

## MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings except September will be at American Federal Bank on US 123 in Clemson at 7:30 PM.

18 Sept 1984, 6:30 PM - COVERED DISH

DINNER  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Clemson. Bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert dish. Iced tea artificially sweetened and tableware will be furnished.

16 Oct 1984 - WHITTEN FAMILY HISTORY  
Speaker - President Bill Whitten

20 Nov 1984 - WOODSON FAMILY HISTORY  
Speakers - Julia and W. E. Woodson

## EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

BOOKS - The following two books may be of interest to some of our members whose relatives moved on from South Carolina to Texas.

Marriage and Death Notices, Marion County, Texas, 1853 - 1927, Compiled by Juanita Davis Cawthon, soft cover, 8½ x 11, 160pp. including index. Much information on Civil War Veterans. Price \$15 including Postage and handling.

Marriage and Death Notices, Cass County, Texas, 1883 - 1932, compiled by Juanita Davis Cawthon, soft cover, 8½ x 11, 103 pp. including index. Price \$13.50 including postage and handling.

Order either book from the author at 844 Acklen, Shreveport, LA 71104. The books will be at the Clayton Room at Central Wesleyan College, Central, SC.

Lyles Family Reunion - September 27, 1984.

For details of location and program, contact Pelham Lyles Spong, Rt. 4, Box 83, Winnsboro, SC 29180, phone (803) 635-2486.

## QUERY

MCADAMS Need info ggf. Isaac MCADAMS, m. Anna TURNER, dau. of  
HUNT William and Nancy (BRASHER) TURNER. Believe was in Pendle-  
STOVALL ton District 1790-8. Dau. Sarah, b. Pendleton 2 May 1800.  
TURNER m. 30 Oct 1817 Jesse HUNT, b. 10 Aug 1798 Pendleton  
SNOW District, son of William HUNT, b. 12 Dec 1763 and Eliz. Ja  
BASS? Jane BASS?, who were m. Pendleton District 30 Oct 1817.  
Isaac was in Alabama 18 Feb 1821, d. before 1824, son  
Merritt m. Peggy SNOW and dau. Rebecca m. James S. STOVALL.  
Need parents of Isaac and info. on brothers and sisters.  
G. L. Clayton, Rt. 1, Box 288, Madisonville, TX 77864.

EARLY CHURCHES  
of  
OLD PENDLETON DISTRICT

The history of the churches of any community tells much about the residents and the life style of the time. Pendleton is no exception.

This is the first of what is hoped will be a series of brief histories of the early churches in what are now Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties of South Carolina. The articles will, of necessity, be limited to the earliest churches. Those which also have cemeteries are especially important to genealogists. These cemeteries together with the many early family cemeteries help to provide information on ancestors for the time when public records were scarce. It should be noted here that the Pendleton Chapter has published two volumes of Oconee cemetery records and one for Pickens. Another for Pickens will be out this year.

These articles must be quite brief but it is hoped that they will contain enough information to serve as a guide for further personal research.

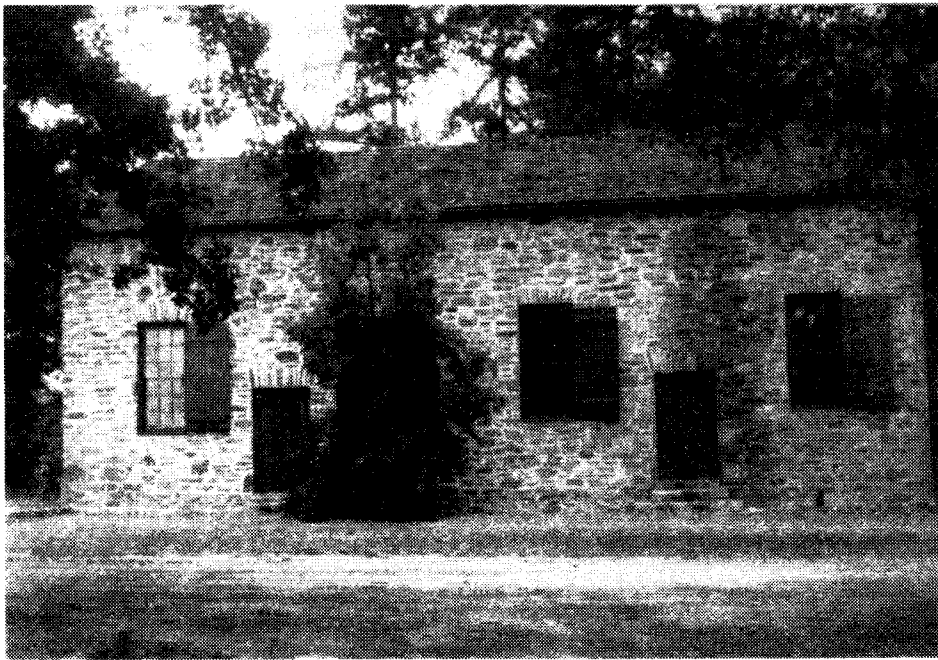
Soon after the Treaty of Hopewell with the Cherokee Indians was signed in , settlers moved in and began organizing churches. In some cases, several churches had a close physical or religious relationship which makes their grouping logical. The four churches in this issue are a natural group of this kind. They are all in or near the village of Pendleton. The Presbyterians were first, followed soon by Episcopalians.

CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The church still exists and is located at SC135 and Carmel Church Road not far from the Pickens-Anderson County line.

Much of the settlement in the Up-Country around Pendleton was by Scotch-Irish from Pennsylvania and Virginia and they were Presbyterians.

Carmel was organized in 1787, only ten years after the treaty. There was apparently some Presbyterian activity even earlier. To quote J. P. Smith<sup>1</sup>: "At first, there seem to have been two preaching places, or mission stations; one situated about three miles east of this place (Carmel) and known as Twenty-three Mile Creek, or Pickens Church, and the other about three miles south of this place and called Richmond. In the minutes of the Presbytery, we find both these places petitioning to be supplied with preaching. We do not think there was a regular organization at these places, but we learn that ministers were appointed to preach at both places. Dr. Thomas Reese, who became pastor of the Carmel Church in the year 1792, says that Carmel was organized in 1787. But the name Carmel does not appear (says Dr. Howe) till around 1793 when it appears in the Minutes of the Presbytery, the names of Twenty-three Mile Creek and Richmond disappear, so it seems very probable that the two congregations, or preaching stations spoken of, merged into one, or unite and form one organization and take the name of Carmel. The first Carmel church building was about three miles east of the present building, and the old graveyard, where some of the founders of the



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On August 31, 1902, the Pendleton Church transferred "--- the care of Old Stone Church, grounds and cemetery with the power and the privilege of disposing of lots in the cemetery for burial purposes, renting the land suitable for cultivation and selling such timber as in their judgement needs being removed for the protection of the forest, land and property, PROVIDED, they must use all money from such sources toward improving and keeping in order the said church, grounds and cemetery, we reserving the right to cancel all the above if they fail to carry out the obligations -----." This arrangement continues to this day.

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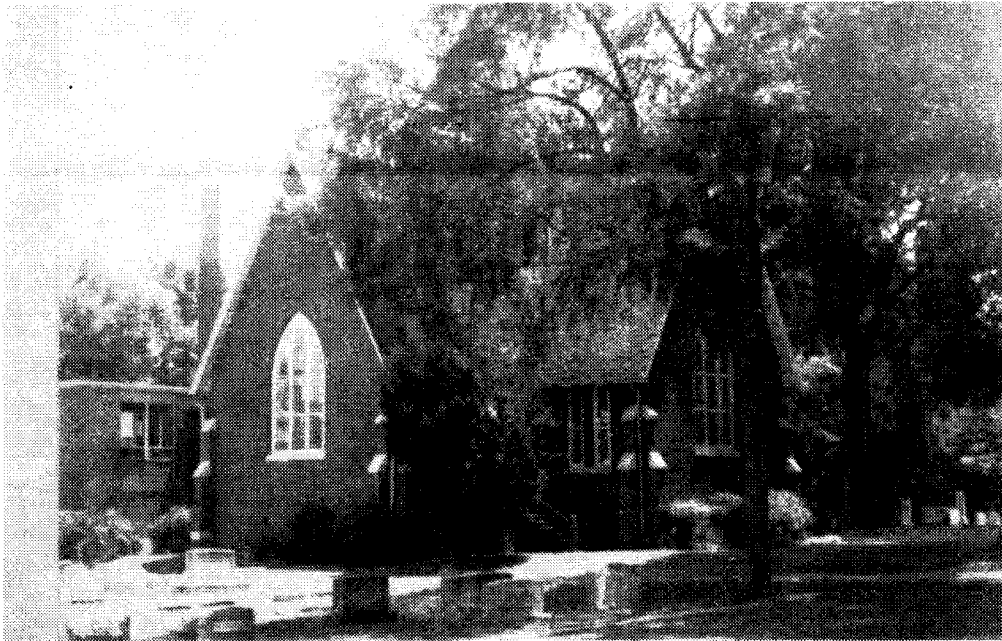
#### REFERENCES

- 1) The Old Stone Church, Oconee County, SC. Collected and edited by Richard Newman Brackett, Ph. D., Reprinted by the Pendleton District Historical and Recreational Commission, Pendleton, SC, 1972. This book is full of names of early residents associated with the church as well as many more recent Association members who are or have been active in its work. Note that the property is now in Pickens County, having been transferred from Oconee.

- 2) The Old Stone Church Cemetery. Compiled by Peggy Rich and published by Old Stone Church and Cemetery Commission. It is loaded with data on early settlers. It may be purchased from Mrs. L. G. Rich, Box 1185, Clemson, SC 29631, price \$6 plus 0.75 postage and mailing.

HOPEWELL PENDLETON (PENDLETON) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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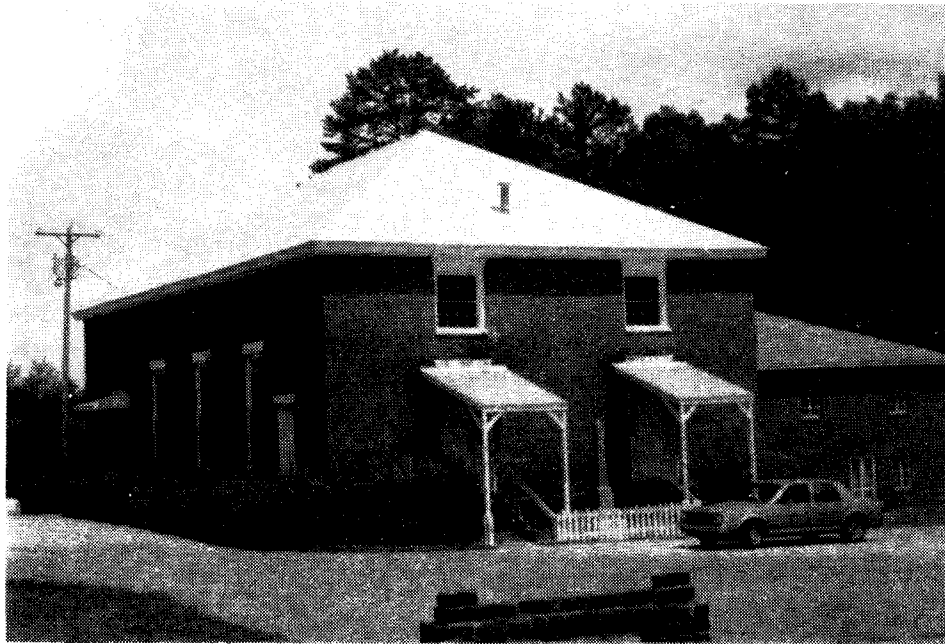
In 1824, the members built Hopewell-Pendleton, a frame building facing the old Greenville Road (now SC88) across from the present elementary school. It was used until 1893. It then became a mission for the black people; then sold and remodeled as a house. It burned 12 April 1950.

Quoting from Pendleton Presbyterian Church, 1789-1966<sup>1</sup>:  
"At the time the frame church was built - finished in 1825 according to the Pendleton Messenger - the Reverend Anthony W. Ross was pastor; Josias D. Gaillard, Elam Sharpe, and John B. Hammond were elders. The membership was small. In 1826 and 1828, there were recorded fifty-nine members, some of whom were slaves."

The name Keowee was dropped in the mid 1800s and the church was listed as Hopewell-Pendleton. The separate history of the Old Stone Church seems to have closed about 1832 and Old Stone Church was used infrequently.

After Rev. Anthony W. Ross resigned in 1828, the Rev. Aaron Foster became full time pastor but did give some time to the Willington church. He resigned in 1832 at which time the membership had risen to sixty-eight.

In November 1832, Rev. Richard B. Cater from Abbeville Co. became pastor until 1836 when the communicants had been raised to two hundred nineteen. Rev. Anthony W. Ross then returned and served until he retired in 1851.



PRESENT CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Located south of Liberty, SC near junction of Hwy. 39-166 and SC135

church are buried, is still preserved, and recently a new Methodist Church has been built on this very spot where old Carmel first stood. The church was removed to this place about 75 years ago (about 1814)."

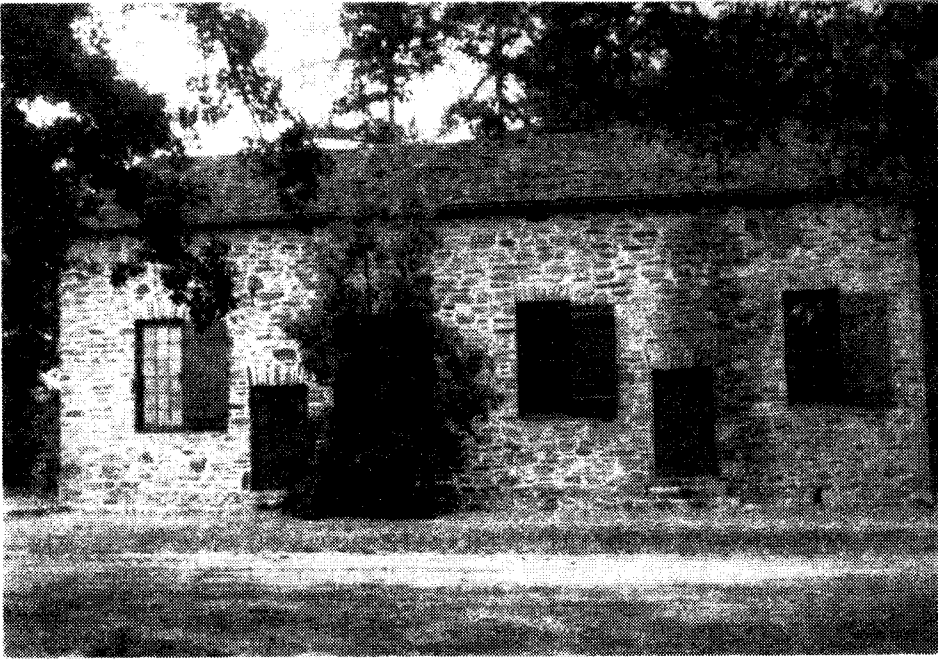
The early ministers, Revs. Rob't Hall, W. C. Davis, -----Hunter, Thos. Reese, D.D., J. Simpson, J. Gilliland, A. Brown, B. Montgomery, Mas. McElhenny, -----Murphy, James Hillhouse, and W. W. Ross served, in the order named, as supply for not only Carmel but Hopewell-Keowee (Old Stone Church) from organization until 1836.

Later, the church was served by Revs. J. L. Kennedy, J. B. Adger, D.D., Hugh Mc Lees, A. P. Nicholson and J. R. Riley who was current pastor in 1889 when their 100th anniversary was celebrated.

The first elders of the church were: Thomas Hamilton (a soldier of the Revolution), John Hamilton, James Watson, John Wilson, and Robert McCann. Next came Wm. McMurray, Robert Lemon, John Dickson, Alexander Oliver, Michael Dickson, Wm. Walker, Col. David K. Hamilton, Thomas G. Boggs, John Templeton, Wm. Mullikin, Thos. H. McCann, R. Brown, A. M. Hamilton, W. W. Knight, T. H. Russell, G. D. Barr, D. Grice, J. C. Boggs, J. P. Glenn, W. K. Boggs, D. H. Russell, H.T. Martin, and S. D. Stewart.

The first deacons about whom there is any information are:

Esq. Henderson	Benjamin Mullikin
James Smith	S. D. Stewart
F. M. Glenn	W. B. F. Taylor
Wm. Boggs	John M. Glenn
J. M. Smith	J. P. Smith
Col. T. H. Boggs	Dr. W. R. Hollingsworth
Wm Ford	L. G. Boggs
G. L. McWhorter	



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Rev. Ross was followed by Revs. Humphrys, Reid, Hillhouse and McBryde, the latter staying until 1863. These were followed by Dr. John Bailey Adger who came to Pendleton in 1852 and served as advisor and/or pastor for over 45 years. Other pastors were Revs. Hugh McLees and William Cuttino Smith.

In 1882, the "Hopewell" portion of the church name was dropped and the name became simply Pendleton Presbyterian Church.

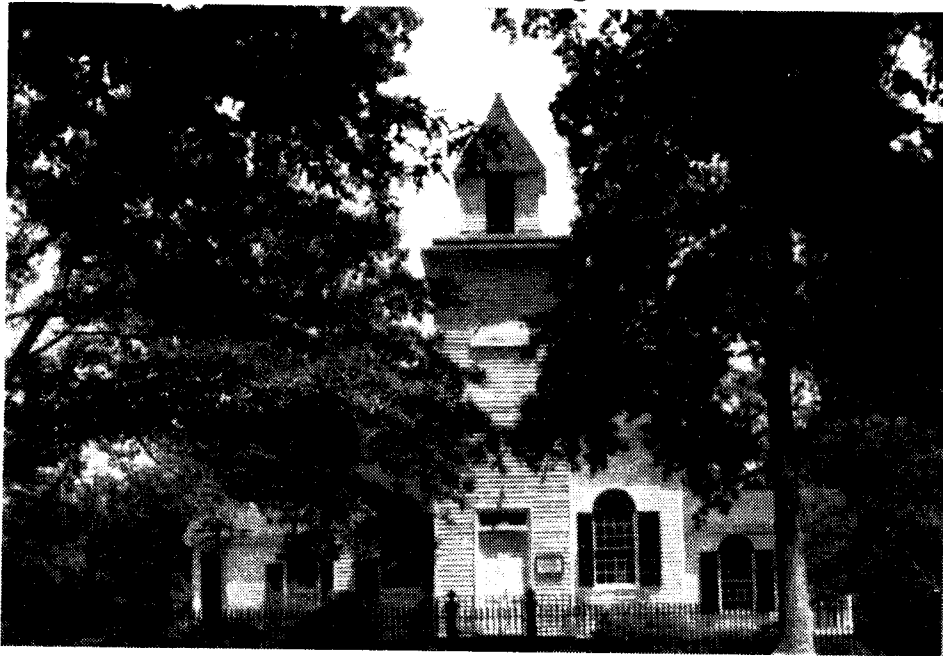
In 1893, the present church was built and its cemetery established. No doubt, earlier burials of members were at Old Stone Church.

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- 1) Pendleton Presbyterian Church, 1789-1966. Compiled by Annie Lee Boggs, 1966. A copy is available at the Pendleton Historical and Recreational Commission, Pendleton, SC. This little book is an invaluable source of names of people associated with the church as pastors or members.
- 2) The Book of the Dead. An alphabetical arrangement of those buried in the cemeteries of Anderson Co., SC. By R. M. Smith, Anderson, SC. Mimeographed. Also available at the Historical Commission.

#### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Pauls is located in the village of Pendleton.



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The original settlement of the Pendleton area was almost exclusively by Scotch-Irish who were Presbyterian. But by 1800 the affluent people of "Low Country" South Carolina found Pendleton a welcome relief from the hot, "sickly season" and summer migrations began and lasted until the Civil War. Many of them built permanent homes here and stayed, others opened their homes only during the summer. Most of these were Anglicans and the need for an Episcopal

church in an otherwise Presbyterian stronghold became apparent. In 1819, a missionary, the Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson began to serve Pendleton and Greenville.

On 13 May 1822, Col. Thomas Pinckney, Lt. Gov. of South Carolina, 1832-34 and Col. John E. Colhoun, in trust for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, purchased Outlot #7, comprising 1 3/10 acres, for \$39. In later years, an additional 1 1/2 acres was purchased for enlargement of the churchyard<sup>1</sup>.

The church was ordered built April 1822 and was completed and consecrated November 23, 1823. Stairs lead from the vestibule to a balcony where slaves worshipped. The windows were patched with lead during the Civil War and never replaced. The original bell was sent to Macon, GA in the 1860s to be melted down for bullets and was replaced with one from the steamer Seabrook.

Among its members buried in the churchyard<sup>3</sup> are: Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Lieut. Gov., 1832-34; Dr. Thomas Lynch Dart, one of the four original vestrymen; Gen. Barnard E. Bee; Gen. Clement H. Stevens; Mrs. John C. Calhoun, widow of the statesman; Thomas G. Clemson, founder of Clemson University; Rev. Jasper Adams, founder and first President of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.; and William Henry Trescot, diplomat - historian.

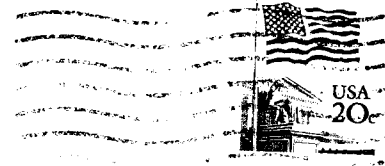
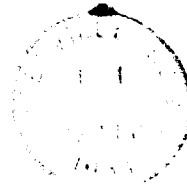
The church and cemetery are now under the care of Trinity Episcopal Church of Clemson, SC since becoming dormant in 1966. Services are held there occasionally.

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- 1) A Sketch of St. Pauls Church, Pendleton. By Barbara Norton (Mrs. James H. Norton, Warner Robins, GA). A copy is at the Pendleton Historical and Recreational Commission, Pendleton, SC.
- 2) National Register of Historic Places-Nomination. Also at Historical Commission.
- 3) Records of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Pendleton, SC. By Edwin H. Vedder, A Pr ss Inc., Greenville, SC.

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