

Memorandum Book or Record of Passing Events

On the 28th day of May 1835 I moved back again the second time into my Fathers Old House to keeping House by myself.

1835 May 30th- Had a swarm of Bees come off Which I Brought down to the Old House & set them up there.

31st- This morning when I arose from bed I found my fence on fire Either by accident or design but suppose it to be an accident from some fishermans fire.

Sunday 31- Sacrament to be administered today at New Hope Church Little River by Messr. [John] Boyse & W[arren]. Flanagan [Flenniken].

Sunday 7th June 1835- attended preaching at Beaver Creek or New Grace Church. W. Roberts preached from 3 Ch. Of John 17.

Thursday 11. Jenny McKeown was taken ill in the field while dropping peas and fell down as if in a fit of apoplexy and Been [aisted] unsensible while she was Carried to the House & Bled in the arm and Cupped on the Temple &c. When she came to and sensible she complained very much of great [-eekness].

17th Johns Bees swarmed and settled on a post Oak & we hived them in a gum [tree] about 10 oclock. They settled in two places!

Saturday 20- Went to Chesterville and got a Coat cut out by A.R. Nicholson. Same day Johns Bees swarmed from the same gum & hived them.

22. Monday Morning and the night Before almost cold enough for frost and continued cool all day.

Sunday 21st- Aaron Goseys smoke House and James illegible was Broken or Robbed and two Medlings of Bacon taken out of each and it Turned out that Fill Watson Took away meat and on being found out he Ran Away and was taken by Jeremiah Boyls on Saturday 27. Boyls stabbed him with a knife and let his Gut out. In the mean time Phill and his master traded corn with a N.C. man and on discovery the waggoner paid Watson 50 Dollars and Watson started for Sumpter District.

Sunday 28 The weathers Extraordinary Dry and windy. Vegetation withered.

Monday 29th Still very Dry and Windy Weather. To day I finished Building the fence Anew at the Mill place having put the planks into the House and the pailings into the stable &c attended Chester Court of Equity 2 days and attended Winnsborough three days at the Equity Court and came home Wednesday night at 10 O'clock.

Sunday 12 July sacrament was held at Concord by Rev. Walker preaching there saturday, sunday & monday by Douglass Banks and Johnston. I attended 2 days.

13th July- Exceeding Dry and windy weather. Crops look bad.

July 15- This morning before day Light we had a tolerable good Rain which was very much needed. Afternoon we had a very hard Rain with Hard wind which blew the corn down & Friday 17 we had a very fine moderate rain.

Monday 20 July 1835 This day I compromised the case between my self and John Neeley & both thought it Better to have the law suits ended by our own agreement than to give so much of it to the Lawyers and continue in Law so many years – I now take a New Start with the certain knowledge and Recollection that Lawyers, Doctors, preachers and Other professional characters are all upon the Stage for money on their own Agrandisement and every man should consider that although they are all necessary and useful in their Proper place yet we should employe them & Hear them with Caution.

Tuesday Evening 21st July 1835- I attended Preaching at the House of William Yongue Where Wm Dabney Duncan preached from Isaiah 35th and 8th.

Friday 24th July- John A Ferguson was Executed at C.H. for the murder of Rodman & Walker. At the gallows he appeared [to] those around to be Resigned to his hard fate and Expressed himself as having a Lively Hope in the Redeemer He walked to the gallows on foot without Any guard. Rev. W. Townsend sang and prayed for him & the people. He gave a solemn warning to all the people part of which was written down and Read Out and part was Verbaly Spoken by himself. he said that he had no malice at those two men whom he killed & had no intention of doing them any harm When he went there Before he took Spirits but through the Heat of passion he did what he did. he Regretted much that he had not been Taught to Read the Bible in Early Life saying that he never knew or studied much about the plan of Salvation untill confined in Gail. If I had, said he, I would not have come to this end Lamenting his poor mother and Little sister. I humbly hope this case may Take a Solemn Impression on my mind and on the minds of many. May I never forget the solemnities of death.

July 30th- Robert Camerons son Sam accidentally cut off one of his little Brothers fingers with a hand axe. When I was sent for to Dress the wounds and other finger.

August 7- Cleaned a Clock for Widow Hemphill and warranted it for one year.

August 9- Went to Fellowship Church & heard W. Keeny preach.

Thursday 13th August- E. & E. Stockdale had a House Raised bear Bethlehem Meeting House. I was there but was unable to Raise a Corner of the House from a Cold or pain in my Lungs.

Sunday 16 August- I attended preaching at Hopewell Church where W Flaniken [Flennigan] preached in morning and John Willson after noon from Psalm 68 & 20 & 21.

16 August- Edward McDaniel died of Fever & mortification.

21st August- I went to the Lower Mill and got 2 bushels of corn ground & John N. Young Raised his House on same day.

August 25- I thrashed out some seed Oats that I had & so Effected my lungs thereby that I fell into an inflammation of the Lungs & was very bad off until I abstained from all food for three or four days When the inflammation subsided but my Lungs are still very weak.

August 31- I am this day able to come Home Move about a little. had a long spell of Bad Cold and cough With slight inflammation of the Lungs.

September 1. Had a camp Muster of Officers at Camp Youngsville.

September 11. A Most Remarkable Heavy Rain continued from 1 OClock untill Night & continued Windy and Cool for several days afterward.

September 18th- Camp Meeting commenced at Bethlehem and continued untill Wednesday 23rd. I attended some part of Each day & Two Nights and Concluded that I understand more of Methodism than I did before.

Saturday 25- I was at Chesterville and Bought 4 Shirt patterns and 2 pair of shoes.

Monday 27th Septr. Raised a kitchen for the girls and Tuesday 28 September I Began at home again.

Octr 4 at James Brices putting on a Bolting Cloth on a Reel. Charged \$1.00 not paid then.

Thursday 9th Octr 1835 at Squire Banks's Cleaning his Clock and friday 10 at John Robinsons at Repairing a Clock - Charge \$1. not paid.

Octr 13th at Building a Chimney for the girls to Kitchen.

Octr 22nd Killed a Raccon on the poplar in the field, a very large Raccon.

Octr 23 finished Building a chimney for the girls 8 days work.

Octr ? attended court at Chester Three days in the first of the week When the **Om ys** settled with me.

Novr 3nd- Read the confession of John G. Ferguson at the gallows.

Novr 6- A good Rain after an extraordinary dry fall.

Novr 8. Heavy Rain & thunder & Lightning. Mrs. Franky Arnot and Polly Jones were Both of them killed Instantly by Lightening. Mrs. Arnot was sitting at the fire side and Polly Jones was up stairs and was found fallen upon her face dead.

9th 10th was Wet and 11th Cleared off. Windy.

Novr 11th Made a pair of shoes for Molly McKeown.

Novr 21 William McKinstry started on a visit to the state of Tennessee. Very Extraordinary warm weather for the time of year.

The 10th Decr Started my Clock to Running in a new case.

Decr 14 Wrote a deed of Conveyance from R Elliott to Bradley Stone & also a bond from Elliott to Stone for Makes the title from Sam Elliott on the first day of May.

Decr 16 Wrote a deed of conveyance for William Stockdale to William Peak.

10th Decr I set up a Clock for William Batty.

21st December the weather Rather warm than usual and A Hard Rail with wind from the NE. and a singular Whirlwind of curious appearance in the Cloud.

23rd decr an Exhibition of Animals or Grand Menagerie and Circus of New York took place at John L admittance 50 Cents I and Betsy attending.

Christmas morning was Cloudy and some what Cool.

January first 1836 I was at John Robinsons fixing his Clock and on the second day of Jany John Robinson brought me 31 lbs of pork as a present.

1836 Paid John Stirling 5 Dollars for the Rent and ordered Miller to be out of the House 9th January. I was told that Tom Miller moved out of the House on the 19th Jany 1836.

Jany 21st At Williams Repairing a Clock.

Sunday 24 Jany High wind and great Sleet and Rain.

About the first of February was exceeding cold weather untill the 9 when the Weather Broke off Warm. Moved the Bees on that day. John McKeown went up to Chester Village.

February 18th Sleet in the night with Thunder and Lightning.

19 Polly Young Deceased of Consumption and was interred 20th at Concord [Presbyterian] Church.

Squire Moses McKeown moved his New House over the Road 19 & 20 February 1836.

24 & 25- Betsey was sick and got Bled. 27 & 28th great Sleet with thunder.

Tuesday 1st March 1836 was Cloudy & foggy in the morning and After Noon a heavy rain with thunder & some wind.

March 8 I began to prune and Repair my Lower garden.

9 R. Ross's Little Child Zedikiah died of some unknown disease.

10 March Rain & thunder very bad.

11 Very windy the night before and Hard freeze and continues.

21 finished writing a letter to Uncle Hugh McKeown and on 24 I moved my Corn Crib and Nancy Young was married to John Mobley same day.

25th-Windy from the NE

Saturday 26 at Building the bottom of a fence and John Halled 190 of his Rails to Build in my fence.

Tuesday 29th- Attended Chester Court and Friday 1st April had a Rolling Logs & Building fences.

April 5 frost in the morning after Hard Rain and thunder and lightning also.

April 5th 1836 Made a new Gate & hung it Before the Doors. Appointed Apl 7 to survey for Wm & Saml McKeown and Wm Strain.

April 18th I Resurveyed and divided a Tract of land between Saml & Henry Banks.

April 23rd finished a survey for John Youngue of 1708 acres.

April 25th 1836 I had a hive of Bees came off and I Brought them down to the Old House.

From 25th April 1836 untill may 15th I was bad in health of inflammation of the Bladder. This day I am a little better and able to go about again.

Still bad with the same complaint.

May 25 Larkin Pannell died.

At this time I got a little better after taking some pills.

May 31st Jenny McKeown has just got able to sit up a little after a spell of sickness and I myself am Just Recovered as to be able to do a Little work.

June 10th Betsey had a small Hive of bees came off – saved them.

June 17. Wm Lewis's little daughter Catherine died of Teething & Bowel Complaint.

Saturday 25 June- We have a smart shower of rain from the South – afternoon.

July 5th & 6th at Winnsboro at court. I have at this time got able to Ride a Little after 10 weeks confinement, on the way to the Borough I crossed the Stream Mill and took some Observations there which I wish to Remember.

July 10th at Hopewell Church Where W. Flaniken preached from Ezekiel 2 and 3 Chapter.

July 17th Remarkably Clear and Cool winds. Went to Concord Church where W. Douglass preached from Psalms 42 & 5.

18th July- Still Cool and windy had my Oats cut today.

July 19th 1836 Went to John Roinson's to Draw teeth & work on his clock.
Jenny had a fit at night.

August 3 I and Betsey went to the Village to trade & I bought 2 Clocks.

August 4- Sarah Hanks died of fever.

August 6 Election for Captain. D Hemphill was Elected same day. We had a Heavy Rain Thunder and Lightning and freshet in the Creek.

August 17th Set up a Clock for Betsey.

19 attended a sale of goods at Boyds Store and Bought some small articles.

22 a Gale of Rain and wind from the south.

23rd August 1836 I put a face on my Clock & set her Running again.

Sept 1- Betsey Hardin died of fever her Daughter Jean died sometime before.

On 1nd 3 and 4th September 1836 preaching at Concord by Messrs Douglass[,] Bishop and Yates.

Sunday 11th Sept at Fellowship Church & heard Ephram Fant preach from _____. Called to see Aunt Nancy Cameron.

Tuesday 20th September 1836 Review of the two Regiments at Chesterville Where a great concourse of people attended.

September 22nd 1836 Took the Altitude of the sun at 12 O'clock and found it to be 34 ½ [degrees] to the Old Mill place. The evening Clear and very warm.

Sept 24 Bought a piece of Beef from Robert Gordon 29th at 4 ½ = \$1.30 ½ _____
_____ at seventy five cents.

Monday 26 Cool, windy but clear.

27th Cloudy with a moderate Rain in the morning, afternoon windy.

Dry Weather to the 29th.

September 30th Cool wind and Clear fall day.

October the 3rd at Widow Reids and William Shaws at Clocks; Tuesday October 4th Remarkable High winds and very cool for the time of year.

4th Octr Old Milley Lee died.

5 & 6th Octr White frost and the Mocking Bird sang.

Sixth Octr Set up a new Lathe.

10th & 11 Octr Election days and windy from the NE. and Rain.

12 fair and Clear. Music of the Mocking Bird I heard.

Mocking Bird sang two or 3 days.

Octr 17 Election for sherriff in Fairfield.

18 & 19 at Chester Court & cleaned a Clock at Charley Walkers.

22nd Octr White frost in the morning.

Octr 26th 1836 Cousin John McKeown Deceased at 11 Ocl at night of Typhus fever after 20 days sickness. He was Buried on the 27th at his own place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday 28th I Clerked at a publick sale of Martha Willson's property.

Tuesday 1st Novr Cold & windy & Wet Weather.

First week in Novr I had a Bad Cold and Cough with pains in the Head and Breast.

Wednesday Novr 9th at 4 oclock (afternoon) Tommy or Jenny McKeown Deceased of Typhus fever and was Interred 10th Nov at 3 Oclock afternoon.

Friday Night Novr 11th a storm of Wind Rain Thunder and Lighting from 9 to 10 Oclock Very warm.

Wednesday 16th Novr Heavy frost. My birth day 1789.

Sunday 20 Novr a rain from the NE and East. Lasted all day.

Monday 21st Novr 1836 Miss Martha Willson, John Beard & James McClurkin and their families started to the State of Tennessee.

Decr 7 Snow from Midnight untill morning about 3 Inches Deep – Greater part of which thawed off same day.

9th Decr Thunder and Lightning at night with Rain.

10 & 11 Warm for the season.

21st Decr at appraisement of the property of John McKeown. 22nd Sale of said estate.

25 Decr At 4 Oclock in the morning Widow McKinstry died.

The day was cloudy & foggy. Monday 26 was very wet in the morning – tuesday was Cold. Wednesday cold. Thursday 29th Clear and Warmer.

30th & 31st at Simpson Mannings and Reuben Mannings & William [redacted] cleaning Clocks.

1837 Jany first Cloudy in the morning, after noon turned warmer. The second day (Monday) very cold & Windy from the north.

Jan. 6th at John Wrights cleaning a Clock.

Jany 7th The Sherriff of Chester Dis disposed Molly McKeown and A [redacted] & Quincy & McKinstry Burned down the house.

Jany 13th I Built a back in the new Chimney When the Molly McKeowns moved in to the new House. I smashed one of my fingers at same time untill it bursted.

Jany 15 Clear and very cold. Snow in the Night before.

30 & 31st January at William Gordons and John Culpec.

February 1, 2 & 3 at new sale at the Estate of Widow McKinstry.

Wednesday 8 february at William Bells and Thursday 9th at L. Kilpatricks. Interview with M M

February 13 Jenny McKeown was taken ill and continued Bad untill Thursday 16th. At this time I Cleaned a Clock for Widow Elliott for 2 lbs of corn.

17th High winds and Drifts of snow from the west.

I got wet on 16th february and I found that it increased my Old Complaint very much.

Monday 20 fair Cold for the time of year. Mending snow.

Betsey and Molly is very Bad with cold & sore throats.

21st february John moved his Crib from the field to the House and I got 5 Dozen of Oats from him.

1837 February 22nd Very wet all day and 23rd still Raining.

23rd An Extraordinary Heavy Rain. This day I wrote a letter to Cousin John B_____ and posted it on 26th.

27th Wet. I wrote a letter to Uncle Hugh of Tennessee and posted it 28th february.

March 4th- Little John Cameron got his thigh Broken.

March 7 Betsey & me went to Mill & got 4 Bushels of wheat ground.

March 10 planted out some Trees at the Lower House. Same day I saw a letter from Georgia which stated that Cousin Jenny McKeown of Georgia died on the 28 Jany of Head pleurisy. Was taken ill on Wednesday & died on Saturday next.

March 10 to 15th Very wet weather.

15 Laid off the fence for John.

About this time I finished planting Trees at the Mill place.

17th March 1837 The Mocking Bird sang on the Locust tree.

28th March A Black spot in the sun seen for 2 or 3 days.

29th Regimental Muster at C.H.

29th March 1837 Mrs. Caty Polley Dec'd aged 76 years and was interred at Concord 30th March in her Husbands Grave.

March 31st Wrote a letter for Mrs. Elliott.

1st April 1837 Cool and windy.

2nd April White frost.

6 - Went to Court House.

7th Rain thunder & Lightning.

8 Remarkably cool & Windy Jenny & Betsey went Sandy R[un?]

18th April White frost in the morning.

Apl 16th 1837 Nancy McCall **ouch** had a son born.

26 Apl This month generally thus far has been very cold and frost almost every morning.

1st May Warmer than for some time before. This day went to the village and saw James Mabin rec'd 30 Lashes as the sentence of the Law. We had the advice of an attorney with Respect of a case.

3rd - At John L. Youngs and got a bottle of **Buchee** to take as Medicine.

May 7th 1837 Sacrament at Concord and I had a Hive of Bees came off & settled on the pear tree.

8th at Henry Castles. Levelling Mill waters.

Thursday 11 May- I visited **Gastonia** Mills and stayed all night at Thomas Peydans & also visited Padam Mills &c

May 15th 1837 This day we had a very fine Rain which was very much wanted the ground Being very dry.

23rd May A good Rain when much needed.

Thursday 25th May I planted out Cabbage plants at the Mill place.

Thursday first June 1837. I was at I L Yongues for Medicine for Jenny.

Monday 5th June 1836 [SIC] I was at the Court House at Chester when R Cameron bid off Aunt Molly's land for \$2.12 an acre. I was very unwell from taking too much **Buchee**. I got a coat cut out by AB Nicholson.

11 June had a good Rain.

15th June- Started to work in the shop to make a bureau.

Sunday 18th June preaching at Concord by M. Turner. Susana Stockdale and her little daughter fell from their horse and got badly hurt.

Monday 19th Rain and a great Whirlwind in the cloud which looked very awfull

Had a letter from John Bingham.

6th July 1837 Jane Nolan died 8th July.

July 11 I attended Winnsboro at Equity Court two days. Same day Peter Goza died suddenly and about the same time William M'Lure died also.

July 15th Tom a Mulatto Boy formerly belonging to Hugh M'Kormick was Hanged and his head cut off & body burnt for burning John **Co_____s** house twice. In this Execution there was much antichristian spirit and **Turkish** Ambition Exercised by many that was there.

22nd July I finished a Bureau for Betsey and brought it up. A night or two before this Susana MKeown was bit with a snake & her leg was **T_____ed**.

Monday 24th At R.C. working on a Clock to day we had a Tolerable good Rain much needed in the crops. There was also a wind & some Hail fell in the Night.

July 27th Regimental Review at Chester Court House.

July 31st till 5th August Camp Muster of Officers at Yongueville. I attended Thursday and Saturday. Betsey & Molly went also on Saturday.

14 & 15 at work on the Camp Meeting Ground and Arbour at Bethlehem.

August 18 & 19th Remarkably Windy from the North and somewhat Cloudy.

Saturday 26 August 1837 Divided what fodder was pulled and my share was 110 Bundles.

Sepr 1st 1837 We had a Rain and Wind from the NE perhaps an Equinoctial gale.

Sepr 4-divided some fodder & my share was 42 Bundles.

Sepr 6. Camp Meeting at Bethlehem Church commenced to **co_____** for eight days.

Closed on Wednesday morning 14th Sepr 1837

Sepr 6- After dividing all the fodder I found I had 595 Bundles, 197 of which was put in a shack in the Bottom and 398 at the House.

Sepr 21st At half past 7 O'clock some slight Shocks of an Earth quake was felt in this settlement. 23 finished **gotting** Boards for the Corn Cribs.

Sepr 29th Old John Wages died after 17 days illness occasioned by a fall off His own feet. he lay & died at the House of John Peay from the best information we have of his age he was 95 or 97 years old.

Sunday 1st Octr 1837 I was at Hopewell Church where I heard Wm. Hemphill preach from Luke 9th 30 & 31. Sacrament was administered by W. Flaniken.

On the second of Octr about 2 O'clock in the morning there was some Shocks of an Earth quake plainly felt by many accompanied with a Loud noise some what Like distant Thunder. The Noise appeared to me to begin in the NW.

Through Out the last month (Sepr 1837) the Weather has been unusually dry and all common types of rain seem to fail.

Jane Stephenson Wife of William Stephenson died Sepr 1837 of Typhus fever.

On the Night of Monday the second day of October we had a Violent Hurricane of Rain Hail Hard wind Thunder and Lightning which damaged the plantation. Blew down all the fences that Crossed it Course fodder stalks & trees. Some of the House Covers were Blown off and much damage done to the Crops standing in the field My fodder was the greater part of it Lost as there was no Chance to Dry it. The weather continued cloudy & Wet for a Week.

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 Octr was Remarkable for High Winds and Rain from the East.

Octr 14 Wind from the NE. Clear and very Cool.

Octr 15 White frost in the morning after a windy day.

Octr 16 1837 I located a dispute Line between Henry Castles & Genl Means Both of them have begun to build Mills.

Octr 24 & 25 Hauled corn. Had nearly 14 loads of R. Cameron waggon 3 ½ nearly to my I have I suppose about 50 Bushels which put up in the shack. The last load was **[illegible]**

John husked his part on the Night of the 26th Octr My Little Stubble at the lower place was some of the Cover taken off & Burnt the same night.

Robert Cameron moved his wife down to the lower place on the 23rd Octr 1837.

Octr 28 1837- I was at Alex Jamison's Repairing a clock.

29th Octr Betsey wrote a letter to her uncle Thos.

30th Octr 1837 at Mary M Quistons cleaning a clock.

About this time John Curry went off & James Young hauled away the Crop part of it.

Novr 2 1837 Presbytery at Concord Church and continued until Sunday the 5th When sacrament was administered. Second week in Novr was Exceeding Warm for the time of year.

Novr 21st At John Rob_____ yard purchasing Leather. About this Time being made 400 R_____ on my land.

23rd Novr Very Cold and drifts of snow from the NW.

23 & 24 Making Shoes.

Decr 6th William Young's wife Mary Died Dec. 5th 1837.

Decr 8th 1837 Laid off One half acre of Land at the Burying Ground & Cleared it of Brush.

9 at Samuel McKeowns store and paid him off.

10 Decr 1837 An Extraordinary flight of Crows in the Old field.

19th Decr At Squire Evans at 6 oClock Saturday 23rd Robert Thompson died this day. I was at Dalard_____ cleaning his Clock. It Rained Sleet and Snowed all day. Sunday was High water.

Monday 25 Clear and Cold.

Monday January first 1838 I worked on the Road and thursday 4 January at Reuben Duffies Saturday & Sunday 6 & 7 Mr McGal_____ preached at Bethlehem.

January 1838 About this time the noise so often heard like thunder and jarring the ground is very frequent.

January 21st Snowing all day. E.M. & Eliza was over on a visit.

Monday 22nd Clear. Mended shoes.

Wednesday 21st Feby I was at J.L. Yongues and Caught a Bad Cold and friday 23 we had a violent Rain and Strong wind that Blew door the fever I Lay one week and Continued another week sick.

Thursday 1st March Cloudy and snow. 4th March more snow.

1838 March 10th Aunt Molly McKeown died suddenly on Saturday Morning after Breakfast.

March 16 & 17th Snow and Cold weather. north winds &c

April 1st 1838 W. Wages set off.

2nd had to fight fire in the Bottoms. About this time John & Betsey were both of them ailing.

13th April White frost in the morning.

13 April Alex McDaniel's house was burned down with the greater part of its contents.

Sunday 15th April Betsey and me paid a visit to R. Cameron and Old uncle Joes & returned home in the Evening.

19 & 20 April Smart frost.

28th I had a swarm of Bees & so had Betsey came off.

On friday Night at 9 Oclock a most Destructive fire commenced in charleston and continued next day. 600 Front Houses in the commercial part of the City Burnt down. Great loss of Property with some lives.

Thursday 10th May 1838 William Wright preached at Bethlehem from psalms 116 and 15th verse.

The whole of May was unusually Cool and some frost.

June 3rd & 4th Heavy Rains and high waters in the Creek.

20th June I was at McColla's old mill, now McDowells and seen the Little mill Thomas Hew.

25 June Old Miss Barbara Lay died.

29th June Unusually Dry Weather.

27th Mrs Brice, wife of Mr. Brice died of fever.

July 7 had a good rain.

10th July at Court of Equity at Winnsborough when that case of Stockdale & Young was decided.

July 14 Schoolhouse was built for William Banks.

July 13 Two Negros belonging to the Estate of John Woodward was Killed by a Stroke of Lightning.

July 20 Uncle Samuel was Badly crippled by a fall from his Horse.

22 July We had a good Rain.

Thursday 3rd August Geoff Watson's Overseer was Missing. search has been made for him but he cannot be found.

6th August I finished putting at a step Log for a Bridge way over the Creek – 8 August 1838 We had a great Rain with Thunder and Lightning high fresh in the creek unusually high.

This was the Highest Freshet in Ten years. A good deal of the Corn in the Bottom was washed down.

1838 August 21st I sold a Clock to Catherine & Jane Polly and set her up at their house.

23rd August I Bought a pair of shoes and a meal after from J. Ly. about this time the weather Turned wet.

Sept 1st At Nancy Gastons making a bill of Timber for Repair of the Mill. Bought a pocket and kerchief and spectacles at Samuel McKeown's store.

Sept 7th 1838 Jefferson Carter's little daughter died and was buried 8th.

Sept 10 Sam Banks had a Little daughter scalded to death with Hot water.

Sept 15 Took the variation of the compass by the North pole and found it to be 1 ¼ [degree] to the right.

Sept 17th Set up a dial for I Ly.

Sept 21st & 22 George [illegible] and camp meeting.

Camp meeting was held at Bethlehem in Oct. This year the time was Wet and unfavorable But few people there - The Circuit preachers this year (1838) were Foster and Limehouse.

Some important Events Passed about this time which were neglected to be put to Reason.

An Exhibition of animals and circus took place at Debard's tavern on Friday 14th Dec.

Christmas day was very Cold and Cloudy with ice on the water.

26. Was Cloudy and Rainy.

27th Was partly Clear.

28 Dec. 1838 was Cloudy and Cold. Snowed in the fore part of the day and Rained in the Night.

29th Was Cloudy and Cold.

30th-Was Clear and Cold.

31st Clear and Cold.

January 1st 1838 Was Clear and Very Cold, the wind Brisk from the NE.

2nd was Cloudy and Misty and exceeding Cold.

3rd Cold & Wet.

4 Clear and Cold

5 Clear and Cold. I was at Hamilton's Cleaning a clock.

6 Clear and Cold.

Thursday Hugh McKeown Built an addition to their House and same day Thursday to Jan 7. Wm Hanks and family moved up into this neighborhood.

Saturday 12 Betsey and me visited David Pinks family and returned on Sunday 13th January.

14 Jany Wet and Raining.

16th April At Rebecca Bell's and Dickey's.

20th at Dell Sorbets and John Culps at clocks.

Here there was a long lapse of time that Nothing was recorded.

Friday 31st May There was a Remarkably severe Hail Storm passed through the Neighborhood.

June 6th & 8 at Winnsborough Tuesday 18th at Scotts store.

July 1st John Polly Escaped from the prison at Chester.

4th July I was at Chesterville to see a Regimental Review.

July 12 Revd John Douglass preached at Widow Castles.

Sunday 14 we had a good Rain after a Dry spell. The WJP. started.

Wednesday 31st July Widow Huffman died.

Saturday 3rd August D.P. & MP. visited us.

1840 Thos Castles barn 3 stables, 2 Shack Houses & Chaef House were Burned to Ashes & supposed to be the work of an Incendiary. Burned on the 14 February and on 21st February T.C. Moved away and J Johnston moved into his House.

The spring of 1840 was Remarkably Wet & Cold. About the 27th May 1840 Great Rains and high Water. The Highest Ever Known Hamburg to Augusta Submerged in Water.

19th June 1840 John Bird died of Consumption of Lhe lungs after 10 Weeks Confinement to Bed.

Matthew Elder died on the 20th June 1840.

Esther Stockdale died the 22nd day of June 1840 of Dropsy Was Buried the same day.

John Stockdale Died June 5th 1841.

1841- James A. McKeown & Ephriam MCully started for Mississippi Monday and Tuesday Dec. 6th & 7th.

1841 John McKeown from Georgia paid us a short Visit Decr 11 to 14th. Month of December was wet & Cold. Some snow fell.

1842 April 25th Chambers McKeown died of Dropsy having lain a long time.

The summer and fall of 1842 was a most Exceeding Sickly Year past anything that I ever experienced. Very few families in this part of the Country escaped – Mostly of Bilious fever. I was taken in July and lay 10 days and was again Taken in August & lay 10 Weeks exceeding Bad. Dr. Brice gave every hope of my Recovering and in the winter of 1843 & Spring of 1843 the Measles travelled the country over. Many deaths occurred from them. Among others David Hemphill Also John Moore. April 1843 the small Pox in Charleston & Columbia.

1843 April 16- James McAllellsy died of unknown disease.

1843 April 24 Unkle Samuel McKeown died suddenly in the field after this time a little Wm Calhoun was missing and afterwards his bones found.

1843 June 1st B. Wager had his hand cut off.

June 2nd Brother John took a hard spell of Bowell Complaint.

1844 June 15th Mary Wells died. 17 & 21 had an uncommon Hard Rain & high water.

(1846)

1846 4th Octr Heard the Mocking Bird sing.

Monday Octr 12th being Election day for Representatives we had a great storm from the NE. Heavy Rain & high wind all night which raised a great fresh in the Creek – higher than I ever knew a fresh at this season of the Year before.

19th Octr This morning is very cold & frosty the first that I have seen this year.

William Hanks died 27th Octr 1846 and was buried at Concord.

Volunteers to the Mexican War started from Chester Novr 1846.

1847 Jany the 31st Mr. Douglass preached at Concord.

Jany 29th 1847 Elizabeth Stockdale came back to Carolina and Started Back again to Alabama.

February the 8th at 9 Oclock my Mill stones arrived home on the 22nd day of March 1847.

Sarah Yongue died 24 Decr 1849 & was interred Christmas day.

Octr 22nd 1850 Peggy Ellicott died suddenly.

Presbytery at Hopewell on that Cold wet week of Apl 16 1854.

On Wednesday 19th April 1854 there was a white frost.

May 7th 1855 I saw H.S. Fant sign a Rect to the Commissioners in Fairfield for 511 Dollars and some Cents of Her father's Estate.

Saturday July 13th 1850 Busied in Repairing the Roof of my House - I had to build a Scaffold before I could effect it. Betsey scoured up the House.

Saturday the 24th August 1850 A storm of wind & Rain Commenced from the SE at 4 Oclock & continued some time & shifting Round to NW. We had the Hardest Storm of Wind I ever felt for the Space of an Hour. It prostrated trees and fences & corn fields.

(1851)

January 1st paid postage at Blackstock.

Jany 2nd Snowed from 11 O'clock till next morning. On the 3rd the snow was 14 inches deep at a Medium. Some places Two feet deep.

January 4th on Saturday About 11 O'clock Peggy Cameron died sitting on her Chair & was Buried at Concord next day in time of Snow.

(1851)

Old Samuel Banks died on January 16th at one O in the morning & Buried at Concord same day at 4 O'clock afternoon.

1851 April 9th Wednesday about 9 or 10 O'clock John A. Robinson died on the Bank of the Creek of an Apoplectic fit as was supposed & was interred Next day at Fellowship.

On Saturday evening April 19th David Fant was accidentally shot with a pistol By John F.D.B.

Hugh C. McKeown started for Mississippi State on the 14th (Monday) of April 1851. Wm Williams died at Samuel Banks on 22nd April 1851.

From the 15 April until the first of June was Very Dry Weather on the first week of June we had showers and high waters - John Weir died of Fever June 6th 1851.

June 8th 1851 Elizabeth McClintock died. I was at Moses McKeown's same day.

On the 10th of July 1851 we had a most Violent Storm of Rain Hail Thunder & Lightning & wind and High waters in the streams.

Dec. 8th 1851 Aunt Nancy Cameron Died & was buried next day at the family Grave Yard.

Jany 1852 Heard of the death of Cousin John Bingham. The first three weeks in Jany 1852 was Cold freezing Weather. On Monday 26 Jany the weather turned warmer.

Novr 26 1852 an Awful accident happened on the Camden RR by the Car oversetting which caused the death of 5 or 6 persons Instantly.

About the first of February 1852 I was taken with Typhoid Pneumonia and Fever. Lay four months exceeding Bad & Weak. I lay abt Ten months Before I moved Back to the Old place again.

Decr 1st 1852 I moved my Cooking utensils Back again to the Old Mansion & began to Cook for Myself after an Absence of 10 Months - about this time I feel very unwell of something like the Old Fever.

6th Martha McDaniel paid us a visit with news from Tenn.

Tuesday Seventh Decr 1852 Brother Hugh arrived home from Miss & Tenn after more than 19 mon.

Tuesday Night 14th december 1852 Martha Young & GB Colvin were married. About this time the Weather is Cold Wet & Dark.

Dec. 17th Cleared off & windy.

Monday 20th Decr 1852 Bought a Hog 140 lb \$10.

1853

Jany 3rd Killed Hogs at Jennys. That morning was a little Foggy. Afterward Rained with High Wind & after night a heavy Gale of snow from the NW.

About the first of February 1853 I was Two Weeks sick of Neumonia Fever.

On Monday Night 20th february and also on Wednesday night Before there was a show of the Magic Lantern Biblical Illustration and Solar System displayed at Concord.

Robert Cameron died Jany 31st 1853.

Snow on the 5th March 1853.

William Debardeleban died Saturday About 10 Oclock March 26th 1853 & was buried next day about Two Oclock.

Saturday 26th March 1853 Mrs. Swan was badly Burned at the fire & died Monday Morning 28th & Buried on Tuesday 29th about 12 Oclock.

Monday the fourth of April I Rode to Winnsboro for my Watch.

Friday the 8th 1853 There was a smart Frost. I sent my watch to winnsboro By J. MCully with direction to be done in three weeks on Monday 25 April.

May 9th 1853 John Robeson was found dead in his bed about daylight on Monday morning.

1853 Morgan deBardeleban died of neumonia 13th May.

16th June 1853 JY was married.

20th June I put a gum [tree] in the little spring.

July 11 Mailed a letter to Bro. Andrew McKeown.

14 July 1853 made a little Coffin for John Debardeleban's little negro.

Frank Debardeleban died in Charleston Tuesday August 30th 1853 and was buried at his fathers on Saturday Evening 3rd Septr

Sept 2nd 1853 A great Rain all night and in the morning the Highest fresh in the Creek ever Known then but on the morning of Tenth Septr we had the Highest ever then Known & the greatest destruction of Fences & Crops every where.

1853 Mrs Jane Elliott died Octr 3rd at 6 O'clock in the Evening.

Octr 5th 1853 Mary Ann Lewis died of Dropsy & was buried Next day at the Burying Ground where Larkin Pannell was Interred.

9th Decr 1853 Sally Johnson died & was buried next day at Yarbery's Grave Yard.

Uncle Joe Cameron died July 19th 1854 & was buried next day at Concord.

27th April 1855 Planted two seeds of Glass Melon at the Orange Bush.

Green house 28th Jany 1854

On the Right No. 1 27 Almonds

No. 2 Two Madera Wallnuts and one Brazill nut

No. 3 Two Pecans

No. 4 Orange seeds

No. 5 & in the W cr Raisins Then a Bed of E. York and E. Cabbage Lettuce

June 8th 1854 planted Red Streaked plums between the potato patch gate & the Apple tree & yellow Mass beyond the Apple Tree.

16th April 1955 planted 3 late Plums in the old stable.

Morgan Debardeleban died 13 May 53 at John Gressom's. Second sale was the 9th of February 1854. Warren DeBardeleban started for Alabama the Last day of Feb.

Planted Queen Anne Plums at the stakes and two of them at the stake by the Mexican Plant July 27th 1854. Budded plums & planted some Cuttings in the Pen by the Mulberry.

August 7th Being monday Uncle Moses McKeown died perhaps of Congestion of the Brain at 6 O'clock in the Evening.

On Friday the 25th August 1854 I Discovered a Mill Plan I hope to Remember & put in Execution on Trial.

Novr 22 1854 being Wednesday Richey Elliott started away somewhere.

Octr 22nd 1855 Being the Monday of Chester Courts Anne Elliott and her Company started for Mississippi.

Mary Boyd died on the 15th of Decr 1855 of typhoid Fever Dr. JL Douglas I believe about the 4th Decr 1855 Clarissa Foy on the 27th Dec. & was buried on Saturday 29th a Very wet day.

Aunt Molly McKeown died of neumonia or Cold settled on the Lungs on the 22nd day of March 1855 about one Oclock. Thursday that morning & the Night Before was a smart fall of snow.

4th October 1855 pulled down my old Chimney to Repair. There is to be a Celebration on Kings Mountain to day.

Thursday 29th May 1856 Made a pair of shoes on a new plan.

Resurvey for Samuel Brice Dec. 28th 1857. Beginning at a sassafrass stake at the Barnadore house thence SW 7 to post oak station now 22.65 to a chestnut stake 26.20 G.R.H. thence SE 25 to a black o (oak) station 7.60 to stake 15. E.P.B. to a hickory station **on** 21.15 to a stake by a leaning black jack 31. chs (chains) GRH **Bro.** NE 76 to 77 and more to branch – 23 – bending round to left to a poplar 24.60 SE 14 ½ to Wade's branch 22 chs (40 50) To course SE 13 to chs stake 47 minus SW 77 [degrees] 76 ½ to **Spy** Branch 7.40 to post oak 10.15 to 34 to hickory station 45.50 to a stone 80.30

Tuesday 29th beginning at the stone then NW 13 to stopping point 24 ch beginning at said point thence NW 13 ¼ to a black o stump 10.20 then SW 75 to post oak 3.12. Then beginning at a stake thence SW 84 to boundary line 10.25 to the Market Road 23.50 to stone 25.67 boundary line SE 41 ¾ 14.30 to stone NE 51.80 links.

Beginning at stone & pointer Road thence 42 NW to old hickory 8 ch NW 44 to sassafras stake 5.20 NE 15 to sassafras stake at the chimney 9.65 NW 42 down the graveyard B. to white oak B & 12 links to Br 29.50 to Pannell's **4** mile road 46.20 River meanders average course N 6 5 then NE 35 6.50 NE 63 6.72 done with the **road**

Wednesday 30th - Beginning at the Barnadore house and the course thence NW 88
to stake & pointers 13.50
deduct off this 2.90
to stake 10.60 at SW

NW 15 to pine station 12.20

17.20 to a stake Cr

SW 75 to Market 8 40 Road to pine stake 10 12 links to distance of the stump 18.50 changed to course 75 on to pin oak 26.90 to the cr pointer 32.90

NW 15 to church sp b 7.30 to RO station 12.45 to 2nd br and station 24.30 to the 3rd Br 26.70 to old B or pointer 53.80 NW 81 to fallen 35.50 to Cr in the branch 19.20 SE 42 nearly to pine stump 98.80 NE 58 to post oak 11.20 SE 22 to a large black oak them Simpson's Cr 2.40 to old road 23.20

Mrs. Sarah Beam died on the 17th Jany 1859 & Buried at Red Hill on the 19th Jany.

Monday 24 for a Clock Sam Cameron – Seventy-five Cents Wednesday 26 for \$1.00.

Wiley Pannell died at Col. About the first of Feby 1859. Doctor Mobley died on Wednesday 16 February 1859 said to be Palsy.

On Sunday 20th Feby 59 Doves Cooed in the Grove and the Little Wren sung. Plum Trees were putting forth Blooms.

1850 A dry summer Generally.

24 August a good rain. I cleaned my old Clock.

1860 Jane Hanks died 29th May & was Buried at Concord next Day.

August 8th 1860 finished Making a pair of stitched Docor Shoes for Myself.

Sunday 26th August 1860 A Blind man [illegible] M. Lehany Preached at Bethlehem on Luke 16th & 31st. Next day I planted 5 freestone P on the Right of the wash Block and next to them 5 plum stone peaches & a Row of yellow peaches at the Back of the None Bloom along the fence & same day Planted Choice plums (striped) Along the Fence behind the Hibiscus a Peach apricot just Behind the Hibiscus.

February about the first 1861 Wm Stevenson died shortly after 4 J Coleman died & also Soloman Coleman's wife.

David Dennis a free Negro killed by the Cars 9th February 1861.

Sarah Robinson was murdered on the 14th Sepr 1861 and her negro fellow was hung on the 4 Oct.

Alexander Jamison died Wednesday night 17 Decr 1861 of Cancer.

Friday 20 Decr 1861 Battle in Virginia Chester people killed and wounded.

Friday 22 to thursday 28th August 1862- Big meeting at Bethlehem.

Sunday the 11th January 1863 William Dove was buried at Bethlehem.

Garden 1863

First Row – Transplanted Lettuce

2nd Row – Squashes & Beans

3 Row – Beans 4th row – spring Turnips and Early Yorks Double full seed

5th Row – coleworts & Turnips

Cleaned by clock 15th Oct. 1861.

Measured from AGG's crib

12 Bushells corn Susana

for John 19 Bushells

for Molley Monday 28th July 6 ½ Bushells

In 1840 the family of William McKeown, Chester District, South Carolina, included 2 white males under five years of age, one white male between the ages of 5 and 9, and 1 white male between the ages of 30 and 39; 1 white female between the ages of 5 and 9, 1 white female between the ages of 20 and 29; no slaves; 1 person employed in agriculture.

[1840 Federal Census, Chester District, South Carolina, Roll 510, Page 275, William McKeown.]

In 1850 William McKeown, age 60 (born about 1790 in South Carolina), was living in Chester District, South Carolina; Value of Real Estate owned \$1,200; occupation "Mechanic" Enumerated immediately before William McKeown was the family of John McKeown (age 56, farmer), M.A. McKeown (female, age 55), E.J. McKeown (female, 19), L.M. Strain (male, 14; farmer), Isabella Strain (female, 13), I.L. Strain (male, 4), and H.C. McKeown (male, 50; mechanic)

[1850 Federal Census, Chester District, South Carolina, Roll M432-851, Page 47A, Wm. McKeown.]

In 1860 William McKeown, age 70, occupation Mill Wright, was living by himself in Chester District, South Carolina.

[1860 Federal Census, Chester District, South Carolina, Roll M653-1217, Page 30, Wm. McKeown.]

Enumerated on the same page as William McKeown in 1860 were:

Rob. M. McKeown, age 47; farmer

Susan McKeown, 34

Mary A. McKeown, 15

Jn. S. McKeown, 11

Thomas McKeown, 8

Robert McKeown, 6

Catherine McKeown, 2

Jennie McKeown, age 62

Mary McKeown, 58

Archibald Strain, 16; farm laborer

Jn. McKeown, age 65; farmer

Mary McKeown, 60

Hugh C. McKeown, 60; wagon maker

Sam L. Strain, 14

William Wesley McKeown

Buried at Hopewell Reformed Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Blackstock, Chester County, South Carolina; no dates on marker

New Hope Church

John Boyse, born 1757 or 1758

Warren Flenniken, born 1805

[Lathan, Reverend Robert. *History of Hopewell Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Chester County, S.C., Together with Biographical Sketches of Its Four Pastors.* Yorkville, South Carolina: Steam Press of the Yorkville Enquirer, 1879.]

History of Bethlehem Church

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Written by Evelyn Muller, August 16, 1953

HISTORY OF BETHLEHEM METHODIST CHURCH

The Church is situated in Chester County, four miles west of the town of Blackstock and near the Fairfield County Line.

The Church, or Society was established by a white Irish family named Stockdales who came to this country from Ireland about 1795. They belonged to a Methodist Society in Ireland and had had the privilege [sic] of hearing John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, preach.

The Stockdales' home was situated near a lovely rock spring, on land, afterwards owned by the late W.W. Lewis. This place is across the highway near Mr. B.A. Robinson's land now owned by Dr. A.L. Lewis – a former member of this Church.

A member of the Stockdale family, James Stockdale was a preacher and services were conducted in the Stockdale home for a number of years. James Stockdale married a McKeown and moved to Alabama and the records were left with the McKeown family here.

A couple of glass goblets that had been brought from Ireland by the Stockdales and which had been used by John Wesley were used in the early Communion Services of this Church. They were also at one time in the possession of Mrs. Elizabeth McKeown (deceased). She gave them to Rev. J.J. Stevenson who was at one time a former Pastor of Bethlehem.

The first Preachers were Circuit-Riders and as travel was slow and uncertain in those days they served in pairs. The first namely were:

Amos Carter and John Cannon in 1808
William Scott and Robert Cannon in 1809
James Glenn and Nicholas Powers in 1810
Hilliard Judge and John Mullinax in 1811
William Glassaway and John Bunch in 1812
Benjamin Oglesby and Dabney Jones in 1813
James Norton and William Harvey in 1814

There is no official record of who preached for the next ten years but Worship was continued in the Stockdale home once a month until 1824.

In that year a Camp Meeting was held in September on the present site of this Church and a Church was organized and a log Church built.

On February 5, 1825, John Stockdale deeded to the Church two acres of land. The Church is recorded in Volume 7 Page 47 and the deed to the land is recorded on Page 48 in the Clerk of Court's Office in Chester, South Carolina. The Old Log Church was used as a place of worship for a number of years, about thirty or more. They named the Church Bethlehem.

This Church building was bought by Mr. W.W. Lewis, Sr., and moved to his home and used as a cow barn.

The second Church was a frame structure built just beyond the Cemetery. There is no record of when this building was erected. It was never finished or ceiled, it was dedicated on

May 20, 1860 by Rev. Gamwell who was the presiding Elder. In August of that year a protracted meeting was held with Rev. Lemon and Rev. McElhaney doing the preaching.

On September 8th of that year (1860) the first Quarterly Conference was held in the new Church. The preacher was Rev. Staley, Presiding Elder, Rev. Gamwell. About this time a Cemetery was laid out and a Confederate Soldier, Mr. Thomas Lewis, was the first body buried there. [Thomas Lewis (the son of William B. Lewis) enlisted as a private in Company F, 23rd Regiment South Carolina Infantry, October 17, 1861 in Chester. He was thirty-two years old at the time of enlistment. He died October 8, 1862, at General Hospital, Culpepper, Virginia, of Typhoid fever.]

Preaching continued in the second church from 1860 until 1878. There is no records to be found covering this period, only that services were held regularly. The names of the preachers were:

Rev. Marthaman	1860
Rev. Connor	1861
Rev. Dagwell	1862
Rev. Lemmon	181863
Rev. Connor	1864 (2 nd time)
Rev. Lemmon	1865 and 1866 (2 nd time)
Rev. Creaston	1867 and 1868
Rev. Gannt	1869, 1870 and 1871
Rev. Bass	1872
Rev. Williams	1873
Rev. Pooser	1874 and 1875
Rev. Johns	1876
Rev. Barber	1877
Rev. Mann	1878

In 1883 the Congregation had out-grown the old Church and deserving a better place of worship, sold the old Church and built the present one.

The first service was preached at 3:00 P.M., February 8, 1884, by Rev. A.R. Lester, using his text – Luke: 18th Chapter – 37th verse. “And They Told Him Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By”.

The membership had grown and the Sunday School was encouraging. Rev. G.P. Watson followed Mr. Lester and served four years.

In June 1886 the present church was dedicated by Rev. Coke Smith. People came from far and near and a large crowd assembled to hear this great man.

The Chester District was organized in 1883. From then on we have very little Church history except that services were conducted twice a month and there was Sunday School. The Church prospered under Mr. Watson’s leadership. At this time Rev. G.T. Harmon was Presiding Elder.

There was no parsonage on the charge. The Pastor lived in Winnsboro, S.C. (On Winnsboro Charge) The customs of the Church was respected Quarterly Conference and Church Conferences were held regularly.

Miss Maggie Holley was first Church Secretary. She served in 1883 and 1884. Sam Q. McKeown served from 1885 to 1901. Mr. John B. McKeown was Chairman of the Board of Stewards for a number of years and Miss Maggie Holley was Superintendent of Sunday School. After she resigned Mr. John B. McKeown served until his health failed. He was a faithful and

earnest church worker and many who went out from old Bethlehem remember him as a Godly man.

Rev. J.W. Humbert was pastor from 1891 – 1894. The Church had grown to a membership of 105 members and was prosperous and members loyal.

Great stress was laid on Sunday School and placing the Christian Advocate in the homes of the members. It was a grand and helpful magazine to the young and old.

Children's Day was observed each year and made interesting by some prominent speaker. God was good and blessed the Church spiritually, members were serious in their convictions and received only a minimum salary. At this time the Church had three appointed Stewards.

In 1890 Blackstock Charge was formed consisting of three Churches. Blackstock, Bethlehem and Antioch Churches.

Rev. Duncan preached in 1889-1890

Rev. Wiggins in 1891-1892

Rev. J.W. Humbert in 1893-1894

Rev. J.J. Stevenson was pastor for three years (1895-1896-1897). He was unmarried and had to board among his congregation. At his suggestion and with his help, the people of the Circuit built the parsonage at Blackstock. The People worked and gave their time as well as their means and soon Mr. Stevenson's dream was a reality.

Mr. Stevenson married Miss Jessie Bond and was first to occupy the parsonage in 1897. Mr. Burke was the only pastor ever to serve more than four years. He was loved by his Church Members and was very out-standing. Bethlehem [illegible] and prospered under his leadership. He came to this Church and preached from 1931 to 1938.

In 1938 the General Conference in Birmingham adopted the plan of Unification. The M.E. Church South would be merged with all branches of the Methodist Church. There was objections and many withdrawals taking their membership to other denominations. But a Church founded on a rock will stand and while Bethlehem was crippled by this unfortunate situation, time has healed a lot of the bruises and with the help of God we feel sure Old Bethlehem will sound again, as in the days long since gone by.

Below is the names of the pastors who served the Circuit and Charge from the earliest Church to the present time.

Rev. P.B. Ingraham	1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901
Rev. R.W. Barber (2 nd time)	1902 and 1903
Rev. W.A. Fairey	1904
Rev. J.H. Noland	1905 and 1906
Rev. H.L. Singleton	1907 and 1908
Rev. H.B. Hardy	1909, 1910, 1911 and 1912
Rev. J.N. Isom	1913
Rev. W.M. Hardin	1914 and 1915
Rev. J. Gary Lee	1916
Rev. S.B. White	1917 and 1918
Rev. J.R. Copeland	1919
Rev. D.C. Gregory	1920
Rev. J.W. Shell	1921 and 1922
Rev. T.L. Bryson	1923
Rev. W.C. Kelley	1924 and 1925

Rev. F.G. Whitlock	1926
Rev. G.T. Hughes	1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930
Rev. G.W. Burke	1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938
Rev. J.L. Jett	1939 and 1940
Rev. L.B. George	1941 and 1942
Rev. Frank Moore	1943 and 1944 and 1945
Rev. J.H. Montgomery	1946 and 1947
Rev. Hartnell	1948
Rev. A.B. Belk	1948-1949
Rev. David Smith	1949-1950
Rev. John Sandler	1950
Rev. (Dr.) C.E. Peele	1951
Rev. John Ceely	1952
Rev. H.M. Montgomery	1952, 1953, and 1954
Rev. B.H. Covington	1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961
Rev. J.A. Chandler	1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967
Rev. Grady J. Forrester	1967 (present)

In 1926, Blackstock Circuit was dissolved and Bethlehem was attached to Chester Circuit. The first Pastor to serve Bethlehem from Chester Circuit was Rev. F.G. Whitlock who served one year (1926). Then followed Mr. Hughes for four years (1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930). Next was Mr. Burke who served eight years. About this time Bethlehem was transferred to Winnsboro with Gordon Memorial Church. Since that time it has not been easy going all of the time, but the loyal members and families have done a great work having Sunday School and enjoying services twice a month.

The conditions of the Church property are fair and we hope for some interior work to be done in the near future with other improvements added.

In September, 1953 a committee was formed to pain the Church. The work was begun in October, 1953 at a cost of over \$600. \$450.00 was donated by friends and former members who now hold their membership elsewhere, the balance was raised by the Congregation. Much of the labor was given free.

(August 1954) The old Church is much dressed up and waiting more improvements which is hoped, will soon be in the making. During this year thirteen member were added under the leadership of Mr. H.M. Montgomery.

(April 1970)

During the years 1955 – 1961 Bethlehem was still on the Charge with Gordon Memorial Church in Winnsboro. Rev. B.H. Covington was Pastor. Two Sunday School rooms were added under his leadership.

In 1961 we were dropped from the Winnsboro Charge and Rev. J.A. Chandler who had retired and moved back to Chester served as our Pastor from 1961 until 1967. Although our

members were small in number, Bethlehem prospered under the faithful leadership of Rev. Chandler. During these years the Church was sheetrocked and new floors were put in. Also the Church was painted on the outside. Rev. and Mrs. Chandler meant very much to Bethlehem and were loved by all. Carpet was also put in the Church. In 1967 Rev. Chandler decided it best for his health that he retire again. Rev. Grady J. Forrester, Pastor of St. James and Eureka Churches in Chester graciously added Bethlehem to become our Pastor. We are all very grateful for the devoted way that Rev. Forrester has helped us carry on Gods plan for Bethlehem.

In 1969 the old Cemetery fence was sold and with donations from the members, a new fence was put up.

Although many of our faithful, older members have passed away, with our faith in god and love for one another, we are hoping for many more fruitful years for Bethlehem.

Joseph F. Paul to his sister, Margaret Paul, from Camp Taylor, Adams Run, near Richmond, Virginia;
June 8 1862

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Location: Third Floor Archives/Letter Box

Camp Taylor Adams Run

June 8
1862

Dear Sister

I Seat myself this morning to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present hoping th[at] those few lines may fi[nd you] all well Margaret I receiv[ed] your letter yesterday and I was glad to heare you were all well Mag I have no news to write we are all getting along very well down here We get some bacon and Beef and mutton to eat We have had some very hard rains down here in the last week We have to pickett down on Toogoodoo [Totopotomy?] river it is about three miles from here I expect I will have to go down their this evening and stay to tomorrow evening We have got nine in our mef[s] now me and Dave has ourselves a tent [illegible]
[end page 1]

Mag you wrote that Mary Ann wanted [illegible name] to come home this week to help to cut the wheat but he wont come he says eight dollars and [a] half isent [isn't] picked up down [here] every day I don't think it [w]ould pay for him to come hom[e] now and I know that they can get the wheat cut without him Mag I see some verry fine cabbage down here old preacher Boman has got some corn in his garden with silks on it he has got a fine garden it is all the garden I see down here Mag there is some of our boys sick Johney Robinson is at the hospital W.Y. Hamilton is not very well at this time I must come to a close for it is nearley time for inspection nothing more but remains your [B]rother

J,F, Paul to M Paul

Joseph F. Paul to his sister, Margaret Paul, from Entrenchments at Turkey Ridge, near Petersburg, Virginia; June 7 1864

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Entrenchments Heare
Turkey Ridge Va June 7 64

Dear Sister

I Seat my self this morning to Inform you that I am well and I hope when this comes to hand it will find you all well I received your letter last Tuesday which I was glad to see and to heare that you were all well we are still in the entrenchments some sharp shooting goging [going] on all the time which anoys us a good deal
[end page 1]

We have not been in any regular engagement since I wrote last/ we were in a charge two but we did not get any body hurt They drove the yanks out of the works I have nothing to write of any interest our boys repulsed the yanks in every charge they make you wrote about t[he] old squirre once but I think he would have as many friends if he would attend to his own businefs I would
[end page 2]

like to get to see the old squire in the field himself awhile in place of trying to run all the boys off from about home Tell young to not get old enough and if the old squire says anthing [anything] to him Tell him it is nothing to his business how old he is I have not seen sam since I got your letter I want to see him to heare the tales about the squire our boys are all [illegible]
[end page 3]

Well I have herd that Johney Robinson is gone home I am glad to heare that he got home I want you to tell him to think of me when he is pillching in to the good things at home I am tierd [tired] writing with a crowd all round me and the balls flying all the time so I will close Nothing more but remains your
Brother JF Paul
To Mag Paul

Harrison W. Owens (Company C, Sixth South Carolina Infantry Regiment) to "My Affectionate Friend,"
from Camp Near Petersburg, Virginia, September 19, 1863

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Camp Near Petersburg, Va.

My Affectionate Friend

I write you a line in haste this morning. We are all under orders to March we will go through Winnsboro in a day or two I guess you will hear when we will go along there. I wish if you get this in time & you get a chance you would send me my overcoat & flannell shirt which I left when I was home. We have orders to report at Atlanta Georgia We are going West. I Suppose we will have a big fight out there. We had two men shot for desertion in our Brigade yesterday. They belonged to the 2nd Rifle Regt. [end page 1]

They were from Pickens District. Oh! One of them hated to die so bad. Six balls were driven through his breast, five through the other. one died without moving, the other said, "Oh! Lord have mercy on me" & died. Jammie is gone over to Petersburg. I saw Capt. Whitemen yesterday he told me your Pa was very sick again. I told Jammie of it he seemed to be very much distressed about it. He is in good health now You must come out and see us as we go along. Remember me kindly to Mitchell & Mrs. Owings and the children.

I remain yours truly
Sept 19th '63

J.W. Owens

James W. Paul to his sister, from Camp Blake, Colleton District, South Carolina; March 17 1862

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Camp Blake Colleton

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Dear Sister I take this opportunity to let you know that I am as well as usual and I hope this may find you all well I received your letter which gave me great [great] satisfaction to know that you were all well I do not know what the the surgeon is going to do for me yet I am going to see him tomorrow I have very little news [left?] to write The weather is very warm down here The trees are putting out very fast The dogwoods are in bloom and you may know from that the weather is warm There is not a great deal of sickness in the regiment at this time
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Old boy is well and fat as you please JA Robertson is well you said you wanted me to let you know when I was coming home but I do not know anything about that but I am afraid I will not get off unless I can get a substitute I must come to a close so nothing more at present but remains your brother give my best respects to all inquiring friends

write soon

J.W. Paul

W. B. Brooks to Miss Maggie, from Fairfield District, South Carolina; July 2, 1867

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Fairfield District
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Mifs Maggie

as I have dreamed of your lovely countenance ever night since a particular with you on sunday Eve & cant help But exprefs to you, my love although in one of my dreams I dreamt that you told me I was most too poor for you, I was wonderful distrest when I awoke Mifs Maggie the first time I saw you I fell in love with you and Being in your amiable presence it just sealed my love with you Mifs Maggie I hardly can esprefs my love to you for you are my constant thought when fair away from you

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Mifs Maggie I cant But feal in Anser to these few lines you will confess your love to me so I can dream of you in happiness when we are fair apart my only wish is that we But could meet ever day and each have the pleasure of a few lovely words although I cant But feel But as I have gain your love that we soon can lock our heart up together and through the key away

Oh I will love the when the glorious sun doth gently sink Behind yon distant hill when all the various work of man are done and every living thing is hushed and still.

Oh I love thee when the queen of night wich shines in that glorious sky and pourth on earth her silver

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light and gently sporteth [?] on the midnight brea[illegible]

Oh I will love thee when gray morning dawns in rich refulgence through the b[illegible]m grove and the Bright dewdrops glitter on the lawn and tempt the humble laborers feet to rove

Oh I will love thee when the howling blast of sorrows gales round thy head shall swell when from thy heart thy peaceful thoughts are cast to thee I will fondly whisper all is well

Mifs Maggie please excuse all mistakes and Bloches as I had to write in hast I will wait with the greatest Impatience for your reply exprefsing your love to me

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Mifs Maggie I would like to come prepared to drive you out to church on sunday But If I leave for my farther I cant come I don't know as yet whether I will get of or not

But if I do I hope that I will have some sweet words from you to cheer me on my lonely trip.

So I remain your lover

WB Brooks

