

**Solomon Stone, Sr.**

1886-1989

Solomon Stone was born July 28, 1886 in Fairfield County to the parents of William and Janie Derry Stone in the Longtown Section, Ridgeway, South Carolina. He was one of seven children. He and Ella Goins were united in holy matrimony on November 21, 1906. They were blessed with fifteen children. He supported his family on the land that he purchased in 1936. His lifetime occupation was farming. His only source of schooling was his mother who taught him to write his name. He taught himself to read. At the age of sixteen he became a Christian and joined Antioch Baptist Church. Ten years later, he was appointed and ordained as a Deacon. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge #123 and the Longtown Eastern Star Chapter #190.