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Subject: Re: a History Beaver Creek Baptist Church
To: eytvtw@ftc-i.net
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2009, 9:34 PM

Before you go to too much trouble, let me locate my momma's documents on the History of Beaver Creek Church. She took quite an interest in it since she was a member there. I remember seeing quite a detailed file on it and some discussion of the site of the original church. The file is either in the possession of a cousin of mine or, more likely was in the huge number of files I gave to the genealogy room in Winnsboro. I will check with my cousin tomorrow to see whether she still has it.

The headwaters of Beaver Creek definitely lie in Fairfield County and are south of Jenkin's Store on lands that used to be owned by Mr. Jim Coleman, now deceased, and are now owned by his nephews William and Charles Coleman, I believe. This would be not more than a mile or two from the original site of Fort Wagner, which is where settlement began in this vicinity. If Mr. Jim or R.D. Jenkins were still alive, they may have been able to tell us something, but alas it is the old story of waiting too late to extract important information from elders.

I'll track down momma's Beaver Creek file in the next few days and get back to you.
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Reality is not what you Think!

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I believe too that Beaver Creek Church was originally a Dunker or Tunker meeting house for the Germanic and Palatinate settlers in the area. I can send some topographical maps for the area to help locate this cemetery if I have a better idea. Someone suggested that Antioch Methodist seemed to be near here but Antioch is on the south side of Dave Jenkins Rd. It appears from the directions, that the old cemetery mentioned would have been on the north side.

-Pelham

I have found some more information on the history of Beaver Creek from my momma's files. I read quickly most of the first half of the history you sent. There is a typewritten copy of the 1947 history in momma's file. And a copy of the 1997 history was given to the genealogy room in Winnsboro. I saw it today but didn't have time to read it.

I have about two and a half typewritten pages that momma wrote that contains information that I don't think is in the history you sent. I will summarize some of the information. Tell me whether you have seen this information anywhere else. A group of Tunkers from French Creek in Pennsylvania settled in the vicinity of Beaver Creek in 1748 and by 1759 had associated for religious purposes. Morgan Edwards, a Baptist historian travelled through the back country and in 1772 wrote, "Beaver, a little branch running into Broad River - They hold their worship from house to house. The families number about 25 whereof

50 are baptised. They had their beginning in this manner. About the year 1748, Micheal Miller, Jacob Conomore, and Laurence Free, with their wives arrived hither from Connecocheaque; after them came Rev. George Martin and Hans Waggoner and their wives. These united in communion the month of July 1759...."

"The Beaver Creek Baptist Church was organized 1797. There are no early official church records. The earliest records surviving start in 1863, **consequently, information regarding the first building is traditional. It is thought to have been 2 or 3 miles south of the present location.**

The momma apparently researched the preceding information herself. She cites six different sources including Morgan Edwards's manuscript in Furman University library, [History of Wachovia](#) by Clewell, and Mill's Statistics. If you're interested, send me your mailing address and I'll send you a copy.

I have seen conflicting information regarding from whom the land was obtained for the present church. One source has it coming from Enoch Gruggs (sp?) and another source has it coming from Robert Wylie Coleman. In each case four acres is mentioned. So were these two different plots? They don't appear to be. I will look into this further and see whether I can make sense of it. Its not the parsonage land because that wasn't obtained for another 50 odd years. I didn't have time to research the deed in Fairfield records when I was in Winnsboro today. I have multiple copies of plats showing the present church property. I also have what appears to be a list of members starting in 1828 and going until about 1892 that also notes things like when people died, became deacons, were excommunicated or moved away etc.

I'm tired and so will stop for now!

Some of this sounds like new data to me.

I would love to have the listing of members etc

I have many that were in this church my Franklin/STONE family left Chester Co SC for AL ... only 2 of the daus. stayed in Chester county.

Nancy Stone who married Nicholas Colvin Jr. [my line] and Charlotte Stone who md Gale Simpson.

Also my WRIGHTs and COLVINs were in this church.

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Steven your mother did not have anything on Rock Creek Baptist Church did she?

My JAMES family was in this church.

Last night I was looking at some information on the COLEMAN family that Ray Beam had sent me more than 8 yrs ago.

There is mention of a BOLLING family before the Coleman/s came to SC ... I wonder if these connected to your Bolling Wright??

Just a thought.

I can send you this info on the Coleman/s if you like. It referenced deeds is why I was looking at this Coleman genealogy.

I did not see one for Beaver Creek Church's land.

Thanks for your reply and time.

Virginia

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus! I didn't know for sure whether it was the John Simpson Stone place to which I was referring at the corner of Ashford Ferry and Dave Jenkins Rd. I just always heard "The Stone Place." and didn't inquire who they were because I was young and wasn't interested, and they died before I was born. So I called Mary Crowder Dickerson who lives in the community. She is about 85, and can't remember much. But she could remember that. Yes, it was John Simpson Stone who lived there. She says she remembers them. Dave Jenkins's store, which I mentioned, is just south of the Stone Place. I know that whole area very well as I was raised about three miles down the road.

If the church was a mile south of there, there isn't county road near that spot now. One would have to go hiking through the woods. But I doubt one could find any remains at this point. I presume those who researched for the 1947 history must have looked for deeds and found none. I know well the general vicinity to which the traditional accounts are pointing and could take you there if we got permission from the landowners (Colemans or Clowneys as I said).

I'm in the same situation of not knowing who the Colvins were who built Marion Dickey's house. I know I've heard my momma and others call their names, but I don't remember. I want to say John Colvin, but I'm not sure. Mary Dickerson gave me the following from memory (now failing). They had a daughter Mary Colvin who married an Adams and they had a daughter Edith Emily (she thinks). They also had a daughter Edith Colvin that she believes didn't marry. When I inquired about boys she mentioned a Coleman Colvin and said there were others she can't remember.

By the way, did this discussion start on some message board or other? I was never aware of where it was. Have you posted any of my information there? I wouldn't mind if you did. But could you send me the link? I would like to post an inquiry about Uriah Wright's final resting place.

You've raised so many different issues now, I've probably lost track of some of them. Let me know if you have any more questions with which I might be able to help.

Good night!

Steven White

A couple of minor corrections to what I said earlier:

Dave Jenkins's old store lies just west of the Stone Place, not south as I said.

On the connection between Wrights and Bolins:

I reversed my great grandmother's name. It should be Elizabeth Jenkins Bolin. It was probably obvious that this was an error. But I am an perfectionist by nature and just can't let such things pass without correcting them.

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I don't think I answered you. The country road that the new Beaver Creek Baptist Church is on is Ashford Road. Now this is in Fairfield Co. just south of Chester in the northwestern part of Fairfield Co. Ferry Road runs north and then it becomes Ashford Road. The church is on Ashford Road. The older Beaver Creek Church is very hard to find (it took us lots of prayers to find it). It is on Dave Jenkins Road which comes off the lower part of Ferry Road. Go west on Dave Jenkins Road to route 215. It is on the right side of the road just before you get to 215. It is a tiny side road with lots of pine trees on either side. You will come to a very old white house on stilts with white shutters to let the air in. There are no glass windows. It is locked. Just behind the church is the really old grave yard. Most of the stones are illegible.

Good hunting,

Janet

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Re: Land Family of Chester Co. ●

[L Hull](#) ([View posts](#)) Posted: 18 Oct 2008 9:26PM GMT

Classification: Query

Surnames: Land

Hello!

I haven't been to the cemetery so this is good news. I had them listed as buried in Beaver Creek Baptist Cemetery in Fairfield. Is this the same one? Did Elizabeth's stone mention her maiden name? Just wanted confirmation... because I've heard that she was an Ellege. I would love to know more about your lines. Dorcus Land is my gggrandfather's (Eldridge Hall Land) sister.

Linda

Re: Beaver Creek Baptist Church discussion for those interested

could this shed more light on the original location of Beaver Creek Baptist Church??

In my mind I always believed that Beaver Creek Baptist Church was in Chester county since my Chester county ancestors were members there and buried in it's churchyard. I had heard my grands etc speak of this church all my life. However, on visiting realized you drive just a tidbit into Fairfield County as you arrive at the PRESENT DAY church. All those in my family who attended the older church were buried in family burying grounds and not the present day churchyard. Only after the new church was built did I have a great grand buried in the location of the present day church.

>From the History of Beaver Creek Baptist Church written by Charles C.

>Adams

[which was read at the Sesquicentennial celebration September 21, 1947*]

* the original location of the church stood near the ''headwaters of Beaver Creek''

''This location can best be identified by saying that the first church stood approximately one mile, more or less, in a general southward direction from the home of the late John Simpson and Daisy Crosby Stone.''

**Question:

*** Is there anyone on the list who knows where John Simpson lived?

That's the clue ... where did John Simpson live?

I thought John Simpson had lived in Chester County SC??

If so, the original church ?could? have been in Chester County SC or almost in Chester county. If it were further N of the present church, it would have had to have been in Chester county.

googlemaps.com will show that the 'headwaters of Beaver Creek is actually in Chester County SC.

look at a map of Ashford Ferry Road and Dave Jenkins Road on googlemap. for example: googlemap 'David Jenkins Road, Chester, SC'' Just South of where DJ Rd. comes into Ashford Ferry Rd you see headwaters of Beaver Creek. look at the 'terrain map'

from there you can follow Beaver Creek into Fairfield Co. also you can follow Ashford Ferry Rd to the Fairfield Co Line and this is the exact spot of the present day church as you cross over into Fairfield Co.

the history also says this:

' ' The committee has been unable to locate any record whatsoever, on this first church, and there are verbal differences of opinions concerning the first building. So the best this committee has been able to do is to piece together that which has been handed down by mouth to ear for several generations.' '

More from the 1947 history by Charles C Adams:
this is where he mentions the 2nd site of Beaver Creek Church ~

' 'This is the third church building, and the second in number, to stand on this site.

RE: Beaver Creek Baptist Church's present location

More from the most recent history in 1997 'A History of Beaver Creek Baptist church 1797-1997'
by Lavinia W McDonald

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