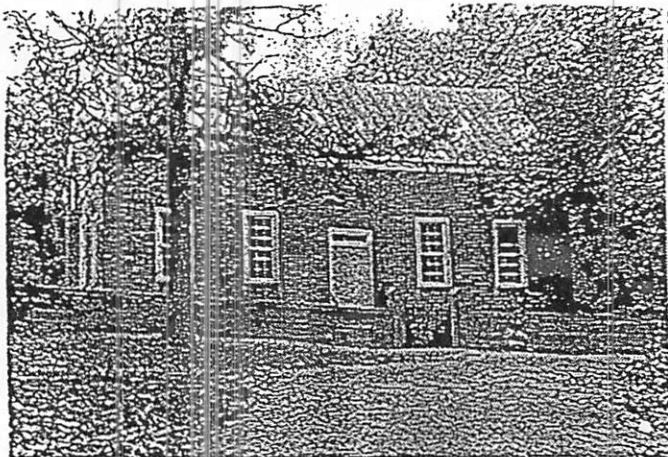


Prior to the Revolutionary War, a group of Scotch - Irish settlers built a house of logs two miles west of the present brick church. Then in 1788 the members erected a meeting house of bricks which had been made by themselves, the mud having been trampled with their bare feet and then put into molds, after which the brick were baked in kilns. This is one of the first brick churches to be built in the the Up - Country of South Carolina.

The War between the States brought much distress to the congregation. Many members were killed in the War; many lost their homes to Sherman's Army. The church building was used as quarters of the Federal Army and the floor was ripped up and used to replace the bridge over Little River which the Confederates had destroyed. The handwritten note of a Northern soldier remains on the wall of the church today, testifying to the abuse which the old building underwent.

The congregation prior to the war was large and flourishing, composed of many wealthy planters and their families. But soon afterward, the young people began moving West or moving to cities. The diminished congregation had Rev. A. G. Kirkpatrick for a few years in the 1890's, and Rev. Oliver Johnson, D. P., of Bethel in Winnsboro held services on Sabbath afternoons for many years, but the congregation had now passed out of existence. However, the building stands as an eloquent reminder of the faith and fortitude of a group of hardy Scotch - Irish who helped to

spread Christianity in the Up - Country of South Carolina. The church is still carried on the roll of Catawba Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church which sponsors services at the church from times to time.



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