

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

A. Present Churches

BATTLEBORO: Town of Battleboro; Founded in 1878 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 22, 1805, Book 11, Page 521; Formerly "Free Church," Methodist Protestant property in the Nash County portion of Battleboro given by oral agreement was sold June 18, 1875, Book 38, Page 500, Nash County Registry; Membership 173.

CONETOE: On Hicks Street in the town of Conetoe; Founded in 1890 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 1, 1893, Book 80, Page 364; Membership 115.

- \* MCKENDREE: Intersection of County Roads 1222 and 1224 three miles southwest of Tarboro; Founded by 1875 according to a county history; Earliest deed March 28, 1891, Book 70, Page 500 for land whereon the church and cemetery are located; Membership 32.

PINETOPS: Town of Pinetops; Founded in 1903 according to a church history; Earliest deed December 2, 1905, Book 12, 8, Page 75; Membership of Sparta Church (standing in 1873) and St. Marys Church in St. Louis (1891) united with Pinetops Church in 1905; Membership 194.

- \* ROCKY MOUNT, CLARK STREET: Corner of Redgate Street and Clark Street; Founding date not reported; Earliest deed is for Baraca Church, September 20, 1909, Book 140, Page 467; Adjoining lot acquired by Clark Street Church, November 13, 1913, Book 172, Page 18; Baraca Church conveyed original lot to Clark Street Church February 23, 1920, Book 223, Page 69; Membership 368.

- \* SPEIGHT: Intersection of County Roads 1409 and 1435 about six miles east of Battleboro; Founded 1877 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 20, 1900, Book 99, Page 580 for land where a Methodist Protestant Church and burial ground were located; Membership 69.

TARBORO, HART: 201 Virginia Street; Founded August 2, 1955 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 1, 1955, Book 571, Page 87; May have formerly been Deans Chapel established before 1891 at the old Tarboro Cotton Mills according to a county history, January 26, 1891, Book 70, Page 308; Membership 112.

- TARBORO, SAINT JAMES: 211 East Saint James Street; Founded in 1782 by Edward Dromgoole and Jesse Lee; Francis Asbury preached in the courthouse in 1796; Chapel dedicated by Asbury February, 1802 according to a printed church history; The Virginia Conference met in Tarboro in 1809; Earliest deed April 21, 1854, Book 26, Page 481; Became Saint James by July 8, 1904; Membership 715.

TEMPERANCE HALL: Intersection of County Roads 1003 and 1124 at the Wilson County line; Founded as an interdenominational church at the beginning of the nineteenth century with the Sons of Temperance meeting in the hall upstairs according to a county history; Dr. John R. Mercer bequeathed the building to the Methodist Society in his will probated November 26, 1894, Will Book H, Page 304; Membership 145.

#### B. Former Churches

BETHESDA: Earliest deed September 26, 1854; Book 26, Page 421; Methodist Episcopal, South.

EPWORTH: Earliest deed August --, 1891; Book 76, Page 26; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MARYS CHAPEL: Earliest deed August --, 1891; Book 80, Page 344; Methodist Episcopal, South.

OLD SPARTA: Earliest deed February 9, 1878; Book 42, Page 534; Methodist Episcopal, South.

ROCKY MOUNT: Earliest deed November 23, 1911; Book 160, Page 65; Methodist Protestant..

SARATOGA: Earliest deed January 2, 1833; Book 21, Page 253; Methodist.

WHITAKERS: Earliest deed August 10, 1881; Book 53, Page 211; Methodist Protestant.

#### C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist: July 5, 1806; Book 12, Page 392.

Methodist Episcopal, South: January 18, 1854; Book 26, Page 435.

Methodist Protestant: August 21, 1869; Book 30, Page 758.