

# Fairfield Genealogical Society

## NEWSLETTER

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Please continue to submit articles for the newsletter:

- \* Queries
- \* Lineage Charts
- \* Bible Records
- \* Cemetery Surveys
- \* Short Family Histories
- \* any other items you feel will be helpful to others

## BIBLE RECORDS

We are continuing to collect Bible records for publication. We are in the process of typing/proofing the records we have to date. The following information is needed: (1) a photo copy of the Bible, (2) have a family member to transcribe the information, (3) photo copy Bible pages, (4) photo copy of title page [publisher and date], (5) information on who owns the Bible and who transcribed the information and (6) preferred Bible records prior to 1920.

For more information, contact: Henrietta Morton, 167 Rutledge Road, Greenwood, SC 29649. Phone: (864) 223-7374; Charlie Beach, P.O. Box 696, Winnsboro, SC 29180 or Linda Frazier, 1006 Gray Oak Lane, Blythewood, SC 29180. Phone: (803) 754-1123, email: sellersl@juno.com.

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## HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY/BIOGRAPHIES OF ITS PEOPLE

In future issues, we will be including information about our historic county and its people. Do you have favorite story of someone/something of Fairfield County that you would like to share? We welcome information/suggestions from our readers for topics and material for our newsletters. Readers?

If errors are noted in these newsletters, please advise and we will make corrections in the next newsletter. Linda S. Frazier, Newsletter Editor; P.O. Box 89, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

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## WOODWARD

Seeking maiden name of Levica or Luvira Woodward, wife of William Woodward. William Woodward died Dec. 1823 in Fairfield County, SC.

Issue:

Nancy Woodward, wife of Lewis McNeese  
Letitia Woodward, wife of Thomas Noland  
Levica Woodward, wife of Burbage Woodward  
Robert Clark Woodward, Sheriff of Fairfield County in 1850  
John C. Woodward  
George W. Woodward  
Eleanor Strother Woodward, wife of Robert Thomas Johnson

## STITT

Seeking any family members of Robert and Ann Stitt, who came to Fairfield County, SC from Ireland. Robert and Ann Stitt are buried @ Jackson Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Fairfield County, SC. Both died in 1826-27.

**Contact:** Gay Johnson, 3221 21st Street, Lubbock, Texas 79410 (806) 799-0859 or (806) 894-6191 (work).

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## **CROSBY-CALDWELL**

Who were the parents of John Wesley CROSBY? He was born 7 August, 1856, Lodge, SC. He married 6 Feb 1879, Ellen Augustine CALDWELL, born 31 Aug 1855, died 7 Sept. 1932. They are both buried in Carter Ford Baptist Church Cemetery.

## **CALDWELL-CARTER**

Need information on Thomas Giles CALDWELL, JR., born 1825, died 1871. Who was his Mother? We can assume since he is a Jr. His father was Thomas Giles CALDWELL, Sr., but we have no further information on this CALDWELL line other than he married before 1885, Sarah Adeline CARTER, born 1826, died 1871 Colleton, SC. They are both buried in the Carter Ford Baptist Church Cemetery, Lodge, SC.

**Contact:** John M. Winskie, 2436 Flowery Trail, Chewelay, WA 99109

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## **SMITH, KEITH, SHEDD, MCCREIGHT FAMILIES**

My husband's great grandmother was Nancy (Nannie) Elmore Smith, born Oct. 4, 1858, who married William DuBose Raines. Her parents were George Henson Smith and Mary Elizabeth Smith. George Henson and Mary Elizabeth were first cousins - their fathers, Henry and Aaron Smith were brothers. George Henson Smith's parents were Henry Smith and Patience Keith (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Keith and \_\_\_\_\_ Shedd). Mary Elizabeth Smith's parents were Aaron Smith and Nellie McCreight.

Seeking additional information on the two families of Henry and Aaron Smith - their parents, siblings, children, and the Shedd, Keith and McCreight families of their spouses, Patience Keith and Nellie McCreight. These families were from Fairfield, Richland, Kershaw, Chester and perhaps other counties of South Carolina.

**Contact:** Lynette M. Raines, 200 Raines Road, Blythewood, SC 29016. Phone: (803) 754-7967.

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Announcing: The House of **Hughes And Donahoe**.

The House of Hughes And Donahoe is a most comprehensive compilation of Family genealogy and History. This attractive hard back volume contains over 400 pages of text, illustrations and family photographs. It is published by Tennessee Valley Publishing of Knoxville, Tennessee.

The cost will be \$40.00. If books require shipping, an additional \$5.00 will be needed for postage and handling.

You may order or reserve books by Pre-Payment. The Binder will be delivering on or before the second week in December, 1997.

Other related families:

Carmicheal  
Cribb  
Davis  
Edwards  
Haselden  
Huggins  
Lawrimore

Marsh  
Perry  
McDaniel  
Powell  
Stone  
Altman  
Thompson

And many more.

For additional information, please contact:

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#### **NEW BOOKS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA ROOM:**

***Pennsylvania German Pioneers*** by Strassburger and Hinke, reprint of Vol. 2 which contains the Facsimile Signatures of these pioneers from 1727-1775.

***Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence***, Vol. 1, The New England States John Buchanan's book, ***The Road to Guilford Courthouse; The American Revolution in the Carolinas***.

***Black Churches and Cemeteries of Sumter County (SC)*** by Emily E. Vaughn

***Index of Sumter County (SC) Coroner Inquisitions*** by Emily E. Vaughn

***Samuel Wragg Ferguson, 1834-1917, Memoirs and 1865 Journal***

***Lower Fairforest Baptist Church, Union County (SC) Minutes, 1809-1875*** by Brent Holcomb

***Virtual Roots - A Guide to Genealogy and Local History on the World Wide Net***

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## **New Books from Heritage Books, Inc.**

**Cemetery Records of Greene County, Alabama and Related Areas - O'Levia Neil Wiese.** Contains transcriptions from 42 cemeteries in Greene County, Alabama, and from 5 located across the state line in Mississippi. Supplemented with data from the genealogical collection of Mrs. Mary Marshall. (1980) reprint, 156 pp., 8.5 x 11, index, maps, illus., paper, \$26.00 #W319. **Order from:** Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 300, Bowie, Md 20716

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### **1998 Federation of Genealogical Societies 18th Annual Conference**

A conference for the Nation's Genealogists. August 19-22, 1998 - Cincinnati, Ohio

Federation of Genealogical Societies. For additional information of FGS or about the conference, please contact FGS at P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220; toll free telephone 888-FGS-1500, and fax 888-380-0500. Our e-mail address: (fgs-office@fgs.org). Check the FGS website at <http://www.fgs.org>.

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### **Middle Name Woes**

If you are having trouble keeping your John Smith's and Robert Browns straight, and wish they had middle names, the following excerpts from an article in Harper's Magazine about 1900 may help explain why there were no middle names:

"Middle names were once illegal. The old English Law was definite as to the naming of children, and according to, [Sir. Edward] Coke's Law Commentary," A man cannot have two names of baptism. Royal personages were always allowed to have more than one given name, but as late as 1600, it was said there were only four persons in all England who had two given names. In 1620, when the Mayflower sailed for America, not a man or woman aboard had a middle name.

(Florida Genealogical Society journal, Vol. 26, No.1, 1990)

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### **New Library opens in Chapin**

The new Chapin Branch of the Lexington County Library opened in October 1997. The family histories are located in the South Carolina History Room. Tel. (803) 345-5479, Fax (803) 345-5477. Hours: Mon/Thurs 12:00 - 8:00, Tues/Wed/Fri 9:00-5:00. Chapin Branch Library Home Page: <http://www.unistar.net/library>

### **New Library in Lexington**

This \$4.9 million facilities serves as headquarters for the Lexington County Library System. It is 12 times larger than the old library. There are 12 computers with Internet access. Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 -8:00, Fri-Sat 8:30 - 5:30, Sun: 2-5.

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## COMPUTER CORNER

Find your ancestors online at **Ancestry HomeTown (www.ancestry.com)**

Discovering your family roots is easier and more fun than ever thanks to the new Ancestry HomeTown (www.ancestry.com) from Ancestry Publishing. Already the busiest genealogy site on the Web with more than 20,000 daily visitors, Ancestry HomeTown offers numerous free and low-cost resources for genealogists.

### A New Database Each Day

Ancestry HomeTown Genealogy Library offers the Web's largest collection of freely searchable genealogy data, including the 51 million-name Social Security Death Index. The site also offers low-cost subscriptions to the Web's fastest-growing library of genealogy databases and reference materials. Backed by a full-time scanning and data preparation team, Ancestry currently adds one new database of genealogical records to the library each weekday.

Other notable features include:

- \* HomeTown Community Tree - a rapidly growing, freely searchable database of pedigree information contributed by genealogists worldwide.
- \* Ancestry Times - a weekly electronic newsletter featuring columns from three of the most recognizable names in on-line genealogy: Richard Eastman (CompuServe), Dear MYRTLE (America Online), and Myra Vanderpoole Gormley (Prodigy and Los Angeles Times Syndicate).
- \* HomeTown Mall - a secure on-line mall where visitors can shop for genealogy books, magazines, CD-ROMs and software.
- \* HomeTown Travel Bureau - contains searchable, annotated links to hundreds of other important genealogy sites.

Ancestry invites all interested parties to become involved in the HomeTown community by contributing pedigree information to the HomeTown Community Tree, or providing interesting data collections for publication through the HomeTown Genealogy Library.

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# Irish Families!

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Home Page: <http://www.IrishRoots.com>  
Free Newsletter on our Home Page!

## 20th Anniversary Publication Announcement



**The New Edition of *The Book of Irish Families*  
*great & small* , #1 Irish Family Book, ships in October!**

Dear Librarian;

*The Book of Irish Families, great & small* is absolutely the #1 Reference Book on Irish Families. Why?

This single volume contains:

- 2,000 family Histories
- 600 authentic coats of arms illustrated
- 16,000 surnames tied to a specific location in Ireland
- Master Surname Index to our complete series !
- authored by Foundation president, Michael C. O'Laughlin

No book, at any time, or in any place, has equaled this compilation. That includes the fine works of MacLysaght, O'Hart, etc... This is the flagship publication of the Irish Genealogical Foundation. (Subsequent volumes uncover more information, on even more families). This series cover even rare surnames, searching local 17th and 19th century records.

We proudly announce the publication of this new enlarged edition of the *Book of Irish Families, great & small*. It is a full 8 1/2 x 11 size, hardbound, 380 pages, 600 illustrations, fully updated. ISBN 094013415 2. Handsomely hardbound with sewn binding, in dust jacket. To ship Oct. 1997. Total cost is \$32.95. (£25 Irish) if ordered now. 100% guaranteed. Postage free when ordered before Nov. 1.

Order Today to be the first to receive this special research Library edition.

Sincerely,

A. O'Neill

(P.S. If you are interested in purchasing the complete 5 vol. set, I have enough only for 50 complete sets, for a total of \$150 + \$15 post) The hardbound volumes to the set still available are:

- v1. Book of Irish Families, great & small (0-940134-15-2) \$32.95
- v2. Families of Co. Kerry, Ireland (0-940134-36-5) \$32
- v3. Families of Co. Clare, Ireland (0-940134-37-3) \$32
- v4. Families of Co. Cork, Ireland (0-940134-35 -7) \$32
- v5. Families of Co. Limerick, Ireland (0-940134-31-4) \$32

## ***The South Carolina Archives is moving . . .***

The S.C. Department of Archives and History will be closed for research April 20, 1998 — May 4, 1998. The archives will reopen May 5 in its new location at the S.C. Archives and History Center.

All researchers planning to visit the S.C. Archives during the Spring of 1998 should call (803) 734-8596 to verify reference room hours and document availability.

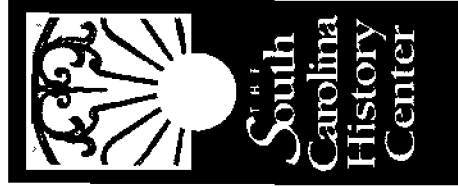
Effective May 5, the agency's new address and phone number will be:

**S.C. Dept. of Archives and History  
8301 Parklane Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 896-6100**

Please update your records accordingly.

For more information on the S.C. Archives or its move to the S.C. Archives and History Center, call (803) 734-8560.

Check our web page for updated information at  
***[www.scdah.sc.edu/homepage.htm](http://www.scdah.sc.edu/homepage.htm)***



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THE CHURCH BEFORE RESTORATION!



LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH  
JENKINSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA



6 DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN THIS WAS A REALITY?  
THEN WE CAN JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAISE TO THE  
LORD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE HERE IN THIS PLACE!

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PSALM 37:5 COMMIT THY WAY UNTO THE LORD;  
TRUST ALSO IN HIM; AND HE SHALL BRING IT TO  
PASS.

COLOSSIANS 4:23 AND WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO IT  
HEARTILY, AS TO THE LORD, AND NOT UNTO MEN.

I PETER 1: 24 & 25 FOR ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS,  
AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF GRASS.  
THE GRASS WITHERETH, AND THE FLOWER THEREOF  
FALLETH AWAY: BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD  
ENDURETH FOREVER.

## **LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, JENKINSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

In the year 1762, Mr. Jacob Gibson moved from Virginia to South Carolina and settled in Fairfield County near Little River.

Mr. Gibson was a well-educated and very religious man. In 1768 he built a small church, a log structure placed on land that he himself gave for the purpose. This church was formally dedicated in 1771, thus becoming the first Baptist Church in Fairfield County. Mr. Gibson served as its pastor from 1771 until 1790. The church was known as Gibson's Meeting House. It is said that only on rainy days was the building able to accommodate the congregation which attended the services.

In connection with the church Mr. Gibson had a school, perhaps the first free school in the county.

The records from 1790 until 1855 have been misplaced but it is known that the church was active during that period. In 1855 it was decided to build a new House of Worship. Mr. J.G. O'Neal gave the site on which to build the new church, a plot of approximately seven acres in area some two and one-half miles from Gibson's Meeting House.

A building committee was appointed, this group consisting of the following men: Dr. Thomas F. Furman, Chairman; Mr. J.G. O'Neal; Mr. H.A. Glenn; Dr. John M. Glenn; Mr. Stephen Gibson and Mr. Thomas W. Rabb. They went about their work intelligently, particaly and lovingly. The sanctuary, which is the present one now in use, was erected under the supervision of Mr. Jacob Bookman. Mr. Bookman was a skilled craftsman and designer and took great pride in his work. The architecture was of that popular in the period and in the area.

The building when finished in 1857 was furnished with care and taste. A marble top communion table of crotch mahogany and an Empire style sofa featured the floor furnishings. The inside walls were of plaster, painted white; the benches were of dark mahogany in color. Perhaps the most lavish expenditure was that of a chandelier which hung by a bronze rod from a plaster medallion in the ceiling. Chains of small gold leaves hung gracefully from the medallion to each of the eight lamps of the chandelier and long prisms dangled from the base of each lamp. The chandelier was low enough for the kerosene lamps to be easily lighted.

The new House of Worship was dedicated in May 1858. Dr. James Furman, a native of the area, delivered the dedicatory message. And so it was that from the humble beginning of the small log building grew the beautiful and dignified new sanctuary. The organization was officially named Little River Baptist Church. However, it was generally known at that time, and indeed for years to come, as Long Run Baptist Church because of the local post office of that name.

The minutes of the church in those early days, and for the next twenty-five years, were faithfully recorded by Dr. John M. Glenn. From these records we learned that the leaders were very earnest in their duties and that the church moved forward in a way that must have been pleasing to God.

In the year 1861, a band of patriotic young men met at Little River Baptist Church and formed a company for the defense of the Confederacy. Among that group were David L. Glenn, Hicks Chappell, David Douglas and Joe McMeekin.

Some of the consecrated men who served as pastors of Little River Baptist Church were: Rev. Estes, Rev. Wells, Rev. Freeman, Rev. McDowell and Rev. Johnny Isenhower. Two young men from the organization were ordained to the ministry -- Mr. James Henry Yarborough and Mr. Robert Rabb.

As the years progressed into the early twentieth century, things did not go well with Little River. Many of the families of original members moved away and membership decreased greatly. The faithful who remained were scattered over a wide area. Travel was difficult. In 1915, after much prayerful consideration, it was decided to divide the congregation between the communities of Jenkinsville and Monticello, each group to provide a place of worship for itself. The church building at Little River was abandoned, left to its memories. It was used during the years that followed for funerals and for occasional homecomings.

In the 1930's, the sanctuary of the black Episcopal group of nearby St. Barnabas area was burned. A delegation from St. Barnabas requested permission from the Jenkinsville and Monticello Baptists to use Little River Baptist Church for their services until their building could be replaced. Permission was given. And so for a number of years, the abandoned church was alive once more with Sunday worship services and related activities.

In 1949, Rev. James Baker, Pastor of the Jenkinsville group, became greatly interested in Little River. Since automobiles and paved roads made distance then no problem, he started a movement to restore the old building and return the Baptist congregations to their old home. The idea became an area project with persons of all faiths taking part in the actual work of repair and restoration. Within a year, Little River Baptist Church was ready for occupancy again. Electric lights were installed and the old chandelier lamps were electric. Gas heat was put in. On June 4, 1950 an organization of Jenkinsville, Monticello and Rion Baptists held their first service in the old-new building.

Rev. Baker was succeeded by Rev. Owens who came out from his pastorate in Winnsboro on Sunday afternoons. In 1952 Rev. Benjamin F. Loyd, who was Baptist Student Counselor at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, came to us as full-time minister. It was under his encouragement and guidance that the Educational Building was erected. Sunday School rooms, an assembly hall, and a fully equipped kitchen are features of the building.

In the fall of 1956, Rev. Loyd left Little River to continue his ministerial studies. At that time, Rev. J. Hydrick Reed of West Columbia began his pastorate of the old church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Reed, many improvements have been made in the church in recent years. Necessary repairs and upkeep have been on the agenda and several desirable additions have been made. Electric heat has replaced the gas heaters and air conditioning units have been installed. A baptistery has been added, planned and installed by the late George H. Reed, son of Rev. Reed. A handsome granite wall now surrounds the cemetery, replacing the old iron fence. Many generous contributions from persons no longer members of the church nor living in the area but who are interested in the old cemetery added greatly to the fund for the wall. Granite picnic tables have been placed under the oak trees in the yard.

Little River was the recipient of a special gift in 1962. A generous sum of money was given by the J.W. McCormich Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to set us a memorial for E. Claude Jeter. Mr. Jeter, a native of the area, was an executive of the Ford Motor Company in Detroit at the time of his death and was known to have many years of pleasant business associations

with the McCormich Company. Handome new pulpit furniture and collection plates were purchased. A small brass plate on each piece of furniture denotes the memorial.

A second gift was presented to the church during the past year. Mr. Andrew Rabb, who grew up in the area and now resides in North Carolina, gave a beautiful brass urn for flower arrangements in memory of his mother and father who rest in the cemetery there along with others in his family. Unfortunately, thieves broke into the building and a number of articles were taken including the brass urn. The church group wishes to replace the vase when Mr. Rabb, who has been ill, is able to see about the duplication.

The present membership of Little River is small but dedicated and close-knit. Its aim is to serve God and Mankind to the best of its ability. Toward this ambition Rev. Hydrick Reed has been a major factor. His enthusiasm and interest in church matters during the almost twenty years of his pastorate have contributed greatly toward church unity and growth. He is dedicated to his calling, faithful in his duties and beloved by his followers.

After twenty-two years of ministry at Little River, Rev. Reed retired in the late summer of 1977 because of failing health.

In October of 1977, Lt. Col. Hubert Garrell, a retired chaplain of the United States Army came to Little River. In January 1978, Rev. Garrell accepted the pastorate and is at present the leader of the church group. Rev. Garrell and his wife, Jeanne are talented in many areas and are deeply appreciated and loved by their church family. The Garrells make their home in Columbia.  
January, 1981

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

The auditorium of Little River Baptist Church has a gallery on three sides with entrances formerly by stairway. These stairs have been removed but the doors opening onto them were left and are visible from within the church. The black members of the organization who came to worship in those early days seated themselves in the gallery. The old benches still remain. The names of the white and black members are listed in the minutes as kept by Mr. J. M. Glenn.

A feature of the sanctuary is a low wall some three feet in height extending through the center of the building from the front benches to the wall separating the auditorium from the front porch. There are two front doors and two aisles leading through the church. It is said that in the olden days, the ladies and girls entered the door at the right and seated themselves on the right-hand side of the wall. The gentlemen and boys entered the left door and seated themselves on that side of the barrier. When the church was restored, a portion of the wall near the entrance doors was removed so that persons may now move freely from one aisle to the other in that area.

A contingent of northern soldiers passed by the church in 1865 and some of the men entered the building. The chains of gold leaves and the prisms on the chandelier were removed. The silver communion set was also taken.

The old "Horse Mount" consisting of several granite blocks still stands at the edge of the church yard, a memento of the early days when many worshipers came to service via horseback.

There are several graves under the oak trees in the yard, these graves marked only with field rocks. One, it is said, is that of a so-called outlaw whose family, when he died, requested only that he be laid to rest near the church and not within the cemetery proper.

Within the past year, 1973, ten monuments from the David-Furman private cemetery in the area have been placed in the cemetery at Little River. The Fumans have a plot there but there was no space near it available so the family memorials had to be placed elsewhere. A number of private cemeteries will be covered by the waters of Lake Monticello when the V.C. Summer Nuclear Power Plant now under construction nearby is completed.

The church family was saddened by the passing our dear pastor, Mr. J.H. Reed, on December 12, 1982. He and his faithful wife had served the church well. Mrs. Reed preceded Mr. Reed to the grave on August 9, 1982.

Rev. Garrell resigned as pastor of Little River February, 1983 and within a short time, Rev. Hunter Phillips was called to be our pastor. He and his wife, Nan, have served our church well since that time. They began their pastorate here at Little River March, 1983.

Nan is very talented and sings often during our services. She is accompanied by Hunter occasionally. Under their leadership, we have painted the church and also carpeted the sanctuary and the educational building.

For the first time in several years, we had a very good revival with our very own, Rev. Will Rogers and his lovely wife, Agnes speak to us during the week of April 6, 1986. This revival was a blessing to all who had the privilege of hearing both of these dedicated missionaries.

On November 2, 1986, Rev. Hunter Phillips resigned as pastor. Since that time we have been privileged to have several supply pastors.

April 20, 1987 - At the present, we have not hired a minister.

July 12, 1987 - Rev. Richard Mullinax preached his first official sermon and he and his wife, Cora, joined Little River on this date. They have encouraged and led the close-knit church family through happy and sad times.

October 22, 1989 - We had a good revival with Homecoming. Rev. Arthur Collum, a friend of Richard's from North Carolina preached at the revival services.

Under Richard's leadership the membership has grown and we have made improvements to our church, including the Sunday School rooms, assembly area, and the sanctuary. We furnished and improved the children's room and once again have seven little children.

In July, 1991, we acquired a stained glass window over the baptismal pool.

Note: The information on Little River Baptist Church was typed in its' entirety as submitted.

*Reminder: Please remember to use **complete** zip codes with postal mail.*

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