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Now delapidated and falling apart, this old house at one time the well-kept seat of a prosperous cotton plantation. It is built along the lines used in the design of so many of the Fairfield homes both in town and in the country during the early 1800's. The main body of the building is rectangular with large inside chimneys and it is covered with a gable roof. A gabled portico supported by wooden columns covers a major portion of the front. In the portico gable is a large center window flanked by sidelights. The double doors at the entrance are set in an attractive frame surrounded with glass panes. A long wing extended to the rear of the house and on one side was fronted with a long, columned porch. This wing contained a large dining room, kitchen, and store-room. In recent years it fell into bad repair and since then has been taken down.

The interior woodwork was well designed and beautifully executed but most of it has been removed or destroyed. The house is almost an empty old shell. This property adjoins the old stone Jackson Creek Church site and many fascinating and hair-raising stories are told of the old place.

It was built in the 1820's, or before, by the Clark family, early settlers in the old Jackson Creek community. It was in this old house that Lieutenant James Clark, the Mexican War hero was reared. The house was the home of his sister Mrs. Martha Clark Bolick and was bought by her husband, Levi Bolick, before the Confederate War. The Bolick's only child was a daughter, Elizabeth, who was better known as Lizzie. Mr. Bolick's brother Daniel and his wife died rather young and only a few weeks apart leaving several small children. One of these, Robert Daniel, was reared as a son by Martha and Levi.

Lizzie Bolick married William Stevenson who came to an untimely death shortly after their marriage. She never remarried but lived with her husband's people in the New Hope section and in Winnsboro for the remainder of her rather long life. Before her death she sold this place to Mr. Beverley Herbert of Columbia who is still in possession of the property.

## OLD JACKSON CREEK CHURCH

David McCreight, William Hamilton, John and Alexander Robertson, James Gray, and John Phillips were among the first settlers in Lebanon (Jackson Creek) section of the county. All of the above mentioned men were from Ireland and were staunch Scotch-Irish Presbyterians; all of them having been elders in churches in their homeland.

Not long after the Revolutionary War, about 1780, these elders met and decided to form a church. They called an assembly of the people living in the neighborhood and the church was organized in the home of John Robertson by the Reverend John Simpson of Fishing Creek.



The early meetings continued to be held in the Robertson home and the Reverend Simpson usually preached for them. Some time later a church building was erected on the Robertson property. This log building was used until after the death of John Robertson. There was some sort of misunderstanding between his widow and the congregation which resulted in the church abandoning this building and erecting a similar one on the property of Joseph Chapman. ←

During the troubled years of the Revolution, the Reverend Mr. Thatcher, a northern minister, preached at Jackson Creek and the Wolf Pen Meeting House on the Wateree River. There were frequent Tory raids during this period and in 1780 Lord Cornwallis set up his headquarters at nearby Winnsboro. There was a skirmish at Moberley's Meeting House not many miles away. Due to this harassment, when services were held at Jackson Creek, men were stationed as sharpshooters and sentries in the trees and woods in the vicinity of the church so as to protect and warn the worshipers in the event of an enemy raid.

The exact date of the erection of the stone building is not known but it is thought to have been some time before 1800. This was one of the largest of the early churches in Fairfield. It was a tall rectangular structure built of native stones. The second story of the building was used exclusively by the Negroes whose masters paid rent on the pews that were used by their people. This gallery was entered by a flight of steps on the right-hand side of the main entrance to the building. The interior walls of the church were plastered over the bare stones and the furnishings were simple.

The old stone church was used until 1892, at which time it was in bad repair and considered unsafe for further use. Due to this condition and to the fact that the center of population of the congregation had shifted a new building was erected at another location. During the construction of the new building services were held at the Parsonage Academy at Stevenson, near the site of the new church. The Reverend D. E. Todd was pastor at this time and the new house of worship was completed in 1893.

Many pastors have served this old congregation. In the early days before the Revolution the Reverend William Martin, a Covenanter and a staunch Whig, preached here on occasions. The Reverend Mr. Simpson of Fishing Creek was the first regular supply and held regular services at Jackson Creek on a week day once a month for three years.

In 1784, the Reverend Thomas Harris McCauley, principal of Mount Zion, accepted a joint call to Jackson Creek and Mount Olivet. He served both churches until 1786, at which time he gave up Mount Olivet and devoted one half of his time to Jackson Creek for eight dollars per Sabbath. In 1792 he was released and the pulpit was vacant. During the vacancy Doctor McCaule and Mr. Gilliland preached here on occasions.

In 1796 Mount Olivet and Jackson Creek were again united with one pastor attending to the needs of both churches; The Reverend Samuel W. Yongue. In 1807 Mr. Yongue was also supply for Concord, Horeb, Aimwell, and Salem. He must have been a most energetic man for he was also Clerk of Court for Fairfield County. The records of 1813 show the combined membership at Mount Olivet and Jackson Creek at one hundred and twenty. It was during this period that Jackson Creek became known as Lebanon. The Reverend

Coleman Masonic Lodge No. 97, organized by the Colemans and Feasters in 1860, occupies the front upstairs rooms for their meetings.

In the Feaster Family Cemetery at Feasterville, Andrew Feaster's monument bears the following inscription:

ANDREW FEASTER, SR.  
Departed this life  
15th July 1821  
in the 86th year of his age  
a native of the  
Canton Berne  
Switzerland  
Margaret, his wife,  
departed this life  
10th Octr 1823  
aged 95 Years  
A native of Philadelphia.

John Feaster built a two story frame building near the Cemetery, about 1806. This house had the first glass window panes north of Beaver Creek, and people came for many miles around to see them.

Also, an American eagle, in colors, was painted on the ceiling of the front porch, and when the Northern troops came through during the War Between the States, they did not burn the house for this reason.

In the time of John Feaster, indigo was the money crop. Because of competition with India, it ceased to be profitable, and many of the planters of this section thought that they were unable to change to anything else so sold their farms and went West. John Feaster said, "Don't leave your land to go where they are crowding in." He stayed in Feasterville, changed over to cotton and became very prosperous.

Some of the early pastors of Liberty Church were: Reverend Giles Chapman, Mr. McMorries, the Reverend Doctor Shinn, Doctor D. B. Clayton, Mr. Andrews, and others. The last was Doctor Thomas Chapman of Atlanta, Georgia and Saluda, South Carolina.

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