

## HISTORY OF AIMWELL CHURCH, RIDGEWAY, S.C. 1841-1865.

Records of Aimwell Church. March 10th. 1841.

This church, like many others in the state has been without a book of records, up to the present time (1841) and the most of the facts contained in its history are traditional and are not to be relied upon as correct in every particular. We have however, endeavoured to collect all the facts as accurately as possible and record them that the future members may have some trace of this church in its origin.

It appears from a statement made by Rev. John B. Davies x That the church on Cedar Creek known by the title of Aimwell was recognized as a church under the care of the original Presbytery of South Carolina and was received under its care on the 25th of October 1799, at a meeting of the Presbytery at Bearsheba Church in York Dist. at its last meeting prior to a division of that Presbytery into, a first, & second Presbytery of South Carolina.

The number of members when this church was organized is not known but it is supposed to be about thirty.

The first church building seems to have been built about the year 1799 on a peice of land appropriated for that purpose the year previous by Mr. Francis Robinson. Shortly after the erection of this building the church was organised under the pastoral care of the Rev. George Reed.

Mr. John Roseborough was ordained as the first elder. About two years after wards, Mr. Wm. Robinson was ordained to the eldership. Rev. George Reed continued his labours to this church about seven years when he removed to Camden at which time his connection with Aimwell was dissolved. For one or two years this church was without any supply, receiving only occasionally a Sermon from Rev. Wm. G. Roseborough & the Rev. Porter, when it received a stated supply from the Rev. Anthoney W. Ross for years.

Mr. Ross had during his term of service to this church, the united charge of Winnsboro & Salem, giving half his time to Winnsborough, & one fourth each to the other places. (Note, Rev. A. W. Ross states he only preached a few times at Mr. Roseborough's one summer for the accomodation of his family, and he knew of no church or elders.)

During or shortly after Mr. Ross's connection with this church, the original building was consumed by fire, after which the congregation was without a house of worship for some years. A log building was then erected near the site of the present building, which was used by the congregation until the year 1833, when the framed building which is now used was erected. About the year 1822, Mr. Ross removed to Pendleton, after which there was a destitution for some years, when the church was supplied by Rev. Mr. McKenzie, who continued nearly one year when he was succeeded by Rev. Wm. Brearly, who continued to supply this church until the year 1837, one fourth of his time. During the year 1837, Mr. John Robinson was elected & ordained to the eldership.

The bench of elders then & at present consisted of Messrs. John Roseborough & John Robinson. Mr. Wm. Robinson having long since ceased to officiate.

In May 1838 Mr. Mitchell Peden while a probationer was invited to supply this church. He haveing accepted a commission under the domestic board of missions, engaged to supply this church and its vicinity for one year, during which time he was invited to supply Mt. Olivet which invitation was accepted & entered upon in Nov. of the same year.

He continued to supply this church while a probationer & when having received a call from Mt. Olivet & having received ordination & being installed Pastor of that church in December 1839, he was invited to supply this church for two years. At the expiration of this time, he was invited to supply the church from year to year.

There is no account of any extensive revivals ever occurring in this church during the first forty years of its existence. Now & then a member was added, which served to supply the vacancy occasioned by deaths & migration. The kind hand of providence has preserved & kept alive this little vine, through almost a half century, surrounded with many difficulties. This portion of Zion has enjoyed less stated means than almost any other contemporary branch. The only regular preaching was supplies one Sabbath in the month, & frequently entirely destitute for months & some times years. But we are not to despise the day of small things. The smallest and most destitute portion of his Zion is not forgotten by him. "Fear not O Israel, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine. When thou passeth through the water I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not over flow thee. When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burnt, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God the holy one of Israel, thy Saviour."

When Mr. Peden commenced to supply this church in May 1838, the number of communing white members was thirty-one, and blacks one. Since that time seven white and one black members have been added. Two (2) have died & two (2) have removed out of the bounds of the church, leaving now in all, thirty-seven (37). There has been no special revival but some additions every spring & fall. The general attention to preaching has been good, & the number of hearers increasing. The bible class has been at a stand, as it respects numbers, but increasing in point of improvement. Regular preaching was commenced to the blacks in the year '39, but for want of place to occupy it was arrested. It was commenced again in '40 under the grove, but dispensed with through the winter months, on account of the inclemency of the weather. The number of hearers is from 25 to 35. Good attention given by the blacks. Some amongst this people have been impressed by the word, & manifested some anxiety for their eternal interests, and one has applied to the session for admission into the church. (March 25th 1841.)

Oct. 15th 1842. This church has suffered Great affliction during the last twelve month, in the Death of four of its members, two of whom were Elders, viz. Messrs. John Roseborough, his wife, Ann, & two Sons, Dr. J. T. & William Roseborough.

Mr. J. Roseboro had been a ruling elder in Aimwell Church more than thirty-five years, and it was principally through his instrumentality that the church was kept alive. His name is stamped on Memories page, will long be remembered as synonomous with Aimwell.

Note: Wm. Roseborough Died, 28th Oct. 1841.

Mrs. Ann Roseboro, 5th Dec. 1841.

Dr. James T. Roseboro, 15th Aug. 1842.

Mr. John Roseboro, Sen., 8th Oct. 1842.

He felt toward this church as one feels toward his own Children. He was often made to weep over its desolations, and rejoice in its prosperity. Now & then when one was added his heart was cheered but when the candle stick was removed from his place - "When the messenger of the Lord of host" would leave this field for another then was the fountain of his heart broken up. Then would tears of sorrow gust from his eyes in streams.

The first meeting of Presbytery that this church ever had the pleasure to enjoy has just closed its sessions, though organised forty-three years since. Presbytery convened at this church on Thursday, the 13th inst. & closed on the 15th, 1842. It was opened by a sermon from (Mat. II. 7) preached by Rev. M. Peden.

The meeting was harmonious, the preaching impressive, and its fruits will be gathered, though it be after many days. Oct. the 16, 1842.

We have some reason to hope that this church has brighter days in prospect than it ever enjoyed, inasmuch as the eldership has been increased to the number of four. May 1843.

Aimwell Church has again and again lost its members by being gathered home in the church eternal in the heavens not made with hands. But in the death of Margaret Emaline Craig, wife of A. K. Craig, the church is deprived of one whose christian character was marked by sincerity, affection and firmness of purpose. She was perfectly resigned to her master's will, while her faith in the Redeemer was unwavering. Thus did she await until her Spirit took its flight to join kindred Spirits beyond the Sky. In ascribing Glory & Dominion unto Him that loved us and washed us in his own blood and has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father. March 18th 1854.

John M. Goza an Elder in Aimwell church departed this life

1865. Bro. Goza was a consistent man and one that ruled conscientiously in the church.

#### RECORDS OF AIMWELL CHURCH

September 1839.

The Session of Aimwell Church met, was opened with prayer by Rev. Samuel Donnelly.

Members present, John Roseboro, & John Robinson.

The following persons presented themselves to the Session to be examined, viz. Mrs. Margaret Walker, Miss Mary Walker, Mrs. S. Goza & Mrs. Jane Williamson.

The Session being satisfied with these examinations received them into full communion. Session adjourned by the introduction of public worship.

/s/ M. Peden

The ordinance of Baptism was administered to Whitfield Robinson, infant of John & Elizabeth Robinson. March 1st 1840.

/s/ M. Peden

Saturday, June 1th 1840.

Wm. Roseborough & Alex. Robinson were elected ruling elders of Aimwell Church.

/s/ M. Peden

Baptism was administered to Mary Ann, infant daughter of Dr. James, & Elizabeth Roseborough - June 7, 1840.

June 7th 1840. Session met & opened with prayer. Members present Rev. M. Peden, John Roseborough & John Robinson.

John M.Goza, John Walker & Mrs. Jane Kennedy presented themselves for examination.

The Session satisfied with thair evidence on peity received them into the church.

Mrs. Kennedy was baptised & devine service commenced.  
/s/ M. Peden

Oct. 17th 1840.

Session met, was opened with prayer. Members present Rev. M. Peden, John Roseboro, & John Robinson.

When Dilsa, a coloured woman belonging to John Goza was examined & received & was baptised. Adjourned. /s/ M. Peden

Lords Supper administered. Rev. R. B. Campbell assisting. Oct. 17th 1840. /s/ M. Peden

On the 1st Sab. 8th Jan. 1840. The Semi-centinary was observed & sixty three dollars was subscribed for the Board of Publication.

Report of Aimwell Church

Communicants		Baptisms		Baptisms		
Added by	Added on	Total	Deaths	Dismissed	Adults	Infants
examination	Certification					
7		37	2		2	3

Funds		Commissions	
Domestic	Foreign	Mis. Publication	Commissions
		\$63	\$3

March 1841. /s/ M. Peden

Reviewed and Approved thus far. Cheraw. April 3rd 1841.  
/s/ S. Donnelly, Moderator

September 25th 1841.

Session met. Opened with prayer. Members present. Rev. M. Peden, John Roseborough, John Robinson. The following persons presented themselves to the Session vis. Mrs. Elizabeth Roseborough, Mrs. Mary Walker, Mrs. Sarah Ross, & Miss Nancy Walker. The session being satisfied with their examination, agreed to receive them, when baptised - none of whom had been baptised.

Adjourned with prayer. /s/ M. Peden

Sept. 26th 1841.

Session met. Opened with prayer, Members present. Rev. M. Peden, Elders John Roseborough, John Robinson.

Maj. Geo. R. Hunter & John G. Davis presented themselves as candidates for membership, & being examined, the Session was satisfied with their examination, received them as members. Adjourned with prayer.

/s/ M. Peden

Reviewed & approved thus far Hopewell Ch. April 9th 1842.  
/s/ Mitchell Peden, Mod.

Aimwell. May 28th 1842.

Session met, was opened with prayer. Members present, Rev. M. Peden, Messrs. John Roseborough & John Robinson. Mr. R. W. Palmer made applica-

tion to the Session for admittance to Church membership. And after being examined by the Session, It was agreed that she be received. Adjourned with prayer. /s/ M.Peden

Aimwell, 16th Oct. 1842.

Session met. Members present, Rev. M. Peden, John Robinson.

Miss Margaret Walker appeared before the Session & was examined on her experimental acquaintance with religion. The Session being satisfied with her evidence of piety agreed to receive her as a member of the church.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. Peirson.  
/s/ M.Peden

Approved in Presby. April 1st 1843.  
/s/ Geo.C.Gregg, Mod.

Extracts from here on, copied:

March 4th 1844. By application Mrs. Elizabeth Roseborough was regularly dismissed in Good Standing to connect herself with the Presbyterian Ch. in the bounds of which she may reside.

By order of Session. /s/ Mitchell Peden, M.

Aimwell, 17th March 1844.

Session met, & was opened with prayer. Members present, Rev. M. Peden, Moderator. Elders, John E. Robinson, Alex Robinson, John M. Goza, Geo. R. Hunter.

Argyle, a colored man belonging to G. R. Hunter, applied for admission into the church. He was examined, and giving satisfactory evidence of his piety, it was decided, that he be baptized & received into full membership.

It appearing to the Session, that Mr. Thomas G. Davis, a member, has absented himself from Church, for a considerable length of time, it was resolved, that Elder John E. Robinson be appointed a committee to enquire of the matter, and report to Session as early as practicable.

xxxxxxx/s/ Geo. R. Hunter, Clerk.

31st March 1844

xxxxx Phillis, a colored woman belonging to Mr. William Kennedy, presented herself, & was examined. The Session not being fully satisfied with respect to her knowledge & piety, took no definite action; but postponed the case for further consideration. Closed with prayer by Prof. Thornwell.

/s/ G. R. Hunter, C. Session.

Stated reports should be kept on a separate page & not ~~interspersed~~ interspersed with the other records. Approved to this page.

April 6th 1844. /s/ R. B. Campbell, Moderator .

5 Oct. 1844. xxxx

Elder John E. Robinson, who was appointed at a previous meeting a committee to communicate with Tho. G. Davis respecting his irregular conduct in not attending church, made his report. The Session having spent some time in deliberation & without coming to a decision, adjourned till tomorrow morning.

/s/ G. R. Hunter, C. S.

October 1th 1844.

Session met according to adjournment, members present as on yesterday. Rev. Wm. Banks being also present, was invited to a seat in Session.

The consideration of the case of ~~Mr. Davis~~ Tho. G. Davis, was resumed, and after further deliberation, the following resolution was offered & agreed to, viz.

Whereas, Tho. G. Davis has voluntarily absented himself from this church for more than a year while living within its bounds, & has failed to render any sufficient excuse for this irregular conduct, and whereas after a full confession of his guilt, the Session have remonstrated with him without affecting any apparent reformation, therefore resolved that said Tho. G. Davis be & is hereby suspended from the church, until he gives evidence of repentance.

Respecting the woman Tilph, a colored, member, the following resolution, was also offered & agreed to, viz. Whereas the colored woman Tilph belonging to J. M. Goza has, for some time been under the censure of the church for unchristian conduct, & continues to conduct herself in a way inconsistent with a profession of religion, therefore resolved, that said woman Tilph be & is hereby suspended from this church.

The Negro woman Phillis, belonging to William Kennedy, whose examination at a previous meeting of Session was not altogether satisfactory again presented herself - after proceeding in the examination, but before deciding, the Session took a recess till 12 o'clock.....

after recess, the examination of Phillis having been concluded, and the evidence she gave of her knowledge and piety duly considered, it was decided that she be received as a member.

Application was made by R. W. Palmer for a dismissal, which was granted. Session closed with prayer.

/s/ G. R. Hunter, Clk.

2nd November 1845.

xxxxx Daniel, Juliana, Amelia & Serina, colored people belonging to Edward G. Palmer, Esq. presented themselves for examination, and giving satisfactory evidence of knowledge and piety, they were admitted to the privileges of the church.

June, a colored man belonging to Dr. John P. Thomas, also came before the session, & was examined, but their being some impediment in the way, he was advised to present himself at another time for further examination. xxxxx

April 19th 1846.

xxxxx Thomas, a colored man belonging to Geo. R. Hunter, came before the session, was examined and giving satisfactory evidence of his Christian knowledge, and piety, was received by an unanimous vote. A colored man, June (belonging to Dr. J. P. Thomas) who had been before the Session on a previous occasion, again presented himself and was further examined. Giving satisfactory evidence of personal piety, he was unanimously received. Closed with prayer.

3rd May 1846

Tylph, a colored woman, who had been for some time under suspension, having expressed a desire to be again united to the church was examined and the session being satisfied with the evidence of her repentance, it was decided that she be restored to full communion. xxx

Nov. 1, 1846

Martha, a colored woman belonging to Dr. J. P. Thomas was examined, & giving satisfactory evidence of piety was unanimously received.

Presbytery approve of the Records thus far with the exception of several meetings which were not opened & closed with prayer.

Camden, S.C. April 2, 1847.  
/s/ D.M. Queen, Mod.

Sept. 5, 1847

Mrs. Nancy C. Ford and Mr. Robert R. Rosborough presented themselves as candidates for admission into the church, and having sustained a highly satisfactory examination, they were unanimously received. Mary, a colored woman belonging to Dr. Thomas, was also examined, & giving satisfactory evidence of piety was unanimously received.

Nov. 7, 1847.

A case of discipline against June a colored man, came up for consideration. The accused party having voluntarily come before the Session & confessed his guilt, the following resolution was introduced & adopted, viz.

"Whereas June, a colored member, charged with the crime of Fornication, has voluntarily come forward, and made a full confession of his guilt, and expressed his sorrow for the same. Therefore, Resolved, that June be excluded from the privileges of the church, until he shall give further and more satisfactory evidence of repentance." Closed with prayer. /s/ G.R. Hunter, Clk.

20th Feb. 1848

Betty, a colored woman belonging to Dr. J.P. Thomas was examined; and Session being satisfied with the evidence she gave of piety, she was unanimously received into membership.

Feb. 26, 1848

Mrs. Mary E. Rosborough came before the Session and was examined. The evidence she afforded of christian knowledge and piety, being altogether satisfactory, she was unanimously received into membership.

March 11th 1849

June, a colored member, for some time under suspension, came before Session, and giving satisfactory evidence of repentance, was restored to the privileges of the church. George R. Hunter was appointed to represent this church in Presbytery.....

G.R. Hunter, Clk.

March 18th 1849

A communion of the Lords supper was administered by the Revd. J. I. Dubose & C.C. Jones, D.D.

Oct. 7th 1849

A case of discipline against Maj. G.R. Hunter came up for consideration the accused came voluntarily before the session & confessed his guilt, the following resolution was adopted viz

Whereas Maj. G.R. Hunter, a member has voluntarily come forward and acknowledged himself guilty of the crime of Fornication and expressed a deep & heartfelt penitence and hopes by the grace of God to be able to seek a pardon

Therefore, Resolved, that Maj. G.R. Hunter be excluded from church privileges until he gives more satisfactory evidences of Repentance.

Closed with prayer. /s/ A.K. Craig, Clk, protem.

April 5th 1850

Maj.G.R.Hunter, a member for some time under suspension, came before session and giving satisfactory evidences of repentance was restored to the privileges of the church.

The Session adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 O'ck

April 6, 1850.

Mr. James W. Wootan, Mrs. Martha M. Wootan, Miss Ann Caroline Rosborough, & Mr. John A. Kennedy came before Session and applied for admission into the church, their examination was highly satisfactory and they were admitted by a unanimous vote. Mr. James W. Wootan not being baptized was baptized by the pastor.

April 7th 1850

Mr. John N. Rosborough & Mrs. Eugenia E. Kennedy came before session & applied for admission into the church, their examinations was satisfactory and they were admitted by a unanimous vote.

The session then proceeded to the church to the ordination of R.R. Rosborough (previously elected) as a Ruling Elder in Aimwell Church. After the ordination there being no further business of the Session was closed with prayer.

August 17th 1850

Miss Rebekah Ann Rosborough & Mr. Robert A. Rosborough came before session and was examined, giving evidences of christian piety, they were admitted into the church by a unanimous vote of the session.

Jany. 19th 1851.

The Session met and opened with prayer. Present Revd. J. J. Dubose, Mod., Elders John M. Goza, A. K. Craig, R. R. Rosborough.

The Moderator brought to the notice of the Session that Elder John M. Goza had given a ball at his house. Mr. Goza gave satisfaction to the session.

On motion, the session passed the following resolution. Resolved, after due notice is given from the pulpit, that this Session will suspend from church privileges, any member, who is known to dance, or give a ball, hereafter.

On motion, Elder J. M. Goza was appointed a committee to communicate with Maj. G. R. Hunter and know his reason for not having his child baptized.

Feby 16th 1851

Elder J. M. Goza, a committee appointed to confer with Maj. Hunter & lady reported that he had a conference with them, but they assigned no reasons why they did not have their child baptized, except they preferred, the Revd. Mr. Fraser, This not being satisfactory to the session, they appointed the Rev. Mr. DuBose & Elder A. K. Craig, a committee to request Maj. Hunter & Lady to give their reasons for preferring the Revd. Mr. Fraser instead of the Pastor. (Revd M. D. Fraser was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Winnsboro.)

March 15th 1851.

The ordination of Mr. John A. Kennedy & Robert A. Rosborough (previously elected) Deacons was performed in the church.

On motion of A. K. Craig, Mr. J. M. Goza was appointed principal & Mr. R. R. Rosborough his alternate to represent this church in Presbytery, at its next meeting.

Examined & approved in Presbytery to this page.  
April 12th 1851. /s/ M. D. Fraser, Mod.



Oct. 19th 1851

On motion, Mr. Goza, R.R. Rosborough Principal, & J.M. Goza alternate was appointed to Synod.

May 13th 1854

A case of Discipline was brought before the Session by Betty, a colored woman belonging to Dr. J.P. Thomas brought a charge against June, a colored man belonging to Dr. Thomas for fornication. June was regularly cited to trial and appeared, and Denied the charge, therefore the case was laid over until the next day of

Oct. 2, 1854

The charge brought against June, a colored man not being sustained, he was therefore restored to full communion of the church.

Oct. 30th 1854.

Tom, Sylvia belonging to E.G. Palmer & Syphax, belonging to A. Hood came before the session and gave satisfactory evidence of their christian knowledge & piety, after being baptized were admitted to full communion.

Feb. 24, 1855

Mrs. Mary Darraugh came before session and presented certificate from Church of Dill Ballymonee, Ireland recommended her christian character and being in full communion in that church, she was recd by this session in full communion.

The session unanimously agreed to invite Maj. Hunter to become an acting Elder in the church and Mr. Boggs (Rev. G.W. Boggs, Pastor) was to extend the invitation. Maj. Hunter agreed to act and is now an acting Elder. May 18th 1855.

May 19th 1855

Mrs. Harriet Davis formally a member of New School Church, Washington City, D.C. came before session and expressed a desire to join our church, upon examination she was received into the communion & membership of the church.

Sept. 16th 1855

Dennis, a colored man belonging to Mr. Thos. B. Walker came before the session being examined was recd into communion of the church, he being baptized by Mr. Boggs,

Oct. 7th 1855

Miss Rebecca Rosborough who has been suspended from church privileges for unchristian conduct came before session and made satisfactory acknowledgement to the session, she was restored to the communion of the church.

Then nominations were made to presbytery and to synod:

Mr. John M. Goza, Principal

A.K. Craig, alternate, to Presbytery.

G.R. Hunter, Principal

R.R. Rosborough, alternate, to Synod.

Feb. 24, 1856

Mrs. A.P. Goza presented to the session a certificate of membership in full standing in the Methodist Church of Longtown, S.C., signed by L.A. Johnston, Pastor, was admitted to membership in Aimwell Church.

The session appointed to meet presbytery R.R. Rosborough, Prin.  
A.K. Craig, alternate.

July 4th 1857. Adjourned to meet July 5. When Joseph, belonging to Mr. Palmer, and Julia, belonging to Mrs. Thomas were examined and recd in the church, they not being baptized, they were all baptized in the church.

Mr. I.R. Boyles was recd in the church on certificate from Catholic Church, Chester Dist., S.C.

Nov. 22, 1857

Ailsey, servant of Dr. J.D. Palmer came before the session expressing a desire to become a member of the church, being examined in regard to her christian knowledge, she was baptized and recd in full communion in the church.....

March 6, 1859

Session appointed R.R. Rosborough, Principall and J.M. Goza, alternate, to attend Presbytery to meet in Cheraw the 1st Sabbath in April. The Rev. J.G. Richards administered the Lord's supper.

Nov. 18th 1859.

The new Church Edifice is completed and dedicated to the service of Almighty God by the Reverend G.W. Boggs. Saturday, 19th the Presbytery of Harmony met..... Rev. J.C. Kennedy was ordained and installed Pastor of Horeb and Aimwell churches by the Presbytery.

Nov. 19, 1859

Mrs. Martha J. Rosborough and William Rosborough and Mrs. Martha Belton Boyles came before session and were examined by the session in regard to their Christian Knowledge and piety. The session being satisfied with their examination, they were recd into the church. William Rosborough and Mrs. Boyles were baptized.

May 20th 1860

..... John, a servant of Mr. E.G. Palmer, and John, servant of Capt. H.C. Davis were received as members, they being baptized by the Pastor.....

October 6th 1860

.... W.A. Kennedy and Mr. E.F. Rosborough, Mr. W.W. Robinson, Mr. Henry Hunter, J.L. Goza, Miss Jane Bishop, Miss Ann Goza, Miss Mebbie Logan came and was examined by the session and was received into the communion of the church. Also Miss Elizabeth Bishop presented a certificate from the Methodist Episcopal Church south which was read and she was recd.

Hercules, servant of Maj. G.R. Hunter appeared and was examined by session and admitted to church membership.

March 1861

Session appointed J.M. Goza, Principal, and R.R. Rosborough, Alternate to the synod.

Approved in Presbytery, Indiantown Church, April 5, 1861.  
/s/ James McDowell, Moderator.

October 2nd 1861

.....Harry, a coloured man belonging to Capt. H.C. Davis was examined and admitted into the church. The sacrament of the Lords supper was administered.

Approved in Presby, Salem BR

April 4th 1862. /s/ I. Leighton Wilson, Moderator of Presby.

May 4th 1862

Mr. J. Robert Goza, Miss Rebecca Simpson, whites, and Rhiny, Bella, Mariah and Milley, coulord, applicants came before the session and applied for admission into the church...they were admitted.

Aug. 17, 1862

Mary, servant of Capt. H.C. Davis came before the session and being examined was recd into the church.

March 1st 1863

Mariah, servant of Mr. John Hollis, and Mariah, servant of Dr. J.D. Palmer came before session.....received...

Mar 15, 1863

Binah, belonging to E.G. Palmer....was recd....

Nov. 1864 (probably 1863)

James L. Rosborough presented a letter from the chaplain of the army, the letter being in form, the session recd him in full communion as a member of the church.

Nov. 6, 1864

Betty, Bern, Mariah, Eliza, Mary Ann servants of Col. H.C. Davis, & Betty and Lewis, servants of Maj. G.R. Hunter...were received...

Brother John M. Goza, an Elder of Aimwell Presbyterian Church died.

May 7th 1865

Charges wae preferred against Mariah, servant of Mr. Hollis, by Henry, servant of Col. Davis for the crime of Fornication. The session ordered her to be cited for trial.

May 21, 1865

The trial of Mariah, servant of Mr. Hollis came up, she appeared and confessed her guilt of the sin of Fornication and confessed her sorrow for her sinfull act and hoped to be forgiven for the offence. Session suspended her indefinitely from church privileges. Mr. Thomas Robinson and Rawlinson, servant of Mrs. C.H. Thomas came before session and being examined regards their faith and piety was received in the communion of the church. Rawlinson not being baptized was baptized by the Pastor, Rev. J.C. Kennedy. The Rev. Chalmer Boggs preached the sermon and the communion of Lords sacrament was administered.

Aug. 6, 1865

Charges of Fornication preferred against Binah upon trial was examined and found guilty. The session suspended her indefinitely from church privaleges.

This book has been approved by Presbytery with the following exceptions, viz. On two occasions the records are not dated as to the day of the month. The session adjourned on one occasion without prayer. Approved by Presbytery March 30, 1866. W.W. Wilson, Mod. /s/

May 5th 1866

Session met and opened with Prayer. Present Rev. J.C. Kennedy, Mod.; Elders R.R. Rosborough, A.K. Craig.

Session then adjourned to the church after a sermon by the Rev. G.W. Boggs proceeded to the ordination of Dr. John W. Campbell and James F. Kennedy (previously Elected) as ruling Elders of Aimwell Church. They were set apart to that office by prayer and the laying on the hands of the session. There being no further business the session was closed with prayer. /s/A.K. Craig, C.S.

May 6th 1866. Aimwell Church.

Session met and opened with Prayer. Present, Rev. J.C. Kennedy, Mod.

Elders: Maj. G.R. Hunter  
R.R. Rosborough  
A.K. Craig  
Dr. J.W. Campbell  
J.F. Kennedy

The following Preamble & resolutions were presented to the Session for consideration:

Whereas it evidently belongeth to the office to which we have been called to look after the Spiritual health of those over whom we have been called to Rule, to encourage those who do well and to exert them to yet greater holiness, to admonish and reprove those who do not improve their privileges to their Spiritual growth in Divine life. Especially to see that the walk and conversation of the members of this church is such as becometh the children of God and is calculated to Glorify his Name. And in order to thus watch and the more effectually to accomplish the duties of our office. Be it resolved That the session of this church do visit annually each and every member thereof and ascertain their spiritual wants giving their portion, to each in due time, and be it further resolved

That each one who absents himself or herself from the sanctuary for three months in succession shall be visited by the Elder living nearest to such defaulter or by a member of the session appointed for that purpose to ascertain the reason of his or her absence, and report the same to the session.

And whereas there has been great negligence on the part of some of the members of this church in improving the privileges which has been given them Be it resolved

That they be visited forthwith such member or members of this session as may be appointed to perform that duty, who shall ascertain the reason of such neglect and report the same to the session, who shall consider the reasons given and if not satisfactory the persons thus neglecting shall be visited by the Pastor, if then not satisfactory, the parties shall be cited to appear before session.

Resolved That the Pastor be requested to publish the foregoing preamble and resolutions from the pulpit.

The above preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the session.

Session closed with Prayer. /s/A.K. Craig, Clerk

May 13th 1866. Session met and opened with Prayer. The Rev. Mr. Lang being present was invited to a seat in session. Rev. Mr. Lang, a member of the board of domestic missions of Harmony Presbytery inquired of the session the ability of the congregation to support the ministry of Aimwell Church. The session said that they did not think under the circumstances that the congregation would be able to pay

over two hundred and fifty \$250, salary for the year 1866. He also prepared to establish a missionary station here for Freedmen. Session closed with Prayer. /s/A.K.Craig,C.S.

July 15th 1866.

Rose former servant Rev. J.C. Kennedy, Mary Ann, former servant of Mrs. S.E. Means, & Snow, freedman, came before session for the purpose uniting with the church....were received.

Sept. 16, 1866

Stockley Stark, Mary Stark, wife of Stockley, Francis Scott, Julia Scott and Emma Williams (Coulord) came before session, and being separately examined as to their knowledge of the Christian religion and sinfulness by nature gave satisfactory evidence of piety and change of heart, they were admitted as members after being baptized by the Pastor.

Oct. 21st 1866.

Cornelia Crumpton, Affa Boulware, and Emaline Edmunds, (couled) appeared before session....were received into the church as members.

Apr. 7, 1867 (last entry)

Session met and opened with Prayer. Present Rev. J.C. Kennedy, Mod. R.R. Rosborough, A.K. Craig, Dr. J.W. Campbell, & J.F. Kennedy, Elders.

Session appointed James F. Kennedy, Principal, and A.K. Craig, Alternate, to the Presbytery of Harmony to hold its session at Salem Church, Little River, Fairfield District, S.C. Session closed with Prayer. /s/ A.K. Craig, C.S.

#### REGISTER FOR AIMWELL (Extracts are copied herewith)

According to previous appointment the congregation met at Aimwell Church on the 17 of July 1841, when the following persons were elected Trustees for Aimwell Congregation. Viz. Messrs G.R. Hunter, Wm. Roseborough, A. Robinson and James F. Craig.

/s/M. Peden

Note: R.R. Rosborough was appointed Trustee in place of William Rosborough, deceased.

The ordinance of Baptism was administered to Robert, a coloured man belonging to Mr. E.G. Palmer. April 18, 1841. /s/M. Peden.

September 25th 1841. The ordinance of Baptism was administered to Mrs. Elizabeth Roseborough, Mrs. Mary Walker, Mrs. Sarah Ross, and Miss Nancy Walker.

Died on the 28 of October 1841, Mr. William Roseborough, a member of Aimwell Ch. & an Elder elect.

Died on the of December Mrs. Ann Roseborough, member of Aimwell Ch.

Died at his residence in Fairfield, on the 15th of August 1842 Dr. James T. Roseborough, aged 39 years. Dr. Rosborough connected himself with Aimwell Church in early life of which he continued a member until removed by death. He was highly esteemed as a physician a friend, & neighbour, and as a useful member of Christ Church in earth.

Mr. John Roseborough, Sen. died on the 8th day of October 1842. Being the fourth member of his family who have died in less than 12 months time.

Mr. Roseborough was the first ruling Elder ever elected over the church at Aimwell, which office he filled more than thirty years. It was principally through his instrumentality that the church continued in its organised capacity. Destitute as they were for many years of the regular preached word, other sects would have occupied the field had it not been for the vigilance of this faithful Servant. But he was a Presbyterian because he believed the doctrines taught in that Church to be the doctrines of the Bible. It was the faith of his ancestors, and he adhered strictly to its principles, and stood prepared to defend them when ever he deemed it necessary to do so.

31st March 1844.

The Lords supper was administered, in which the Pastor was assisted by the Rev. Prof. Thornwell. A collection of Five dollars was taken up for the Commissioners fund. Argyle, a colored man belonging to G.R. Hunter was baptised.

21st April 1844.

Amelia, Argyle, Jr., Lewis, Louisa, & Judey, children of Argyle (a colored man) were baptized by the Rev. M. Peden.

16 June 1844.

Eliza A. Kennedy, William A. Kennedy, Eugenia E. Kennedy, Isabella C. Kennedy, Robert W. Kennedy & Tho. F. Kennedy, children of Mrs. Jane Kennedy, (widow of John Kennedy, dec'd.) received the ordinance of baptism - administered by Rev. M. Peden.

This day, 6th Oct. 1844 the Sacramental Supper was commemorated; in the administration of which, the Pastor was assisted by Rev. Wm. Banks.

1st Sab. Nov. 1844 - Rev. M. Peden preached his farewell sermon to the congregation, thus ending his connection with this church as Stated Supply, which had subsisted for upwards of six years.

4th Sab. March 1845 - this day Rev. G. C. Logan, a licentiate of Harmony Presbytery, in compliance with an invitation, commenced the stated supply of Aimwell Church two Sabbaths in the month.

1st Sab. June 1845 - The Sacramental Communion was held - administered by Rev. T. R. English, Pastor of Bishopville Church.

Thomas, a coloured man belonging to G. R. Hunter, & June, a coloured man belonging to Dr. J. P. Thomas were baptized by the Pastor, 19th April 1846.

Peter, infant son of Argyle (a colored man) was baptized by the Pastor. 1846.

Sept. 5, 1847. Mary, a coloured woman, belonging to Dr. J. P. Thomas was admitted to the ordinance of Baptism. The Lords Supper was celebrated.

Feb. 27, 1848. Betty, a colored woman belonging to Dr. J. P. Thomas was baptized by the Pastor.

John Alexander, Martha Ann, Edward King, & Robert Reid, infant children of R.R. & Mary E. Rosborough was born

John Alexander Decbr 11th 1842

Martha Ann Octbr 12th 1844

Edward King July 2nd 1847

Robert Reid April 6th 1849

and baptized Nivb 3rd 1849 by Revd J.J. Dubose.

Married Jany 29th 1851 Mr. Robert A. Rosborough to Miss Ann Caroline Rosborough, both members of Aimwell Church, by the Pastor Revd J.J. Dubose.

March 15th 1851. A collection of eight dollars & 60 cents was taken up for commissioners fund and contingent expenses.

Bishopville, S.C. Examined and approved to this page in Presbytery, April 12, 1851. M.D. Fraser, Mod. /s/

John Rosborough Craig infant son of A.K. & M.E. Craig was baptized in the church by the Pastor, July 6, 1851.

Mr. John N. Rosborough a member of Aimwell Church Departed this life Oct. 30th 1851.

Jane Eliza, infant daughter of R.R. & M.E. Rosborough together with Cynthia Jane infant of R.A. & Ann C. Rosborough was baptized by Revd. D. Wills, Aug. 29, 1852.

Oct. 2, 1854. The pastor baptized Mary Eugenia infant of R.R. & M.E. Rosborough, born March 20, 1853.

Oct. 8th 1854. Baptized in church by G.W. Boggs, Henry Lawrance infant of R.A. & A.C. Rosborough, born Feb. 1854.

Oct. 4th 1856. John Cubit Rosborough son of R.A. & A.C. Rosborough was baptized by Revd G.W. Boggs.

May 1st 1858; Baptized by Rev. James Douglas- George Logan son of R.R. & M.E. Rosborough.

Nov. 21st 1859. Edward Palmer son of Alexander W. & Martha Jane Rosborough, and Moses Walter son of P.Y. & Rebecca A. Rosborough was baptized by Rev. G.W. Boggs in the church.

May 21, 1865. Mary Emaline infant of R.A. and A.C. Rosborough was baptized in the church by the Pastor Rev. J.C. Kennedy.

At the session of the Legislature in December 1841, Geo. R. Hunter, Alexander Robinson, James F. Craig & R. R. Rosborough (trustees) were declared a body corporate under the style & title of "The Trustees of Aimwell Church in Fairfield District".

R. R. Rosborough was appointed in the place of William Rosborough, deceased, who had been elected by the Congregation, but died before the act of incorporation was obtained.

A. G. Kennedy was appointed in the place of Alexander Robinson, deceased.

Trustees in 1850: Maj. G. R. Hunter  
Jas. F. Craig  
R. R. Rosborough  
Alex. G. Kennedy

Trustees in 1865: Maj. G. R. Hunter  
R. R. Rosborough  
A. K. Craig  
Col. H. C. Davis