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This book is dedicated to memory of:

Mrs. Ruth Stevenson

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These hard working ladies are the ones who collected and preserved all the information contained at the Fairfield Archives and History.



Over the years there has been a lot of histories written about this fascinating little church that sits out in the country all by itself. Though little in size, it played a big part in the formation of the Associate Reformed Synod of the Carolinas. The little church has had its picture taken time and time again. People have drawn sketches of this simple little church, from the elaborate to the simple pencil drawing. But no matter who or how it is written about or how it is drawn there is one fact that remains, the simple little church in the country, known as the “Old Brick Church” is the home of the ARP. And after over 200 years still fascinates people to this day. And even though the histories in this book seem to repeat themselves, the point that so many people have written the history at different times shows how important the Old Brick Church is to the history and heritage of Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Robert Mills wrote in his Statistics of South Carolina, dated in 1826, “The importance of religious instruction is not forgotten; two Sunday schools are in operation near Monticello, and one in Winnsborough. There are seven Presbyterian congregations, having three officiating ministers, two Associate Reformed, having two ministers, and one Associate, having one minister. There is perhaps no district in the state that numbers more religious communicants for the population, than Fairfield.” And this quote from 1826 is still true today, with more than 200 churches in Fairfield County.

Included in this book are some of the different histories that have been written and many different photographs and a few sketches. These histories, photos and sketches come from places like a speech given at a DAR meeting, the News & Herald newspaper and from programs of the church at various times celebrating its anniversary. Also included is a cemetery listing, compiled by Mrs. Ruth Stevenson, Mrs. Sarah Arnette, and Mrs. Sarah Bolick.