

again. As one would guess...these were all God fearing people, and it isn't at all surprising they quickly got together to build a place of worship.

True history is what is called "novel" like the great book "Gone With The Wind", or "Brothers Karamazov", or "Jezebel", or "Joseph and His Brothers". History is a "valley of dry bones". It is a naked skeleton. The structural steel of a naked building. To write it otherwise would make it destructive instead of creative.

What we write here is fact. It did happen. It is fact like a desert. One must draw on imagination and experience to refurbish what was and is a verdant and vital story. The flesh of fascination is gone. Wet these facts with the water of memory; run them through the machine of mind and watch those dry bones walk again on the earth.

By an Act of the Louisiana Legislature Bossier Parish was created out of the western half of Claiborne Parish in the Year of Our Lord 1843. By an Act of Providence the area was shortly peopled and one of the original families was that of Mr. Wilson Dalrymple. The Dalrymples came from Ireland as did the Ellisons, Adgers and Martins. But most came here from having first settled at other places in the East. They came from Germany, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, and from the southern part of Louisiana. Many had stopped in Natchitoches and Mansfield before coming on to Bossier Parish.

1. William
Holmes
Ellison
b. 9-2-1775

and

1. Mary
Harrison

1. William
Harrison
Ellison

m 5-7-1839

and

1. Elizabeth
Adger

1. Sallie
Ellison
1207

&
Dr. E. J.
Hall
(1208)

&
2. Janie
Ellison

1. Hattie
Hall
&
J. W.
Dixon

2. Player
Hall
(1215)

3. Lizzie
Hall
(1212)

4. Mae
Hall
(1209)

5. William
Ellison
Hall
(688)
&

1. Placide Dixon
2. Jared Dixon
3. Louie Dixon
4. Wm. E. Dixon
5. James W. Dixon
6. Clyde Dixon
7. Jeane Dixon
8. Anne Dixon
9. Hattie Dixon
10. James Dixon

1. Will Hall

&

Tommie
Caldwell
(687)

6. Infant
Hall
(1213)

7. S. A.
Ellison
Hall

3 Minnie
Ellison
(1217)

&
Capt. B.R.
Nash
(1216)

1. Ben
Nash, Jr.

2. Will Nash

3. Lizzie
Nash

4. Minnie
Nash

5. Ellie
Nash
(1214)

4. Adger
Ellison
(1210)

1. F

- 1. Placide Dixon
- 2. Jared Dixon
- 3. Louise S. Dixon
- 4. Wm. E. Dixon
- 5. James Wm. Dixon
- 6. Clyde Dixon
- 7. Jeane Dixon
- 8. Anne Dixon
- 9. Hattie Dixon
- 10. James William Dixon
(buried as child at Cottage Grove Cemetery)

- 1. Hattie Hall and James Dixon
- 2. Payer Hall (1215)

- 4. Adger Ellison (1214)
- 3. William Ellison Hall and Tommie Caldwell

- 3. Minnie Ellison (1216)
- 2. Sally Ellison (Buried in S.C.)
- 1. Janie Adger Ellison (Cottage Grove)

- 4. Lizzie Hall
- 5. Mae Hall

- 1. William Harrison Ellison (1204)
- and
- 1. Elizabeth Adger (1205)

- 1. Dr. E. J. Hall (Rocky Mount) 1208

Mrs. Hattie Hall Dixon, who supplied much of this information now lives in a beautiful home just north of Belcher. Mrs. Dixon was born in 1878

We do not know the exact location of Dr. E.J.Hall's grave, however as this work continues we hope to arrive at a definite location via a process of elimination.

1. Antrim County

William Ellison, the first of this clan to come to America, came from Antrim County, Ireland to Chester, Pennsylvania in the year 1744.

Major Robert Ellison, son of William Ellison, married Elizabeth Potts. Elizabeth had come from North Ireland also. When Robert was 19 years of age he and Elizabeth were married and moved to Fairfiled District in South Carolina. Robert Ellison helped establish Mt. Zion Academy which became South Carolina College. The Robert Ellisons had five (5) children; William Holmes Ellison, Sarah Ellison, Margaret Ellison, Isabella Ellison and William Harrison Ellison

the letters of Robert are in the Presbyterian Historical Building at Montreat, N.C.

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| <p>1
Major Robert Ellison
and
Elizabeth Potts</p> | } | <p>1. William Holmes Ellison
and
Mary Harrison</p> | <p>1. Margaret Ellison
&
John Adger
2. Isabella Ellison
&
William Adger
3. William Harrison Ellison
&
Elizabeth Adger</p> |
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2. Sarah Ellison
and
James Adger II

1. Margaret M. Adger
&
Thomas Smythe
2. Susan Dunlap Adger
&
3. John Bailey Adger
&
Elizabeth Shewsbury
4. James Adger
5. Robert Adger II
6. William Adger
&
Margaret Hall Moffett
7. Sarah Elizabeth Adger
8. Jane Anne Adger
9. Joseph Ellison Adger
&
Susan Cox Johnson

4. Children of William Harrison Ellison and Elizabeth Adger

*6. Fannie E. Hall
Hizzie
Sallie*

Fannie E. married Dr. E. J. Hall

7. Hattie Hall Dixon

8. C. Hyde Wifon Cunnell (123)

*9. A. Hyde Cunnell Est
Bryan Cunnell
Dixon Cunnell*