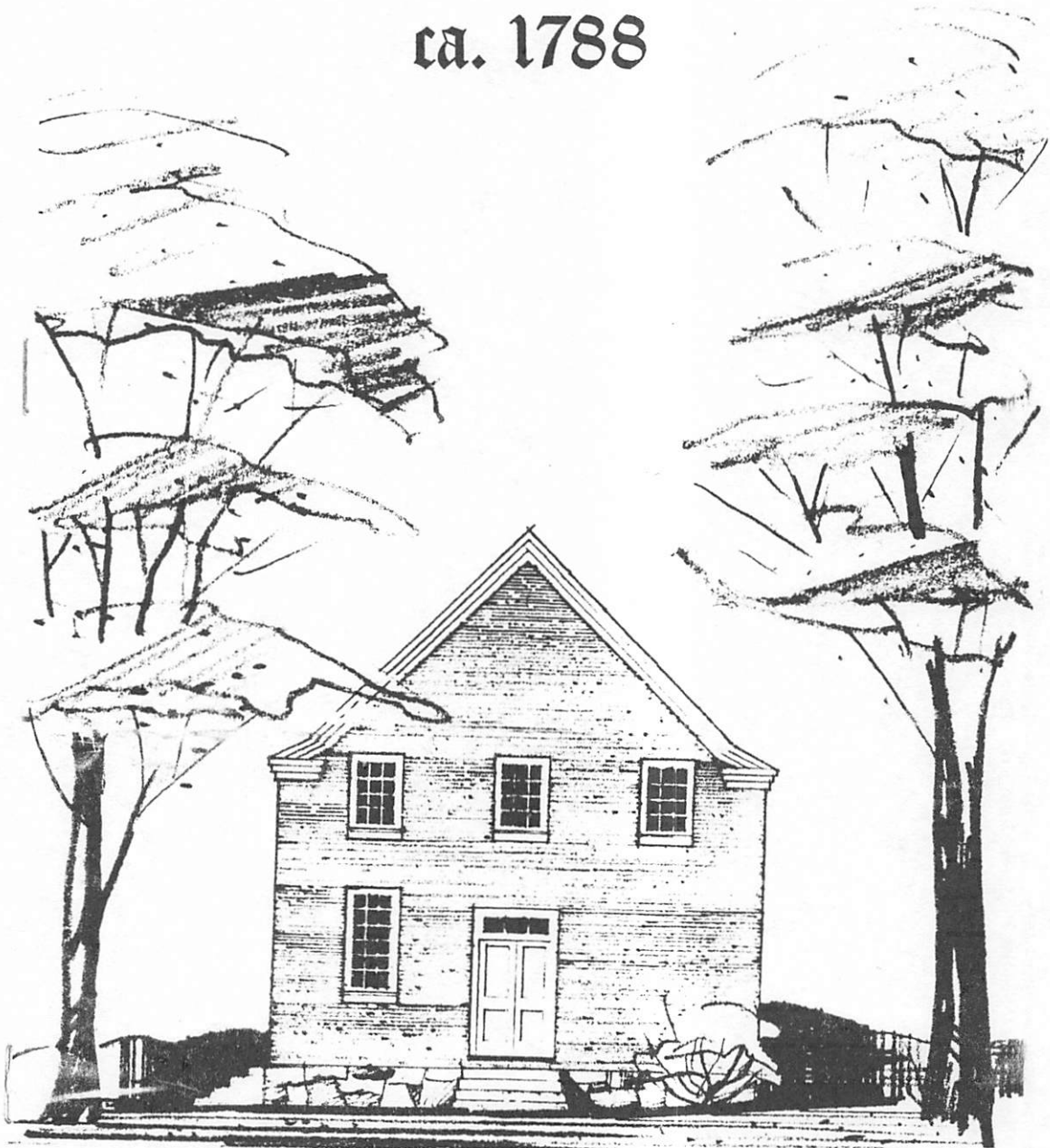


Old Brick Church

ca. 1788



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This book is dedicated to memory of:

Mrs. Ruth Stevenson

Mrs. Sarah Arnette

Mrs. Sarah Bolick

Miss Blanche Robertson

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

HISTORICAL DATA

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is the result of an organic union in America of the Associate Presbytery and the Reformed Presbytery (Covenanters), both of which were organized in Scotland by separating from the Established Presbyterian Church. Some pertinent historical dates and facts are as follows:

1560 – As part of the Reformation, the Scotch Church became the official church of Scotland and adopted the Westminster Confession and the Catechism as basic doctrine. During the following century, there was bitter dissension and persecution within the church principally over state control, disregard of the basic doctrines and form of church government.

1688 – William III (William of Orange) upon ascending the throne re-organized the existing church into the Established Presbyterian Church of Scotland, discontinued persecution, but many were still dissatisfied with continued practices pertaining to church government and disregard of basic doctrines, so in –

1733 – Under the leadership of Ebenezer Erskine, the Associate Presbytery was organized at Gairney Bridge, Scotland, separating from the Established Church. Then in –

1743 – The Covenanters who had for years dissented and organized themselves into societies formally organized the Reformed Presbytery.

The Associate and Reformed Presbyteries grew, spread to North Ireland, then members immigrated to America where societies and churches were organized throughout Pennsylvania, New York, Carolinas, and Georgia. Then in –

1753 – Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania was organized.

1774 – Reformed Presbytery of Pennsylvania was organized. The differences which kept these two bodies apart in Scotland and North Ireland were less pronounced in America and following negotiations there was organized in –

1782 - The Associate Reformed Synod in Philadelphia which included churches located throughout Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Carolinas, and Georgia. As a part of this Synod, there was organized in –

1790 - Associate Reformed Presbytery of Carolinas and Georgia at Long Cane, S. C (Abbeville County). During the next twenty years the church grew and in 1802 it was decided to organize four Synods and one General Synod; consequently in –

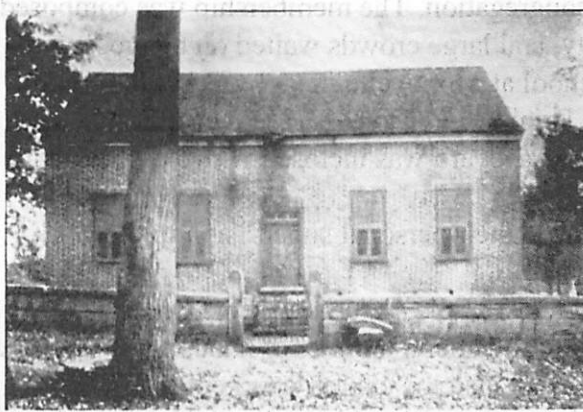
1803 - The Associate Reformed Synod of the Carolinas was organized May 9 at Brick Church, Fairfield County, South Carolina. This, with the Synods of Pennsylvania, New York and Scioto, Ohio, organized the General Synod in 1804 with headquarters in Philadelphia. This General Synod organization continued until it was agreed that each Synod become independent

Taken from

"The Centennial History of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church 1803-1903".

This book was published in 1905.

"In the twenty years since its organization the growth of the Associate Reformed Synod had been such that in 1802 it was deemed expedient to resolve the body into four synods and to organize a General Synod. Accordingly, on the 9th of May, 1803, the Associate Reformed Synod of the Carolinas was organized at Ebenezer, Fairfield County, S. C. At its organization in 1803 the Synod of the Carolinas had about two thousand members."



"Brick Church – The Brick Church is situated in the western part of Fairfield County, South Carolina, about twelve miles from Winnsboro. It sits in a beautiful grove on the banks of Little River.

It was here that the Synod of the Carolinas, which is now the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, was organized on May 9, 1803. For this, as well as other reasons, the history of this church is full of interest to all people of the A. R. P. Churches. The church was first called Little River, and afterwards Ebenezer, but for many

years it has been known as the Brick Church. When it was organized, we are unable to say. Before the Revolutionary War, a log church was situated two miles west of the present church, and when the present church was built in 1788, the location was changed to the present site, in order to accommodate the people who lived on the east side of Little River.

The deed to the land on which the Brick Church stands shows that it was conveyed on June 2nd, 1793, by Henry Crumpton, to the following persons designated in the deed as members of this church, viz: Benjamin Boyd, John Martin, James Gray, Charles Montgomery, John Gray, James Kincaid, Aaron Hawthorne, Thomas Lewers, William Bell, Andrew Gray, William McMorries, Sr., William McMorries, Jr., Daniel Cochran, Callom Forbes, Hugh Montgomery, Robert Gray, William Thompson, William Richardson, Robert McGill, William Holmes, William Kearnaghan, H. Ronalds, R. Robertson, Hugh Robertson, William Kennedy, Hy Harton, S. Richardson, William Watt, J. Kennedy, William Southwick, and Agnes Calhoun. In addition to these, we find also that families of the following names belonged to the church prior to 1791, viz: McKemie, Davidson, Turnipseed, and perhaps others. In later times, we find the following additional names as members and some of them officers in the church: Nelson, Sloan, Robinson, McDowell, Watt, Martin, Player, Curry and Bell.

Mrs. Hutchinson, a member of the church, who died a few years ago, said that she remembered hearing her mother and others tell, that after the crops were laid by, that their fathers and grandfathers would go to the brickyard, and tramp the mud into mortar with their bare feet, put it into molds with their hands, carry it out in the sun to dry, then burning the kilns by night and day, and that to them it was a labor of love and pleasure. It took them a long time to get ready to build, but the building was finally completed in 1788, and it stands today, as strong and solid as at the first, showing that these old men did their work well.

Alexander and James Kincaid, and perhaps many others, did a great deal in building the

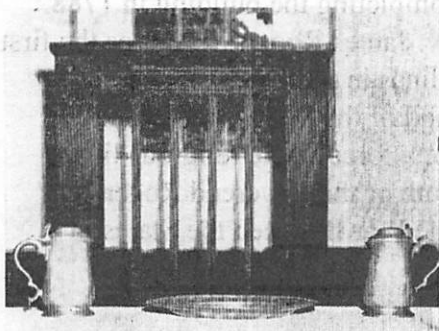
that on Aug. 25th, 1893, it was reorganized with twenty-one members.

In 1896, Rev. A. G. Kirkpatrick was installed over the Brick Church in connection with Prosperity in Newberry Co., and this pastorate continued until 1899, when he resigned on account of ill health.

The history of this old church has been a noble one.

Prof. McKemie, of Georgia, whose ancestors for three generations are in the cemetery around the old Brick Church, says: "That old Brick Church has been a seed bed from which transplants have gone throughout the South." After speaking of the names of the families already mentioned in this sketch, he says: "If I were in the cemetery, I could recall many other names whose generations have carried Presbyterianism from South Carolina to the Pacific Coast. I recall two ministers, Revs. Joseph and John E. Davidson (who were baptized in the Brick Church by Dr. Rogers) who passed their ministerial lives in North Louisiana. For thirty-five years Joseph Davidson preached more sermons, married and buried more people, than any minister in North Louisiana. John E. Davidson was a graduate of Princeton, and in three years organized six or seven churches in Louisiana, but he 'went away' just as his star was mounting."

In addition to these, four other ministers have come from the Brick Church, viz: Rev. J. B. Watt, Rev. J. A. Sloan, Rev. John E. Martin, and Rev. Horace Rabb. There are others perhaps, but we have not been able to get their names.



The old communion service, with its waiter, tankard, cups, and Irish linen, more than a century old, is still in possession of the congregation.

perched upon the ground overlooking the crossing, planning to knock-off a couple of "Yanks" before pulling out for Winnsboro. Davis' infantry swarmed through the shallows and moved on the double with bayonets fixed toward the positions occupied by the troublesome Confederates. Several Federals went down before their comrades routed the sharpshooters from the high ground. Engineer officers of the 14th Corps appeared and decided a crossing of the stream without some sort of bridge was an impossibility for the heavy guns and wagon trains which accompanied the Union Cavalry and infantry. In all probability some bright-eyed second Lieutenant, as is the case of second Lieutenant since the beginning of history, spotted the church and desiring to be a first lieutenant before the conclusion of the war suggested tearing up the floor and rafters to make a bridge. The engineering officer in charge had undoubtedly lost all his scruples after four bloody years of war and so out came the woodwork of the church. The 14th Corps and Kilpatrick's army crossed, leaving the gutted church behind. However, a legend exists in Fairfield County, which we can substantiate in part, that a Union officer inscribed a pencil written apology on the doorway of the church for the desecration. This apology is written in old Apencerian handwriting and has been retraced and lacquered. The individual reader had best judge for himself as to authenticity. The inscription reads:

"To the citizens of this county--Please excue us for defacing
your house of worship. It was absolutely necessary to effect
a crossing over the creek." Signed "A Yankee."

So great was the blow from the war that the church declined and was declared disorganized without any formal act to that effect. In the graveyard of the church are the remains of several Confederate soldiers who belonged to the 12th South Carolina Infantry. We wonder if these men may be some of the men who strove to defend the Little River crossing and lost bot it and their lives.

merged under the combined names, Associate Reformed, which makes this one of the oldest Presbyterian branches in this country.

Other A. R. Presbyterian Churches in this area are the White Oak Church, New Hope Church, just above Douglass (Avon), Hopewell, north of Blackstock and Bethel Church in Winnsboro. These churches have had a profound affect upon the spiritual, cultural and educational life of Fairfield County.

(This article was found in the files at the Fairfield Archives & History. It is from the local newspaper but no date was written on the article.)

This pastor and educator is buried in the cemetery beside the Old Brick Church, and his tombstone records that he was a native of County Monaghan, Ireland. By his side is his wife Celia. In the strong vein of Calvinistic theology on her tomb appears the statement, "She died, for Adam sinned; she lived, for Jesus died."

Members of the Old Brick Church enjoyed a prosperity based on cotton and slavery until the outbreak of the Civil War. The great conflict spelled doom for both the community and the church. Many in the congregation went off to fight, and more than a few of them never returned. In the cemetery of the old church the graves of four Confederate veterans are located at the foot of the graves of four men who fought in the American Revolution.

Not only were the rolls of the congregation decimated by the war, but before the conflict ended the community was to feel the wrath of Sherman's armies. The left wing of the Union forces traveled north from Columbia on the west bank of the Broad River, crossed that stream at Alston and came eastward. In their path lay Ebenezer Meeting House and the homes of many of its members. A number of homes went up in flames, and even the small house of worship on the banks of Little River fell victim to the Union forces.

In order to rebuild the bridge across the stream at the foot of the hill, destroyed shortly before by retreating Confederates, the invaders tore out the flooring and sleepers of the church. This act of desecration was too much for one Northern soldier. Feeling a need to apologize to the members, he wrote the following on the door facing on the west side of the building: "Citizens of this community: please excuse us for defacing your house of worship so much. It was absolutely necessary to effect a crossing over the creek, as the Rebs destroyed the bridge. A Yankee." Although the inscription was largely obliterated by an inadvertent whitewashing, almost every visitor claims to see the original writing.

Since 1932 it has been the custom of Associate Reformed Presbyterians to gather periodically at the Old Brick Church for special services or celebrations to keep alive the memories of bygone days and to recall the dedication and faith of those who once worshiped there. These occasional gatherings also provide opportunities for the renewal of friendships and acquaintances, and in many ways the services are both religious and social.

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23, 1973, there was standing room only inside the church. Many stood around under the trees or among the tombstones, and others sat on the ancient granite wall which surrounds both building and cemetery. The principal speaker that day was Geddeh Smith, a Columbian now living in New York City. He was well qualified to give the address. Not only is Smith a successful actor on both stage and in television, but he is a lineal descendent of Alexander Kincaid, one of 34 members of the congregation to whom a deed to the property was given in 1793.

Catawba Presbytery, in the hounds of which the church is located, took positive action last fall to insure that the old sanctuary will not be forgotten in either a religious or historic sense. The church was reinstated on the rolls of Presbytery as a house of worship, though not an active congregation. The action taken will also result in the practice of holding a meeting of the Presbytery at the Old Brick Church every fifth year, to be held in addition to special services.

The Old Brick Church was entered on the National Register of Historic Places as of Aug. 19, 1971. That is good news for those everywhere who have a great affection for the ancient meeting house and want to see it preserved, restored and maintained.

John Bigham is a free-lance writer from Columbia

Confederate troops took the bridge that was over the swollen stream with them. The Union Army saw the floor boards and beams in the church as materials that could be used to construct a bridge over the Little River and used the wood to do exactly that, construct a bridge over the river.

But the dismantling of the church was not done without stirring the conscience of at least one of the northern intruders, as is documented by the inscription he left on the church's wall. The "Yankee's" words have been protected and preserved since the Civil War:

"To the Citizens of this community
Please excuse us for defacing your house of worship.
It was absolutely necessary to effect our crossing over the Creek.
A Yankee."

Other stories associated with church members have been passed down and have survived, although the story's characters rest among the tombs and under the stones of the "Old Brick Church."

One story, that of Mary McMorries Kincaid, begins in Ireland in the mid-seventeen hundreds.

Twelve-year-old Mary set sail from Ireland with many others in search of religious freedom. On the voyage to the New World the ship carrying the pioneers became becalmed (motionless) in the Atlantic. And the ship's provisions ran out.

Starving, the crew of the ship had no alternative but to cast lots in order to choose a sacrifice so that the others might eat.

The luck of the draw frowned upon young Mary, but because the crew couldn't bear to kill her, she was the most beautiful on the ship, they agreed to draw again. And again Mary was the chosen.

But no one would agree to Mary's death, so the ship's members prayed through the night for deliverance from their plight.

The next morning, according to legend, a ship spotted the stranded vessel and came to its rescue with rations.

Thanks, to their good fortune Mary and her family arrived in Fairfield County, where she married James Kincaid who built the Kincaid - Anderson House, which is still standing and called "Fairfield."

"Fairfield" is constructed of the same type of bricks used to build the "Old Brick Church" which also have a story behind them. The story can be traced, by newspaper accounts from 1939, to Mrs. Janie Hutchinson of Monticello.

Mrs. Hutchinson's grandmother told her how the men of the church would go to the brickyard, after they had harvested their crops, and tramp mud into mortar with their feet. The mortar was then put into molds and carried out into the sun to dry. The bricks were put into kilns, which were burned night and day.

It took them a long time to get ready to build the "Old Brick Church" according to Mrs. Hutchinson's account, but construction of the church was completed in 1788.

**EBENEZER
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(THE OLD BRICK CHURCH)**



EBENEZER is often called or referred to as the birthplace of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, for it was in this historic little building that its first pastor, the Reverend James Rogers, acted as moderator and organized the Associate Reformed Synod of the Carolinas in 1803.

The building was erected in 1788 by the people of the Lower Little River section of the county. They were predominantly Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, highly religious, and staunch and fervent in their beliefs.

The sanctuary is small and rectangular in design, very plain, and covered with a gabled roof. It is well lighted and ventilated with long, unornamented windows. The bricks for the thick masonry walls were made by members of the congregation who also constructed the church and built the simple but well appointed furniture. There is also a slaves' gallery where the house servants worshiped with their masters and were taught the fundamentals of Christianity.

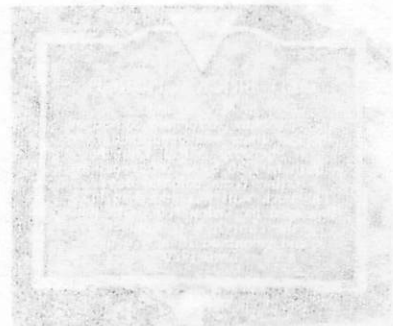
During the war, in 1865, Fairfield County was invaded. Ebenezer was in the path of General Killpatrick's Union Calvary. Near the church there were skirmishes with the Confederates who had the advantage of being located on the ridge. When the Union Calvary reached Little River they found that the Confederates had burned the bridge. In order to avoid the bullets of the sharpshooters in the hills above them, the Yankees took advantage of the little church and ripped out part of the flooring and woodwork to hastily construct a bridge over which they might cross the swollen stream and move on beyond the ridge.

After they left, a note of apology was found inscribed on some of the woodwork that remained intact. It read thus:

"To the citizens of this county -
Please, excuse us for defacing your house of worship.
It was absolutely necessary to effect a crossing over the Creek.

(Signed) A Yankee."

(Taken from A Fairfield Sketchbook by Bolick)



It is also interesting to note that the Old Brick Church has been put on Fairfield County maps as far back as 1830. On the 1830 map it was labeled as "Ebenezer Meeting House", on the 1876 county map it was labeled "Brick Church", on the 1908 county map it was labeled "Brick Church".

A NOTE OF HISTORY



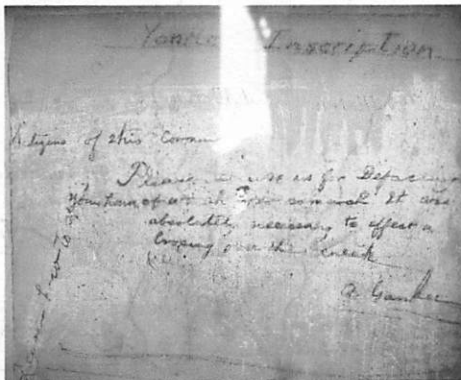
It is altogether fitting and very appropriate that the service today be a part of the Bicentennial Celebration of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. We have been made conscious of our rich heritage in many ways throughout this significant year, and once again at the Brick Church we are reminded of a glorious past.

First known as Little River, then Ebenezer, and still later as the Brick Church, the meeting house where we have gathered today is familiar to us all as The old Brick Church. A shrine in the truest sense, its history and the story of its members

are in many ways the history and the story of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

This ancient house of worship was built in 1788 but there was a congregation in existence before the American Revolution. The most important event in the colorful history of the church in which we worship today occurred on May 9, 1803. It was then that the Synod of the Carolinas, which in due time and under the guidance of God, would become the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was formally organized. For this, and for many other reasons, the history of the Old Brick Church is precious to Associate Reformed Presbyterians everywhere and also to countless others who have close ties to this ancient and revered place and to the nearby cemetery. Look about and be reminded of the rich heritage we can claim!

The Old Brick Church, under the official name of Ebenezer Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was restored to the roll of Catawba Presbytery on November 18, 1973. No active congregation exists, but as the years come and go we are reminded of the part this church once played, and continues to play, in the life and mission of the denomination.

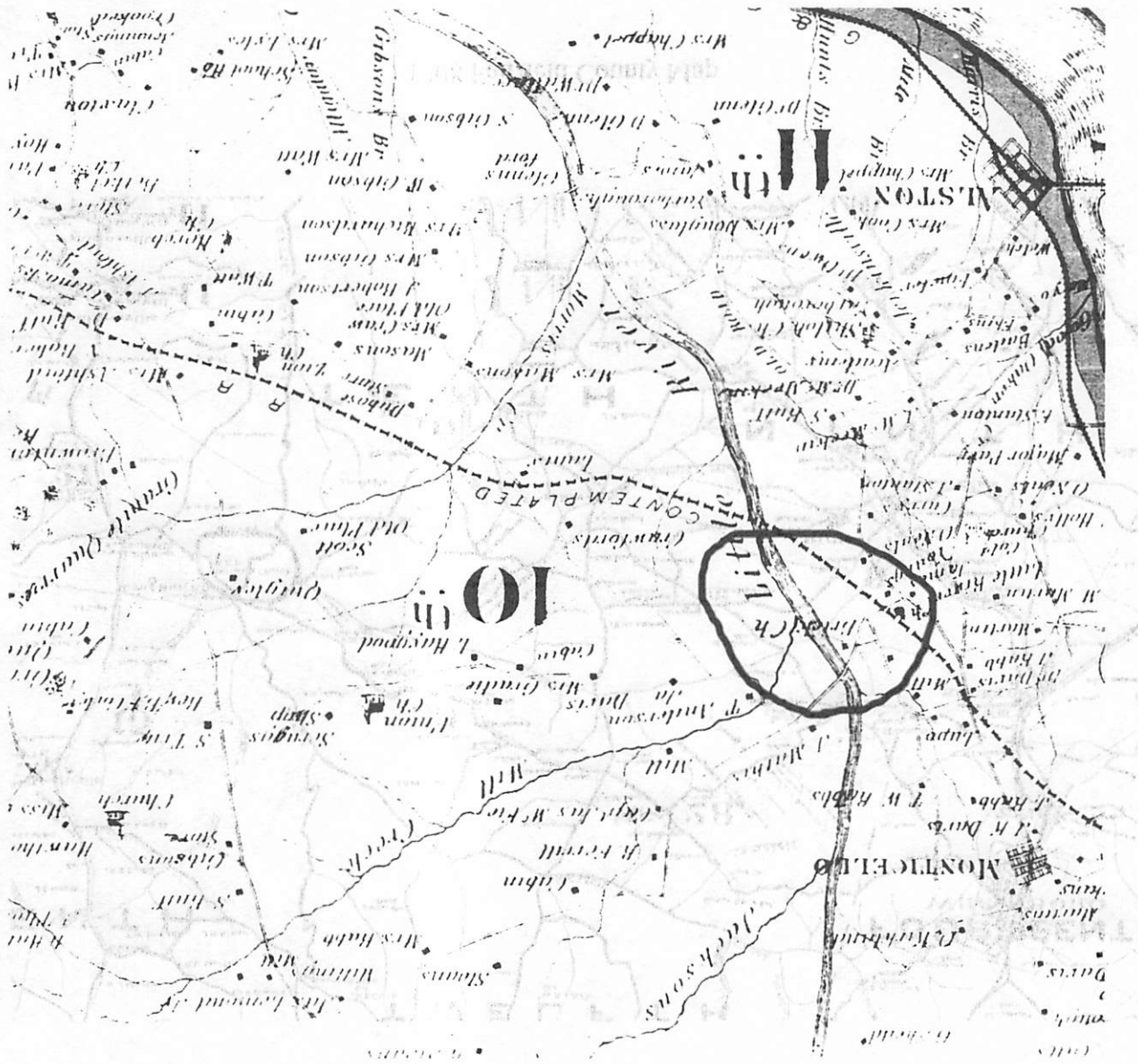


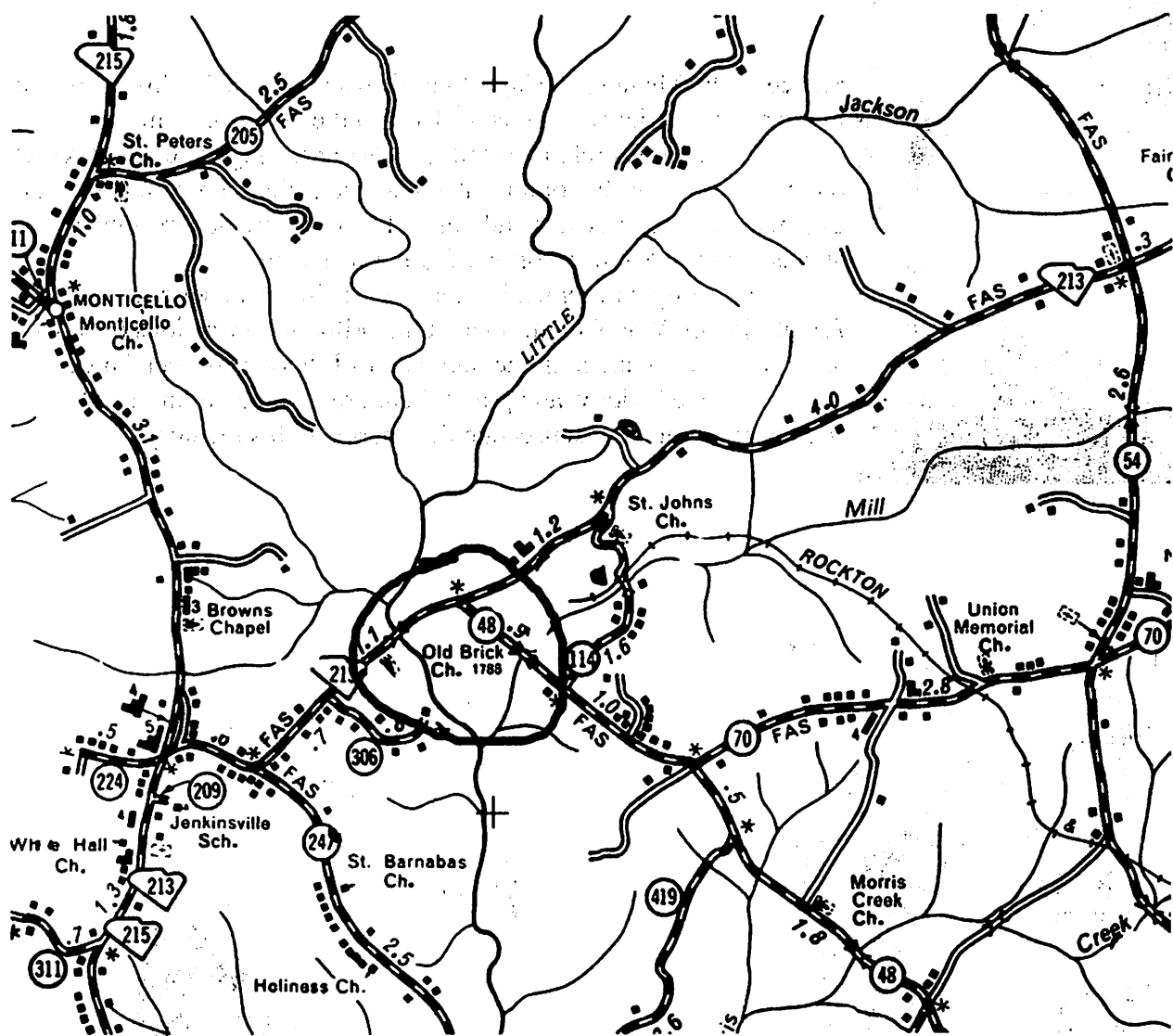
OLD BRICK CHURCH (EBENEZER)

Fairfield County, S. C.

Historic birthplace of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Built by its own congregation in 1788 from hand molded bricks and local timber. Union Cavalry crossed nearby Little River in Feb. 1865 by using the flooring of the church. A written apology still legible on the woodwork reads: "To the citizens of this community-please excuse us for defacing your house of worship. It was absolutely necessary to effect a crossing over the creek. Signed, A Yankee."

1876 Fairfield County Map

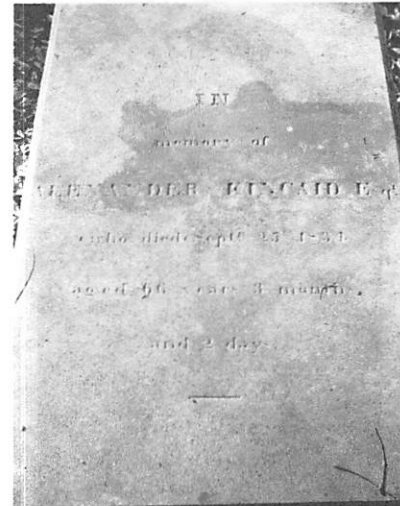




1972 Fairfield County Map



In memory of
Adam Hawthorne, Esq.
Who departed this life
Nov. 5th A. D. 1827,
aged 49 years.



In memory of
Alexander Kincaid Esq.
Who died Sept 25, 1831
Aged 66 years 3 months
And 2 days



James Kincaid
son of William and
Elizabeth Kincaid
he departed his life on the
15th September 1818
aged 11 months and 1 day



William McMorries Jane Donovan McMorries
1737 - 1801 1737 - 1811
From Belymlna County Antrim Ireland 1769
Erected 1942 by descendants Through Annie
Through Annie Cofield Jeter
Sacred to the memory of William McMorries
who departed this life the 18th Sept. 1801
in the sixty sixth year of his age.

Cemetery Records



Directions to Church and Cemetery from Winnsboro:

Take Highway 213 off Highway 321 By-pass; go 12 ½ miles; cemetery and church are on the left after the bridge.

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Ebenezer (Old Brick Church)

Bell, William, Maj.
1/4/1814 - 6/8/1881

Bell, William Sr.
d. 9/3/1825 Age 72y
[h/o Ann]

Boyd, Nathaniel
d. 8/4/1790
s/o Benjamin & Mary Boyd
[listed with Twin Brother, Thomas
Boyd]

Boyd, Thomas
d. 8/4/1790
s/o Benjamin & Mary Boyd
[listed with Twin Brother, Nathaniel
Boyd]

Broom, Willie S. [Irby Smith]
5/31/1904 - 10/6/1973

Brown, Elizabeth
d. 10/9/1823 Age 63y

Chappell, Memorial
William L. Chappell 1828-1876
Martha Chappell 1830-1883
Henry H. Chappell 1830-1883
Warren Chappell 1831-1832
Thompson Chappell 1832-1884
George S. Chappell 1834-1878
Joel Chappell 1835-1863
Mary Ann Chappell 1838-1897
Margaret Chappell 1840-1842
Laban Hicks Chappell 1841-1842
David Hicks Chappell 1845-1865

Chappell, Memorial
In Memory of
Laban Henry Chappell 1800-1870
his wife
Martha Ford Love Chappell
1804-1883
Erected by youngest daughter
Sarah Caroline Chappell 1847-1935

Chappell, David Hicks, Corp.
No Dates
Co. F, 12 S. C. Inf., CSA

Chappell, Henry H., Lieut.
No Dates
Co. F, 12 S. C. Inf., CSA

Chappell, Isaac Love, Lt.
No Dates
Thompson's Regt., S. C. Mil., Rev.
War

Chappell, Joel
No Dates
Co. F, 12 S. C. Inf., CSA

Chappell, Joseph Cook
1887 - 1935
s/o Charles D. & Honoria Chappell
Served in World War 1917-18; Pvt. 1st
Class Med. Dept., Camp Jackson, SC

Chappell, Laban
No Dates
Thompson's Co., 3 S. C. Regt., Rev.
War

Chappell, Lois
1874 - 1964

Chappell, Mary Douglas
1837 - 1914
w/o Thompson Chappell

Chappell, Robert
No Dates
Taylor's Regt., S. C. Mil., Rev. War

Chappell, Sarah C.
1847 - 1935

Chappell, Thompson
1832 - 1884
[h/o Mary Ann Douglas]

Connor, Honor, Mrs.
d. 1/14/1829 Age 84y
Sacred to the Memory of
a native of Ireland; for many years a
resident of this country
she departed this life January 14, 1829
in Fairfield District, age about 84 years

Coombs, Harold Minch
5/22/1915 - 11/1/1992

Coombs, Margaret Macfie
6/14/1913 - no date

Cork, Jane Glover
12/24/1805 - 5/26/1895
born in County Antrim, Ireland

Curry, Caroline Mary
11/21/1817 - 2/22/1849
[1st] w/o Robert P. Curry
d/o William & Rachel Parr of Virginia
b. Warrenton, VA

Curry, Charles Rufus
8/12/1861 - 11/12/1895

Curry, Eliza
8/16/1822 - 1/15/1907
"Mother"
[2nd w/o R. P. Curry]

Curry, Hattie
12/4/1858 - 2/2/1915
w/o S. S. Curry

Curry, James Calhoun
10/6/1851 - 6/3/1921

Curry, Mary Jane
d. 12/26/1862 Age 9y 10m 3d
d/o R. P. & Eliza Curry

Curry, R. P.
1/1/1800 - 2/1/1885
"Father"
[h/o 1st Carolina Mary Parr]
[h/o 2nd Eliza]

Curry, Samuel Stafford
4/15/1856 - 12/31/1932
[h/o Hattie]

Douglas, David S.
No Dates
Co. C, 12 S. C. Inf., CSA Memorial

Edwin,
Broken Stoned
[Partial Stone next to Isabella Hemphill
Caldwell Bell Enclosed in Fence with
Her Husband, John P. Bell]

Floyd, Curtis P.
1896 - 1943
[American Legion]

Ford, Gardner
No Dates
Taylor's Regt., S. C. Mil., Rev. War

Glazier, Elizabeth
d. 1/20/1840 Age 81y 4m 5d
[w/o John Glazier]
[d/o Thomas & Isabella Downing
Edwards]

Glazier, John, Capt.
d. 12/4/1831 Age 76y
died at his residence in Fairfield
District

Glover, George
d. 10/30/1867 Age 66y
[listed on same stone as Margaret
Glover]

Ebenezer (Old Brick Church)

Kincaid, Harriot Calmes
d. 11/5/1820 Age 1y 7m 20d
d/o William & Elizabeth Kincaid

Kincaid, James
d. 9/15/1818 Age 11m 1d
s/o William & Elizabeth Kincaid

Kincaid, James
1752 - 1801
Buried Scots Presbyterian Church
Yard, Charleston SC
[Memorial listed with William Kincaid
& Edward Anderson.]

Kincaid, James, Capt.
d. 5/14/1826 Age 38y 27d
s/o Alexander Kincaid Esq.

Kincaid, Jane, Miss
d. 9/14/1823 Age 55y 5m
d/o A. Kincaid Esq.

Kincaid, Mary McMorries
d. 10/4/1814 Age 1y 5m 28d
second d/o William & Elizabeth
Kincaid

Kincaid, Mary, Mrs.
d. 5/16/1828 Age 72y 5m 28d
d/o William & Dunahoe
McMorries
[w/o Capt. James Kincaid 1752-1801]

Kincaid, Rebecca D.
6/5/1816 - 9/13/1867

Kincaid, William
1782 - 1834
Buried Scots Presbyterian Church
Yard, Charleston SC
[Memorial listed with James Kincaid &
Edward Anderson.]

Kindell, Margaret Irby
5/28/1909 - no date

Kindell, Thomas Clark
8/8/1904 - 11/29/1984
[h/o Margaret Irby Kindell]

Knight, Stafford G.
7/5/1911 - 1/20/1912

Long, Sarah Elizabeth
d. 7/10/1910 Age 70y

Love, Issac, Lt.
No dates
Thompson's Regt., S. C. Mil., Rev.
War

Lyles, Cora Irby
10/9/1856 - 3/14/1895
"Mother"
[listed on same stone as James S.
Lyles]
[d/o Capt. A. P. & Mary F. Watt Irby]

Lyles, James S.
7/26/1855 - 12/9/1900
"Father"
[listed on same stone as Cora Irby
Lyles]

Lyles, Lovi E. Irby
d. 5/27/1952

Lyles, Woodward
10/3/1884 - 4/29/1912

M., R.
No dates

Macfie, Agnes Jane Rice
12/15/1835 - 4/1/1883
w/o Capt. James P. Macfie

Macfie, Alva Stevenson
w/o Reuben Rice Macfie Jr.
7/13/1908 - 7/18/2001

Macfie, James McGregor
10/10/1908 - 7/27/1990
Capt. US Army; world War II.
s/o Reuben Rice & Rebecca Brice
Macfie

Macfie, James P., Capt.
6/14/1830 - 4/3/1890
[h/o Agnes Jane Rice]

Macfie, John Franklin
8/25/1937 - 1/22/1953
twin s/o R. Rice & Alva Stevenson
Macfie Jr.
Member Bethel ARP Church

Macfie, Mary Jane
3/6/1911 - 7/29/1999
d/o Reuben Rice & Rebecca Brice
Macfie

Macfie, Octavia
1869 - 1976
[listed with William Macfie]

Macfie, Rebecca Brice
1881 - 1966
6/7/1881 - 10/31/1966
[listed with husband, Reuben Rice
Macfie]
[d/o John Alexander & Rebecca J.
Brice]

Macfie, Reuben Rice
1871 - 1948
3/17/1871 - 12/12/1948
[listed with wife, Rebecca Brice]

Macfie, Reuben Rice, Jr.
7/1/1906 - 11/13/1972
[s/o Reuben Rice & Rebecca Brice
Macfie]

Macfie, William
b. & d. 1879
[listed with Octavia Macfie]

MacNally, Edith Rabb, R. N.
8/17/1895 - 5/23/1950

Martin, Infant Daughter
7/11/1841 - 7/14/1841 Age 3d
d/o J. A. & P. F. Martin
[listed with other infant Daughters]

Martin, Infant Daughter
12/7/1839 - 12/10/1839 Age 3d
d/o J. A. & P. F. Martin
[listed with other infant Daughters]

Martin, Infant Son
d. 6/30/1855
s/o William M. & N. J. Martin

Martin, James G.
7/28/1845 - 6/30/1862
Mortally Wounded - Gaines Mill, VA

Martin, John A.
4/30/1794 - 5/20/1864

Martin, Mary
11/11/1770 - 8/10/1852
Age 81y 8m 29d
b. County Antrim, Ireland
w/o Edward Martin

Martin, Robert
11/22/1795 - 5/5/1840
Age 44y 5m 13d

Martin, Sarah Frances
7/31/1849 - 10/4/1849 Age 2m 5d
d/o J. A. & P. F. Martin
[listed with other infant Daughters]

Ebenezer (Old Brick Church)

Rabb, Plot
d. 10/17/1855 Age 5y 3m
[Broken Stone]

Rabb, Virginia C.
5/27/1848 - 5/13/1858
d/o John G. & Nancy K. [Kincaid]
Rabb

Rabb, William Clarence
3/10/1846 - 8/23/1929
2nd S. C. Reg. 1864 - 1865
[s/o John Glazier & Nancy Kincaid
Watt Rabb]

Reid, Mary Ann
9/29/1837 - 11/9/1912

Robinson, Annie L.
3/28/1892 - 7/27/1892
d/o C. A. & L. L. Robinson

Robinson, Annie L.
2/7/1871 - 12/27/1923
[w/o Charles Alexander Robinson]

Robinson, Charles Alexander
6/24/1867 - 1/29/1949
[h/o Annie L.]
[s/o John W. & Rebecca E. Watt
Robinson]

Robinson, J. W.
12/24/1828 - 5/13/1881
"Father & Mother"
[listed on same stone as Rebecca E.
Watt]

Robinson, James S.
12/6/1832 - 8/22/1861
Died in Hospital at Virginia
Member Co. G, 6th Regt., S. C. Vol.
Death found him at his post, a Soldier
of his Country and a Soldier of the
Cross.

Robinson, Jane
9/13/1797 - 5/16/1885
w/o Robert Robinson

Robinson, R. E.
5/18/1833 - 1/18/1902
"Father & Mother"
[listed on same stone as John W. Robinson]

Robinson, Robert
9/25/1793 - 4/28/1851
Age 52y 7m 3d
[h/o Jane]

Robinson, V. K.
5/6/1865 - 9/15/1874
s/o J. W. & R. E. Robinson
[Vino K. Robinson]
[listed with brother, W. K. Robinson]

Robinson, W. K.
7/11/1859 - 6/24/1862
s/o J. W. & R. E. Robinson
[Warren K. Robinson]
[listed with brother, V. K. Robinson]

Rogers, Celia, Mrs.
d. 9/21/1818 Age 30y

Rogers, James, Rev.
d. 8/21/1830 Age 62y
Native of County Monaghan, Ireland
Minister for 40 Years

Rogers, Jane Willson, Mrs.
d. 7/30/1803 Age 25y

Rogers, Martha Fullerton, Mrs.
d. 8/20/1827 Age 30y 2m 25d

Ruff, Mary Elizabeth
11/4/1900 - 5/28/1902

Ruff, Mattie Burley
4/11/1875 - 4/5/1896
[1st] w/o W. P. Ruff

Ruff, Minnie Burley
6/9/1873 - 7/17/1928
[2nd] w/o W. P. Ruff

Ruff, Sarah Bell
3/1910 - 4/1910

Ruff, Walter P.
8/4/1869 - 7/7/1923
[h/o 1st Mattie Burley]
[h/o 2nd Minnie Burley]

Scott, William
1759 - 1789
Pvt., Capt. Goodwyns Co., S. C.
Militia; Rev. War
[h/o Rebecca Rogers]

Seaver, Jennie Brice
5/26/1883 - 4/23/1961
d/o John Alexander & Rebecca Jane
Brice
sister of Rebecca Brice Macfie

Sloan, Agnes Jane
2/3/1877 - 12/3/1959

Sloan, Caroline M.
2/28/1833 - 2/7/1874
d/o John & Elizabeth Sloan

Sloan, Elizabeth
1/19/1793 - 2/12/1865
Age 72y 23d
w/o John Sloan Sr.

Sloan, J. I.
d. 2/6/1845 Age 2y 10m
d/o E. M. & S. C. Sloan

Sloan, J. R.
3/10/1840 - 9/18/1893
"Father"
[h/o Margaret J.]

Sloan, Jay R.
4/28/1874 - 8/4/1906
"Bother"
[s/o J. R. & M. H. Sloan]

Sloan, John, Sr.
10/16/1790 - 10/26/1839
Chosen by the congregation of
Ebenezer to the office of Ruling Elder
under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Rogers.
The duties of this office he discharged
with satisfaction to the people and
honor to himself about 20 years.
[h/o Elizabeth]

Sloan, M. E. Irwin
5/23/1828 - 5/2/1878
d/o John & Elizabeth Sloan

Sloan, Margaret J.
3/25/1842 - 7/1/1907
"Mother"
[w/o J. R. Sloan]

Sloan, Mary Elizabeth
8/14/1870 - 8/17/1961

Sloan, Mary J.
d. 1/13/1870 Age 68y
w/o Thomas Sloan

Sloan, Sarah C.
d. 3/22/1845 Age 22y 3m

Sloan, T. J.
6/13/1824 - 8/1/1831
Age 7y 1m 17d
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Smith, David Henry
3/31/1828 - 9/16/1842
Age 14y 5m 16d

Smith, F. N. Glenn
9/27/1853 - 8/29/1861
Age 7y 11m 2d
s/o I. T. & M. A. Smith

Smith, Ira Thomas, M.D.
4/16/1824 - 12/19/1895
Mason
[h/o 1st Mary Aiken Sloan]
[h/o 2nd Mary Hix Chappell]

Smith, Mary Aiken Sloan
5/12/1826 - 4/6/1864
[1st w/o Dr. Ira Thomas Smith]

Steele, J. H.
d. 7/6/1900 Age 78y

Steele, James Martin
1851 - 1932
"Father"
[h/o Janie Moore]

Steele, Janie
b. & d. 1873
[listed with Mary Steele]

Steele, Janie Moore
1855 - 1931
"Mother"
w/o James M. Steele

Steele, Mary
b. & d. 1899
[listed with Janie Steele]

Steele, Robert Lee
7/10/1878 - 9/27/1953

Sturgis, Katherine Macfie
1920 - no date
d/o Reuben Rice & Rebecca Brice
Macfie
w/o Rev. Richard T. Sturgis buried
Laurelwood Cemetery, rock Hill, SC

Thompson, James M.
10/25/1817 - 9/18/1818
Age 10y 25d

Thompson, James Mitchell
6/8/1822 - 10/18/1825

W., J. M.
No dates

Ware, Thomas C.
d. 10/23/1835 Age 40y

Watt, E. J.
d. 4/26/1845
s/o C. M. & H. W. Watt

Watt, J. M.
d. 9/14/1838 Age 2y 6d
[Broken Stone]

Watt, James
d. 5/9/1851 Age 55y
[s/o William & Jane Thompson Watt]

Watt, James
d. 12/21/1820 Age 6m 5d
s/o John Watt

Watt, Jane F.
d. 7/8/1837 Age 13y 1m 8d
d/o J. & Nancy Watt

Watt, Jane M.
d. 12/13/1827 Age 2m 20d
d/o William & Nancy Watt

Watt, John
d. 7/7/1845 Age 41y
[h/o Nancy Kincaid]
[s/o William & Jane Thompson Watt]

Watt, John
1/26/1831 - 3/15/1862

Watt, Margaret
2/14/1801 - 4/6/1861
w/o James Watt
[Margaret Bell]

Watt, Martha J.
d. 7/31/1822 Age 13d
d/o James Watt

Watt, Nancy
1/11/1797 - 2/13/1876
[w/o John Watt]
[d/o Alexander & Nancy McMorries
Kincaid]

Watt, Sally N.
d. 4/19/1857 Age 2y 7m 2d
"Little Sally"
d/o A. K. & M. H. Watt

Watt, William P.
d. 2/7/1832 Age 7m
s/o C. M. & H. W. Watt

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Matthews, Carrie A.
12/17/1849 - 1/17/1933
w/o J. O. Matthews

Matthews, Elijah
d. 8m

Matthews, Henry
d. 8y

Matthews, Job W.
1886 - 1944

Matthews, Mary
d. 5m

McBryde, John T., Rev.
1845 - 1912
[h/o Sarah Crosby Chappell]

McBryde, Sarah [Crosby] Chappell
1867 - 1955
[w/o John T. McBryde]
[d/o Thompson & Mary Ann Douglas Chappell]

McCullough, Ann Montgomery
1791 - 1851
b. Ireland

McCullough, Robert
1793 - 1853
b. Ireland

McEachern, Mary Chappell
1869 - 1955
w/o F. H. McEachern

McG., W. B.
[Fieldstone]

McKell, William
d. 7/13/1821 Age 37y
b. County Armagh, Ireland

McMeekin, Elizabeth
d. 10/1/1846 Age 34y
d/o Gen. Thomas & Margaret McMeekin

McMorries, Jane Donovan
1737 - 1811
From Belymlna County Antrim, Ireland
Erected 1942 by Descendants Through Annie Cofield Jeter
[listed with husband, Williams McMorries]

McMorries, William
1737 - 9/18/1801 Age 66y
From Belymlna County Antrim, Ireland
Erected 1942 by Descendants Through Annie Cofield Jeter
[listed with wife, Ann Donovan]

McSwain, John Wightman
4/19/1916 - 7/6/1982
[h/o Rebecca Macfie]
[s/o Claude & Lucille Rhyme McSwain]

McSwain, Rebecca Macfie
6/9/1917 - 8/15/1981
[w/o John Wightman McSwain]
[d/o Reuben Rice & Rebecca Brice Sr.]

Mernar, Franklin Ches.
d. 8/7/1817 Age 7m 12d
s/o Henry & Jane Mernar

Mernar, Henry
d. 7/16/1831 Age 44y
[h/o Jane]

Mernar, Urena Rebecca
d. 10/8/1827 Age 9y 6m 11d
only d/o Henry & Jane Mernar

Montgomery, Charles
d. 9/27/1822 Age 3y 9m 24d
s/o Hugh & Isabella Montgomery

Montgomery, Charles
d. 10/27/1820 Age 72y

Montgomery, James
d. 1923

Montgomery, Margaret, Mrs.
d. 8/16/1818 Age 66y

Moore, Jane Glover
12/13/1833 - 9/13/1910
"Mother, Grandmother"

Mooty, Willie Johnson
9/22/1855 - 11/25/1856
d/o A. P. & E. M. Mooty

MtGomery, Mary
d. 2/6/1810 Age 25y

Nelson, James W., Esq.
d. 9/7/1842 Age 53y

Nelson, Mary
d. 10/12/---
consort/o James W. Nelson Esq.
[Broken Stone]

Nelson, Samuel Y.
d. 9/9/1842 Age 8y 2m 13d
s/o J. W. & M. W. Nelson

Nelson, William B.
d. 6/30/1848 Age 10y 4m 17d
s/o J. W. & M. W. Nelson

O'Neale, Martha E.
d. 8/29/1834 Age 6y 6m 11d
d/o J. G. & Elizabeth O'Neale

O'Neale, William B.
d. 9/9/1834 Age 3y 6m 19d
s/o J. G. & Elizabeth O'Neale

Oxner, Benjamin
d. 4/28/1850 Age 15d
s/o T. D. & M. M. Oxner

Player, Ann Law
d. 5/24/1832 Age 9m 20d
d/o Joshua & Mary Player

Player, Charlotte E.
d. 11/25/1807 Age 27y 2m 25d

Player, Joshua
d. 11/21/1833 Age 55y

Rabb, Horace M.
6/29/1884 - 4/3/1946

Rabb, Infant Son
d. Age 5m
[listed with J. W. Rabb]

Rabb, J. W.
3/2/1841 - 6/30/1862
Killed at Gaines Mills
[listed with infant son Rabb]
[s/o John Glazier & Nancy Kincaid Watt Rabb]

Rabb, John G.
10/1/1814 - 2/26/1872
[h/o Nancy Kincaid Watt]
[s/o John & Renthea Glazier Rabb]

Rabb, Nancy Kincaid
11/20/1821 - 4/11/1900
[w/o John Glazier Rabb]
[d/o John & Anne Kincaid Watt]

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Glover, Margaret
d. 6/3/1865 Age 63y
[listed on same stone as George
Glover]

Goff, Claudia Irby
2/4/1913 - 6/14/2000

Goff, Robert Clyde
9/25/1940 - 11/17/1944
"Bobby"
s/o Mr. & Mrs. William H. Goff Jr.

Goff, William H.
1935 - 2004
Pope Funeral Home Marker

Goff, William Hinson, Jr.
11/8/1912 - 6/26/1983

Graham, Jane H.
d. 7/24/1835 Age 36y
Leaving behind a husband & 4 children

Hampton, Nell Irby
3/1/1922 - 12/25/1981
[w/o Robert King Hampton]

Hampton, Robert King
11/20/1919 - 3/7/1999
(w/o Nell Irby Hampton)

Harper, Annie
1818 - 1883

Harper, James
6/2/1776 - 2/13/1857 Age 81y
b. County Antrim, Ireland; Emigrated
to South Carolina, Fairfield District in
1810

Harper, Jane, Mrs.
d. 6/19/1863 Age 82y 4m
consort/o James Harper
b. Ireland, Emigrated with husband in
1810

Hastings, N. H. Kincaid
d. 2/9/1886 Age 71y 3m 13d

Hawthorn, Adam, Esq.
d. 11/5/1827 Age 49y

Hawthorn, Ann, Mrs.
d. 11/16/1825 Age 48y

Holley, Glazier A.
7/13/1845 - 10/26/1854
Age 9y 3m 13d
s/o N. B. & C. E. Holley

Holley, Infant Son
d. 11/1854
s/o N. B. & C. E. Holley

Holley, Nathaniel
d. 4/14/1838 Age 2m 1d
s/o N. B. & Charlotte E. Holley

Holley, William B.
d. 2/21/1858 Age 17y 6m 15d
s/o N. B. & C. E. Holley

Hunter, Martha Simonton
d. 5/9/1864 Age 38y 5m
w/o Rev. J. Hunter
d/o Alexander & Jane Douglass
formerly Mrs. Bell
[widow of Edward M. Bell]

Hutchinson, Ann Jane McCullough
1821 - 1900
"Mother"
w/o Archible Hutchinson

Hutchinson, Archible
d. 1859
"Father"
[h/o Ann Jane McCullough]

Hutchinson, Jannie
3/13/1856 - 5/5/1945

Hutchinson, Maggie
1859 - 1867
"Sister"

Hutchinson, Robert
1853 - 1916
"Brother"

Irby, A. P.
11/4/1834 - 1/3/1899

Irby, A. P.
6/9/1871 - 4/8/1933
[h/o Mamie Smith]

Irby, Blanche Sloan
4/1/1880 - 2/14/1954

Irby, John R.
5/21/1878 - 8/3/1941

Irby, M. Frances
7/21/1907 - 8/8/1980
[d/o Augustus Preston & Mamie Smith
Irby Jr.]
[Martha Frances Irby]

Irby, Mamie Smith
8/12/1876 - 3/3/1963
w/o A. P. Irby

Irby, Mamie Toon
10/9/1875 - 2/22/1955

Irby, Mary F.
5/26/1839 - 2/29/1920

Irby, William Watt
10/12/1875 - 1/13/1935

Johnson, Agnes Law
d. 4/10/1843 Age 8w

Johnson, Mary Ann
d. 6/9/1824 Age 1y 4m

Johnson, Mary Ann Harriet
d. 9/30/1839 Age 38y

Johnson, Mary Ann Rebecca
d. 10/31/1835 Age 9y 7m

K., A.
d. 1806

Kincaid, Alexander, Esq.
d. 9/25/1834 Age 66y 3m 2d

Kincaid, Ann, Mrs.
d. 9/10/1822 Age 59y 2m 16d
[Ann McMorries]

Kincaid, Bolivar, Dr.
5/15/1827 - 1/9/1857
youngest S/o Col. William & Elizabeth
Kincaid
b. Fairfield District
d. Alachua Co., East Florida

Kincaid, Cordella Lavenia
d. 12/19/1830 Age m 22d
d/o William & Elizabeth Kincaid
(Stone Broken)

Kincaid, Elizabeth, Mrs.
1/4/1791 - 3/5/1859
"Our Mother"
w/o Col. William Kincaid deceased of
Fairfield [1782-1834]
b. Newberry Dist., SC
And died at her residence in
Fairfield District

Kincaid, Frances
d. 10/3/1806 Age 6y
d/o Alexander Kincaid Esq.

Ebenezer (Old Brick Church)

[Several Unmarked Graves]
[Several Field Stones]

Anderson, Agnes Morgan Macfie
9/22/1857 - 8/31/1934
w/o Capt. Thomas K. Anderson

Anderson, Edward K.
1803 - 1849
Buried Scots Presbyterian Church
Yard, Charleston SC
[Memorial listed with James Kincaid &
William Kincaid.]

Anderson, Edward Kirkpatrick
1/12/1842 - 1/12/1859
Third child of Edward K. & Elizabeth
Anderson, who was born in Charleston,
SO. CA. January 12th, 1842, And Died
at the Residence of his Grand-Mother,
Mrs. Elizabeth Kincaid, in Fairfield
District, SO. CA. January 12th 1859.

**Anderson, Elizabeth [Armstrong]
Kincaid**
1811 - 1881
w/o Edward K. Anderson

Anderson, Emma Eugenia Williams
8/28/1851 - 11/28/1882
w/o Capt. Thomas K. Anderson

Anderson, Thomas, Capt.
11/12/1843 - 5/25/1903
[h/o 1st Emma Eugenia Williams]
[h/o 2nd Agnes Morgan Macfie]

Anderson, Thomas Kincaid
8/8/1890 - 10/20/1895
s/o Thomas & Agnes Anderson

Anthony, Jane, Mrs.
9/10/1793 - 12/10/1856
b. Monaghan County, Ireland
d. Fairfield County, SC
relict/o Capt. I. C. Anthony
Mother; 45 Yrs. In Charleston; member
2nd Presbyterian Church in Charleston

Anthony, Martha
d. 9/23/1879 Age 59y
Native of Charleston, SC; Lived in
Fairfield Co. with Sister 15 Years

B., A.
No dates
[no other information on the stone]

Bell, Adam
d. 1833 Age 42y

Bell, Ann
d. 11/16/1823 Age 69y
w/o William Bell Sr.
[Ann Montgomery]

Bell, Charles
d. 9/10/1825 Age 13y 1m 27d
s/o Charles & Margaret Bell

Bell, Charles
d. 11/27/1844 Age 61y
[h/o Margaret]

Bell, Charles
d. 5/6/1818 Age 19y
[h/o Jane]

Bell, Clara Adela
2/23/1859 - 9/21/1863

Bell, Edward M.
d. 2/15/1856 Age 33y 4m 7d
s/o Thomas & Martha Bell

Bell, Edward M.
d. 8/3/1825 Age 2y 1m 2d
s/o Charles & Jane Bell

Bell, Edward Martin
8/1/1851 - 8/18/1854
s/o Edward M. & Martha S. Bell

Bell, Eliza
10/9/1799 - 9/21/1854
consort/o William Bell

Bell, Hugh Calvin
d. 1833 Age 5y
s/o William & Elizabeth Bell

Bell, Infant Son
d. 1856
s/o Charles & Margaret A. Bell

Bell, Isabella Hemphill Caldwell
7/8/1838 - 12/14/1915
w/o John P. Bell
d/o William & Bethia Caldwell

Bell, Isabella Jane
d. 6/25/1852 Age 13y 9m 13d
d/o Charles & Jane Bell

Bell, James
d. 12/9/1845 Age 29y 3m 12d
s/o Thomas & Martha M. Bell

Bell, James
d. 11/18/1809 Age 7y

Bell, James
d. 10/11/1809 Age 32y

Bell, James Erskin
d. 4/24/1848 Age 4y 6m 1d
s/o William & Margaret M. Bell

Bell, Jane
d. 7/29/1862 Age 62y
[w/o Charles Bell]

Bell, Jane
d. 1929 Age 23y
d/o William & Sarah Bell

Bell, John Anthony
1/27/1862 - 1/29/1863

Bell, John P.
d. 4/1863 Age 32y 5m
[Stone Broken]
[h/o Isabella Hemphill Caldwell]

Bell, Margaret
d. 11/1/1820 Age 55y
w/o Charles Bell

Bell, Martha Jane
d. 1/17/1847 Age 1y 2m 15d
d/o William & Margaret M. Bell

Bell, Martha M.
2/11/1789 - 9/10/1854
w/o Thomas Bell
[Martha McClure Martin]

Bell, Sarah
d. 9/28/1828 Age 8y
d/o Thomas & Martha M. Bell

Bell, Sarah
d. 10/30/1813 Age 36y

Bell, Thomas
10/20/1785 - 3/15/1850
[h/o Martha McClure Martin]

Bell, Thomas Jefferson
d. 9/3/1843 Age 2y 10m 11d
s/o William & Margaret M. Bell

Bell, Thomas R.
d. 12/23/1876 Age 52y
Died from disease of the heart

Bell, William
d. 7/2/1845 Age 70y



Agnes Jane
wife of
Capt. Jas. P. Macfie
Born Dec. 15, 1835
Died April 1, 1883



Capt. Jas. P. Macfie
Born June 14, 1830
Died April 3, 1890
An honest, upright, candid,
worthy man.



In Memory of Virginia C.
Daughter of John C. & N. K. Rabb
Born May 27th 1848 Died May 13th 1858
Yes, to the home where Angels are,
Her trusting soul has fled.
And yet we bend above her tomb,
With tears and call her dead.



My Husband
To the Memory of
John Watt, who was born the
26th day of Jan. 1831, died the
15th day of March 1862.

Interesting Tombstones



Sacred to the Memory of Capt. John Glazier who died at his residence in Fairfield District December 4th 1831 in the 76th year of his age.

A numerous relations and friends expressing the deepest regret on the death of this honorable citizen are consoled in recollecting that as a man, he was truly just and honorable as a Christian exemplary and as a Patriot Soldier worthy of grateful esteem.

Posterity will remember that he was in active service thru the Revolutionary War. Countrymen at the brilliant transactions of Stone and Eutan that he aided in the purchase of Liberty and Social order.

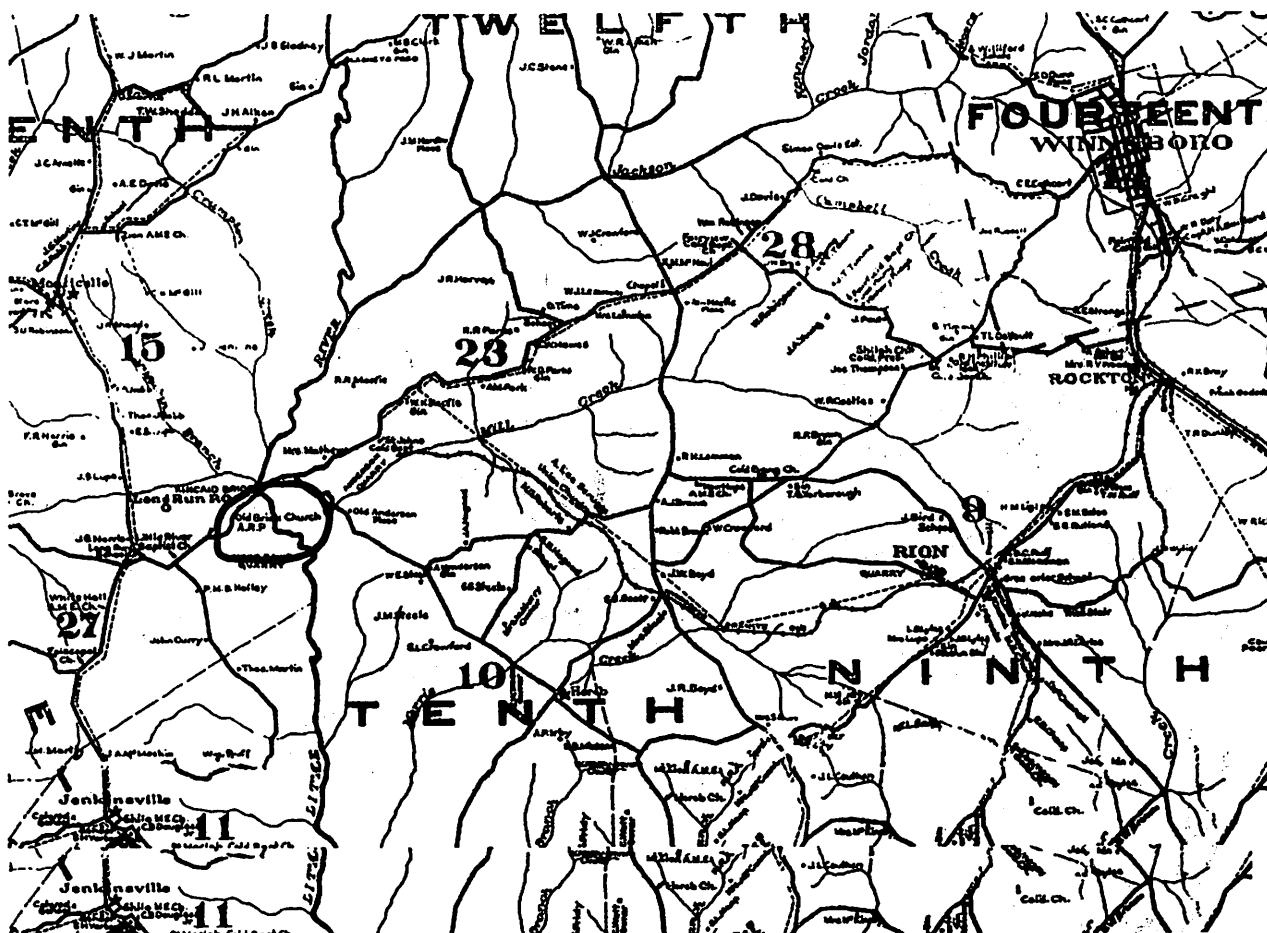
An aged widow and grateful children, grand children and friends affectionately consecrate this marble to his memory.



Laban Chappell
Thompson's
Co.
3 S. C. Regt.
Rev. War



Chappell Memorial



1908 Fairfield County Map

It is also interesting to note that the Old Brick Church has been put on Fairfield County maps as far back as 1820. On the Robert Mills 1820 county map it was labeled as "Ebenezer Meeting House", on the 1876 county map it was labeled "Brick Church", on the 1908 county map it was labeled "Old Brick Church A. R. P.", and on the 1972 historical map of the county it was labeled "Old Brick Church 1788". So as you can see this little church on a little hill by the Little River has its name in print even as far back as 1820 and before that because of it being the home of the 'The Associate Reformed Synod of the Carolinas'. It is really funny how something so small can be so big! — Linda Malone



1820 Fairfield County Map

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OLD BRICK CHURCH ERECTED 1788

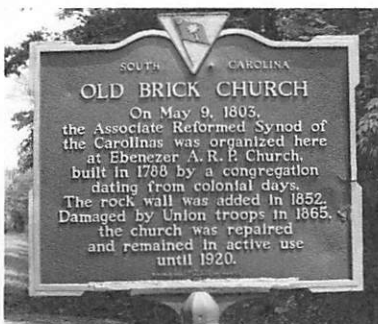


This church building, erected in 1788, was first called Little River and afterwards, Ebenezer, but for many years has been known as the Brick Church. The exact date of organization is unknown. Before the Revolutionary War, a log church stood two miles west of the present location. When this church building was erected in 1788, the location was changed to accommodate the people who lived on the east side of Little River. The granite wall around the church and graveyard was erected in 1852.

The first pastor, so far as we know, was Rev. James Rogers, installed February 23, 1791, who came from Scotland and served until his death in 1830. He was followed by Rev. James Boyce, 1832-1843; Rev. Thomas Ketchin, 1844-1852; Rev. C. B. Betts, 1855-69. During the period 1791-1865, the Brick Church was a large and flourishing congregation. Following the War Between the States, the church declined and was without a regular pastor until reorganized in 1893 under the leadership of Rev. A. G. Kirkpatrick, who was pastor until 1899. Presbytery arranged for subsequent supplies, but after a few years, the congregation passed out of existence without any formal dissolution.

State Highway Marker

The Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce is promoting the erection of Standard Historical State Highway Markers. The Old Brick Church was chosen as one location. The inscription is limited and must be approved by the State Archives Department. This is now on order and approved inscription is as follows:



OLD BRICK CHURCH

On May 9, 1803, the Associate Reformed Synod of the Carolinas was organized here at Ebenezer A. R. P. Church, built 1788 by a congregation dating from colonial days. The rock wall was added in 1852. Damaged by Union troops in 1865, the church was repaired and remained in active use until 1920.

Because there is no development in the area around the "Old Brick Church" it is a peaceful place to go and wander among the building and grave sites. There is very little traffic on Highway 213 in front of the church which permits the sound of the wind in the trees to filter in while one wonders about the lives of the people buried in the yard around the church.

Veterans from wars as far back as the Revolutionary rest silently under the oaks and pines, while mothers with their infants lying beside them do likewise..

And in addition to being reminded of the history of those who were connected to the "Old Brick Church," there's a message contrived by Capt. James Kincaid, to provoke thought from the living who might wander upon his tomb. It reads:

From the tombs a
Doleful sound,
My ears attend the cry;
Ye living men, come
View the ground
Where you must shortly
Lie!

A Note of History

We are assembled today in a house of worship which was built in 1788. In other periods of history this place of worship was known as Ebenezer Meeting House and also Little River Church, but for a long time Associate Reformed Presbyterians and others have affectionately spoken of it as the Old Brick Church.

Although no congregation has regularly worshiped in the venerable brick sanctuary for more than 70 years, tremendous significance is attached to it by Associate Reformed Presbyterians. It was here on May 9, 1803, when the building was comparatively new, that a handful of ministers and ruling elders gathered to organize the Synod of the Carolinas. In 1822 this body made itself independent of Northern ties, eventually evolving into the present denomination.

The story of Ebenezer Meeting House began with the arrival in the 1770s of Presbyterians, from Scotland and Ireland who settled on both sides of Little River. They were people who had been neighbors in the old country and who would continue the relationship in a new land. These families had hardly begun work on their own homes when they turned their attention to building a suitable house of worship. The first one or two were temporary buildings but soon the desire came to build a more permanent edifice. These early worshipers could not have dreamed how permanent it would be or that more than 200 years later a congregation such as we would be worshiping, and remembering, within the sacred walls of the house they built.

They made the bricks themselves. After their crops were laid by, the men would go to the brickyard, tramp the mud into mortar with their bare feet, put it into molds with their hands, and carry them out into the sun to dry. It was said they kept the kilns burning night and day, and it took a long time to build. But they completed the building in 1788, and they did their work well.

This revered and picturesque old church has seen much history, and in the two centuries of its existence has withstood good time and bad, war and peace, and the ravages of both time and weather.

The Old Brick Church, under the official name of Ebenezer Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was restored to the rolls of Catawba Presbytery on November 18, 1973. There is no active congregation but periodically many come together, as we have today, to be reminded of the role this church once played, and continues to play, in the life and mission of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

John Bigham

(This history was taken from a pamphlet dated October 15, 1995 which was a Historical Celebration of the "Old Brick Church".)

The Old Brick Church

By John Bigham



Having withstood for 186 years the ravages of time without appreciable damage, it now seems probable that an ancient church building in Fairfield County, variously known as Ebenezer Meeting House, Little River Church, and more popularly now as the Old Brick Church, will continue to stand sentinel to tradition and heritage.

Although no congregation has regularly worshiped in the venerable brick sanctuary for over 50 years, tremendous significance is attached to it by Associate Reformed Presbyterians every where. It was here on May 9, 1803, that a handful of ministers and ruling elders gathered to organize the Synod of

the South. A few years later this body made itself independent of Northern ties and eventually evolved into the present denomination.

The story of Ebenezer Meeting House begins with the arrival in the 1770's of Presbyterians from Scotland and Ireland who settled on both sides of Little River. The very first to put in all appearance was William McMorries and his family. Close behind the McMorries came James Kincaid and others, most of whom had been neighbors in the old country. James Kincaid married Mary McMorries and was destined to be influential as an elder at Ebenezer, an officer in the Revolution, a wealthy planter and a member of the legislature.

These Irish families had hardly begun work on their own homes when they turned their attention to building a suitable house of worship. The first one or two were temporary affairs, until the desire came to build a more permanent edifice.

They made the bricks themselves. After their crops were laid by, the men would go to the brickyard, tramp the mud into mortar with their bare feet, put it into molds with their hands and carry it out into the sun to dry. They kept the kilns burning night and day, and it took a long time to get ready to build. They finished in 1788, and they did their work well.

The gently sloping cemetery which surrounds the building on three sides is truly sacred ground for those whose ancestors lie buried within its granite confines. A tour through the graveyard will reveal some of the names of families who once lived and prospered in the community, who contributed their part as a strong citizenry in the development of Fairfield County and the state.

For several years the congregation of Ebenezer was served by itinerant Associate Reformed ministers. In 1791 the Rev. James Rogers came from Ireland by way of Scotland to begin a pastorate which lasted for almost 40 years. For 25 years of that tenure he presided over Jefferson Academy at nearby Monticello. One of his students was William Harper, who later became a celebrated jurist and was the first person admitted to what is now the University of South Carolina.

Rev. James Rogers also ministered to the Kings Creek and Cannons Creek Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches across Broad River in Newberry County until 1815, when he dropped these charges and concentrated on the congregation of Ebenezer.

**The Old Brick Worship House Built in 1788
Southern Branch of
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod
Was Organized at Ebenezer Church
May 9, 1803**



One of the more historic churches in Fairfield County is Ebenezer Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, better known as the Old Brick Church. It was here, on May 9, 1803, that the southern branch of this denomination organized its synod, separating it from the northern branch, which became the United Presbyterian denomination. The separation was not caused by any schism within the church, but for practical reasons. The geographical separation made it difficult for the northern group, mostly in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and the southern group, to meet together.

The original, Ebenezer church, which had served for many years, was replaced by the, present brick one, in 1788. It stands today just as it was built, four unadorned walls of handmade brick, with simple windows. A permanent roof of copper was put on the church several decades ago. Inside are plain wooden benches, and a small gallery at the back, for the use, of the servants. It took a long time to build the church.

After the crops were laid by the workmen would go to the brick yard. They would tramp mud into mortar, put it into molds with their hands, carry it out in the sun to dry, then bake it in kilns which were operated day and night.

Confederate soldiers, when returning before Sherman in his march through this part of the state, destroyed the bridge near the church. Sherman's men tore up the flooring and sleepers of the church for material to rebuild the bridge. The church was repaired long ago. One of the Federal soldiers, seeing the desecration of the Lord's House, wrote these words in pencil on the wall: "Citizens of the Community: Please excuse us for defacing your house of worship so much. It was absolutely necessary to effect a crossing over the creek, as the Rebs destroyed the bridge. A Yankee."

An historical marker was erected in front of the church several years ago by the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce.

This denomination was begun in Scotland, when, in 1733, the Associate Presbytery was organized. Ten years later the Reformed Presbytery was organized by other Scots called Covenanters, so named because they supported the Scottish National Covenant of 1638 which asserted that Christ, and not the national monarch, was head of the church. Members of the two branches came to America in the 1700's. In 1782 the American Associates and Covenanters

**This was a speech given by
Mary Rice McMaster
at a meeting of the
Thomas Woodward Chapter DAR**



One of the most historical structures in old Fairfield county is the Ebenezer Presbyterian church, otherwise known as "The Old Brick Church" which is located about twelve miles southwest of Winnsboro. The church itself is a small, dingy, red brick structure with towering cedar trees standing in the ample cemetery which surrounds the building.

Inside the church are a number of long straight-back pews, a slave gallery and an old fashioned pulpit which is merely a Bible stand built into a railing. The building was erected by the people of the Little River section of Fairfield County as a labor of love. They molded the bricks with their own hands and cut and trimmed timber to provide the woodwork – completing the building in 1788. The small church began making history when its first pastor, Rev. James Rogers, acting as the first moderator organized the Associate Reformed Synod of the Carolinas in 1803 from its humble pulpit. This group is now known as the Associate Reformed Synod of the South. Reverend Rogers' church grew in numbers and prosperity and soon became a force in the religious life of South Carolina. The church continued to go forward after the death of the Reverend Rogers in 1830 and its growth was without incident until the outbreak of the War Between the States in 1860.

The young manhood of the congregation joined the Confederate army, almost in mass at the outbreak of hostilities and soon the casualty list returning from the battlefield made heavy the hearts of the folk of the Ebenezer church. However, the torch of war seemed far afield to the congregation and except for letters from the men at the front and troopers home on furlough life went on much the same as usual. Crops were sown and reaped and the neighborhood's youth becoming of age packed their meager belongings and went off to war. However, all was not going well with the Confederacy and in 1864 the drums of war began to draw near. Valuables were buried, livestock was hidden and many of the homes became places of shelter for refugees from the lowlands where war was present. Finally the hand of battle touched the church and the community. After the fall and burning of Columbia, Sherman's army swept northward burning, looting and destroying in a 40-mile swath as the Yankees pursued the battered remains of General Beauregard's retreating Confederate army.

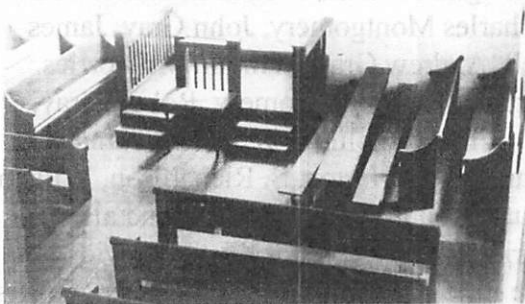
Late in February 1865 Ebenezer church, located a few hundred yards from the swift moving Little River became the locale for one of those last moving little actions which though never recorded on the pages of history saddened the hearts of families on both sides. Sometime around February 21st, Kilpatrick's Union Cavalry and Brigadier General Jeff Davis' 14th Corps arrived at the Little River. Here they found the Confederates had destroyed the bridge and were

church. The Kincaids were large planters, and were officers in the Revolutionary War. Adam and John Hawthorne were elders in the church prior to 1791. Rev. James Rogers was the first pastor of the church, so far as we can learn. He was ordained and installed over the Brick Church, then called Little River, in connection with King's Creek, and Cannon's Creek, in Newberry Co., on Feb. 23rd, 1791. Mr. Rogers continued to be pastor until his death, Aug. 21st, 1830. He is buried at the Brick Church. Rev. James Boyce was the next pastor, and was installed in 1832, and continued until 1843. Rev. Thomas Ketchin was pastor from 1844 until 1852. Rev. C. B. Betts was pastor from 1855 until 1869.

During the pastorates of Revs. Rogers, Boyce, Ketchin, and a part of the pastorate of Rev. Betts, the Brick Church was a large and flourishing congregation. The membership was composed of the wealthy and cultured planters of the community, and large crowds waited on the gospel at the Brick Church. Mr. Rogers taught a large High School at Monticello, near by, which was attended by pupils from many parts of the State. The Brick Church was made up of the noble men and women of the Old South. In 1852, the church and graveyard was inclosed with a granite stone wall.

Mr. John Glazier Rabb and Mr. R. W. Sloan gave their personal supervision to the work, and much credit is due to them for its success.

Mrs. Nancy Rabb, also, ever showed a deep interest in the old church. For twenty-five years previous to her death in 1900, Mrs. Rabb gathered together a number of hands each year, and had the graveyard thoroughly cleaned. Through her efforts also the church was kept in repair during the years when it was dormant, and she now sleeps among her kindred and friends in the graveyard of the old Brick Church. The war of secession played havoc with the Brick Church. It was left in a state almost of disorganization. Its men were slain, the homes of many of its people were left in ashes by Sherman's army, and the church itself was dismantled and used as quarters by the invading army. Out of the great number of men from the Brick Church, who went to the war, only a few returned.



There is one little incident, however, in connection with this old church, that throws a little light upon the blackness of war.

When the Federal army came to Little River, just at the church, they found that the Confederates whom they were pursuing, had destroyed the bridge. So they tore up the flooring and sleepers of the church and rebuilt the bridge. Some one of the company was stirred in heart as he saw the desecration of the Lord's house, and he wrote in pencil on the door facing of

the church, these words, which are legible today, after the lapse of thirty-eight years: "Citizens of this community: Please excuse us for defacing your house of worship so much. It was absolutely necessary to effect a crossing over the Creek, as the Rebs destroyed the bridge. — A Yankee."

So great was the blow from the War and its results that the church declined, until it disappeared from the roll of the Presbytery without any formal act of disorganization. After Mr. Betts resigned in 1869, occasional supplies were sent by the Presbytery, but even this ceased about twenty years ago. The old Brick Church, however, was not to remain dead forever. About the year 1891, Rev. A. G. Kirkpatrick, the pastor of New Hope, began to cultivate the field again, and under his active labors, and the fostering care of the Session of New Hope, it revived so rapidly

and in 1822 the Synod of the Carolinas became the A. R. Synod of the South.

“The Synods of Pennsylvania, New York, and Scioto, of the Associate Reformed Church and the Associate Church which did not go into the union of 1782, joined in 1858 to form the United Presbyterian Church. This denomination merged with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in 1958 to form the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.”



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.