had been made to the monuments in the cemetery by Floyd Monuments in Lumberton for \$250.00, much below the \$1750 estimate by Southern Marble. He also cleaned and hauled soil in the depressed areas. **Robert** also asked that everyone from Centenary act as host for our Homecomings, not just the ones on committees. It was brought forth that new shutters are needed. **Robert Stuart** and **Clarence Edens** will check this out.

The offering was { } and for the Preservation Fund was { } **Iola Burns** was appointed to be in charge of the flowers for next year. **Bob Burns** will be looking after Publicity as he has been on the committee.

1992 – The 43rd Annual Homecoming was held at Centenary Memorial Methodist Church on August 16, 1992. The **Rev. Wayne Thomas** {of the Rowland United Methodist Church} welcomed the congregation to his first Centenary Homecoming. **Jane Stuart Hale** gave the prelude, "*Praise To The Lord Almighty*" with her son **John** on the trumpet. Later in the service, **Jane's** daughter, **Lisa Hale**, sang two solos, "*Love Will Be Our Home*" and "*People Need the Lord*". **Jane** is one of our own, the daughter of **Leon and Emily Stuart**. She is a graduate of

Methodist College and the wife of **Dr. Mike Hale** who is Family Life specialist with the Methodist Home for Children. **John** is a junior at Southview High School and a member of their Marching Band. **Lisa** recently graduated from UNC at Greensboro with a major in music and will be teaching in the Cumberland County School system. The talented Hale family live in Hope Mills. During the service **Worth and Marie Burns** presented their daughter, **Mona Leigh** for Baptism. Her grandparents, **Bob and Iola Burns** and Uncle and Aunt **Stan and Mary Usher** had lovely flowers in Mona's honor. **Rev. Thomas** gave an inspiring message on "Our Christian Heritage" with scripture from Jeremiah 12:9. **Clarence Edens** had a notice in the bulletin that the Centenary 21st Century Preservation Fund has grown to \$3,222.96. The Trustees thanked all contributors and asked for continuing support. A memorial was given for **Mr. Theodore M. Crawford**. Flowers were presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. Crawford** by his wife **Elizabeth M. Crawford**, his daughter **Betsy C. Hardin**, grandson **Ted Hardin**. Also in memory of **Mr. Crawford** and other loved ones by **Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Crawford** and **Miss Halene Crawford**; In loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens** by their children **Carl Edens, Jr., Doris E. Bartlett, Clarence Edens** and **Catherine E. Watkins**; In loving memory of **Stacey McLean** by **Mrs. Stacey McLean**, son **Walter Duncan McLean** and **Katie**. The security lights on the church grounds have been given in loving memory of **John David Stuart** by his parents, **Emily and Leon Stuart**.

After the benediction and blessing of the noon meal, everyone adjourned to the grounds for a delicious lunch under sunny skies. After the rainy Saturday, we were truly blessed with the sunshine. Many members lacked faith that we could continue our unbroken string of picnics on the churchyard with no rain.

At the business session, presided over by **Preston Page**, thanks were given to committees for their work. It was noted that **Maude Allen Stuart** and **Carolyn Hammond** were not present due to illness, making the first time either had missed a homecoming. The new 14 shutters had been purchased since last year, \$180.00 per window. It was suggested that **Dr. Mike Hale** be invited to be guest minister next year and that his family also be invited. **Joe Burns** volunteered to contact the **Hales**. **Robert Stuart** reported 2 trees cut down and **Sonny Butler** cleaned up the limbs, etc. **Bob Burns** moved that same officers continue for next year.

1993 - The 44th Annual Homecoming of Centenary Memorial Methodist Church was held on August 15, 1993. **Rev. Audrey Holmes** conducted the morning worship service for the first time as the Rowland minister. A beautiful prelude of music was presented by **Mrs. Michael Hale**, the former **Jane Stuart**, daughter of **Leon and Emily Stuart**. Special music in song "Softly and Tenderly" was sung by **Lisa Hale Packer**. Lisa is the daughter of **Jane and Michael Hale** and teaches in the Cumberland County School System. A very meaningful message was brought in the sermon, "Harvest Time" by **Dr. Michael Hale**. **Dr. Hale** is a graduate of Methodist College and has a doctorate of Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Seminary. He is with the Methodist Home for Children as a counselor and Family Life Specialist. **Dr. Hale** brought into his message how happy he is that his son **John** has been taught the love of the farm by his grandfather, **Leon Stuart**, in this church's community. The following former members or friends of Centenary have died during the past year: **Mrs. Esther McLean Bray**,

Miss Bessie Hammond, Mrs. Rethea Straughan, Mr. David Stuart and Mr. Frank Stuart. Flowers were presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Miss Hammond** by **Leon and Emily Stuart, Paul and Annie Stuart, Hilda Griffin and Joe Griffin, Archie David Stuart** by **Katherine, A.D. Jr., Jane, John** and their families. **Frank Stuart** by **Burns and Mavis Stuart** and **Joe and Donna Stuart, Frank Stuart** by **Patricia, Shelley and Ashley Stuart**.

After the closing hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" was sung, the benediction and blessing given for the noon meal, the congregation adjourned to the church yard for the always delicious and bountiful picnic lunch and axe handle iced tea prepared by **James Gaddy Ward**.

A report in the bulletin by Treasurer **Clarence Edens** shows that the Centenary 21st Century Preservation Fund added \$2,064.70 during the year making a total of \$5,278.66 in this very special fund. At the afternoon business session presided over by **Preston Page**, the following things were brought up: **Betsy Hardin** offered to give 9 wooden folding chairs in memory of her father {**Theodore Crawford**}. **Bob Burns** made the motion that Centenary Church buy 9 which would give us the number needed for extra seats. It was brought out that we need more old hymn books. Suggested that we contact other churches that might have some stored away. It was agreed that the church needed to be washed down to do away with the mildew, suggested that **W.C. Connor** be contacted to do this. **Clarence Edens** reported that Centenary is now approved as Tax Exempt. The offering had not been counted but there was a good crowd at morning service. A motion was made and seconded that same officers continue for another year. **Joe Burns** is to fill in for **Preston Page** should **Preston** be unable to attend afternoon sessions. It was agreed **Richard Edens** will be guest minister next year.

1994 - On another beautiful Sunday August 21, 1994, the 45th Homecoming of Centenary Memorial Methodist Church was held. **Reverend Audrey Holmes** conducted the worship services. A beautiful prelude of music was presented by **Wes Ward**, Director of Music Ministries, First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton. Special music was given by **Jay Ward**, Baritone, son of **Wes and Betsy Ward** and a rising junior at Wake Forest University and his aunt, **Mackie Pate**, Soprano of the Rowland Methodist Church choir. "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Hymn of Promise" were the beautiful selections.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Amanda Rae Edens**, daughter of **Alan and Claudia Edens** of Durham, granddaughter of **Clarence and Betty Jean Edens** by **Rev. Richard Edens** (her uncle). The Sacrament of Infant Baptism for **Alexander Benjamin Worth Burns**, son of **Worth and Marie Burns** of Columbia, SC grandson of **Bob and Iola Burns**, given by **Rev. Audrey Holmes**. These beautiful children have many long ties connected with Centenary Church. The Reverend **Richard Edens** of the United Church of Chapel Hill where he serves as co-pastor with his wife, **Reverend Jill Edens**, was our guest minister and brought the morning message. His scripture from Isaiah 61 referred to homecoming, very appropriate with his message. Memorials were noted for **Burns Stuart** and **Andrew Hasty** who died during the past year. Flowers were presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of: **Burns Stuart** by his wife **Mavis** and his son and daughter-in-law **Anita**, a vase of roses from his granddaughter **Alli Stuart** were in the altar area; **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens** by their children, **Carl Jr. ,**

Clarence, Doris E. Bartlett and Catherine E. Watkins. The flowers on the curio cabinet were presented in honor of **Alexander Benjamin Worth** by his grandparents, **Bob and Iola Burns**.

After the closing hymn "The Voice of God", **Rev. Holmes** gave the benediction and the blessing of the noon meal to a full church of former members, relatives and friends.

After the usual bountiful and delicious picnic meal and much visiting among friends and relatives while drinking many cups of the "Axe handle" tea prepared by **Jimmy Ward** in the rather hot weather, the afternoon session was presided over by **Joe Burns**. **Clarence Edens**, treasurer reported that between \$2600 and \$2700 was collected from last year. Of that amount \$1600 went into the Preservation Fund and the rest into the local budget with all bills paid including **W.C. Connor** for washing down the building. He also reported that **Betsy Hardin** will get nine additional chairs and Centenary will buy nine.

The motion was made, seconded and carried to change the **Homecoming date to the second Sunday in August** due to parents taking children to college and teachers already in school workshops. It was suggested that cards be mailed in the near future so the date could be put on calendars. Also everyone at the session was asked to pass the word. **Wes Ward**, chairman of Music Committee, said we really need to get another piano; he would not suggest spending more money on the present one, but definitely would not recommend a new one since it's used only once a year; asked that all present be on the look-out for a good used piano, possible someone would donate one. He would be glad to try it out to check the condition. **Wes** also asked that someone else be asked to play next year. He said it's hard for a paid church organist to get off often. He would be back-up if no one else could do it. Someone suggested we might use an electronic key board if we can't find a piano. It was decided that **Rev. Don Lee Harris** be invited as guest minister for 1995 and **Jack Ward Page, Jr.** would come if **Mr. Harris** can't come. The officers will remain the same for another year. Thanks to **Frances Page** for minutes for the afternoon session.

1995 – On Sunday August 13, 1995, the 46th Homecoming of Centenary Memorial Church was held on a beautiful but extremely hot day. **Reverend Audrey Holmes** of the Rowland United Methodist Church conducted the worship services. **James "Jim" Ward** of Chicago presented a beautiful prelude of music. Special music in song was given by **Worth Stuart** of Atlanta, Georgia. Worth sang as an anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and as a response to the sermon, "The Lord's Prayer". **Worth** is the son of **Mavis Stuart** of Charlotte and the late **Burns Stuart**, the grandson of **Worth and Alice Stuart** and great grandson of **Alice and Worth Burns**. The **Reverend Don Lee Harris**, former minister of Centenary Church, was guest minister and used as his topic, "Celebrating Our Roots". **Rev. Harris** has close connections to Centenary as his grandparents on the **Webb** side attended Centenary. He referred often to his ties with the church, to records of church attendance by his family and paid homage to so many of the former members who are not with us now, particularly to the ones we lost this past year: **Bob Burns, Cliff Hammond, Mary Ella Cotton and Lena Barfield Gaddy**. The flowers on the center table were given by **Mrs. Clifford Hammond** her sons **Dick and Jack** and their families. The flowers on the left were given by **Mrs. Bob Burns** and her children, **Worth and Mary Alice** and their families. The arrangement on the curio cabinet in the

vestibule was given by **Ruth and Elaine Burns** in memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Worth Burns, Jack and Pete Burns**.

Rev. Holmes closed the service with a beautiful "Thanksgiving Prayer" read in unison, the hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and the blessing of the noon meal.

Although it was very warm on the grounds, a bountiful picnic meal was enjoyed with many cups of **James Gaddy's** iced tea.

A short business meeting was held with **Joe Burns** presiding. The minutes were scanned with no corrections. It was decided that **Jack Ward Page** would be asked to be guest minister next year. **Clarence Edens** reported that the "Centenary 21st Century Fund" was started five years ago and before the collection today was \$9,187 with \$9,000 being in a CD and the \$187 on savings. The collection for today had not been counted. The matter of buying folding chairs was brought up but nothing more had been done. It was suggested that in the letter next year we recommend causal dress or light, comfortable clothes because of the heat. It was asked about the reaction to the 2nd Sunday but no one had any complaints. It was suggested that a memorial list of the charter members be made up and hung in the vestibule; also that we check into the old records and books and put copies of these in one book. **Joe and Clarence** thanked **Rev. Holmes** for her help as well as everyone who worked to organize this Homecoming.

1996 – We were blessed with another beautiful sunny day for the 47th Centenary Homecoming on August 11, 1996. **Rev. Audrey Holmes** of Rowland UM Church conducted the morning service. The opening hymn "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" was followed by the Apostles Creed and the Gloria Patre with opening prayer by the guest minister, **Rev. Jack Ward Page**, son of **Frances Page** and the late **Rev. Jack W. Page, Sr.** He is beginning his 10th year as a United Methodist Minister in the NC conference, presently serving his second year at Lemon Springs UMC. He and his wife **Karen** have three children, **Russell Ward, Benjamin Odom and Jordan Melissa**.

Mrs. Stan Usher, the former **Mary Alice Burns**, daughter of **Iola Burns** and the late **Bob Burns** presented a program of music before service began. She accompanied **John Tarkington** of Kohomo, Indiana, son of **Ann Burns Tarkington** and the late **John Tarkington** in the anthem "He Lives" beautifully sung from the heart. He sang "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" as the offertory.

Using as his scripture Luke 15:11-32, **Rev. Page** gave an inspirational message of "Homecoming at God's House".

Memorials were for **Junius Gaddy** and **John Hugh McArn**.

The flowers presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of were: curio table in the vestibule: **Cliff Hammond** by his wife **Carolyn**, his sons **Dick and Jack** and their families. The center table: **Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Edens** by the Edens family. Left table: **Bob Burns** by his wife **Iola**, his children **Worth Burns and Mary B. Usher** and their families. Right table **Miss Fodie Stuart** and **Mr. Danny Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stuart, Sr.** by **Mr. and Mrs. Red Ashby, Marilyn A. Nelson and James A. Leggett**.

The closing hymn "God Be With You Til We Meet Again", the benediction and blessing of the noon meal was given by **Rev. Holmes**.

A bountiful lunch was enjoyed on the grounds with a good breeze. **James Gaddy's** iced tea was most refreshing!

A short afternoon meeting was held with **Joe Burns** chairing. **Preston Page** requested **Joe** do this in the future.

Minutes of last year's Homecoming were read and a treasurer's report given in amount of \$2609.35.

Jack Hammond made the motion that an estimate be secured for painting the church as well as repairing leak in the vestibule. **Frances Page** moved that we rent a piano for next year – that we should be proud of our music and cannot do so with the old piano. **Wesley Ward** suggested that we not spend so much money each year on renting. He is to get an estimate for reworking the piano. It was suggested we keep present piano because it has a story behind it.

Clarence Edens was asked to check into the charter members of Centenary that can be displayed in the vestibule. **James Gaddy Ward** said he would have plaque reworked in front of the church. It was suggested that trees be planted for the future. Trees struck by lightning may not die. It was decided that **Rick Edens** and his wife **Jill** be invited as guest ministers next year. Later report of expense. **W.C. Conner** \$162.84 ceiling work and cleaning inside and front. Collection was \$2744.79 – not broken down.

1997 – We celebrated the 48th Centenary Homecoming on August 10, 1997 with a prelude of music by pianist, **Wes Ward**, Director of music of the Lumberton First Presbyterian Church, and **Jonathan Lloyd** on the trumpet. The opening number was "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High".

Rev. Gene Goldfinch, new minister of the Rowland United Methodist Church, welcomed those present. He felt he might not be the one for this welcome since he is new in the community. He led the congregation in the Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation followed by the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every blessing" and the Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness.

Rev. Goldfinch asked that we Pass the Peace and greet each other. The first scripture was from Exodus 3:1-15.

A beautiful solo was sung by **Worth Stuart** of Atlanta, GA. **Worth** is the son of **Mavis Stuart** and the late **Burns Stuart** and the grandson of the late **Worth and Alice Stuart**. He was accompanied by **Wes Ward** on the piano.

The **Rev. Richard Edens** of the United Church of Chapel Hill brought the morning message "The Challenge Before the Call". **Richard** and his wife, **Jill**, are graduates of Yale Divinity School and co-pastors. He is the son of **John Clarence and Betty Jean Edens** of Laurinburg and the grandson of the late **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens**. **Richard's** message was inspiring and touching.

The hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" was sung before the Lord's Prayer followed by the concerns and loves of the church. **Rev. Goldfinch** graciously thanked **Rev. Edens** and our musicians for their part in the wonderful Homecoming service.

Worth gave a beautiful, very moving rendition of "How Great Thou Art" as the Offertory solo. The service closed with "Blest By The Tie That Binds" and the blessing of the lunch.

The flowers presented to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of were: Center Table: **James W. and Mary McLellan Crawford** and in honor of other loved ones by **Halene and Lawrence Crawford**. Left table: **Bob Burns** by his wife, **Iola**, and his children, **Worth Burns, Mary B. Usher** and their families. Right Table: **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens** by the **Edens family**. The new Centenary Memorial Plaque is given in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Gaddy Ward, Sr.** by **Mr. and Mrs. James Gaddy Ward, Jr.** and family.

The delicious and bountiful lunch was eaten in the best weather we've had in several years, good breeze and not

too hot. **John Burns** substituted at the tea table for **Jimmy Ward** who was unable to be present.

An afternoon meeting was held with **Joe Burns** presiding, a small group attending. **Richard Edens** opened with prayer. Minutes of last year read and approved. Treasurer's report: Preservation Fund is \$13,455, Operating fund of \$53,413. **Betsy Crawford Hardin** had given 8 chairs in memory of her parents – must be in next year's bulletin. **Robert Stuart** reported that **James Gaddy Ward** had cut out the trees struck by lightning.

1998 – We celebrated another beautiful Centenary Homecoming on August 9, 1998 with a large but not overflowing crowd. Again it was very hot but NO RAIN. The wonderful ceiling fans given by the **Edens family** made the church very comfortable.

Reverend Gene Goldfinch, pastor of the Rowland Methodist Church welcomed former members and friends from near and far, Minnesota to Florida and in between. He introduced **Mr. Van Bullock**, a former native of Rowland now living in Winston Salem, as our guest speaker. **Van** is the son of the late **W.T. and Mattie Ward Bullock** and has many Centenary ties. In his message "Connections" he referred to many Centenary "greats" and their influence on our church, especially **Mr. Gaddy Ward** whose foresight enables the church to be maintained so well. He said "The Lord has done great things, Let us be glad and rejoice in it". Beautiful and inspiring music was made by **Harriette Floyd Lovin**, music director at Lumberton Senior High School, pianist and **Brandon Gaines** a junior at LHS. **Brandon** sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O Lord".

Memorials were for **Halene Crawford, Mrs. (Madison) Ruth Maness, Mr. Frank Page** and **Mr. Jessie Barfield**. Flowers were presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Halene Crawford** by the **Lawrence Crawford family, Mr. and Mrs. Gaddy Ward, Sr.** by the **James Gaddy Ward family, Mrs. Madison (Ruth) Maness** by **Frances Page** and **Mr. Frank Page** by his sons **Bill and Mike** and their families.

Eight folding wooden chairs are given in loving memory of **Theodore McLelland "Buck" and Mary Beth McAshan Crawford** by their daughter and grandson, **Elizabeth M. Betsy Crawford Hardin** and **Edward Reel "Ted" Hardin, Jr.** After the closing Hymn "Blest be the Tie That Binds", the Benediction and blessing were given by **Rev. Goldfinch**.

A bountiful and delicious picnic lunch was shared under the pine trees. Although it was extremely hot, much visiting and welcoming each other was done with many cups of **James Gaddy Ward's** "axe handle" tea. **Jimmy** was assisted by his grandson, **Zack Ward**. During the morning services, **John Clarence Edens** announced that next year Centenary will celebrate it's 50th Homecoming. He wants to redo the history of the church and asked that anyone with pictures or comments send them to **Elaine Burns**.

A poorly attended business meeting was opened by **Joe Burns**; he asked **John Burns** to open with a prayer. Minutes of last year's Homecoming were read by **Elaine Burns**. A treasurer report was given by **John Edens**. Suggestions for the 50th Homecoming were given – pictures, stories, pictures of old posters, etc. **Wes Ward** said he would plan special music. In old business **Robert Stuart** was to check into planting trees in late fall; **John Edens** was to check into a painting contractor for painting the church early spring. The **Crawfords** had said they would like to do something special for the church, but no specific answers were given.

1999 – The fiftieth Annual Homecoming at Centenary was on August 8, 1999, a very hot day. The **Rev. Connie Stutts** welcomed the church full of former members, friends, relatives, and visitors. This was her first Centenary service but she sensed the very special feeling we have for our church and was very gracious in her welcome and announcements. The opening hymn was “*Majesty and Power*”. **Wes Ward**, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Lumberton, was our pianist and **Jonathan Lloyd**, trumpeter, along with members of Wes’s choir gave several beautiful selections – “*The Hymn of Promise*” and “*When in Our Music, God is Glorified.*” **William Russell Leggett**, son of **Grady and Jamie Ashley Leggett**, grandson of **Ann and Red Ashley** and great grandson of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stuart, Sr.** received the Sacrament of Baptism from **Rev. Stutts** and **Rev. Harris**. “*Jesus Loves Me*” was sung.

Rev. Stutts welcomed **Rev. Don Lee Harris** of Rocky Mount as our guest minister. **Rev. Harris** was the last pastor of Centenary before it was merged into the Rowland United Methodist Church. We are deeply indebted to **Rev. Harris** and the late **Rev. Jack Ward Page** for their efforts in convincing the North Carolina Conference to deed the church to the Trustees of Centenary as a Memorial Church. The late **Mr. Carl Edens** presented the deed to the Centenary Memorial Association at Homecoming August 22, 1971.

In his message, “Faith The Way Of Life”, **Rev. Harris** said to believe because you have seen but happy are the ones who haven’t seen and believe, God has promised He will be with us with faith, someone to hold at a breaking point, that justice will walk by faith, the Bible says fight for faith, that faith is a way of life good times and bad times. **Rev. Harris** asked for a show of hands of those present that had been at the first Homecoming. He was sorry his wife, **Emma** could not be with him due to her health. His own great grandmother worshipped in this church in 1904 so he feels he belongs here by birthright.

The closing hymn, “*The Church’s One Foundation*” was followed by the benediction and blessing of the picnic lunch to follow on the grounds.

A bountiful lunch was spread and although it was very hot, everyone present enjoyed greeting each other, the delicious food and drinking the welcomed, cold iced tea dipped by **Jimmy, Bill and Zack Ward**. **Mr. Gaddy** would be pleased at his successors.

Memorials: **Mrs. Estelle DeHart Crawford**, **Mrs. Ann Burns Tarkington**, **Joseph B. Nye**, **Anne Hammond Bailey**. Flowers were presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of the above, **Burns Stuart**, and **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stuart, Sr.**, and in honor of **Russell Leggett**.

The afternoon business session was called to order by **Joe Burns** and **Worth Burns** gave an opening prayer. **John Edens** gave a treasurer’s report; 21st Century Preservation fund has a CD for \$17,000. The church was painted at a cost of \$4,600. The monuments in the cemetery were cleaned. The Cooley Nursery of Wagram will plant trees around Thanksgiving. No other repairs [are] needed now. The cemetery fence may need work later on. **Hal Burns** said that **David Burns**, of Greensboro had looked over the inside of the church and was impressed with it. He is an architect of Greensboro. Someone said that the two **Hammond Brothers** had done interior work. Motion was made and carried that **Homecoming be held next year on 4th Sunday of August** due to popular demand (August 27th). **Ward Page** will be asked to be guest speaker. **Rev. Stutts** was complimented on her part in the service and in helping organize and get prepared for homecoming. One

hundred twenty-five registered. [Commemorative fans with a picture of the church were given out to all attending the 50th Annual Homecoming.]

2000 – The first Homecoming for Centenary Memorial Church in the new millennium, our fifty-first homecoming – was August 27. A special and warm welcome was given by **Rev. Connie Stutts**. **Mrs. Harriet Floyd Lovin** presented a period of music as the church filled with former members and friends. During the offertory she accompanied **Jackie Ward Spencer** with the lovely hymn of Promise. **Jackie** is the daughter of **Maggie Ward Morrison** and the late **John W. Ward, Jr.** She will enter Duke Divinity School this fall.

Pastor Stutts introduced **Rev. Jack Ward Page, Jr.**, son of **Mrs. Frances Page** and the late Reverend **Jack Ward Page**. **Ward** used scripture from Genesis 2 and 3 to bring his sermon on the Knowledge of Nakedness. He asked the question, naked good or bad – maybe both.

John Clarence Edens talked about the pictorial directory which he and **Mrs. {Betty} Edens** are putting together. We especially want pictures and information of former members. He asked that pictures be sent to him this fall so that a book can go to press by the first of the year. Beautiful mugs are available for cost on the grounds today.

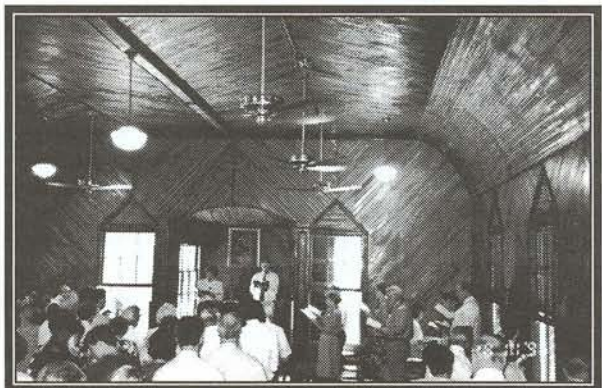
Memorials: **Lawrence Crawford**, **Robert McArthur Humphrey**, **Mrs. Katherine Stuart**, **Joe Pete Ward**. Beautiful flowers were given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of : **Mrs. Annie Bailey** by **Leon and Emily Stuart** and **Hilda Griffin**; **Mrs. Katherine Stuart** by her family; **Mr. Lawrence Crawford** by **Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Crawford, Jr.** and a memorial was also listed for **Mr. Robert McArthur Humphrey**.

The service was closed with the traditional hymn “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*”, the blessing and benediction. A delicious picnic lunch was spread in delightful weather, one of the best days we have had. The axe handle tea was delicious as usual.

The afternoon business meeting was chaired by **Joe Burns** who opened with a prayer of thanks for our church and the great day. **John Edens** gave a treasurer’s report. Trees were planted at a cost of \$2,400. upkeep of grounds to date is \$1,960. **Joe** complimented **John and Betty Edens** on the pictorial directory and encouraged people to sign up for a copy. The sale of the mugs was going slow but can be bought later on.. It was suggested that we give **Pastor Connie** \$50.00 for her extra help in directory.

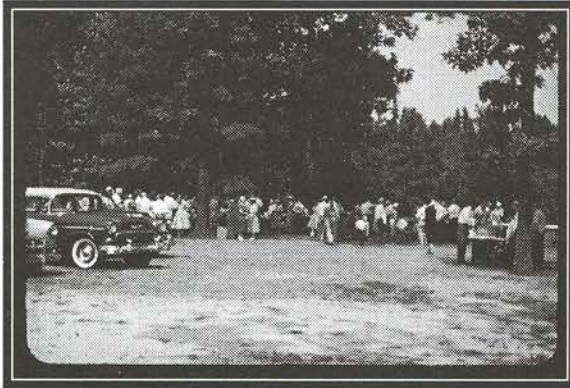
James Gaddy said that he was giving up the responsibility of the tea, the **Wards** had done it for 50 years and should be passed on. No one offered or was appointed to get tea next year. **John Edens** said we need to get more young people involved in homecoming preparations. **Hal Burns** suggested we have something in writing as to who could use the church or be buried in the cemetery. He and **Joe Burns** are to do this. It was suggested that the wedding plans be submitted for the Leggett wedding in January but no heaters are to be used. **John Edens** said that family members with Centenary heritage should be the only ones buried in the Centenary cemetery. The same slate of officers will serve again for next year. It was suggested that **Rev. Mike Hale** and his wife, **Jane Stuart Hale**, do the service next year. **Jackie Ward Spencer** said she would be back-up.

Scenes at Centenary



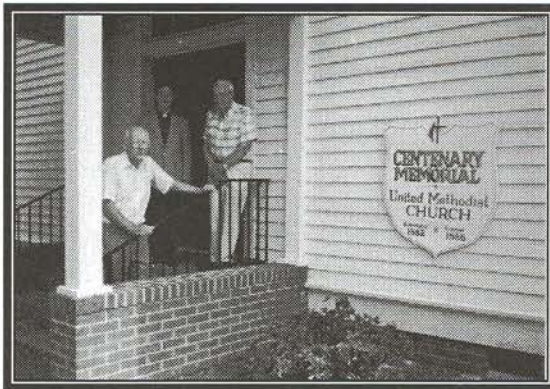


The corn field replaces former playground



Now the trees replace the corn fields

Trees.... My, how they have grown



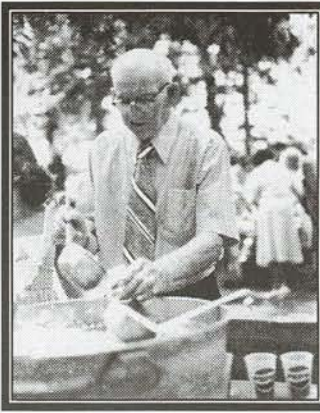
Welcome Come on in

Pillars of the Church



Cousins Congregate

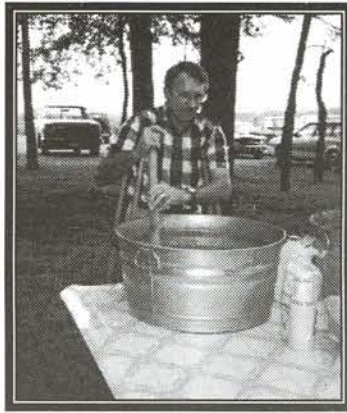
Let's eat!



J. Gaddy Ward, Sr. & his tea
A Centenary Tradition



Passing the Axe Handle to son, James Gaddy, Jr.
August 1, 1981



Carrying on Tradition



Grandson Zack stirring with Axe Handle



Setting up on the WEST side of the Church



Coats, Ties and HATS



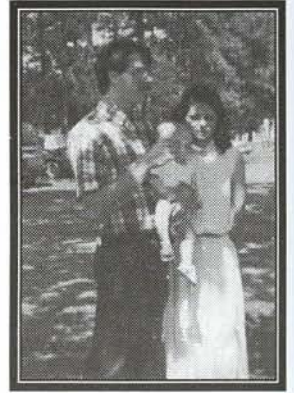
August must have been cooler in the earlier days

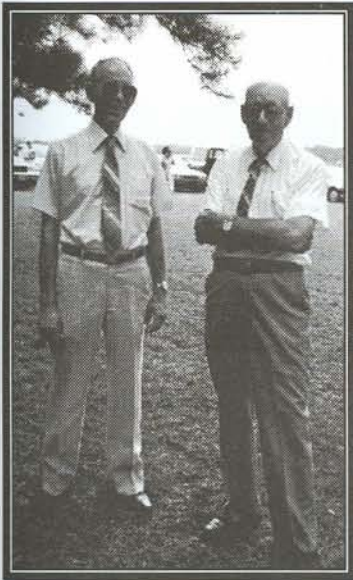


Any place for a table



Sharing

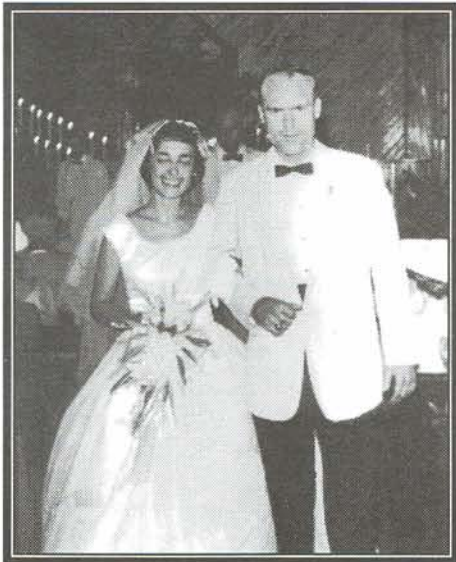




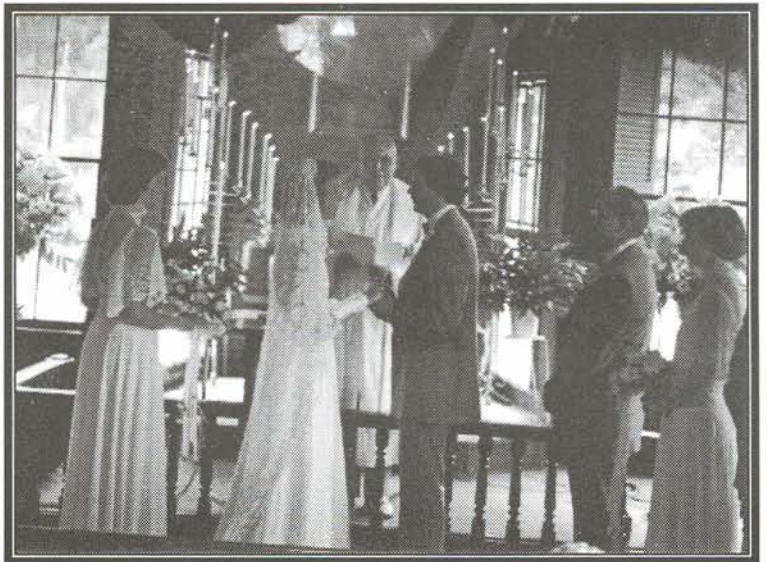
Centenary Weddings



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December 15, 1920

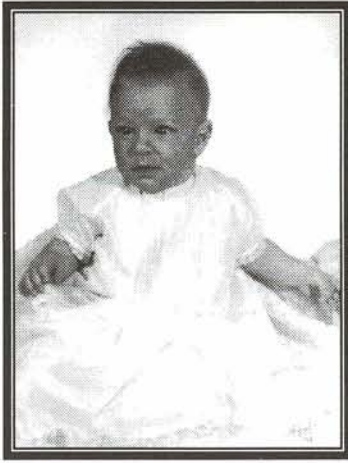


Alicia (Patsy) Crawford & Ottice (Abe) Howell
July 27, 1958

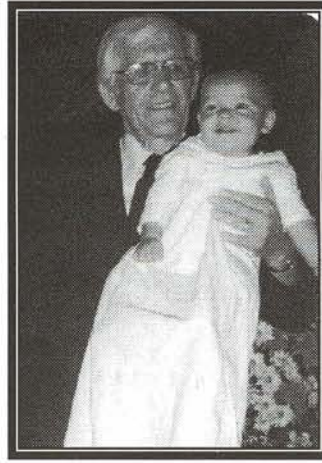


Lucy Burns & Wayne Cusick
June 19, 1982

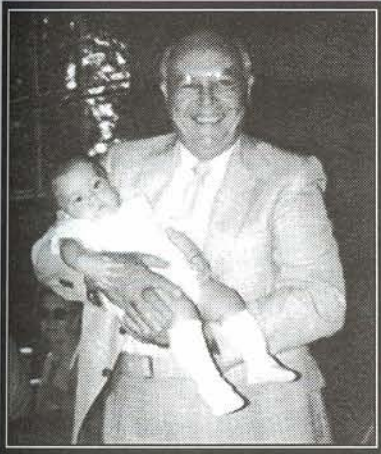
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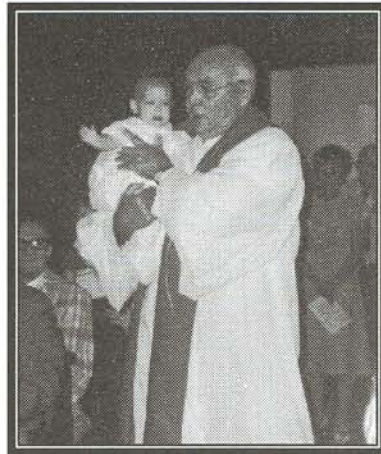
William Wade Ward
S/o Parthenia & James Gaddy Ward, Jr.
Baptized 1958
Grandson of Ethel & Gaddy Ward, Sr.



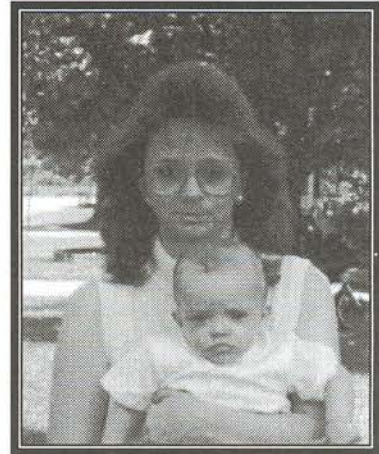
Jonathan Foster Page
S/o Sally & Robert Page
Baptized 1978 by Rev. Madison Maness
Grandson of Frances & The Rev. Jack Ward Page



Andrew Guy Burns
S/o Carolyn & Hal Burns, Jr.
Baptized 1982 by Rev. Amos Stone



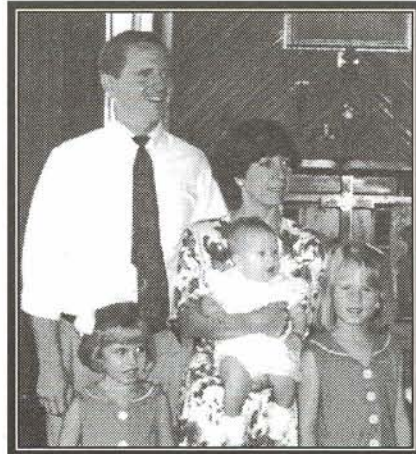
Leslie Elaine Burns
D/o Carolyn & Hal Burns, Jr.
Baptized 1985 by Rev. Amos Stone



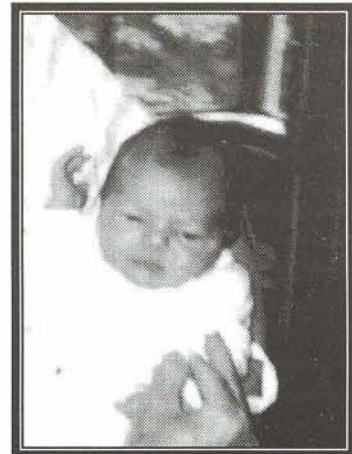
Zackarey Kyle Ward
S/o Veretta & William Ward
Baptized 1989 by Rev. David Francis



Mona Leigh Burns
D/o Marie & Worth Burns
Baptized Aug 16, 1992 by
Rev. Wayne Thomas



Amanda Rae Edens
D/o Claudia & Alan Edens (pictured
along with sisters Emily and Amy)
Baptized 1994 by Rev. John Richard Edens



Alexander Benjamin Worth Burns
S/o Marie & Worth Burns
Baptized 1994 by Rev. Audrey Holmes

Personally Speaking / Gene Smith

Sunday was a good day! Time was, a couple hundred years ago, folks created churches a few miles from each other. Because most folks didn't have the means to ride they had to walk to church and churches sprung up within walking distances of homes. The denomination was not important because most folks clustering together were from the same country and were members of the same church.

Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran — none of it mattered as long as they had a church they could walk to.

Progress destroyed most of this. Folks got buggies or carriages so distances became less important. Then along came cars so distances became less important.

Once where three miles was an hour away 10 or 20 miles became unimportant.

So country churches which once were so important became less important. One church could serve an area that once six churches served, and one suddenly became the hub of 12 or more.

Country churches started dying. I grew up in one.

Presbyterian. Second or third Presbyterian church established in the Cape Fear Valley. Its claim to fame was that Sherman in his march from Georgia tied his horse to a sapling, went inside and wrote instructions to the preacher on topic's for Sun-

day's sermon. Horse ate the top out of the sapling. Tree grew, funny at the top, preacher didn't follow Sherman's instructions because the preacher was a genuine Southerner.

My church survives today, barely.

The one I attended Sunday didn't make it. Founded in the late 1880s, it was built as a labor of love by members. The wood is heart of pine, the pattern work in the ceiling is a delight to look at. Small by most standards it can squeeze in 125 or 150 if folks are not too overweight.

"Family" comes back once a year. "They" come home. "They" are the old ones, the middle ones and the young ones. Four, five generations will be present at Centenary's Homecoming.

We were there two years ago for my niece's wedding. As a tot and as a toddler she had attended Sunday School and church services there; later when the church closed they came back for "the day". She pledged her love and plighted her troth there a couple years ago. It was a hot, humid, swelthy day.

Sunday was the church's "homecoming" and her brother wanted his first-born daughter to be christened there. So we went. Hot, humid, swelthy. Leslie Elaine cried and fretted during the entire ceremony despite being regally dressed in a long white christening gown.

I have been to christenings and baptisms before that in-

cluded sprinkling as well as dipping.

But Sunday's ceremony touched me deeply. I had never seen or experienced the mood or the emotion before.

The preacher was Methodist which doesn't bother me. But after baby had cried and fretted once he called the parents and grandparents forward the baby stopped crying. Preacher took baby girl and made some comments, dipped his hand in the bowl of Holy water and gave the normal ritualistic blessing of hand on the head.

Every time before when the christening and baptismal has been done then child has been returned to parent (if he-she left parent's arms) and the ceremony was concluded.

This time the preacher kept the baby and walked down one aisle, came back up, talking to the congregation and introducing them to Leslie Elaine. He said she was the newest child of God and wanted them to see her close up.

Came back to the front and then went down the other aisle. There was no haste. It was done in leisure and gave everyone a chance to see the newest member of the church.

I thought it was a classic touch. Here we were in a church which has only one service a year. Folks were old and gray, fat and fading, had attended the same church as tots and toddlers. They welcomed this newcomer who had travelled

from Illinois for the event because it was the church of her father, her grand-daddy, her great-grand-daddy and his folks.

She was home. But the preacher didn't care where she was from or which church she attended. He wanted the folks of Centenary to meet her, to know her and to love her.

The sermon which followed really wasn't that important. Nor was the food on the picnic tables outside after the service. It was typically Southern country cooking and too much and too good for someone watching calories and waistline. Those who have been to country church homecomings know what I mean.

But the event of the day was when the preacher said let me introduce you to our newest member. That literally destroyed me because it was such a wonderful approach to something which all too often becomes ritualistic and meaningless to all but the members of the family.

I shed tears for reasons which are important only to me but it was a very, very emotional moment.

As I said early, Sundy was a special day.—GENE SMITH.

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Cleaning Up at Church

Gambling on an outdoor feast for your relatives and friends

I've never experienced a rained out picnic lunch at Centenary Homecoming. It's been hinted that we could move the buffet to the Rowland United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall on a rainy day—but I've never learned of any actual contingency plans on how this would be done. No plans to move the Tea Table. No plans for emergency table set-up. No plans to control the mass exodus of Buicks and Chevrolets speeding from Cotton Valley to Rowland at exactly the Noon hour, each vehicle bulging with casseroles, cakes, ham biscuits, chocolate cakes and, of course, full of hungry people.

I've always assumed that Centenary Sunday would be weather-perfect. A bit hot...a bit humid...but always a glorious day for a gathering underneath the trees on the lawn of a picture-perfect wooded church.

However, for those of you who don't know, many hours of planning, preparation, and precision are executed each year to pull off this event.

For many years, I worked summers and Saturdays at the Ward Company, operated by one of Centenary's most faithful, Mr. Gaddy Ward. At the beginning of each August, Mr. Gaddy would dispatch a team (usually two store employees) to mow the grass, trim around the gravestones, pick up any stick larger than two inches, rake the yard, wash the windows, remove the wasps' nests, sweep and clean the outhouses, polish the pews and vacuum the carpet. For me, this time was one of my first experiences of working unsupervised, but I soon learned that Mr. Gaddy could tell if you were making progress.

Centenary Homecoming could also be considered the "season of the great picnic table round-up" We would drive throughout the community borrowing picnic tables to be placed end-to-end to form the buffet line. In later years, Mr. Gaddy purchased twelve heavy-duty banquet tables that are stored in one of the old classrooms at the church. These tables are one of Mr. Gaddy's legacies, because their density and weight will probable outlast most of the current members of the congregation.

Centenary Homecoming has many traditions. The tables for the buffet must be placed in exactly the same location (slightly modified as the pine trees grew bigger) to allow for appropriate shading. There are exactly three groupings of tables and it appears each family knows exactly where to park their dishes.

Mr. Robert Stuart always brings a cooler filled with icy water, strategically placed at the entrance/exit of the church. For many years, this spot was shaded by a huge tree. But the tree is gone and the water cooler remains in the same location.

I think many people may journey to Centenary for a glass of Homecoming Iced Tea. Again, Mr. Gaddy was the legendary tea-mixer, using two zinc wash buckets that are carefully maintained year after year and stored in the attic of his home. The tea is always stirred with two wooden axe handles. James Gaddy Ward, Jr. assumed the mantle of tea-mixer upon Mr. Gaddy's death. The concoction of frozen lemonade concentrate, cut up and mashed lemons, lemon juice and sugar, coupled with gallon cartons and jars of tea from households throughout the community create a refreshing liquid to prevent dehydration in the summer heat.

And of course, we all remember the food. I've tried to describe the picnic lunch to my friends who have never attended; twelve, 10 foot tables covered with every imaginable casserole, cake, pie, fried chicken, deviled eggs, salads...you name it, it's there. All of the food is randomly placed and as the crowd surges through the line, each extra-strong paper plate is filled to capacity.

For many years, I accompanied Mr. Cliff Hammond to his home to retrieve Mrs. Carolyn Hammond's culinary preparations for the day. Since the Hammonds lived just down the road, Mr. Cliff could dash back home post-collection and pre-benediction. Mrs. Carolyn's ham biscuits and coconut cake are legendary.

Centenary Homecoming...a feast of faith, family and friends. May the tradition continue!

By John Burns
Descendant of Solomon Burns

Articles from *The Robesonian*, Lumberton, NC

August 1959

Large Crowd Attends Annual Homecoming At Centenary Church

By Mrs. Neil Collins, Jr.



ROWLAND – They came from all over North and South Carolina and as far away at Kokomo, Ind, to attend Homecoming at Centenary last Sunday.

This lovely and mellowed white frame Methodist Church is situated on Highway 130, four miles east of Rowland in a peaceful oak grove. It stands like a monument to the Christian men and women who gave of their time, land, and money that their children and others like them might live in a community based on Christian principals.

Descendants of these families, the **Wards, Stuarts, Burns, McLeans, Crawfords, McArthurs, Gaddys, Edens, Hammonds, McLellands, Phillipps, Ayers, Faulks, and the three "Macs" – McCormicks, McCormics, and McCormacs,** were well represented at Sunday's homecoming.

At the morning session **Rev. J.H. Parrish**, pastor of the church preached the sermon after which dinner was served on the grounds.

On returning to the Sanctuary after lunch, the Memorial Service for those who had died during the year was led by **Rev. Lacy T. Edens**. Paying tribute to **Homer B. Ward, Robert Stuart** reminded the congregation of the devotion Mr. Ward held for Centenary during his boyhood and on throughout his manhood.

Mrs. B.A. Edens paid tribute to her personal friend, **Mrs. Sallie McCormic Connelly** in a very touching way. **Mrs. Connelly** has lived away from the community much of her adult life, but is buried in the church cemetery.

Rev. Jack Ward Page, nephew of the late **J. Worth Burns**, paid tribute to him. The **Rev. Page** who is pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville, explained how the influence of **Mr. Burns** was in a great way responsible for any success

that he and others like him might have found in their chosen vocations. He was a great leader in the church life at Centenary and in the Centenary – Rowland community as well.

In charge of choosing the lovely flowers used in the church in memory of those three deceased members was **Mrs. J. Gaddy Ward, Sr.**

Conduction the business session was **Frank Page** of Elm City, NC. **Preston McArthur** was elected chairman for the next year, **J. Gaddy Ward**, vice-chairman; and **Mrs. Clifford Hammond**, secretary. **Lacy T. Edens** is the Church Historian.

A **Church** like everything else is judged by its "finished product". Centenary's first families have spread until they reach not only into Rowland in great numbers, but all over the state as well. In almost every instance these children and grandchildren take their places of leadership in their respective churches and communities in a way that would have made their elders very proud.

It is especially worthwhile to note that since its organization about 1880, three ministers of the gospel have gone from the rolls of this church. These are: **Lacy T. Edens**, now retired, **Madison Ward Maness**, now pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Fairmont, N.C., and **Jack Ward Page**, mentioned before as pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

The Rowland Methodist Church is an outgrowth of the Centenary Church. Due to the small Sunday School membership, and the accessibility to the Rowland Church, the Sunday School was disbanded some few years ago. However, as part of the Rowland Circuit, services are held twice monthly and very successful meetings are held annually. One such series is in progress this week with **Rev. Parrish** and his son, **Rev. Billy Parrish** preaching.

While many of the members have moved their membership to the Rowland Church, many others have, through love and loyalty to the church of their fathers, left theirs on the old church rolls. Some of these have presented their infants for baptism in recent months. These are: **Robert Worth Burns**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. B.O. Burns**; **William Ward**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. J. Gaddy Ward Jr.**; **Lucy Elaine Burns**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Hal Burns**; and **Robbie Stuart**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Stuart Jr.**

It was indeed an inspiration to observe these friends and relatives on Homecoming Sunday enjoying fellowship together – meeting new members of the families, remarking on the fast growth of the children and finally visiting the adjoining cemetery where many of the Christian men and women of many years

ago lie – still an influence for good to those who will only pause in their rush to reflect on the real meaning of life.

Friday, August 26, 1960, p. 12A

Homecoming at Centenary Church

ROWLAND - Nearly 80 years of religious service to a community will be celebrated Sunday with a homecoming at Centenary Methodist Church near here.

Members, former members and friends will return to a scene rich with memories.

The name of Ashpole Mission appears first in the North Carolina Conference minutes of 1882. It was in the Fayetteville District, which ultimately became Maxton Circuit.

Before there was any organization or church building in this immediate community, preaching services were held in an unfinished building owned by **Alex McCormic**. Ministers from Maxton on the Ashpole Mission did the preaching.

Along about this time, preachers from South Carolina were coming to a brush arbor located about two miles south of where Centenary Methodist Church now stands. It was close by the home of a **Mr. Arch Stuart**. Indeed, a church building was started at this spot, but was never completed.

Preachers who served Centenary in the first five years, from 1882 to 1886 inclusive, included **W. S. Chaffin, I. W. Avent, and J. A. Hornady**.

Centenary was dedicated on May 9, 1886, with a sermon by **S. D. Adams**, presiding elder of the Fayetteville District. **Jonathan Sanford** was pastor at the time.

While Centenary was on the Robeson Circuit, the parsonage was located at Ashpole, now Fairmont. During part of this period, the church was in the Fayetteville District and the remainder of the time it was placed in the Rockingham District.

Presiding elders included **S. D. Adams** of Fayetteville, **W. H. Bobbitt** of Fayetteville, **J. T. Gibbs** of Fayetteville, **M. L. Wood** of Rockingham, **W. H. Moore** of Rockingham, and **W. S. Rone** of Rockingham.

When Rowland Circuit was created by the annual conference in 1902, Centenary became a part of it.

At one time, Centenary was the strongest church on the circuit, but the picture gradually changed as more

and more of the people moved from the community, into Rowland and elsewhere.

Despite the smallness of its congregation, Centenary becomes alive and grows big at homecoming, always held on the fourth Sunday in August.

For old friends who gained their first knowledge of Sunday School and church at Centenary, the historic old church is a sanctuary for the renewal of faith as well as the renewal of old friendships.



Earlier Days – photo by Bob Burns

Tuesday, June 22, 1971, p.2

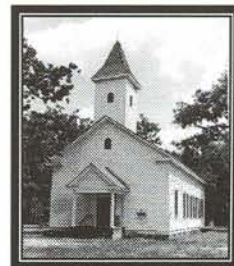
Two-Church Merger Made at Rowland

ROWLAND – Centenary United Methodist Church has officially united with the Rowland United Methodist and merged with the local congregation.

The pastor of the charge, the **Rev. Don Lee Harris** led in the act of merger, and **James Pate**, trustee for Rowland United Methodist Church on its behalf responded and acknowledged the church merger. **Carl Edens**, trustee for Centenary United Methodist church acknowledged on behalf of the church the merger and declared it so in a brief litany of church merger.

The two churches celebrated the observance of the Lord's Supper which followed a meditation delivered by one of Centenary's minister sons, **The Rev. Madison W. Maness**.

The Historic Old Church has formed a Memorial Association and will continue to have its annual homecoming, and other special services.



September 12, 1971, p. 2A

Centenary Church Ceases As Full-Time Congregation

ROWLAND – The function of a historic Methodist Church has been changed. Centenary Methodist, south of Rowland, no longer harbors Sunday morning congregations for services, but it will be maintained and will be used for special services, the annual homecoming, and perhaps funerals. Members of the congregation will presumably attend other nearby churches of the same denomination.

The church, dedicated in 1886, has been deeded by the United Methodist Conference to the Centenary Memorial Association, chairmaned by **Robert F. Stuart, Jr.**

The congregation came into being when an unfinished building owned by **Alex McCormic** was provided, and preachers from what was then known as the Ashpole (Fairmont) Mission conducted services.

About the same time preachers from South Carolina were going to a brush arbor some two miles south of the present Centenary site, and a church building was eventually begun there. It was never completed and the new location was selected because, in those days, transportation difficulties made it necessary to have the sanctuary in a central location.

The church was first called Cotton Valley. It was begun in late 1884 and completed in 1885.

September, 1977

Centenary Sparkles on Its 28th Homecoming

By Courtney Sharpe-Ward

Centenary Memorial United Methodist Church newly painted was sparkingly white and shiny for its 28th annual homecoming Sunday with several hundred attending. After 11 a.m. worship there was picnicking in the grove and then a brief business session. The church is four miles east of Rowland on Rt. 130.

The best of Robeson County cooking was offered on long groaning boards and nearby were smaller family sized tables where folks visited and lingered.

The Memorial Association Trustees and Homecoming committees were reelected. Trustees are: **Robert Stuart**, chairman, **James G. Ward, Jr.**, **Clifford (Jack) Hammond**, **Hal Burns, Jr.**, **John Clarence Edens**.

Renamed committees for Homecoming are: co-chairmen – **Carl C. Edens** and **Cliff Hammond**; secretary – **Mrs. James G. Ward, Jr.**; publicity – **B.O. Burns**; welcome – **Mrs. H. D. Burns** and **Mrs. Clifford Hammond**; - music – **John Wesley Ward III**, **Jim Ward** and **Miss Lucy Burns**; historian and memorials – **Robert Stuart**; church – **Mrs. J. G. Ward**, **Miss Ora McCormic**; flowers – **Mrs. John McArn**; grounds and tables – **J. G. Ward, Sr.** and **Mrs. J. G. Ward, Jr.**; supplies – **Mrs. J. G. Ward, Sr.**; water and ice – **J. G. Ward, Sr.**, **Robert Stuart** and **Leon Stuart**.

The interior of the church is handsomely paneled and flowers were largely pompon chrysanthemums in yellow and bronze which showed up well against the dark brown woodwork.

Flowers for the sanctuary were memorial gifts given by relatives and friends. Those whose memories were honored in this way were: **Mrs. Blanche McLellan**, given by **Mrs. Gladys Priest** and **Mrs. Geneva Salvage**; **Mrs. Mattie Bullock** – from **Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ward**; **John Tarkington** by his family; **Worth Stuart** by his family; **J. O. McArthur** by his family. Also remembered were **Mrs. Flonnie Gaddy** and **Mrs. Ruth Stuart Atkinson**.

The homecoming worship message was by **Rev. Al Morris**, pastor of the Rowland United Methodist Church. A solo was sung by **Doug Page** of Raleigh, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Preston Page**.

The subject of the sermon was "Soul Food" for which the minister said that the peoples of the world are starving. "The Church hasn't been feeding the Bread of Life. It is more like a Garden Club feeding something like cotton candy," said **Morris**.

"If religion is to regain its authority it needs passionate belief in Christ and concern for fellow men."

Centenary is a gem of a country church with its gleaming whiteness accented by green shutters and green belfry touches. The church was established in 1882 and built in 1885. Since the church has become a Memorial Church, Homecoming is the one regular service in the year. Occasionally it is the scene of a christening or a wedding.

August 27, 1978

Homecoming Day at Centenary Church

By Courtney Sharpe-Ward

Church Homecomings were an important part of the past in Robeson County and are a happy part of the past which has continued viable. The first for this fall was at Centenary Memorial United Methodist near Rowland on Sunday.

"What Mean These Stones?" was the sermon topic for the **Rev. Richard Edens** and the pastoral prayer was offered by **Rev. Jill Edens**, his wife. Richard is the grandson of **Carl C. and Myrtle Ward Edens** (and son of **John Clarence** and **Betty Jean Edens** of Laurinburg). **Mr. Carl** is co-chairman of the Homecoming committee and was reelected to serve in this way.

The ministers who were married in May two days before they graduated from Yale Divinity School were the focus of much attention during the bountiful picnic as well as worship.

The **Rev. Edens'** ministry is in Wisconsin where, she said, there are ten clergy couples and all of them serve separate churches which are close to one another. **Richard and Jill** are associates in the same church working largely in education. They look forward to the time when each of them will be the pastor of a church. While they were at Yale about 40 per cent of the theology students were female.

Some of the places from which guests came were Shallotte, Raleigh, Charlotte, Kinston, Fayetteville, South Carolina, Georgia and New Jersey.

The Memorial church and adjacent cemetery were shiningly cleaned for this once-a-year occasion. Centenary is opened and in use for special events, too.

A special feature of the Homecoming was the celebration of Holy Baptism for **Jonathan Foster (Jack) Page**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster Page** of Raleigh.

The musical feature of the homecoming was a solo, "*The Holy City*" by **Miss Sharon Burney**. Accompanist and pianist for the service was **Jim Ward**.

Memorials were for **Rev. Jack Ward Page, Edith Ward Edens, Ethel Crawford Ward and Bessie Ayers**.

The lovely paneled interior of the small white church was decorated with very handsome floral arrangements given in memory of the deceased.

In loving memory of the **Rev. Jack Page** flowers were given by **Mrs. Jack Page** and family. **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens** gave flowers in memory of their mother, father, sisters and brothers.

Flowers in memory of **Mrs. Ethel Crawford Ward** were given by **J. Gaddy Ward** and family who also gave an arrangement honoring the memory of **Mrs. Edith Edens**. **Mrs. Gladys Priest** gave flowers in memory of her sister, **Mrs. Blanche McLellan**. **Clifford Hammond** was elected to serve with **Carl C. Edens** as co-chairman for the 1979 Homecoming. Ushers Sunday were **Worth Burns** and **Clifford Hammond**. Other ministers assisting in worship were **Revs. Madison Maness and Al Morris**.

Centenary church was established in 1882 and the building erected in 1885.



August 29, 1979

Church Homecoming: Robeson Fall Event

By Courtney Sharpe-Ward

Distinctively Robeson County are church Homecomings in the fall. One of the first to usher in this season's round was Centenary Memorial United Methodist church a few miles from Rowland.

The program for these events follows a pattern and Centenary conformed to the usual. There was visiting on the grounds, worship with memorial flowers, bountiful

picnicking from heavily laden tables under great old trees, more socializing and then a brief business session.

These events worship God and also celebrate family and kinship ties. Folks return to the church of their fathers and often meet kinfolk they see at no other times.

Display Case

The personal touch this Sunday at Centenary at its 30th annual Homecoming was the addition of a display case to the right of the pulpit as it faces the congregation.

This glass and oak case was placed in loving memory of **Mrs. Ethel Crawford Ward** by her husband **J. Gaddy Ward**. **Mrs. J. Gaddy Ward Jr.** is the custodian of the displays and showed them to this reporter.

In the case, preserved for posterity, are Communion Services and hymnals of the nineteenth century. The communion cups are taller than those usually used today. They are molded at the bottom to fit special grooves. The tray and cover are oak.

Also on display is a hymnal only two by two and a half inches and with tiny type which is eye straining to read. It is known to date from 1845 to 1865. One hymn is "*For the expulsion of a Member*." It expresses the hope that the offender will reform and can be welcomed back to the fold.

The **Rev. Orville Watson**, new minister at Rowland Methodist, presided and preached on the subject "Dying Men, and the Living word". Special music was a solo by **James Gaddy Ward III**. **Miss Mary Alice Burns** was pianist.

The afternoon session was presided over by **Clifford H. Hammond**, chairman for Homecoming. Centenary Memorial Association Trustees are: **Robert F. Stuart, J. Gaddy Ward, Jr., Clifford M. Hammond, Hal D. Burns, Jr., John Clarence Edens**.

Memorials

In the vestibule and at the altar were handsome large arrangements of memorial flowers. At the center table the flowers were in memory of **Carl Corprew Edens** and given by **Mrs. Edens** and the family.

Flowers in memory of **Mrs. Ethel Crawford Ward** were given by **J. Gaddy Ward** and family. Flowers in memory of the **Rev. Jack Ward Page** were given by **Mrs. Page** and family. Honoring the memories of **Mr. and Mrs. William Henry McLellan** were flowers given by **Mrs. Kate Bullard** and **Mrs. Gladys Priest**.

The following were the Homecoming committees: secretary - **Mrs. J. Gaddy Ward, Jr.**, publicity - **B. O. Burns**, welcome - **Mrs. H. D. Burns** and **Mrs. C. H. Hammond**, music - **John Wesley Ward, III, James G. Ward III, Lucy Burns**, historian - **Robert F. Stuart**, church - **Miss Ora McCormic**, flowers - **Mrs. John McArn**, grounds and tables - **Bill Ward, Worth Burns**, supplies - **J. Gaddy Ward**, water and ice - **J. G. Ward, Robert Stuart, Leon Stuart**.

Centenary friends attended from as far away as Maryland and Georgia.



Robert F. Stuart, Clifford H. Hammond, Rev. Amos Stone

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Centenary: First Fall Homecoming

By Courtney Sharpe-Ward

Centenary Memorial United Methodist Church near Rowland will be 100 years old in 1982. Sunday, as it does each year, this church held the first of the Fall round of Robeson County Annual Homecomings. This was its 32rd.

There were feasting and fellowship on the grounds and worship and memorials in the handsomely paneled sanctuary.

Clifford H. Hammond and **Robert F. Stuart** were co-chairmen for the homecoming committee. **Stuart** is chairman and **Hammond** a member of the trustees of the Memorial Association. Other trustees are **James Gaddy Ward, Jr., Hal D. Burns, Jr., and John Clarence Edens.**

Tributes were read honoring the memories of **Shep McArthur, Lizzie McCormic, Alicia Crawford, Sam and Ruby McLean and Ethel B. Ward.**

Flowers in the sanctuary were given in loving memory of **Alicia Crawford, Mrs. Blanche McLellan and Mr. and Mrs. J. Worth Burns.**

Live one day at a time was the advice in the morning sermon by **Rev. Amos Stone** of the Rowland United Methodist Church. **Miss Mary Alice Burns** played the prelude and **Bert and Debbie Ayers** sang a duet.

Centenary has been a memorial church for about a decade. Before that time services were held there twice a month. No one of 32 reunions has been rained out.

"Concentrate on living today. Most worries are borrowed from tomorrow. The Moffatt translation is "Tomorrow will take care of itself. Today's own trouble is enough for itself," said the preacher.

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Sun Shines On Faithful At Church's 100th Event

ROWLAND – The day before had been gray and dreary and the night had brought a steady, summer rain, but Sunday dawned a bright, beautiful and perfectly clear day in Rowland.

The folks at Centenary Methodist Church in Rowland, who were celebrating the 100th anniversary of the church's organization with an ingathering Sunday, were not a bit surprised about the weather.

"This is our thirty-third year and we've never been rained out" said **Robert Stuart**, 60. **Stuart**, who grew up in the Centenary church and counted the offering Sunday.

"Since the church was officially made a memorial church 12 years ago, we just have this one service a year, except for an occasional wedding," he said. "In-gathering" activities included a Sunday morning worship service, dinner on the grounds, slides of past reunions and singing of favorite hymns. "We've never been rained out," echoed **Mrs. Clifford Hammond**. "one year, we had to pick up our things right quickly after we ate, but that was all."

Mrs. Hammond said she came to the "very first one" in 1935 and "hasn't missed a one since."

"My husband grew up in the church," she said. "His grandfather did most of the work on the ceiling."

The Centenary church was organized as a mission church in 1882, and erected in 1885. The Rowland area was then known as "Cotton Valley." Annual reunions of church members and their families, called in-gatherings, have been held the fourth Sunday in August for 33 years.

The memories and rituals contained in the annual ingathering of the Centenary church are awesome. Parents and grandparents seem intent on instilling the love they have for their church and ancestors into their children and grandchildren.

"We had 77 people at my house last night for hot dogs," said **Elaine Burns**. We do it every year the night before homecoming.

"The Lord blesses us with good weather again this year. Everybody left the house last night around 10 o'clock, and at 10:30, it started raining," she said.

Mrs. Burns' grandson, **Andrew Guy Burns**, was christened at the service Sunday morning. **Andrew** is the son of **Hal Douglas and Carolyn Smith Burns.**

The **Rev. Madison W. Maness** delivered the morning sermon. **Maness** is one of three ministers produced by the Centenary church.

Neither **C. B. Gaddy**, 81 or **Bessie Gaddy** remember the first time they attended the Centenary church.

"I've been coming here since I was a baby," said **C. B. Gaddy**.

"When I came here I was in my mother's arms," said **Bessie**. "I was brought up in the church right here." **Mrs.**

Gaddy now lives in Lumberton but comes back every year to the August service.

A fond ritual at the yearly in-gatherings in the axe-handle tea made in two, huge metal tubs full of ice and lemon, and kept cool under the yard's many shade trees.

James Gaddy Ward, Jr. and his son, **Bill**, spooned the tea out this year.

"**Mr. Gaddy (James Jr.'s father)** used to do the tea," said **Polly Ward Jr.** "**James** inherited it. He uses the same axe-handle (to stir the tea) his father used.

Polly, "secretary" of the yearly reunions, sends out reminders of the in-gathering and gets the church in shape for the event.

Abe Howell brought the crowd into the church from the yards Sunday for "home movies" by clanging an old cow bell.

"I was married in this church," said **Howell**, "on July 27, 1958. It was the hottest day you've ever seen.

Howell married the former **Patsy Crawford**. They now live in Matthews.

The day began and ended with the singing of hymns. "When we're singing the old hymns, I can just see the old ones standing up there singing." Said one longtime Centenary church member, **Ora McCormic**. The ones who have left us. It's real touching."

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Centenary Methodist Church was organized in 1882 as an outgrowth of the brush arbor preaching services previously held in the **Stuart/Ayers** area near the North Carolina/South Carolina line. This is about two miles south of the present church site. Prior to the organization a circuit rider from South Carolina held meetings at various intervals. He came to preach and stayed in the homes of those prominent in helping to finalize the organization.

In August 1882 **Duncan A. McCormick** and wife, **Mary** gave (for the sum of five dollars) a portion of land so described for the church to be built (see copy of Deed). Until a church building could be built, preaching services were held in an unfinished building owned by **Mr. Alex McCormic**.

A building was erected in 1884-1885 and dedicated on **May 9, 1886**. The sermon was preached by presiding Elder of the Fayetteville District, **S. D. Adams**. His text was Psalm 126:3, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." **Jonathan Sanford** was pastor of Centenary at this time. The church was first named **Cotton Valley**, later **Centenary**.

Family names prominent in the church records prior to 1900 were: **McArthur, McCormic, Stuart, Ward, Easterling, Hammond, Jackson, Thompson, Butler, Smith, Campbell, Faulk, McLellan, McPhail, Martin, Burns, Edens, Kinlaw, Curtis, Murray, Sealey, Lowry, Oliver, Crawford, Carter**. These additional names are

found in the records of the early 1900's: **Webb, Rowel, McLean, Ivey, Davis, Ratley, Gaddy, McLeod, McGirt, Johnson, Sellars, Rodgers, and Walker**.

Old records show that the Sunday School was an active part of Centenary through the years. The **Baraca Class** in 1915 had thirty-four members on roll. The **Philathea Class** of the same year enrolled twenty-two. These classes were for young men and young women, respectively, and **Lacy T. Edens** and **Miss Attie McArthur** were the teachers.

Sunday School was held at Centenary until the early 1940's and the beginning of World War II. The work of the women of the church continued actively until the late 1940's. The Sunday School and Woman's Society of Christian Service joined then with members of the Rowland Church.

In 1969 **Hal Douglas Burns, Jr.** was preparing a Boy Scouts of America God and Country project and talked with the older member of the church who told him that the **steeple, vestibule and Sunday school rooms were added in 1905**. **Pastor J. W. Bradley** joined members as they did the work. Materials were also supplied by the members.

Centenary Methodist Church continued to hold worship services twice monthly until 1970 and in 1971 it was made a memorial church. Centenary Memorial Association chairman, **Robert F. Stuart, Jr.** was presented the church deed at the 1971 homecoming. Other Trustees are **Hal Douglas Burns, John Clarence Edens, Clifford Marvin Hammond and James Gaddy Ward, Jr.** The Board of Trustees has authority for the property and the funds and the Methodist Conference has no jurisdiction. Homecoming services are held each year on the fourth Sunday in August. The church is also open for Christenings, weddings, funerals or other religious services as needed.

Over the years the board of trustees has maintained the building with repairs, when necessary. **A gas heating system was installed in 1950. A new roof and steps and painting were done in 1957.** Nineteen sixty-five found minor repairs needed to the steeple, shutters and ventilators to go with the painting and all new doors. **Carpet was placed in the aisles, in the chancel and in the vestibule in 1972.** The green/gold tweed was selected to compliment the diagonal beaded ceiling paneling. A weed-eater was purchased in 1978 to be used especially around the cemetery markers.

In the winter of 1982 textured aluminum siding was added to the steeple before a new roof was put on. The stoop was then added. The vestibule floor was refinished after removing the carpet because of earlier leaks.

Hollies were set out on each side of the stoop in the spring of 1982.



Sand blasted - 1985

Centenary Church as Seen by David Burns

It's too bad we have so little record of the history of the Centenary Methodist Church, because that missing record represents an awfully important part of the history of the families that have built it and kept it alive for more than 100 years. This stout little community church is, itself, part of the history of Robeson County, and has played such an important role in the lives of five or six generations in the Cotton Valley area, that it's difficult to ignore one's fascination with the history it represents. The laying on of hands that have brought it to its present state is the story of the love and importance that this church's families have bestowed upon the building as they lived out their lives in the countryside that surrounds Centenary.

The original church was a squat and modest little building, with no steeple, no vestibule, and just a little spit of a front stoop. Like many churches and public buildings of the farmland and pioneer country of the Carolinas, its length was roughly equal to the height of its front gable. This made for a very stout and stable box that could withstand some pretty tough storms – including the spring storm of 1905, which nearly destroyed the church in Rowland. But it also made the math easier when calculating lumber dimensions and window proportions. And that was an important function in rural building design, because so much of the work was accomplished by folks with minimal educations, only basic construction tools, and limited, but not insufficient, building construction experience.

We know that the vestibule was added on in 1903, and that it was painted, perhaps for the first time, in that same year. There's an old photo of the adjacent school house, taken in 1906, that shows it unpainted but sporting window shutters that are apparently identical to the shutters on Centenary Church. Were they built by the same hands, or in the same shop?

The original church front had a single, central entrance door, but entry from the new vestibule into the meeting hall is by either of two doors. So, the face of the original building was probably modified by covering the central opening and cutting two new doorways through the original front wall that now separated the vestibule from the meeting hall. Removing the center doorway would have allowed more space in the meeting hall for additional pews, at the rear. It seems that the original pews could have been moved back – say, by taking two or three pews from the front of the church and moving them to the newly created back rows.

In fact, some pews were added near the front at some point in time. These are the ones that lack the little

rosettes on their end panels (rosettes are the applied disks, with concentric rings and flutes, that adorn the ends of the pews). The wood of these newer pews is different from that used in the originals, and it has aged and darkened differently from the others. Rosettes that were applied to the original pews may have been bought at a store in Laurinburg or Lumberton. It's conceivable that they were made in the shop that fabricated the pews, but not very likely, since the process of milling them usually relegates them to specialty factories with high-production equipment.

The pews at Centenary are very special items. The regular, rippled waves of a hand-planed surface speak of persistent, ritual, human labor in a way that few other human artifacts can. Each pew represents many hours of tedious hand planing, yet the result is unrefined. A professional shop would have possessed longer planes capable of making smoother surfaces over long runs.

The jack planes or smoothing planes used on these pews could have been found on many farms in Cotton Valley, and would have been used for everything from barn repairs to wagon outfitting to household maintenance. And most farmers would have had some experience with such tools, because the American farm of the 19th century required a set of mechanical skills that can be matched by few Americans of the 21st century. It wouldn't be surprising to learn that the pews were made by one or more of the original members of Centenary.

The vestibule doors have been replaced with modern ones. The doors that originally hung there were quite thick and heavy – were probably solid pine and nearly twice as thick as the ones hanging there now. On each doorjamb, the stop moldings are of two different styles, indicating that whoever replaced the doors and installed the moldings recycled moldings from somewhere else in the church or from another project.

Robert Stuart remembers the loud hissing of the carbide lamps, sizzling in the background throughout the evening-long revivals of his childhood. At some point, the carbide lamps were replaced by electric lights and, eventually, ceiling fans were added. He also remembers the old pot-bellied stove that heated the church until 1950. A wire chase, housing the electrical wires for today's ceiling fans and lights, spans the length of the meeting hall ceiling. It probably also conceals the main beam of the roof, which, considering the length of the hall, must be an impressive timber.

The windows represent another technical point of interest in this old building. Old growth timber, still available to mills of the 1880s, was quite strong and stable. But the window frame stock is narrow and appears to be much too fragile to remain flat and true for more than a few years in the extremes of North Carolina's climate swings – even if the best of lumber were used. Yet, these windows slide and seal in their tracks as if they're nearly new. Some panes have been replaced over the years, but much of the original glass float, with its bubbles and swirls, remains in its original glazing. Most windows in new homes today will not outlast these 125-year-old testaments to the quality of American workmanship that existed in the century before last. And there appear yet to be many decades ahead for this old building.

Not much is known about how Centenary got built, except for occasional writings that imply the congregation built this church with its own hands. Who did the carpentry, the furniture building, the glazing? How many hours spent in doing this or that – and how did they find the time to manage the farm and the home and still build this church? How much was done directly and how much in mill shops or by hired hands? If there are records of this, they remain hidden to this day. Perhaps some of this evidence is hidden away in your closet or attic . . . Wouldn't it be interesting to find and share?

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David M. Burns

Descendant of Solomon Burns

Now living in the Greensboro Area, April 2001



circa 1965



Picture taken by Elaine Burns

Duncan A McCormick & wife
To

Rev. J. A. Gaddy, J. C. Faulk & others
Trustees -
Centenary Methodist Church.

State of North Carolina

Robeson County -

This Deed made this Eleventh
day of August 1882 by Duncan
A. McCormick & Mary his wife

parties of the first part of Robeson County and State of North Carolina
to Rev. Jesse A. Gaddy, J. C. Faulk, J. R. Burns, Archd. Stewart, J. D.
Crowford, John Hammonds and Charles H. Hyche, Trustees in trust
for the use and purposes herein after named parties of the second
part, all of the County and State aforesaid for and in consideration
of the sum of Five Dollars to them the parties of the first part to them
in hand paid by the said Trustees in trust the receipt of which
is hereby acknowledged, have bargained, given, granted, and sold
and by these presents do give, grant, bargain and sell to them the said
Trustees in trust and their successors in office forever all that tract
or parcel of land being and lying in the County of Robeson and State
of North Carolina, being a part of the tract of land in the parties of
the first part now live upon and bounded as follows: Beginning at
a Black Jack tree standing on the East margin of the Road leading
from the Stage Road to Ashpole Presbyterian Church and about
37 yards from the N. W. corner of Mr. Daniel McCormick's home
lot, running thence along the East margin of the said Road seventy
yards N. W. thence at right angles seventy yards from the said
Road, thence seventy yards S. E. parallel with the said Road,
thence seventy yards to the beginning containing one acre more
or less - to have and to hold in trust, the aforesaid tract or parcel
of land and all appurtenances and privileges belonging to the
said Rev. Jesse A. Gaddy, J. C. Faulk, J. R. Burns, Archd. Stewart
J. D. Crowford, John Hammonds & Charles H. Hyche, Trustees
in trust for the use of the Ministers and members of the Methodist
Episcopal Church South and their successors in office - In
trust that the said premises shall be used, kept, maintained
and disposed of as a place of Divine worship for the use
of the Ministry and Membership of the Methodist Episcopal
Church South, subject to the discipline usage and ministerial
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Church South subject to the discipline usage and ministerial
appointment of said Church at from time to time authorized


and declared by the General Conference of said Church and the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. And the said Duncan & McCormick and Mary his wife do covenant that they are seised of said premises in fee and have right to convey the same in fee simple and that the same are free from all encumbrances and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whatsoever, to the said Trustees in Trust and their successors in Office. In testimony whereof the said Duncan & McCormick & Mary his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

Attest Nell McCormick
E James Ward

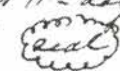
D A McCormick
Mary McCormick



Robeson County - Justice Court -

I Nell McCormick Justice of the Peace do hereby certify that D A McCormick & wife Mary McCormick personally appeared before me and duly acknowledged the execution of the annexed Deed of Conveyance - Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of August AD 1882. Nell McCormick J.P. 

Robeson County - Justice Court -

I Nell McCormick Justice of the Peace do hereby certify that I taken the private examination of Mary McCormick touching her voluntary execution of the annexed deed of Conveyance and she doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily without fear of her said husband or any other person and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Given under my hand this 11th day of Aug. AD 1882. Nell McCormick J.P. 

North Carolina Probate Court - November 3rd 1882.

Robeson County The foregoing certificate of Nell McCormick a Justice of the Peace for Robeson County is adjudged to be correct. Therefore let the said deed together with the certificate be registered - C. P. Townsend

Probate Judge

Filed for registration Nov. 3rd 1882 at 10 AM & registered same day at 12 M.

John J. Ruff Regr. Deeds
By Permission Deputy

Memorials



Three Memorials

1952 – PULPIT BIBLE - Dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of William Henry McLellan – 1962 by his mother Mrs. Blanche McLellan.

1958 – SALLMAN'S "HEAD OF CHRIST" – In memory of J. Worth Burns presented by the Ward Family

1967 – BRASS ALTAR CROSS – In memory of Henry K. Crawford 1905 – 1967.

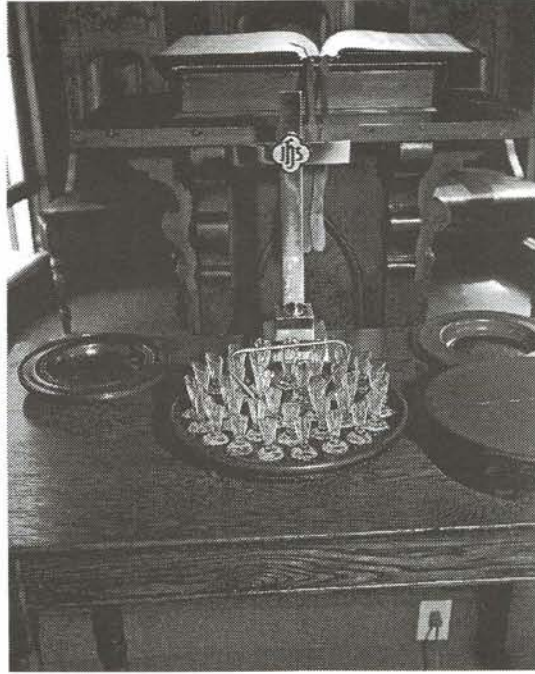


Memorial - 1982

"WAY TO EMMAUS" – In loving memory of J. Gaddy Ward, Sr. presented by B. O. Burns Family



Memorial – 1979
 Marble Top Display Case
 In Loving Memory of Ethel Crawford Ward
 By her husband, J. Gaddy Ward



Communion Set
 circa 1896

Other Memorials:

- 1984 – Matching fern stands in sanctuary – In Loving Memory of William Burns Page given by Mrs. Jake Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns
- 1984 – Oak fern stand in vestibule - In Loving Memory of Ora Elease McCormic given by her niece, Sara Mac Boyer and family, Delton, Susanne, Jason, and Mackenzie.
- 1986 – Two chairs in vestibule – In Loving Memory of Polly T. Ward and J. Gaddy Ward, Sr. given by W. E. Lupo
- 1986 – Ceiling Fans in the Sanctuary and Vestibule – In Loving Memory of Myrtle Ward and Carl C. Edens, Sr. by their children, Carl C. Edens, Jr., Doris Edens Bartlett, John Clarence Edens, and Catherine Edens Watkins
- 1992 – Security Lights on Church Grounds – In Loving Memory of John Davis Stuart by his parents, Emily and Leon Stuart
- 1997 – Folding Wooden Chairs – In Loving Memory of Theodore and Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Crawford by their daughter, Betsy Crawford Hardin and Grandson Edward (Ted) Hardin
- 1997 – Centenary Memorial Plaque – In Loving Memory of Ethel Crawford and James Gaddy Ward, Sr. by Lena and James Gaddy Ward, Jr.



Hand Planed Pews



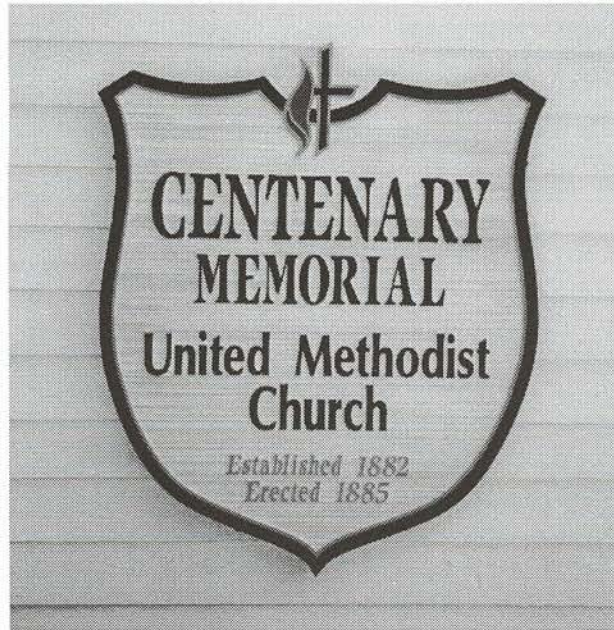
Pulpit and Amen Corner



Interior Front View



Interior Back View



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**CENTENARY MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CEMETERY**



Rowland, North Carolina

Surveyed and transcribed by
John Clarence and Betty C. Edens

July 1, 2000

Centenary Church Cemetery – Hwy 130 Rowland, NC

Row one starts at the corner of street side and church side

All rows start nearest the church

The first number in the location is the row number, the second number is the number of grave on that row

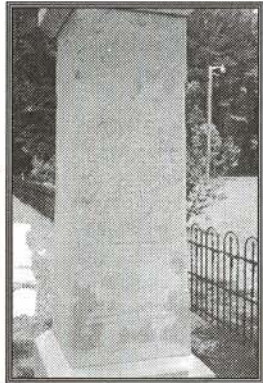
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6,15	Bagwell	James Wise	Sept 2, 1902	Jan 10, 1974
7,7	Branch	Minta M.	May 23, 1889	July 30, 1975
7,8	Branch, Jr.	Harry A.	Nov 23, 1927	Oct 3, 1962
3,10,h	Connelly	Sallie McCormic	Dec 25, 1888	April 9, 1958
4,18	Crawford	Charity Ann Gaddy, w/o J.D. Crawford	Nov 14, 1837	June 10, 1911
4,21	Crawford	Clarence Lee s/o J.W. & M.E. Crawford	Dec 18, 1915	June 16, 1918
4,16	Crawford	Dorothy d/o J.W. & M.E. Crawford	Oct 6, 1912	May 27, 1913
4,14	Crawford	Infant s/o J.W. & M.E. Crawford	---	May 27, 1898
4,17	Crawford	James D.	Nov 23, 1827	May 31, 1914
4,20,a	Crawford	James William	Mar 17, 1859	July 14, 1936
4,15	Crawford	Jewel O. d/o J.W. & M.E. Crawford	Jan 3, 1907	Sept 27, 1907
4,20,b	Crawford	Mary E. McLellan	Oct 11, 1871	April 5, 1916
4,13	Crawford	Maud T. d/o J.W. & M.E. Crawford	July 10, 1891	Aug 11, 1892
1,2	Easterling	Frances Victoria	Nov 6, 1853	Oct 6, 1932
1,1	Easterling	James Lawrence	Sept 29, 1876	Feb 16, 1910
1,17	Edens	Alexander	Oct 27, 1850	Mar 28, 1912
1,19,a	Edens	Carl Corprew	Apr 22, 1896	July 2, 1979
2,14	Edens	Clarence Morgan	July 4, 1878	July 19, 1902
2,15	Edens	Cora Breeden	Sept 27, 1876	Nov 18, 1950
1,18	Edens	Jacobina	June 12, 1852	Dec 16, 1917
2,16,c	Edens	John Allen	April 11, 1891	April 12, 1968
2,16,b	Edens	Lacy Thomas	Sept 4, 1887	April 19, 1968
1,19,b	Edens	Myrtle Ward	Oct 22, 1894	June 24, 1982
2,16,a	Edens	William Herman	Nov 19, 1882	Oct 26, 1961
3,5	Faulk	Claude C.	June 13, 1886	Nov 19, 1969
3,8,a	Faulk	D. W.	Dec 13, 1869	Nov 13, 1892
3,2	Faulk	Flora w/o R. Faulk	Feb 25, 1848	June 15, 1909
3,12	Faulk	Infant son of C.J. & Minnie Faulk	Aug 6, 1899	Aug 6, 1899
3,6	Faulk	J. C.	Sept 28, 1840	Oct 10, 1887
3,13	Faulk	Jasper Colen s/o C.J. & Mignonette Faulk	Sept 19, 1910	Dec 26, 1911
3,15	Faulk	Marvin J.	April 14, 1906	Jan 5, 1968
3,7	Faulk	Mary w/o J. C. Faulk	Jan 2, 1843	Aug 7, 1895
3,14	Faulk	Mignonette Skipper w/o C. J. Faulk	Mar 19, 1872	April 14, 1939
3,11	Faulk	Richard	Mar 15, 1841	Nov 28, 1919
7,5	Ford	Agnes Brooks d/o W.B. & M.E. Ford	July 22, 1890	July 31, 1901
8,5	Gaddy	Carl Bonn	Mar 1, 1900	Aug 11, 1954
8,3	Gaddy	Eros Bascum s/o Sarah McCormic & Romulus Gaddy	Sept 7, 1897	Jan 25, 1963
8,4	Gaddy	Flonnie C. w/o E. B. Gaddy	Oct 4, 1907	May 7, 1977
8,1	Gaddy	Infant s/o E. B. & Flonnie Gaddy	---	April 7, 1927
8,6,a	Gaddy	Romulus	Oct 3, 1861	Oct 10, 1940
8,6,b	Gaddy	Sarah Lou McCormic w/o Romulus Gaddy	Oct 27, 1868	May 27, 1949
8,2	Gaddy	William R. s/o E. B. & Flonnie Gaddy	April 28, 1928	June 4, 1928
2,5,c	Hammond	Apama	Nov 17, 1853	June 25, 1939
3,3,b	Hammond	Carolyn R.	Sept 17, 1916	living
2,7	Hammond	Charles McF.	June 16, 1858	Sept 30, 1893
2,10	Hammond	Charles Stuart	Jan 12, 1897	Sept 8, 1962
3,3a	Hammond	Clifford	Aug 8, 1911	Nov 1, 1994
3,4	Hammond	Grace Elizabeth	Aug 11, 1904	June 19, 1993
2,3,b	Hammond	Harriet S.	1875	1966
2,1	Hammond	Hazel d/o James & Harriet Hammond	Oct 5, 1908	Aug 6, 1912
2,3,a	Hammond	James	1866	1924

Location	Last Name	First Name	Born	Died
2,6,a	Hammond	John	Oct 31, 1828	May 12, 1913
2,9,a	Hammond	Jonnie	Sept 30, 1863	Oct 16, 1945
2,5,b	Hammond	Joseph	Mar 18, 1866	Jan 12, 1939
2,2	Hammond	Lois Evelyn d/o James & Harriet Hammond	June 25, 1914	May 31, 1915
2,8	Hammond	Mary N.	July 25, 1900	June 8, 1986
2,9,b	Hammond	Mary	June 19, 1860	Dec 29, 1947
2,5,a	Hammond	Parana	Dec 9, 1855	Jan 1, 1926
2,4	Hammond	Robert Bruce	Sept 12, 1916	Nov 20, 1944
2,6,b	Hammond	Sarah Ann	May 20, 1828	Nov 16, 1911
4,9	Hargrove	Marietta V. d/o J. C. & B. J. Hargrove	Sept 13, 1826	Feb 21, 1885
4,23	Humphrey	Robert McArthur	Dec 13, 1961	July 23, 2000
4,22,a	McArthur	Aline Britt	Oct 2, 1914	Dec 13, 1984
7,1,a	McArthur	Charles W.	1876	1934
2,12,a	McArthur	Estelle S.	1884	1924
2,13,a	McArthur	In memory of Louise McArthur McArn; w/o Preston; mother of Helen & Anne		
2,12,b	McArthur	J. Oliver	1871	1949
4,24	McArthur	John Douglas	April 2, 1975	April 29, 2001
2,11	McArthur	John Stafford s/o J. O. & Estelle S. McArthur	Mar 10, 1907	July 16, 1907
4,22,b	McArthur	Julian Oliver	May 12, 1909	Dec 30, 1976
7,1,b	McArthur	Nannie H.	1881	1961
2,13,b	McArthur	William Preston	July 15, 1910	April 9, 1967
3,11	McCormic	Amanda Buried in North, SC		
1,6	McCormic	Belvidera	Jan 16, 1850	May 26, 1925
1,15	McCormic	Clara c/o H. K. & M. C. McCormic	April 15, 1892	April 16, 1892
1,13	McCormic	Daniel	Jan 16, 1848	June 29, 1908
3,10,c	McCormic	Dora Lee	May 10, 1885	Oct 25, 1979
3,10,b	McCormic	Ella J.	Oct 19, 1861	Jan 30, 1916
1,7	McCormic	Ellen E.	Oct 20, 1856	June 10, 1919
6,16,b	McCormic	Fannie Belle Taylor w/o H. Grady McCormic	Sept 26, 1891	July 20, 1962
1,5	McCormic	Florella	Jan 16, 1852	Oct 6, 1928
6,16,a	McCormic	H. Grady	Mar 5, 1890	June 7, 1945
1,16,b	McCormic	Henry K.	Aug 9, 1856	Mar 23, 1916
3,11	McCormic	Leslie F. {Named on monument as one of the children of Ella J. & Martin J. McCormic}		
3,10,f	McCormic	Mamie d/o Ella J. & Martin J. McCormic	Aug 3, 1895	Nov 7, 1895
3,10,g	McCormic	Martin Boyd s/o Ella J. & Martin J. McCormic	Aug 4, 1904	Aug 9, 1905
3,10,a	McCormic	Martin J.	Jan 18, 861	Dec 5, 1946
1,16,a	McCormic	Mary	May 24, 1866	July 16, 1938
3,10,e	McCormic	Mary Anna d/o Ella J. & Martin J. McCormic	April 15, 1887	June 9, 1888
3,11	McCormic	Minnie Mae Buried in Chapel Hill, NC		
1,14	McCormic	Nancy J.	April 27, 1881	Mar 31, 1916
3,10,d	McCormic	Ora Elease	Nov 27, 1901	Aug 19, 1983
6,16,c	McCormic	Robert Taylor	Jan 21, 1921	Mar 27, 1957
3,9	McCormic	Walter Thadeus	Feb 6, 1898	Dec 26, 1964
3,11	McCormic	William COL Buried in Tifton, GA		
4,12	McCormick	A. C.	Mar 25, 1875	June 20, 1903
1,10	McCormick	Alexander	Jan 4, 1844	Sept 25, 1893
1,12	McCormick	Catharine	Sept 17, 1841	April 2, 1904
1,8,a	McCormick	Duncan (broken stone on ground)	May 31, 1812	Aug 9, 1884
4,1	McCormick	Fodie Estelle	June 14, 1907	July 24, 1947
7,3	McCormick	Frances Price w/o James A. McCormick	Sept 5, 1848	July 7, 1918
4,8	McCormick	Infant dau of M. B. & M. E. McCormick	---	Oct 21, 1919
4,3	McCormick	James Archie	Mar 10, 1874	Mar 18, 1932
7,2	McCormick	James Augustus	April 30, 1843	May 30, 1903
4,5	McCormick	James Gordon	---	Oct 11, 1929
4,4	McCormick	James Monroe	1910	1911
5,6	McCormick	Jas. A.	April 30, 1843	May 30, 1903
1,9	McCormick	Margaret	Mar 3, 1854	Sept 13, 1883
1,8,b	McCormick	Mary (broken stone on ground)	Aug 28, 1816	Jan 24, 1891
4,2	McCormick	Mary Faulk	Mar 18, 1878	Mar 21, 1913
1,11	McCormick	Mary P.	June 30, 1840	Aug 12, 1897
4,6	McCormick	Murphy B.	May 2, 1867	June 26, 1924

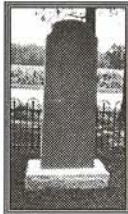
Location	Last Name	First Name	Born	Died
4,7	McCormick	Nannie J.	Aug 16, 1922	June 16, 1924
5,9	McCormick	Ruth d/o I.N. & Lenora McCormick	Jan 12, 1906	Feb 8, 1906
7,4	McCormick	Sally d/o James & Frances McCormick	---	---
5,10	McCormick	Strawdie	Mar 19, 1857	June 9, 1928
1,4,b	McGirt	Arch	Sept 13, 1871	July 21, 1950
1,4,c	McGirt	Bertha Estelle Easterling	June 14, 1875	June 7, 1957
1,3	McGirt	Edith F. d/o Arch & B. E. McGirt	Oct 21, 1913	July 30, 1915
1,4,a	McGirt	James Lawrence	July 13, 1919	Dec 5, 1985
4,19	McLean	Bettie d/o D. E. & Lillie McLean	Aug 27, 1898	Nov 4, 1901
5,3	McLellan	Archie K.	Feb 17, 1848	Aug 30, 1917
6,1,b	McLellan	Blanche Melvin	Nov 17, 1894	Oct 26, 1976
5,2	McLellan	Hannah L. w/o D. McLellan	July 31, 1859	April 11, 1886
5,4	McLellan	Maranza	Sept 3, 1850	June 3, 1927
6,1,a	McLellan	William H.	Oct 11, 1869	Mar 6, 1926
6,9,b	Miller	Allen C.	Aug 13, 1837	Jan 29, 1908
6,19,b	Miller	Beulah McGirt	1869	1957
6,10,a	Miller	Carson A.	1868	1915
6,20	Miller	Durham s/o C. A. & Beulah B. Miller	April 19, 1907	June 3, 1912
6,9,a	Miller	Effie w/o A. C. Miller	Oct 20, 1828	Jan 21, 1910
6,18	Miller	Ernest Lamar	April 13, 1903	Jan 30, 1972
6,11	Miller	Infant	---	---
6,12	Miller	Infant	---	---
6,13,a	Miller	Julia Thompson w/o Robert H. Miller	June 24, 1871	June 6, 1960
6,10	Miller	Martha Ann d/o Robert H. & Julia E. Miller	July 5, 1891	Feb 12, 1901
6,17	Miller	Raymond L.	Nov 17, 1896	April 20, 1973
6,13,b	Miller	Robert H.	Mar 4, 1866	June 19, 1940
6,5	Phillips	Chappelle d/o I.R. & C. Phillips	July 26, 1908	Sept 19, 1927
6,6,a	Phillips	Cornie F.	1876	1965
6,3,b	Phillips	Gaines	Nov 29, 1903	May 16, 1988
6,4	Phillips	Gladys Jeanette	Aug 18, 1901	Aug 22, 1998
6,2	Phillips	Helen Louise buried in Anniston, Ala	June 19, 1929	Aug 9, 1932
6,6,b	Phillips	Isham R.	1868	1936
6,7	Phillips	Sarahelen d/o I.R. & Cornie Phillips	Aug 29, 1912	Oct 5, 1913
6,3,a	Phillips	Testa C.	April 3, 1908	Aug 17, 1971
7,6	Pre Vatte	Carson L. s/o Lillie M. Pre Vatte	July 3, 1925	Sept 5, 1974
6,8	Stackhouse	Lucretia (Mrs.)	Aug 9, 1812	June 6, 1886
5,1	Stubbs	Infant son of Calon & Zelma Stubbs	Nov 27, 1910	Nov 27, 1910
4,11	Thompson	J. N.	Sept 4, 1861	Feb 3, 1929
4,10	Thompson	Mary Elon w/o J. N. Thompson	Nov 16, 1866	Nov 23, 1895
5,7 5,8	Unknown			
8,7 8,8	Unknown			
8,9 8,10	Unknown			
8,12	Unknown			
5,5	Wiggin	Nora Dessie	Sept 15, 1890	Sept 9, 1891
8,11	Willis	John Simpson	Sept 29, 1823	Oct 3, 1892



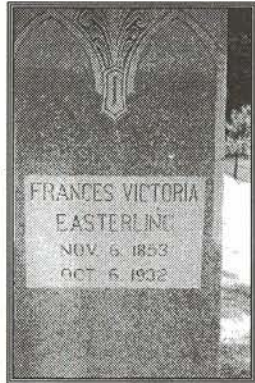
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1,1 James Lawrence Easterling
Sept 29, 1876
Feb 16, 1910



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1,2 Frances Victoria Easterling
Nov 6, 1853
Oct 6, 1932



1,3

Edith F.
d/o Arch & B.E. McGirt
Oct 21, 1913
July 30, 1915

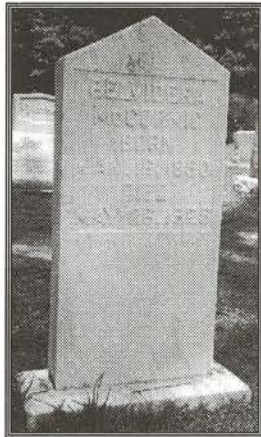


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James Lawrence McGirt "Uncle Buddy" July 13, 1919 Dec 5, 1985	Arch McGirt - Sept 13, 1871 July 21, 1950	Bertha Estelle McGirt w/o Arch McGirt June 14, 1875 June 7, 1957
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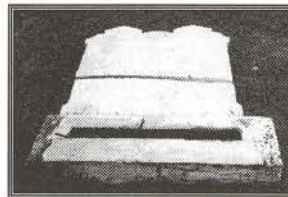
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Jan 16, 1852
Oct 6, 1928



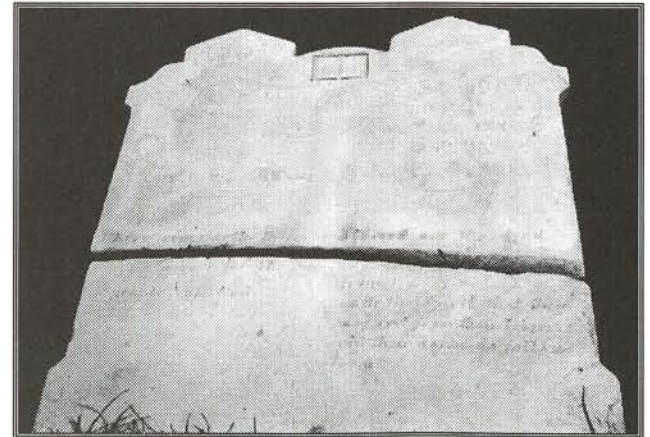
1,6 Belvidera McCormick
Jan 16, 1850
May 26, 1925



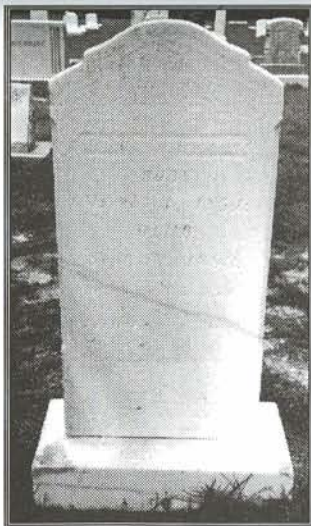
1,7 Ellen E. McCormick
Oct 20, 1856
June 10, 1919



1,8 broken
laying on ground



1,8 Father Duncan McCormick May 31, 1812 Aug 9, 1884	Mother Mary McCormick Aug 28, 1816 Jan 24, 1891
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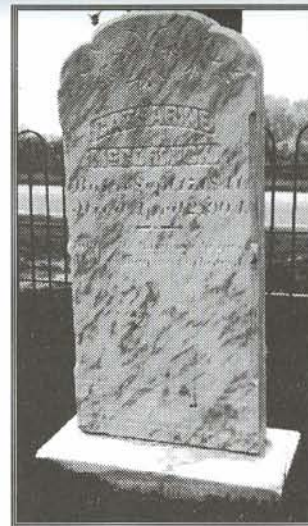
1,9 Margaret McCormick
March 3, 1854
Sept 13, 1883



1,10 Alexander McCormick
Jan 4, 1844
Sept 25, 1893



1,11 Mary P. McCormick
June 30, 1840
Aug 12, 1897



1,12 Catharine McCormick
Sept 17, 1841
Apr 2, 1904



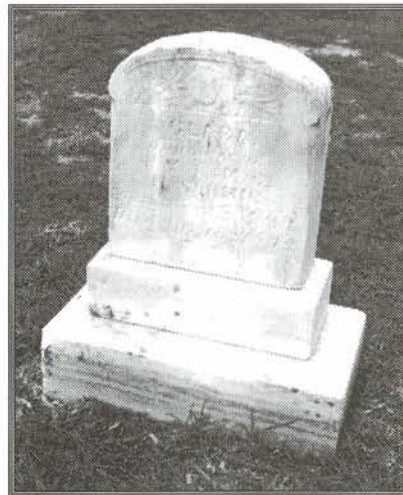
1,13 Daniel McCormick
Jan 16, 1848
June 29, 1908



1,14



1,14 Nancy J. McCormick
April 27, 1881
March 31, 1916



1,15 Clara
d/o H.K. & M.C. McCormick
April 15, 1892
April 16, 1892



1,16
McCormick



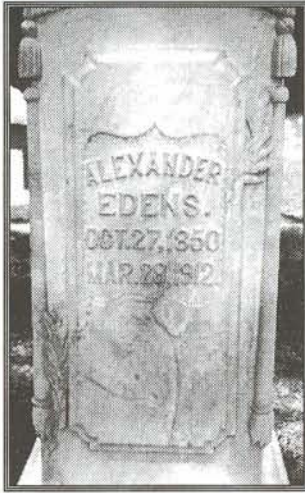
1,16 Father
Henry K. McCormick
August 9, 1856
March 23, 1916



1,16 Mother
Mary McCormick
May 24, 1866
July 16, 1938



1,17



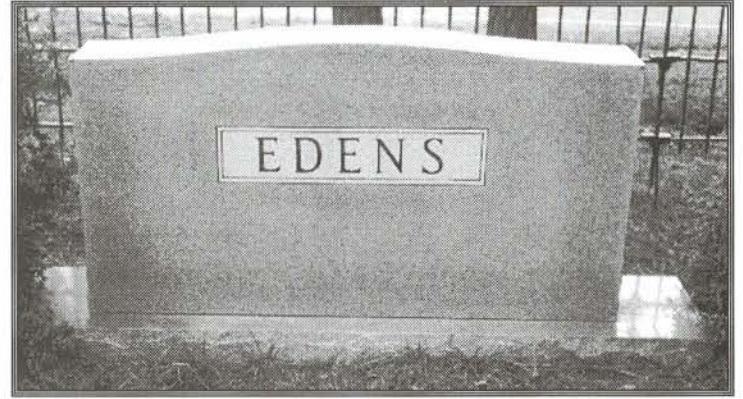
1,17 Alexander Edens
Oct. 27, 1850
Mar 28, 1912



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1,18 Jacobina Edens
June 12, 1852
Dec 16, 1917



1,19

Carl Corprew Edens
April 22, 1896
July 2, 1979

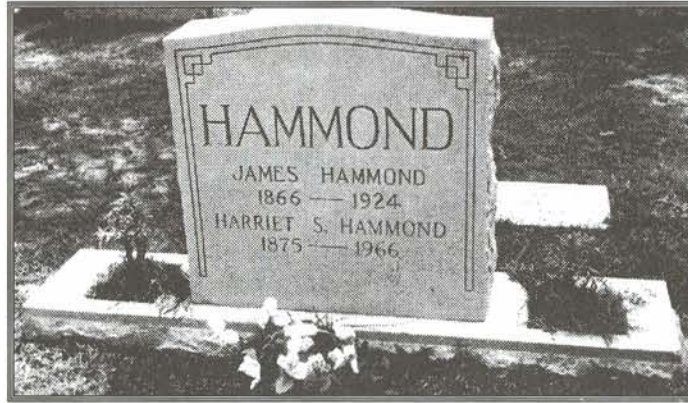
Myrtle Ward Edens
Oct 22, 1894
June 24, 1982



2,1 Hazel
d/o James & Harriet Hammond
Oct 5, 1908
Aug 6, 1912



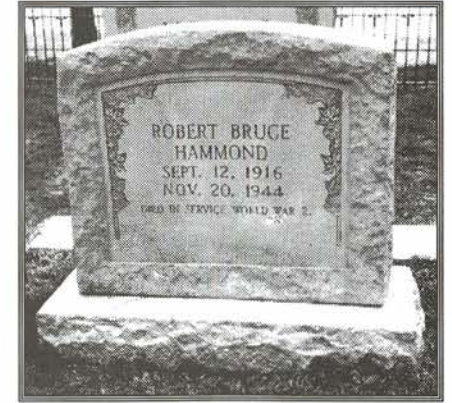
2,2 Lois Evelyn
d/o James & Harriet Hammond
June 25, 1914
May 31, 1915



2,3

James Hammond
1866 - 1924

Harriet S. Hammond
1875 - 1966



2,4

Robert Bruce Hammond
Sept 12, 1916
Nov 20, 1944
Died in Service WW II



2,5 Parana Hammond Joseph Hammond Apama Hammond
 Dec 9, 1855 Mar 18, 1866 Nov 17, 1853
 Jan 1, 1926 Jan 12, 1939 June 25, 1939



2,6 John Hammond Sarah Ann Hammond
 Oct 31, 1828 May 20, 1828
 May 12, 1913 Nov 16, 1911



2,7 Charles McF. Hammond
 June 16, 1858
 Sept 30, 1893



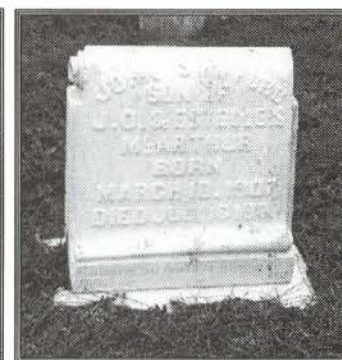
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 July 25, 1900
 June 8, 1986



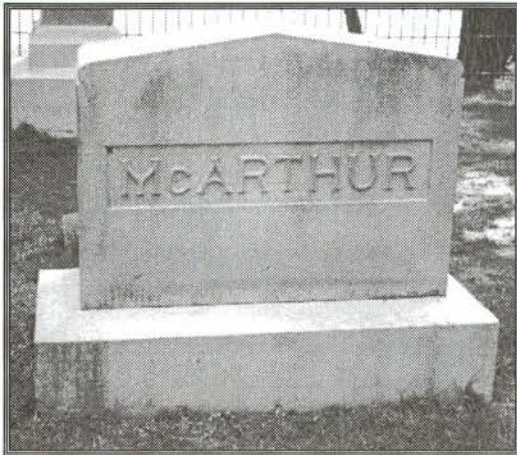
2,9 Jonnie Hammond Mary Hammond
 Sept 30, 1863 June 19, 1860
 Oct 16, 1945 Dec 29, 1947



2,10 Charles Stuart Hammond
 Jan 12, 1897
 Sept 8, 1962



2,11 John Stafford
 s/o J.O. & Estelle S McArthur
 March 10, 1907
 July 16, 1907



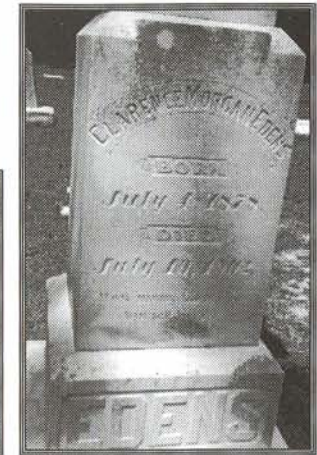
2,12 J. Oliver McArthur
1871 - 1949
Estelle S. McArthur
1884 - 1924



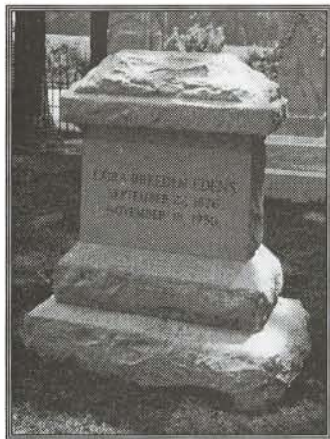
2,13 William Preston McArthur
July 15, 1910
April 9, 1967
In memory of
Louise McArthur McArn
w/o Preston
Mother of Helen and Anne



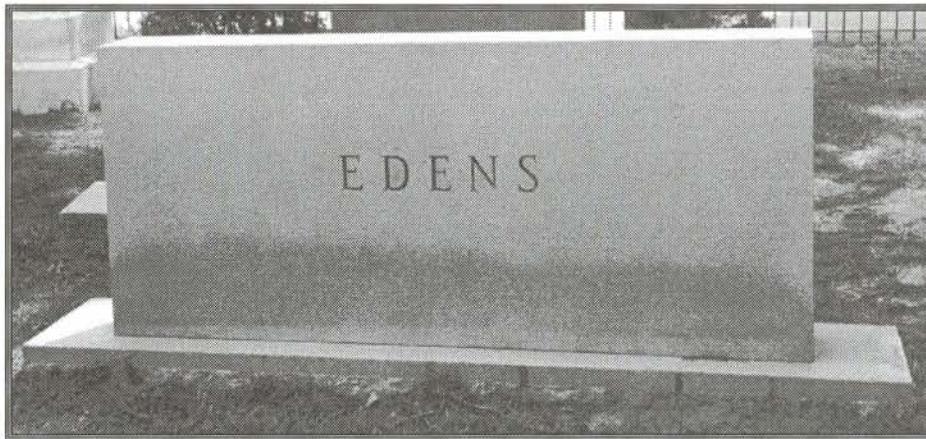
2,14 Edens



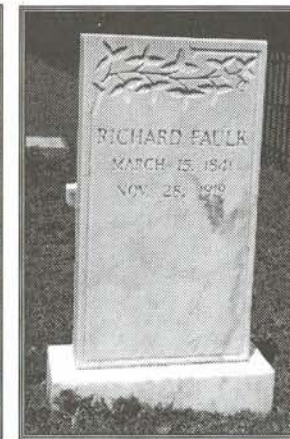
2,14 Clarence Morgan Edens
July 4, 1878
July 19, 1902



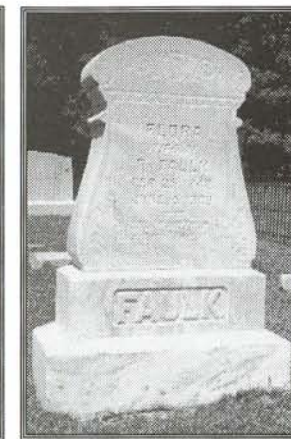
2,15 Cora Breedon Edens
September 27, 1876
November 18, 1950



2,16 William Herman Edens
Nov 19, 1882
Oct 26, 1961
Lacy Thomas Edens
Sept 4, 1887
April 19, 1968
John Allen Edens
April 11, 1891
April 12, 1968



3,1 Richard Faulk
March 15, 1841
Nov 28, 1919



3,2 Flora
w/o R. Faulk
Feb 25, 1848
June 15, 1909



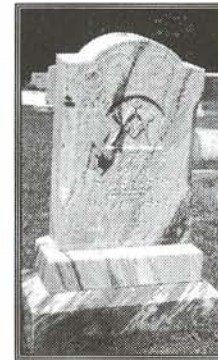
3,3 Clifford H. Hammond Carolyn R. Hammond
 Aug 8, 1911 Sept 17, 1916
 Nov 1, 1994 ---



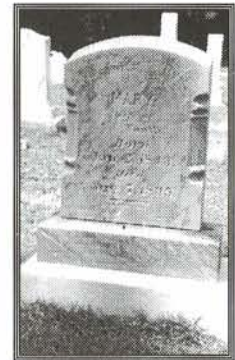
3,4 Grace Elizabeth Hammond
 August 11, 1904
 June 19, 1993



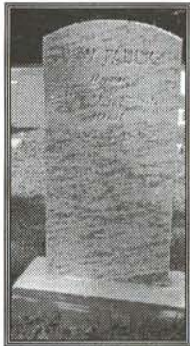
3,5 Claude C. Faulk
 June 13, 1886
 Nov 19, 1969



3,6 J. C. Faulk
 Sept 28, 1840
 Oct 10, 1882
 Mason



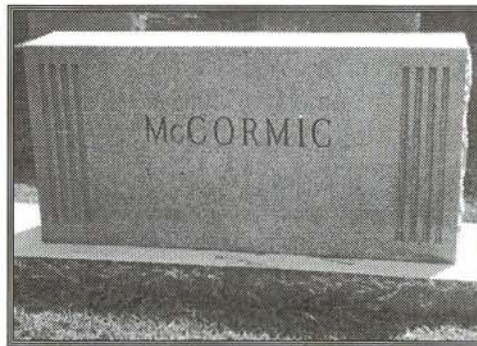
3,7 Mary
 w/o J. C. Faulk
 Jan 2, 1843
 Aug 7, 1895



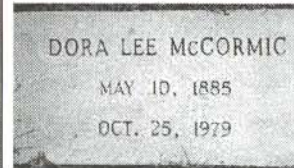
3,8 D. W. Faulk
 Dec 13, 1869
 Nov 13, 1892



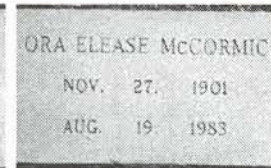
3,9 Walter Thadeus McCormic
 Feb 6, 1898
 Dec 26, 1964



3,10 Martin J. McCormic Ella J. McCormic
 Jan 18, 1861 Oct 19, 1861
 Dec 5, 1946 Jan 30, 1916



Dora Lee McCormic
 May 10, 1885
 Oct 25, 1979



Ora Elease McCormic
 Nov 27, 1901
 Aug 19, 1983



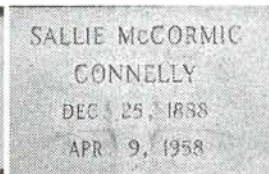
Mary Anna McCormic
 d/o Ella J. & Martin J. McCormic
 Apr 15, 1887
 June 9, 1888



3,10 Mamie
d/o Ella J. & Martin J.
McCormick
Aug 3, 1895
Nov 7, 1895



Martin Boyd
s/o Ella J. & Martin J.
McCormick
Aug 4, 1904
Aug 9, 1905



Sallie McCormick
Connelly
Dec 25, 1888
Apr 9, 1958

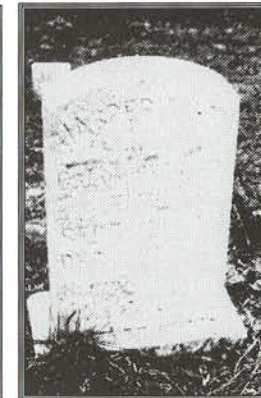


3,11 Children of Martin J. & Ella J. McCormick
Minnie Mae
Buried in Chapel Hill
Dora Lee
Mary Anna
Sallie
William COL
Buried in Tifton, GA

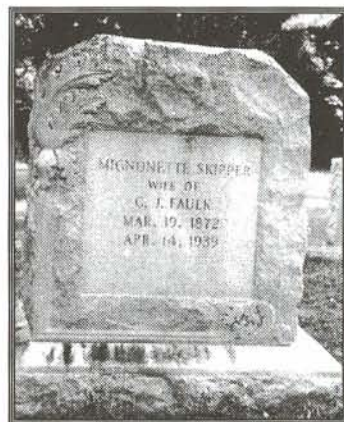
Leslie F.
Mamie
Amanda
Buried North, S.C.
Walter Thadeus
Ora Elease
Martin Boyd



3,12 Infant Son of
C.J. & Minnie Falk
Born & Died Aug 6, 1899



3,13 Jasper Colen
s/o C.J. & Mignonette Faulk
Sept 19, 1910
Dec 26, 1911



3,14 Mignonette Skipper
w/o C. J. Faulk
Mar 19, 1872
Apr 14, 1939



3,15 Marvin J. Faulk
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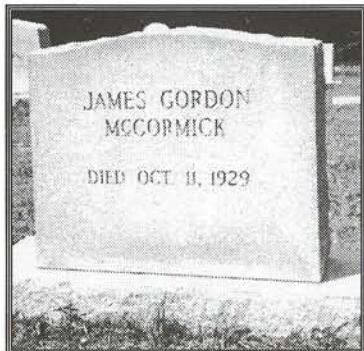
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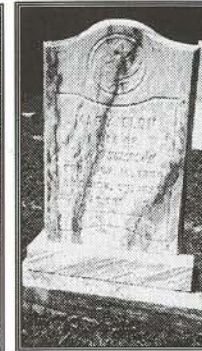
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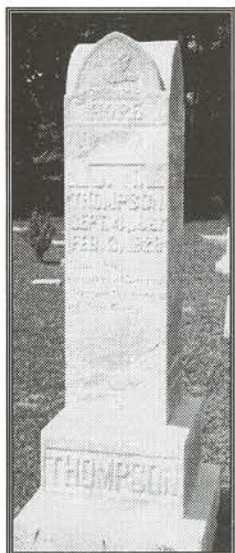
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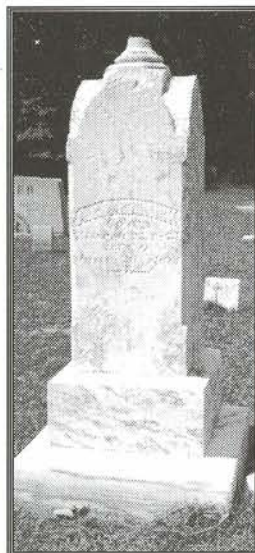
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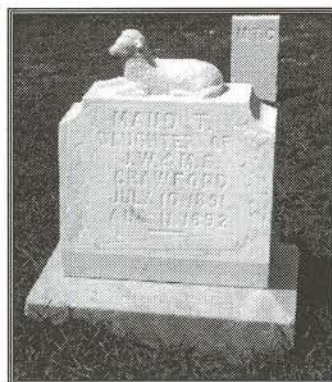
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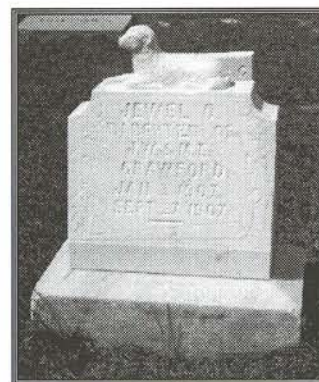
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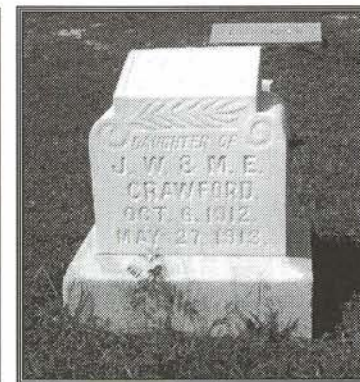
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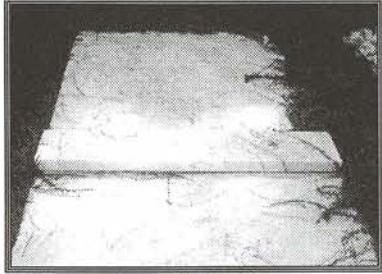
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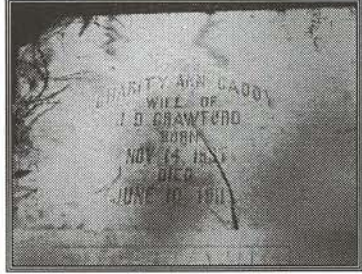
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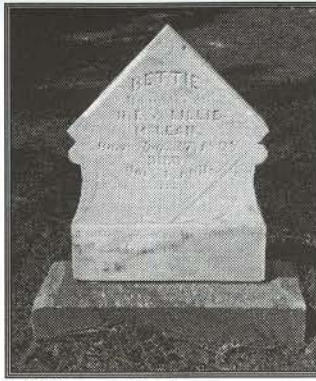
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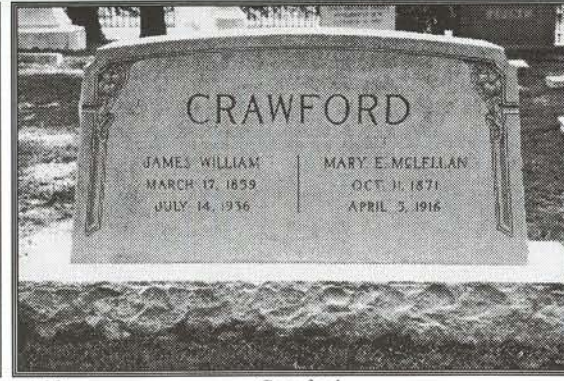
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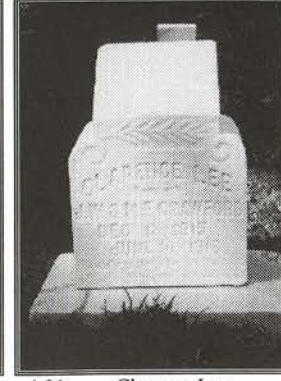
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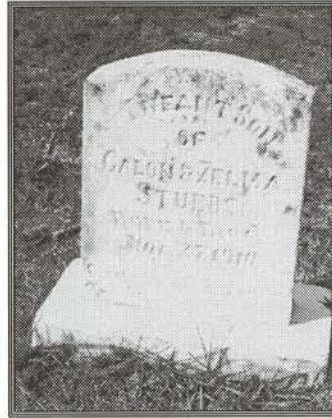
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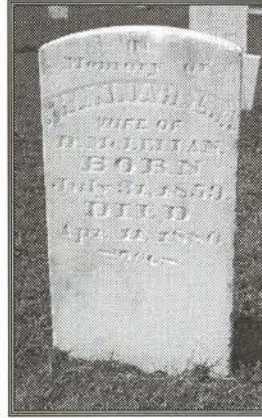
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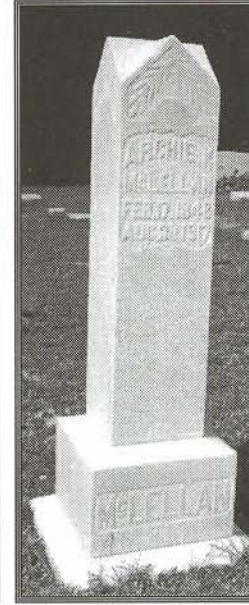
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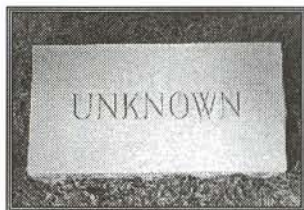
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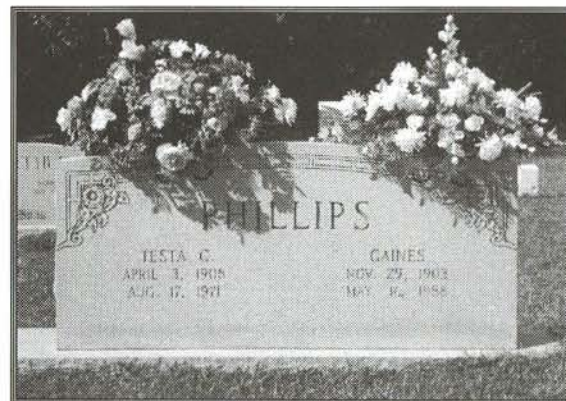
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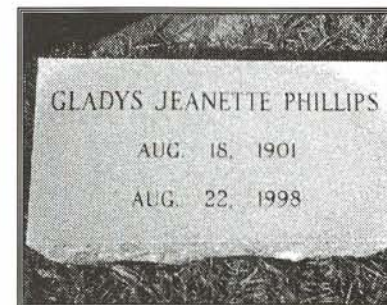
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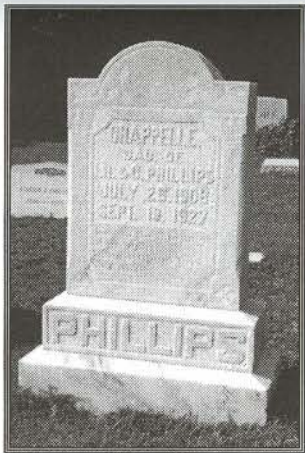
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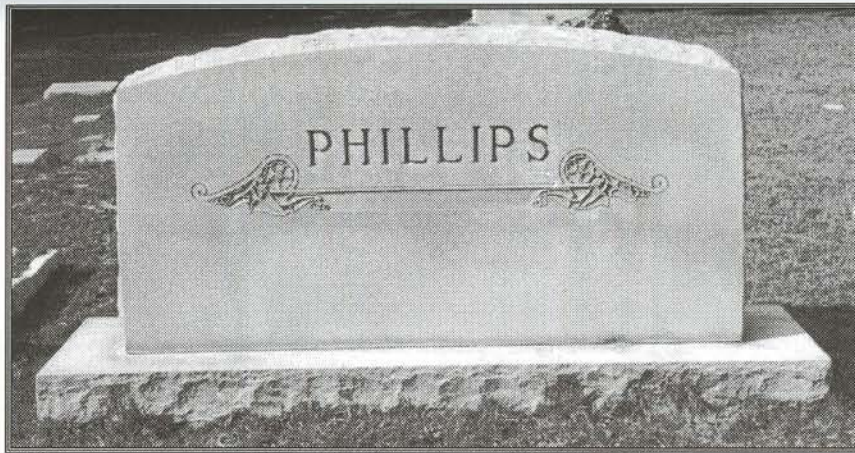
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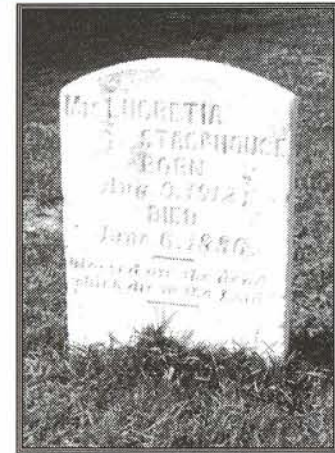
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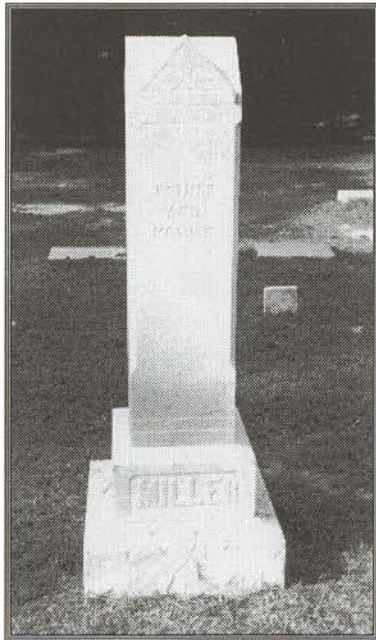
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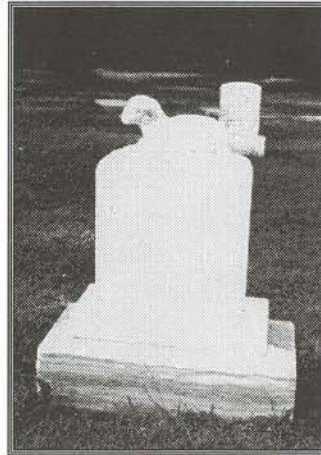
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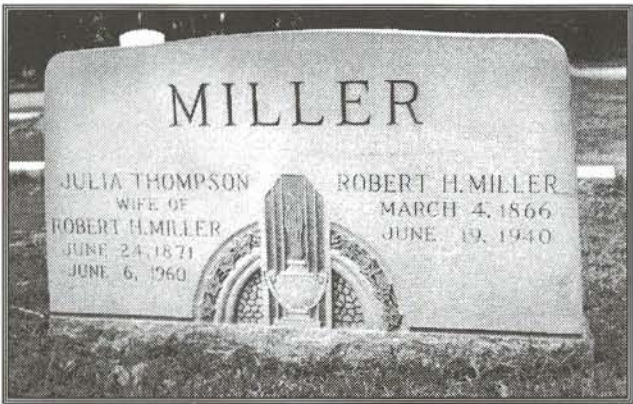
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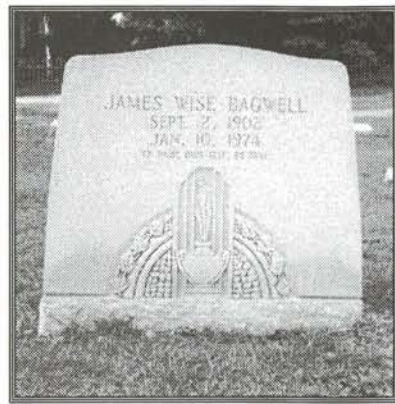
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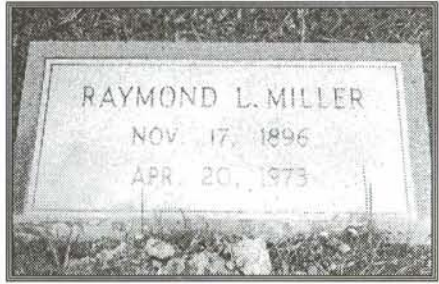
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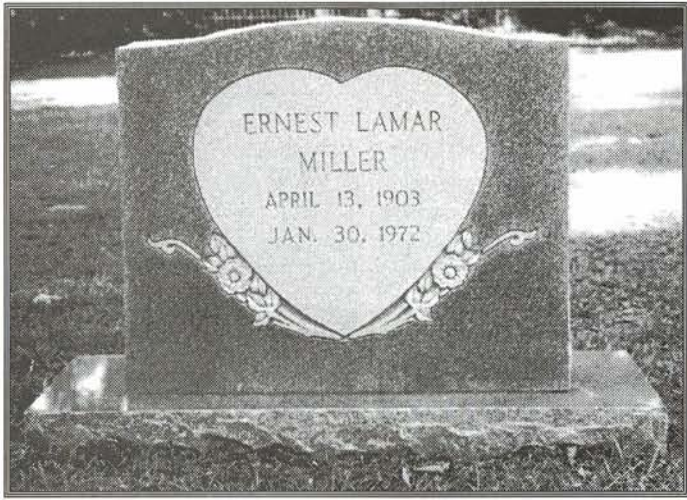
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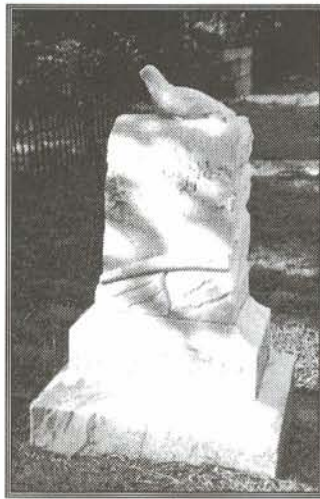
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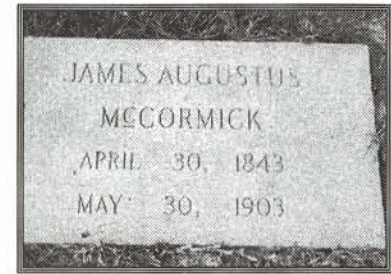
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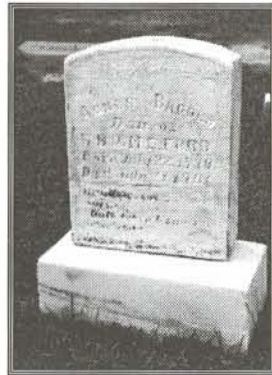
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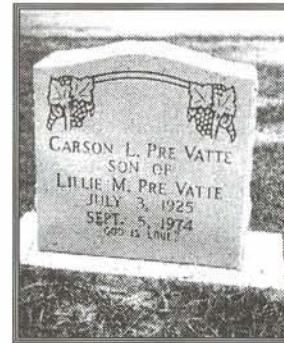
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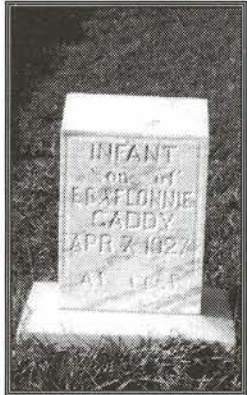
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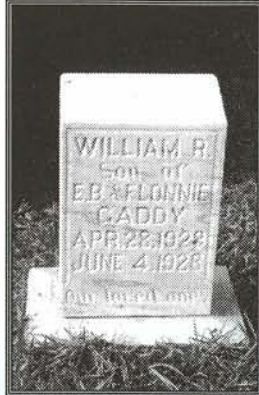
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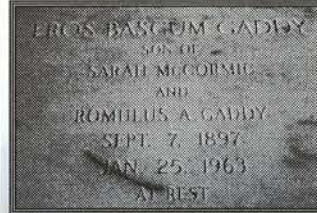
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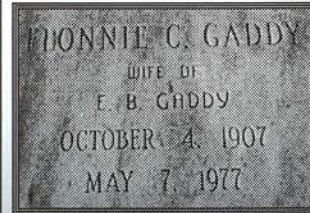
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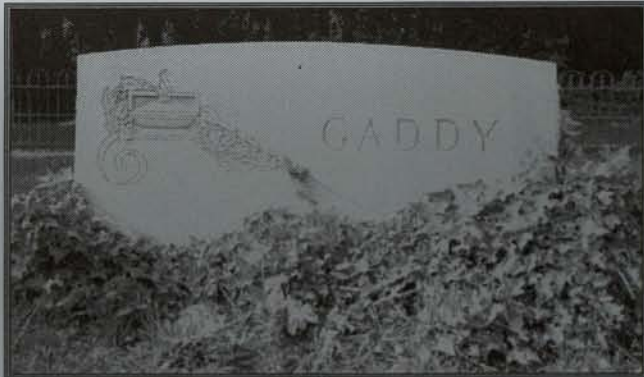
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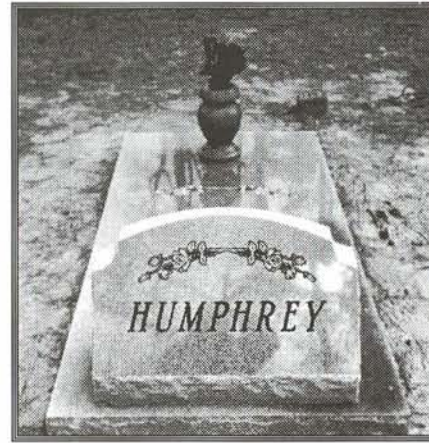
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