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## PREFACE

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

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## INTRODUCTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hillsborough was laid off in 1754 by William Churton on the north bank of Eno River. The town contained about four hundred acres of land. It was first called Orange, but its name was changed to Corbinton in a very short time, for Francis Corbin. On November 20, 1759, it was incorporated under the name of Childsburg. In 1776 the name was changed to Hillsborough, complimentary to the Earl of Hillsborough.

The only church in the town, at this period, stood on the site of the



present Presbyterian Church. It was erected by persons of the "Episcopal persuasion." In 1784 it was made a school and free meeting house, with the preference given to Episcopal ministers. Later, it was made famous as the place at which the first State convention—to consider the proposed Federal Constitution—met, July 21, 1788.

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

1. First Baptist Church. Organized on November 19, 1853.
2. Mount Bright Baptist Church. Organized 1866. The land was given by the widow of the Hon. William A. Graham, Governor of North Carolina, 1845.
3. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Organized Aug. 24, 1824. The land was given by Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin.
4. Mebane Chapel. Organized in 1913. Church was erected in 1914. Land obtained from Abe and Annie B. Mebane.
5. Hillsborough Methodist Church. Organized in 1807.
6. Dickerson's Chapel A.M.E. Church. Organized in 1851.
7. Hillsborough Presbyterian Church. Organized in 1816.
8. Presbyterian Church for Colored People was organized in 1877.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1867-68 George Laws, Treasurer.

1869-71 Edwin S. Brown, Treasurer.

1871 Dr. C. C. Taylor, Treasurer.

1872 James R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1873 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1874 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1875 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.

1876 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.  
1877 J. R. Gattis, Treasurer.  
1878 C. C. Taylor, Treasurer.  
1879 C. C. Taylor, Treasurer.

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

1880 J. H. Wheeler, Treasurer; also pastor. Pastor's salary \$300.

Hillsborough Recorder, published by Dennis Heartt, 1861, gave the appointments of preachers of the N. C. Conference 1861-62. Hillsborough Church and Hillsborough Circuit ~~was~~ in the Raleigh District; Wm. Barringer was the presiding elder. *was*

At this time the districts were as follows:

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



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## METHODISTS

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

In the United States, the Methodist Episcopal Church grew rapidly. In 1844, this body split on the question of slavery. The Southern members broke away from the main body to form the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The Methodist Protestant Church became another branch of the main church. Still another division was the Free Methodist Church, which insisted upon a return to the simple living and strict practices of earlier days. A plan of union was adopted in 1939 by uniting conferences of the various Churches. The Methodist Church was formed from a combination of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Doctrines of the Church are based on the specific teachings of Wesley.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In 1778 the North Carolina Circuit was divided into three circuits: Roanoke, Tar-River, and New Hope Circuits. The New Hope Circuit took its name from a small creek in Chatham that empties into Haw River. It included portions of Orange, Chatham, Cumberland, and Wake Counties.



The Circuit foundation was laid by James O'Kelley with the help of Beverly Allen. (From: History of Methodism In North Carolina—by W. L. Grisson)

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

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

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

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

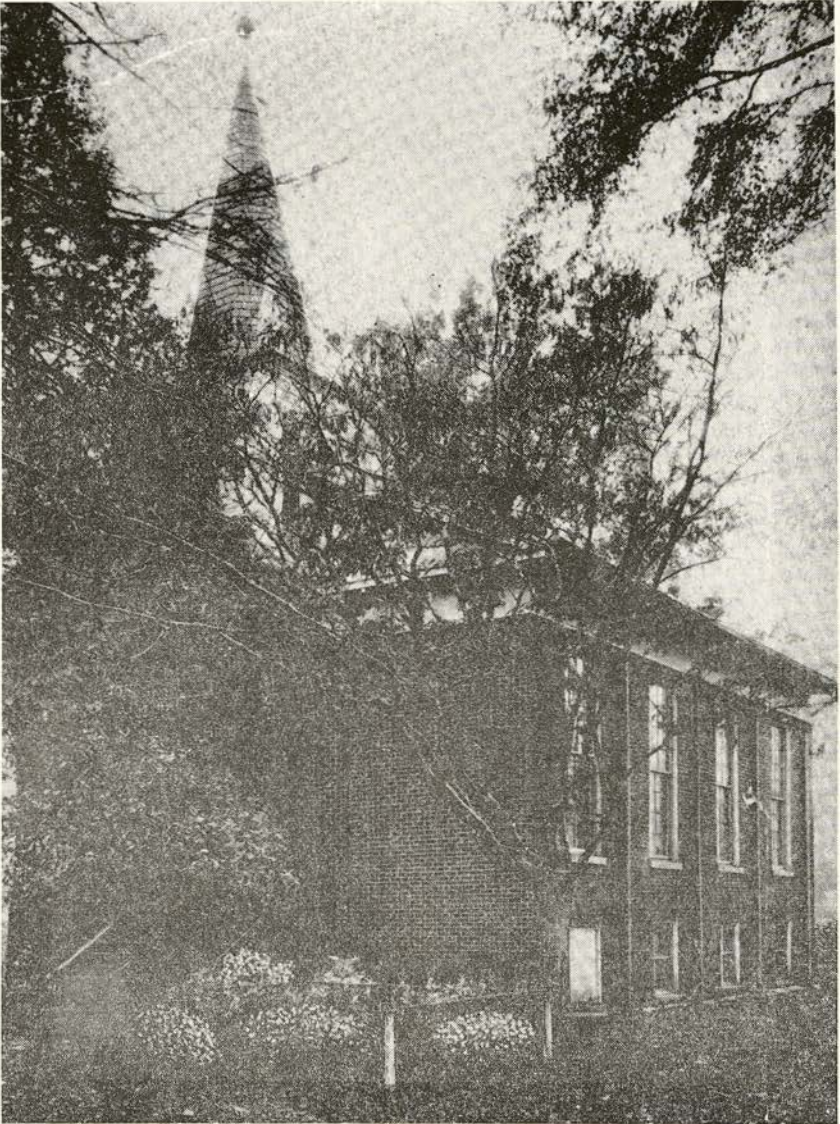
In the year 1866 the Hillsboro District was formed. In this new District were: Hillsboro, Chapel Hill, Durham, Haw River, Franklinville, Guilford, Alamance, Leasburg, and Person.

*Pastors that served New Hope Circuit:*

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



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



HILLSBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH  
*Rev. J. H. Wheeler's wife's grave 1878.*



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

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

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

*Pastors serving Hillsboro Methodist Church 1837-1961:*

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

1849-1850 Daniel Culbreth



Hillsborough District: Wm. M. Walsh (From Hillsborough Recorder) By: Dennis Heartt).

1862	S. D. Ruler	1893	D. N. Caviness
1863	Alexander R. Raven	1894	D. N. Caviness
1864	N. F. Reid	1895	D. N. Caviness
1865		1896	L. Lutch
1866	W. C. Wilson	1897	J. M. Terrell
1867	W. H. Bobbitt	1898-1900	E. W. Fox
1868		1901-1905	J. E. Bristone
1869		1905-1909	M. M. McFarland
1870	William Barringer	1909-1911	C. R. Ross
1871	S. W. Crawford	1911-1915	J. M. Ormond
1872	J. T. Harris	1915-1916	T. M. Grant
1873	J. T. Harris	1916-1919	Rev. Hester
1874	H. P. Cole	1919-1923	J. E. Blalock
1875	H. P. Cole	1923-1927	S. F. Nicks
1876	J. H. Wheeler	1927-1928	J. L. Smith
1877	J. H. Wheeler	1928-1932	A. J. Parker
1878	J. H. Wheeler	1932-1936	F. A. Lupton
1879	J. H. Wheeler	1936-1940	J. V. Earley
1880-1882	J. O. Guthrie	1940-1945	S. F. Nicks
1883-1885	J. E. Gray	1945-1951	C. S. Hubbard
1886	L. E. Thompson	1951-1952	W. L. Manes
1887	J. G. Nelson	1952-1956	A. M. Williams
1888-1890	W. H. Puckett	1956-1958	W. A. Seawell
1892	J. M. Lowder	1958	S. T. Kimbrough, Jr.

#### FRANCIS ASBURY

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



BISHOP FRANCIS ASBURY  
1874



REV. H. P. COLE  
Pastor — Hillsborough, N. C.  
1874-1875

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

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

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

(From: The Life of Bishop Asbury — By Herbert Asbury — Page #186)

1780 — New Hope Circuit

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

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

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

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

## PASTORS BIOGRAPHY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

*W. H. Bobbitt* was born 1876 at Halifax County, North Carolina. Joined the conference 1846 at Newbern S. C. He served Hillsboro, N. C. in 1867, 1868, and 1869.

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

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

*J. H. Wheeler* was born in 1810, in Newark, N. J. He joined the conference in 834 at Charleston, S. C. Rev. Wheeler served Hillsboro, N. C. in 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Jackson Lafayette Smith* was born August 8, 1876 in the Cold Springs





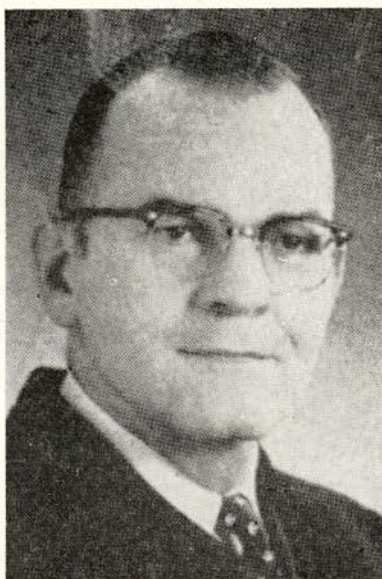
DR. JESSE MARVIN ORMOND  
(1878-1959)  
*Hillsboro 1911-1915*



REV. J. C. SMITH  
*Pastor — Hillsboro 1927*



REV. S. F. NICKS  
*Pastor at Hillsboro  
Methodist Church  
1923-1927  
1940-1945*



REV. J. V. EARLY, P. P.  
*Pastor Hillsboro Methodist Church  
1936-1940*

community of Cabarrus County, about 4 miles from Concord. He is the son of the late Francis Marion Smith and Susan Hedrick Smith. His living brothers are J. J. and C. C. Smith of Kannapolis, and his sister is Mrs. Horace Blackwelder, of Charlotte.

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

"All the time", he said, "I felt the call to preach," but he could not tear himself away from the grocery business. Finally the day came when he went home and told his wife of his life's ambition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Pelham	1907-1911
Milton	1911-1915
Yanceyville	1915-1919
Leasburg	1919-1923
Hillsboro	1923-1927
Brooksdale	1927-1933
Cedar Grove	1933-1940
Hillsboro	1940-1945

Rev. Hicks retired in 1945 at Conference in Goldsboro.

#### *Hillsboro Charge*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

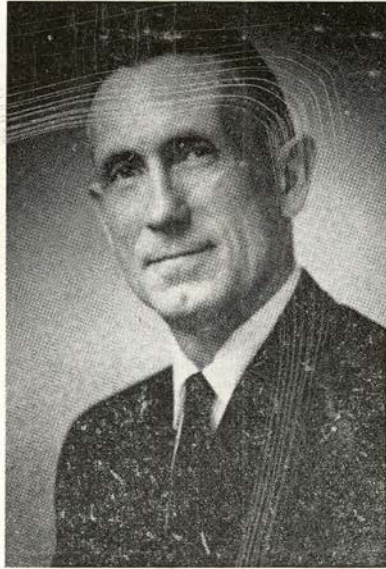
He was educated in the public schools of N. C., Asbury College, Asbury Theological Seminary, and the Duke Divinity School. He was awarded Doctor of Divinity degree by the Asbury Seminary in May, 1956.

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

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

Dr. Early was married to Miss Christine Stansbury of La Grange, Texas, on December 28, 1934. One child, a son, J. Virgil Early, Jr., 22, who graduated from the University of North Carolina, 1960. He is now in the U. S. Army.





REV. C. S. HUBBARD  
*1945-1951*



REV. W. A. SEAWELL  
*Pastor Hillsboro Methodist Church  
1956-1958*



REV. W. L. MANESS  
*Pastor — Hillsboro  
1951-1952*



REV. A. M. WILLIAMS  
*Pastor Hillsboro Methodist Church*  
1952-1956



REV. S. T. KIMBROUGH, JR.  
1958-

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

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

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

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

*Rev. W. A. Seawell* entered the ministry in 1947, at the age of 32 years. He received his education at Elon College, Duke Divinity School, and Emory University. Married and they have three children, 2 girls and one boy. He served the following charges: the Pittsboro Charge, Pittsboro, N. C.; Salem-Chapel Charge, Graham, N. C.; Hillsboro Charge, Hillsboro, N. C. and Roxboro, N. C. He now serves Carr Methodist Church, 107 N. Driver Ave., Durham, N. C.

*Rev. S. T. Kimbrough* was born at Athens, Alabama, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Kimbrough. He was educated at Birmingham Southern College



and Duke University. He was Pastor of Acmar Methodist Church, Acmar, Ala. Assistant Pastor, Eleventh Ave. Methodist, Birmingham, Ala., and Youth Minister, Canterbury Methodist, Birmingham, Ala.. He is married to Sarah Robinson Kimbrough, has four sons, David, Timothy, Steven, and Mark. He is current pastor of Hillsboro Methodist Church. He is a member of the North Alabama Conference.

### HILLSBORO METHODIST CHURCH ORGANIZED — 1807

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

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

Book #20, Page-378: The Hillsboro Methodist Church bought from James Webb February, 1823. This deed has been checked by two lawyers and is believed to be true.



METHODIST CHURCH  
*Built 1857 by Captain John Berry*



This indenture made the twenty-first day in the year of our Lord 1823, between James Webb of Orange County, of the one part and Thomas Snipes of the County of Chatham and Joseph G. Bacon, William Robson, William Faucette and Joel Reynolds of Orange County, Trustees for the Methodist Episcopal Church established in the town of Hillsborough, of the other part witnesseth that the said James Webb for and inconsideration of the sum of 10 shillings of lawful money of the state afore said to them on hand paid by the said trustees at or before the sealing and delivering of these presents (the receipt whereof the said James Webb doth hereby acknowledge) hath given granted bargained and sold aliened conformed and conveyed and doth by these presents give grant bargains sell alien, confirm and convey unto the said Thomas Snipes, Joseph G. Bacon, William Robson, William Faucette, and Joel Reynolds, Trustees as aforesaid and their successors in office a certain tract and parcel of land part of a lot (on which part the house now stands) known in the plan of the Town of Hillsborough by lot number 102 situated lying and being in the town aforesaid and bounded as follows: Beginning on Tryon Street, thence along said street East 44 feet, thence north 44 feet, thence west 44 feet, then south 44 feet to the beginning on Tryon Street to have and to hold the said lot and parcel of land to them and other successors in office in Trust for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church aforesaid, provided never-the-less upon this condition that they keep or cause to be kept a Meeting House upon the said lot for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church aforesaid and in case of failure for ten years at any one time to keep a building upon the said lot for the above mentioned purpose then this grant and conveyance to be void and of no effect and the said James Webb and his heirs may revert and the said James Webb doth for himself and his heirs covenant to and with the said Trustees and their successors that the said James Webb and his heirs the right of the said Trustees, and other successors against the right title interest or claim of the said James Webb and his heirs of all living or other persons claiming by through or under shall and will warrant and forever defend in witnesseth whereof the said James Webb hath hereunto set his hand and offered his seal this day and year above written.

James Webb (Sealed)  
Feb. Ten, 1823

Signed In Presence of  
Thomas Crowder

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

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

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

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

*Church — 1859:* The deed for the Hillsboro Methodist Church is recorded in Deed Book 36, Page 156 and 157, dated April 4, 1859, from Henry N. Brown to Methodist Episcopal Church South, which conveys a tract of



land fronting on Tryon Street 100 feet, with a depth of 150 feet. The lot number is 95.

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

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

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

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

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

This article was taken from the News and Observer, March 13, 1932. At this time, there were 192 members in Sunday School, with 152 students. J. Clyde Ray, Superintendent. The Epworth League with 26 members, presided over by J. B. Midgett. The Charge Layleader was Professor G. A. Brown, F. Y. Noell, Secretary; R. J. Forrest, Treasurer; J. L. Brown, N. W. Brown, E. C. Liner, J. Clyde Ray, and Fred Smith were members of the Board.

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

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

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

In 1881 a complaint was frequently heard, that some people were observed leaving Sunday School and not remaining for Church. (No one but the person himself was to blame). (From 1950—News clipping)

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

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

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

When the church was first built the floor in the Sanctuary was slant-

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

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

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

### THE BIBLE

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



HILLSBORO METHODIST CHURCH PARSONAGE—1961

### PARSONAGE

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

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





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

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

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

H. Hamilton was Clerk of Court at this time. (This information from Book #57, Pages 208 and 209.)

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

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

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

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

The lot #94 contains 264 feet depth and 165 feet frontage.

#### *Sunday School 1908-1909*

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

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

*Membership:*

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

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

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

Membership Methodist Church—year about 1910

Mr. Speck Faucette—Treasurer

Lizzie Anderson	Mrs. J. G. Brown	Frances Carter
John Bland	Maude Brown	N. L. Causey
Mrs. Bland	Alan Browning	Mrs. Causey
Emma Lloyd	Minnie Browning	Sallie W. Christmas
Margaret Brown	Max Browning	Virgin Cole
N. W. Brown	Nell Browning	Mrs. Mary Cole
Rubie G. Brown	Alan Browning, Jr.	Mrs. Annie Cole
Leigh Brown	T. J. Burroughs	J. M. Conklin
H. N. Brown	Hattie Brown	Maggie Conklin
Henry Brown, Jr.	J. E. Carter	Wm. C. Crabtree
Estelle Brown	Mrs. J. E. Carter	Annie Crabtree
Julia Brown	James Carter	Ormond Crabtree
J. G. Brown	Margaret Carter	O. G. Crawford



Ruth Crawford  
Ella Crawford  
R. D. Daniel  
Mrs. Ida Daniel  
Nell Daniel  
Mary Helen Daniel  
Mary Dodson  
George Dunn  
Nannie Dunn  
Hattie Dunn  
Bera Dunn  
Rudie Dunn  
Carrie Dunn  
Fannie Faucette  
Fletcher R. Faucette  
R. C. Faucette  
Josephine Forrest  
Maggie E. Forrest  
Oswin Forrest  
Ben B. Forrest  
Mary Belle Forrest  
Felix Forrest  
Robert Forrest  
Vincent Forrest  
Frances Forrest  
Marvin Fowler  
Glenora Fowler  
S. M. Gattis, Sr.  
Margaret Gattis  
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Mrs. J. G. Godfrey  
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Mrs. Roan Graham  
B. O. Hester  
M. E. Hester  
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J. C. Haley  
Joe P. Hassell  
Louise W. Hassell  
Mrs. Henry Iler  
Mrs. Ida Johnson  
W. H. Jordan

Loidia Jordan  
Pearl Jordan  
Effie Jordan  
Wm. P. Jordan  
Mrs. Annie Jordan  
Annie Kenion  
Mae Latta  
Cora H. Lewis  
Annie C. Lockhart  
A. T. L'oyd  
Mary W. Lloyd  
Agnes Lloyd  
Ethel Lloyd  
Evelyn Lloyd  
Thelbert W. Lloyd  
Julia Lynch  
Mrs. Thomas E. Lynch  
Annie Parrish  
Miss Emma Pogue  
Willie Pollard  
Carrie G. Porter  
C. J. Ray  
Blanch Ray  
John C. Ray  
J. Clyde Ray  
Mammie Ray  
Clarence Ray  
Flora Ray  
J. R. Roach  
Ella Roach  
Robert Roach  
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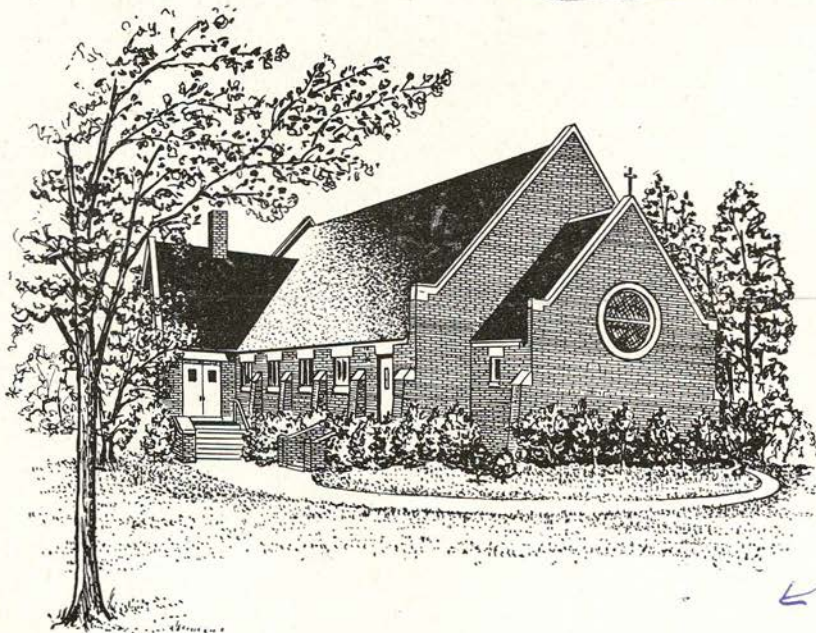
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Cora Steward  
Georgie Stutts  
Mrs. Mattie Taylor  
Glenn Thomas  
C. C. Tilley  
Mrs. C. C. Tilley  
Lucius Tilley  
Annie Belle Tilley  
C. D. Turner  
J. F. Turner  
Emma Turner  
Estelle Ward  
Bess Whitfield  
Fletcher Williams  
Florence Williams  
Ruby Williams  
Otie Williams  
Alan Williams  
Iva Williams  
Alan Whitaker  
Mary Whitaker  
Ernest Spoon  
Paul Riley  
Inez Howard  
S. P. Lockhart  
Carrie B. Lockhart  
H. Longwell  
F. Y. Noell  
Oma Rhew  
Minnie Rhew  
Weaver Roach  
W. B. Rosemond  
Mrs. W. B. Rosemond



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

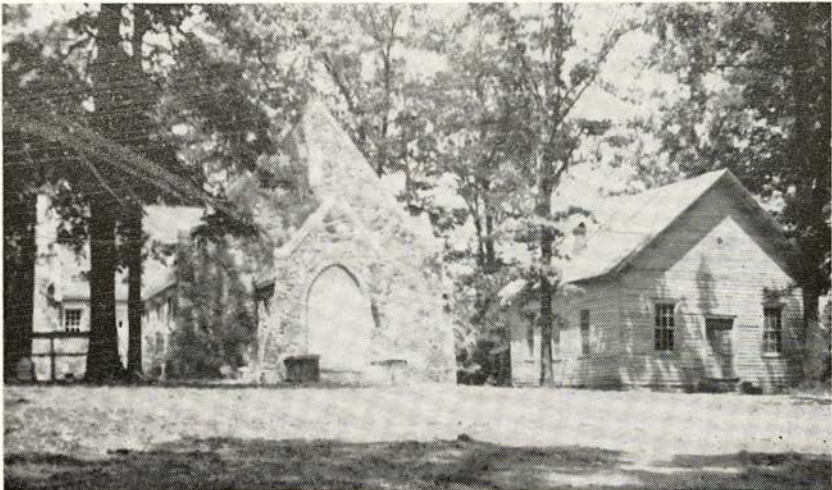


*New Sharon Church*, organized in 1768; building erected in 1948, seats 250; membership—265.





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

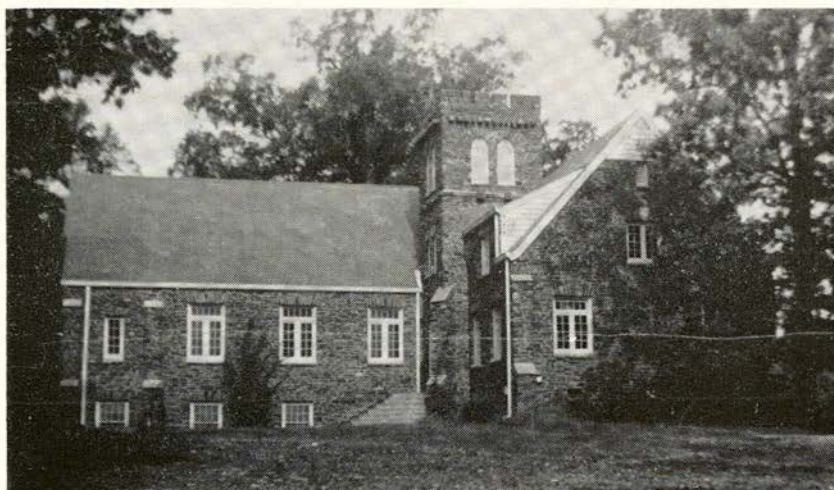


*Union Grove Methodist Church* was organized in 1846. Leaders were: Thomas Long, Lemuel Carroll, Thomas C. Hayes, Calvin Bishop, and Daniel Thomas. First pastor: Alson Gray. Cornerstone present building laid 1946. This Church seats about 200; membership—100.





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



*New Cedar Grove Church*



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





*Palmer Grove Church* was organized about 1938. Leaders in the organization: E. T. Blakeley, R. F. Murdock, and T. H. Yates. Membership: 106. Choir Director, Organist, and Pianist Hillsboro Methodist Church, Mrs. Anne Lockhart served as Choir Director for several years; Mrs. Pauline Lloyd served as Organist and Sunday School teacher for 25 years; Miss Grace Bivins served as pianist; Mrs. Agnes Lloyd Mincey served as pianist; Mrs. J. J. Ward served as pianist; Miss Frances Carter, pianist; Mrs. E. R. Dowdy, Choir Director.

*Hillsboro Church*

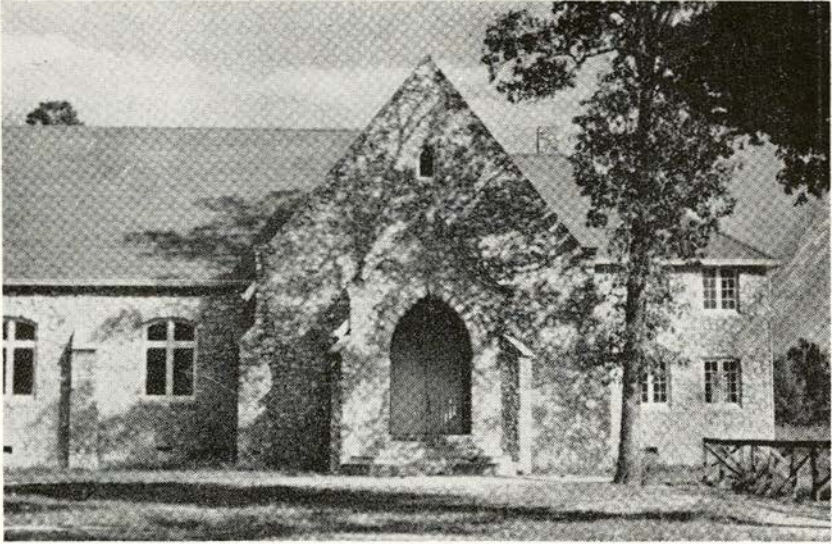


*Sanctuary of Hillsborough Methodist Church*



G. A. BROWN



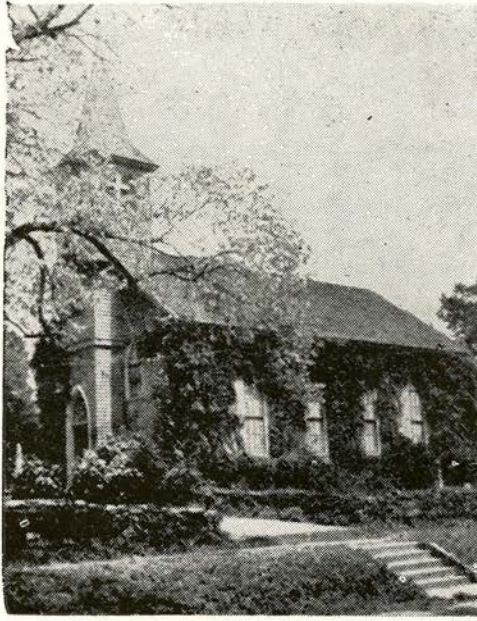


*Walnut Grove Methodist Church*

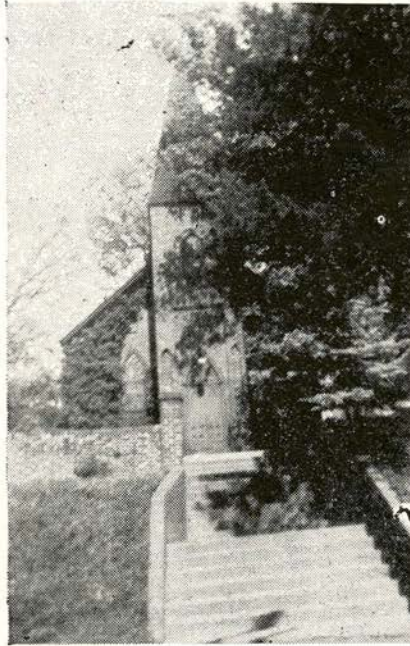
*Old Churches of Hillsborough.*



*Hillsborough Baptist Church*



*Presbyterian Church*



*Episcopal Church*



## HILLSBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

### *Superintendents of Sunday School*

1900 to 1961

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

\*Served longer than anyone else.

### *Sunday School Teachers — 1900-1961*

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

### *Enrollment — Methodist Church — 1961*

Allison, Marion	Brown, Maude
Allison, Margaret	Brown, Hattie
Allison, Craig	Brown, Randolph
Allison, Karen	Brown, Lucius
Bacon, Vesta	Brown, Mrs. Lucius
Bacon, J. J.	Brown, Lucius, III
Bason, Earl	Brown, Barbara
Bason, Mrs. Earl	Brown, Herman, Jr.
Berry, Helen	Brown, Joyce
Ballard, John	Brown, G. A.
Ballard, Mrs. John	Brown, Mrs. G. A.
Bivins, Harold	Brown, Bobby
Bivins, Ellen	Brown, Harry
Bivins, Beverly	Brown, Henrietta
Bivins, Tom	Browning, Mrs. Alan
Bivins, Nettie	Broadwell, Graham
Bivins, John	Brown, Estelle
Bivins, Carolyn	Brown, Laney
Bivins, Betty	Brown, Julia
Bivins, Evelyn	Broili, Grace Mitchell
Bivins, Hubert	Burch, Hugh
Brown, Mrs. J. L.	Burch, Mrs. Hugh

Bartlette Stella  
 Cates, Mrs. M. L. Sr.  
 Cates, James R.  
 Cates, M. L. Jr.  
 Cates, Mrs. M. L. Jr.  
 Cates, Chandler  
 Cates, Mrs. Chandler  
 Cates, Suzianne  
 Cates, Faye  
 Cates, Karl M.  
 Cates, Madison  
 Cates, Mrs. Madison  
 Cates, Marvin  
 Cole, Mrs. Annie B.  
 Cole, Mrs. C. C.  
 Coman, J. H.  
 Coman, Mrs. J. H.  
 Carr, G. P., Sr.  
 Carr, Mrs. G. P., Sr.  
 Carr, Joy  
 Carr, Paul, Jr.  
 Cromer, Mrs. C. T.  
 Cox, Mary  
 Chance, Mrs. William  
 Chance, Ora  
 Chance, Fred  
 Conklin, Mrs. J. M.  
 Crabtree, Jim  
 Crabtree, Mrs. Jim  
 Crabtree, Ormond  
 Crabtree, Mrs. N. D.  
 Crawford, Ruth  
 Clark, Marion  
 Clark, Margaret  
 Clark, Judy  
 Coley, Gladys  
 Cannady, Barbara  
 Crawford, Mrs. Ann  
 Dowdy, E. R.  
 Dowdy, Mrs. E. R.  
 Dowdy, Judy Carol  
 Dowdy, Jack  
 Forrest, George  
 Forrest, John  
 Forrest, Everett  
 Forrest, Beth  
 Forrest, Mrs. Billye  
 Forrest, Patricia  
 Forrest, Vincent  
 Forrest, Mrs. R. O.  
 Forrest, Mary B.  
 Forrest, Jake  
 Forrest, Mrs. Virginia  
 Forrest, Roy  
 Forrest, Mrs. Roy  
 Forrest, Teresa  
 Forrest, Phyllis  
 Forrest, Bobby  
 Forrest, Mrs. Bobby  
 French, Grace Bernice  
 Gattis, Mrs. Virginia  
 Gattis, Jean  
 Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. B. P., Sr.  
 Gordon, B. P., Jr.  
 Gordon, Mable  
 Gordon, Mark  
 Gilmore, Will  
 Gilmore, Robert  
 Gilmore, Mrs. Robert  
 Gentry, Paul  
 Gentry, Mrs. Paul  
 Hayes, Mrs. Maude  
 Huvane, Helen R.  
 Isenhour, Vance  
 Isenhour, Betty  
 Isenhour, Skippy  
 James, Mrs. Oma  
 James, Charlotte  
 Kenyon, Charles  
 Kenyon, Van  
 Kenyon, Mrs. Van  
 Kenyon, S. Alice  
 Kenyon, Nicky  
 Kenyon, V. L., III  
 King, Otto  
 King, Mrs. Otto  
 King, W. C.  
 King, Timothy  
 Kimbrough, S. T.  
 Kimbrough, Mrs. S. T.  
 Kimbrough, David  
 Knight, Clarence  
 Knight, Mrs. Clarence  
 Knight, Gene  
 Knight, Jack  
 Knight, Joel  
 Laws, Ed  
 Laws, Mrs. Ed  
 Latta, Mrs. Molly  
 Liner, E. C.  
 Liner, Mrs. E. C.  
 Liner, N. Carol  
 Liner, Cornelius  
 Liner, Swain  
 Liner, Miss Rebecca  
 Lloyd, Pauline  
 Lloyd, A. A.  
 Lloyd, Evelyn  
 Lloyd, Mary  
 Lloyd, Helen  
 Lloyd, Edna  
 Lloyd, Nellie R. (Haithcock)  
 Loftin, Dalton  
 Loftin, Mrs. Dalton  
 Lockhart, Mrs. Annie  
 Lockhart, Eugene  
 Lynch, Mrs. Daisy  
 Martin, Vance  
 Martin, Mrs. Vance  
 Marshall, R. C.  
 Marshall, Mrs. R. C.  
 Marshall, Tommie



Marshall, Beth  
 Mays, H. M.  
 Mays, Mrs. H. M.  
 Midgett, J. B.  
 Midgett, Helen  
 Midgett, John  
 Miller, Jack  
 Miller, Mrs. Jack  
 Miller, Larry  
 Miller, Garland  
 Miller, Flora  
 Miller, Frank  
 Miller, Cecil  
 Miller, Mrs. Cecil  
 Miller, Leroy  
 Miller, Mrs. Leroy  
 Minnis, Odell  
 Minnis, Mrs. Odell  
 Minnis, J. S.  
 Minnis, Sam  
 Minnis, Gladys  
 Minnis, R. C., Jr.  
 Minnis, Mrs. R. C., Jr.  
 Minnis, Don  
 Minnis, Donna  
 Mitchell, Dorothy  
 Mitchell, Mrs. Wm.  
 Mitchell, Wm., Jr.  
 Moore, Dr. H. W.  
 Moore, Mrs. H. W.  
 Moore, Walton  
 Moore, Billie  
 Moore, Faye T.  
 Noel, F. Y.  
 Nicks, Mrs. S. F.  
 Norris, John  
 Norris, Mrs. John  
 Patterson, Quentin  
 Patterson, Mrs. Quentin  
 Powell, Horace  
 Powell, Mrs. Horace  
 Parrish, C. B.  
 Parrish, Mrs. C. B.  
 Porter, Rose  
 Porter, Margaret  
 Porter, F. R.  
 Porter, Forrest  
 Riley, Mrs. Herbert  
 Reinhardt, Joe F.  
 Reinhardt, Mrs. Joe  
 Reinhardt, Harvy  
 Reinhardt, Tom T. *John*  
 Rheinhardt, Mary  
 Rheinhardt, Betty L.  
 Reinhardt, Lucy  
 Reterstoff, Elsie  
 Ray, J. Clyde  
 Ray, Mrs. Mamie  
 Ray Kathryn  
 Reitzel, George  
 Richmond, Mrs. J. W.  
 Richmond, Bruce  
 Richmond, J. W., Jr.  
 Rhew, Curtis  
 Rhew, Mrs. Curtis  
 Rosemond, James  
 Rosemond, J. F.  
 Rosemond, Betty S.  
 Rosemond, Marvin  
 Robinson, Clifton  
 Robinson, Mrs. Clifton  
 Rogers, Russell  
 Rogers, Margaret  
 Rogers, Martha Lockhart  
 Scott, Clyde  
 Stanfield, Nick  
 Smith, Ted  
 Smith, Mrs. Ted  
 Summey, Warren  
 Summey, Mrs. Warren  
 Sharpe, Wayland  
 Sharpe, Mrs. Wayland  
 Smith, Mrs. H. L.  
 Shope, Mrs. J. M.  
 Shoaf, Ted  
 Shoaf, Mrs. Ted  
 Terrell, Mrs. Mary F.  
 Terrell, Edward  
 Teer, George  
 Teer, Mrs. George  
 Teer, George, Jr.  
 Teer, Marvin  
 Thomas, Ralph  
 Thomas, Mrs. O. L.  
 Thomas, Seth  
 Thomas, Harry  
 Thomas, Glenn  
 Thomas, Roy  
 Thomas, Mrs. Roy  
 Thomas, Rebecca  
 Turner, Frank  
 Turner, Clifton  
 Turner, Louise  
 Tatum, Mrs. Carolyn  
 Turner, Billie  
 Turner, Flosie  
 Turner, Mrs. Bunn, Jr.  
 Turner, Delma  
 Turner, Mrs. Delma  
 Ward, Ira  
 Ward, Mrs. Ira  
 Williams, Larry  
 Williams, Ted  
 Warren, Mrs. Helen  
 Walker, Mrs. Frank  
 Williams, Hattie  
 Williams, Mrs. Alton  
 Williams, Alton  
 Williams, P. R.  
 Williams, Kaye  
 Walser, Mrs. R. C.  
 Whitaker, Vera

Whitaker, Donald  
Williams, Mrs. A. M.  
Williams, Mrs. Peggy Jean  
Worley, Annie L. Clark

Wright, Donald  
Wright, Mrs. Donald  
Winstead, Jean  
York, Ruby Laws

*Williams, James*

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

As follows:

Rouhlac Place, N. E. Town

*Queen Street.*

Dennis Heath Residence  
Dr. Long (Son-in-law of James Webb)  
Dr. James Webb's Residence  
Dr. James Webb's Drug Store

*Church Street (Now Tryon Street)*

Hillsborough Methodist Church  
Female Academy

*King Street*

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

*Churton Street*

Dennis Heartt Printing Shop  
(Now A. H. Graham's Law Office)  
Several Stores and Taverns  
Mr. A. H. Graham's Residence—(Location first owned by Bishop Green).  
Sam Kirkland's Residence.





R. O. FORREST



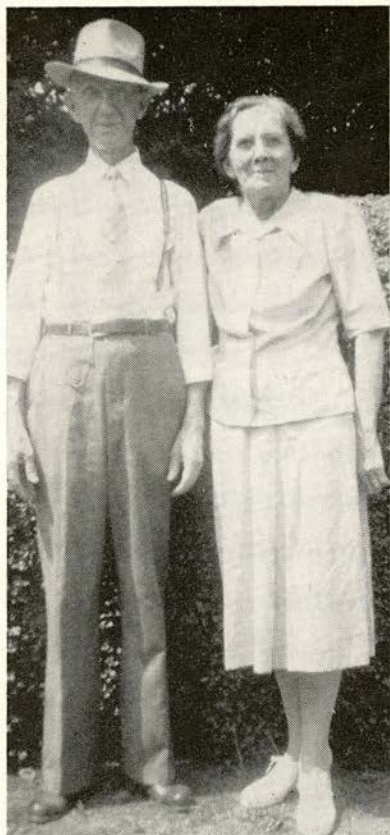
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MRS. O. L. THOMAS



J. SCOTT



MR. and MRS. J. F. TURNER



J. CLYDE RAY



S. M. GATTIS



CHARLIE JAMES



Year	Local Preachers	White Members	Colored Members	Sunday Schools	Sun. School Supts.	Sun. School Teachers	Scholars	Library Volumes	Sun. School Colored	Converts	White on Probation	Colored on Probation	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	Number of Churches	Churches Value
1852 ST.	1	73	36	1	2	10	55	300								
CT.	3	687	80	6	8	33	275									
1853 ST.	2	184	72	2	3	21	130	750	12.50							
CT.	4	709	59	4	4	29	152	325	18.00							
1854 ST.	1	70	30	1	1	9	53	400								
CT.	5	681	79	4	6	16	175	275	2.30							
1855-56																
1857 ST.	2	55	20	1	1	7	46	300			5	1				
CT.	5	616	118	3	3	8	90				32	16				
1858-59																
1860 ST.	1	82	39	1		8	50		18.00	1	1	1				
CT.	3	635	136	4		31	182			20	76	16				
1861-65																
1866 ST.		60		1		10	60						1	4		
1866-68																
1869		65		1		9	65							7		
1869-71																
1872		273		3		32	150						8	20		
1873	2	300	3	3		21	150	850					8	14		\$5,750
1874	2	319	1	3		22	155	850					10	19	3	\$5,750
1875	1	86	1	3		19	87	500					1	5	1	\$3,500
1876	2	306	1	3		22	250	1150					8	25	3	\$5,500
1877	1	287	1	2		23	220	1100						4	3	\$5,000
1878	1	159	1	2		17	90	900					3	3	2	\$3,000
1879	2	157	1	2		9	80	900								\$3,250
1880 ST.	1	58	1	1		6	25	800					2	1	1	\$3,000
CT.		886		5		26	310	325					11	92	4	\$2,375
1881	1	568		7		32	400	1128					7	31	5	\$5,000