

The following sketch was taken from p.69-71 of the South Carolina section of Materials Towards a History of the Baptists in the Provinces of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia. It was written in 1772 by Morgan Edwards, one of the earliest and one of the most respected American Baptist historians. He is regarded as the principal founder of Rhode Island College (now Brown University). The Materials have never been published and Furman owns one of the two manuscript copies and rates it as its most valuable single volume.

#### Beaver Creek

which is a little brook running into Broad River on the north side on the edge of Craven County 7 miles, or NNW from Charlestown and 759 SSW from Philadelphia. They hold their worship from house to house. The families number about 25 or whoseof, 50 persons are baptized. They had their beginning in this manner. About the year 1748 Michael Millers, Jacob Cono?, Lawrence Free, with their wives, arrived hither from Connecocheague; after them came Rev. George M? and wife, and ? Waggoner and wife; those united in communion the month of July 1759, and increased fast. Their minister is

#### Rev. David Martin

He was born Oct. 8, 1737, at Conestogo. Came to this country in 1754. Ordained Sep. 28, 1770 by Rev. Mel? Leatherman and Nicholas Martin. He married Ann ? by whom he has children Esther, Catherine, David. He bears an excellent character; and has John Pearson to his assistant. Mr. Martin has the happy cast of mind that he is facetious and devout at the same time. . .

Tunker Baptists in South Carolina. These (with respect to faith and order) are the same with their brethren in Pennsylvania of which a large account hath been given in our first volume p. ? There are three societies in South Carolina. these are Beaver Creek, Cloud's Creek, and Edestow. They number 82 communicants, 63 families which contain 315 souls, one minister, and two exhorters, no meeting house.

Note (from Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists): Seventh Day Baptists (about the same as Tunker and Dunkers) were a group that sprang from the Baptists in the English Reformation, differing from them only in their observance of the seventh day (Saturday) as the sabbath. The first known Seventh Day Baptist Church in England was organized before 1650; the first in America was organized at Newport, R. I., in 1671.