

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
MINUTES**



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## Foreword

The writer has attempted to give some of the history of Mt. Gilead Area along with the history of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

It is hoped that in drawing information from a number of sources you, the reader, will gain some insight into the history of the area. the church (which played the leading role) and the people who made the history.

This book has been edited in order to save any embarrassment to a descendant of any former member.

The original unedited is on file in the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc., Raymond P. Davis Annex Building, Meridian, Mississippi, for viewing upon request.



The Mt.Gilead Baptist Church was constituted on July 29, 1847. The following is taken from a document (papers) that were transcribed from the original minutes. The original minutes prior to June 1874 are presumed to have been lost or were destroyed by time as they are not held by the church. Let us be thankful that a transcription in part was made of the original first minutes.

### **State of Mississippi; July 29, 1847**

Agreed to a request of a few ? Baptist Brethren at Presbytery consisting of the Reverend Brethren William P. Carter and Harvey T. Brunson met at a meeting house near the residence of Rowland Strange. After an appropriate sermon by each of the two brethren, the letters were read and the standing of each member inquired into and said Presbytery after going through the same(?) formalities pronounced the Brethren and Sisters whose names are subscribed to the following covenant and abstract of Principles and Church.

### **Covenant and Abstract of Principles**

We, the undersigned members of the Baptist Church, have agreed to unite ourselves together in a church capacity near the residence of Rowland Strange and in order to promote a cause of Christ Kingdom here on earth. We do each pledge ourselves to the best of our ability to adorn our professions by well ordered lives and doing and performing all things in our powers to promote the cause of Christianity by supporting the church and ministry and as near as can doing all things enjoined upon as a church by Christ and his apostles and as service of sentiment on that con- scribe to be the most ? of domicile as necessary to forma- tion of a church and as it is customary for each branch of the Christian Church to set forth some of the most important tenet (tenet) of their faith we think it proper here to insert a few of the leading principles of our belief.

(This is followed by the Articles of Faith and the document is signed by the charter members.)

#### **Males**

William V. White  
Wright Pigford  
William Smith  
Allen Christian  
William V. H. White  
Kinsey Boney  
John Bradley

#### **Females**

Lucretia Pigford  
Sarah Smith  
Amanda Christian  
Sarah M. White  
Elizabeth Boney  
Martha A. McElroy  
Diana E. White

While Rowland Strange is not mentioned in the Mt. Gilead Church minutes, he was a part of the community. It is believed that Seth Strange who joined the Salem Baptist Church in 1848 was a son; other sons may have been Starling and Robin.

Allen Christian came to the area from Bibb County, Alabama. He was first a member of Salem Baptist Church, joining by letter on 11/22/1845. About this time William V. White also joined Salem Baptist Church. William Smith also came to the area from Bibb County. Kinsey Boney came from Clarke County, Alabama, to the Mt. Gilead area, as did John Bradley. John Bradley was Kinsey Boney's step-father, having married Penny Boney after the death of Kinsey's father in Clarke County, Alabama.

Wright Pigford came to the area from North Carolina with his mother, Elizabeth Wells Pigford. His father (Timothy) died in North Carolina and his mother with her children [Wright, William, Alfred, Sarah, Martha (Patsy), Elizabeth, Jerusha and Timothy (the baby born after his father's death)] came to the present Toomsuba area.

Wright Pigford married Lucretia Harris Rodgers in Lauderdale County and the marriage was blessed with 17 children. Wright Pigford departed this life on 6/29/1881 at the age of 69 years.

The area of Mt. Gilead was known early as the Georgia Community. This was due to there being many people who moved from the State of Georgia to the area.

Still later it was known as Rawsonville. This name came from the Rawson families who lived in the area and after the Post Office when it was established in Charles Rawson's store (see later post office information).

In examining the County Maps one can see that Mt. Gilead is located in the center area of a number of communities. On the Northeast there is Toomsuba; on the Northwest is Russell; on the Southwest is Vimville; and on the Southeast is Alamucha. Directly South a short distance stood old Whynot. Mt. Gilead was located on a main road from Marion to Alamucha and points east as well as to old Whynot and thence to the old Tuscumbia Road (present Highway 19 East) to Alabama.

The writing of this history has drawn great interest from the writer as he learned that some of his own ancestors were church members or lived in the Mt. Gilead area - for example, the Sims family. George W. and Lucy A. W. White were the great, great, great grandparents of the writer on his mother's side of the house. There were Newtons in the church who were related to the W. S. McMurry family at Alamucha. Sarah E. Newton, daughter of William Newton, former member of the County Board of Police, married Jones G. Coker, nephew of Sir Peyton Coker. Peyton Coker was the writer's great, great, great grandfather.

In order to seek early information on Mt. Gilead Baptist Church the writer examined the minutes of the Liberty Baptist Association. It was found that Mt. Gilead Baptist Church was first a member of that Association.

Mount (sic) Gilead of Lauderdale County, MS, was accepted into the association during the 14th annual session of the Association which was held in the Providence Church in Choctaw County, Ala., commencing on Sept. 20, 1851. Mt. Gilead's address at that time was Post Office, Alamucha. The minister was B. F. Willis and the delegates from the Church to the Association meeting were S.H. Shannon and E.J. Sawyer.

At this same meeting, there was also a request from the New Prospect Church, Post Office, Alamucha, for membership into the Association. That church, too, was accepted. The location of the New Prospect Church is unknown, but it is thought to have been in the proximity of Mt. Gilead.

**On the following Sunday there was a committee report:**

**We, the committee on Queries and Requests in noticing a request from Mt. Gilead Church, beg leave to report that the Association claims no power of interference between churches and individual members, but that each church holds the power to deal with her members according to the demerit of their unchristian conduct and to publish them through any organ of the denomination. All of which is respectfully submitted.**

Both New Prospect and Mt. Gilead were placed in the first district of the Association with fellow churches Clear Creek, Concord and Hopewell, Choctaw County; Siloam, Sumter County, and Liberty of Lauderdale County.

There was no statement of just what the query contained that was submitted by Mt. Gilead. It could have been a query dealing with the other new church - New Prospect Church. B. F. Willis was pastor to both churches during this period of time.

During this meeting the Association agreed to letters of dismission for Mount Gilead, Lauderdale County and Oakey Valley, Lauderdale County.

At this point, Mt. Gilead had 117 members. During the past year 7 were baptised, 6 received by letter, 2 restored, 12 dismissed, 1 excluded and 3 had died. At this meeting the New Prospect Church was dropped from membership. B. F. Willis was the minister of the church, W.Gibson delegate. New Prospect Church in 1852 has a total of 13 members.

Mt. Gilead must have then joined the Bethlehem Baptist Association for they were members of that Association in 1857. That Association's 1857 meeting was at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Newton County, commencing 10/10/1857; W. V. White from Mt. Gilead served as clerk and treasurer and S. H. Shannon served on the nominating committee. W. V. White also served on the re-districting committee of the Association. We also find New Prospect in the Bethlehem Association along with Oakey Valley.

The writer deeply regrets that only the 1852 Bethlehem Association minutes are available for SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH MIN-

## **SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES**

**Saturday before 4th Sabbath May 1847** William V. White, Wright Pigford & wife, Kinsey Boney & wife, Anrulia Jane Pigford, Allen Christian granted letters of dismissal. (They went to Mt. Gilead) Anrulia Jane Pigford was daughter of Kinsey & Kizziah Green Boney (Kinsey married Elizabeth Bradley after Kizziah died about 1842) Harvey P. Brunson & William P. Carter were both preaching at Salem when Mt. Gilead was constituted. Bro. Henry C. Legan & wife, Sister Sarah Strange and Sister Penney Bradley granted letters of dismissal (Also apparently went to Mt. Gilead). Penelope (Penny) Wells Boney married John Bradley after death of her first husband, James Boney.

**4/2/1849** Bro. Wright Pigford presented letters from Mt. Gilead requesting quarterly correspondence with Salem which was approved.

**9/22/1849** Riley Shamburger & wife Matilda granted letters of dismissal.

On 4/2/1842 Salem Church met in conference and agreed to consider propriety of calling Bro. H. P. Brunson to ordination as a minister of the gospel. Ordained 6/4/1842. H. P. Brunson & wife Elizabeth were received in Ebenezer Church by letter 10/11/1846. Ebenezer Baptist Church was located about two miles west of present day Causeyville.

W. P. Carter, one of the original directors of the Mississippi Baptist Association, purchased land in the county on 12/15/1838 in Section 34 Township 6, Range 16E, south of the present Meridian/Causeyville Road, a short distance from present Meridian. Later he lived on the road that commenced at Marion and led to Quitman, Clarke County, MS. The road now intercepts High-way 19E in area of Bolen's Store. Carter's second home would be southwest of Mt. Gilead; this home later became a County Home for the Poor.

William P. Carter is buried in the Enterprise Cemetery, Clarke County, MS. William P. Carter stands out as one of the most prominent Baptist ministers in the early stages of the development of Lauderdale County along with Ambrose Yarbrough.

## **MT. GILEAD SCHOOL**

The first known record of a school at Mt. Gilead was in the year 1882. This was a four-month school, grades 1 & 2 for that year. The teacher was Miss Fannie Gibbons at a salary of \$136.53. Trustees were W. (Wright) Pigford, L. Wallace and T. W. Pope.

If the children in the area of Mt. Gilead did in fact attend school before that date, they probably would have attended school at Alamucha or at old Whynot. At times the Whynot School was called Eaves School. Jesse B. Eaves lived west of the Joe Long Hill at Alamucha in the upper northern limits of old Whynot and the southwest limits of Alamucha. He was a school teacher and a member of Mt. Gilead for a period of time. It is very possible that there was an early patron school in the area of Mt. Gilead, of which no record exists. One such school could have been the old McDermott School which was in the Alamucha area. For higher education children would have been sent to the Cooper Normal College at Daleville which was established in 1866.



According to the Lauderdale County School minutes there was no Mt.Gilead school in 1883. These minutes commence in 1871.

In 1884 there was a Mt.Gilead School of two months to grade 2. The teacher was J. W. Camp at a salary of \$65.35. The trustees were R.F. Terrell, T.W.Page and W.(Wright) Pigford.

1885 reflected a school at Mt.Gilead. It was four months of grade 1 only. The teacher was Miss Fannie Gibbons at a salary of \$146.95. Trustees were C. S. Spinks, B. E. Deason and T. G. Pigford. The school continued through the years of 1886, 1887, 1888 and 1889.

In 1890 Mt. Gilead's teacher was Ida Tullos at salary of \$35.09 monthly.

The Mt. Gilead School was visited by the County School Superintendent on 12/15/1887. The teacher was J. W. Camp. The report indicated the school getting along nicely.

The Mt. Gilead School was in operation in 1891 as a picture (donated by Rev. Cecil Roberson) reflects the following known school children:

Berry Camp, Teacher  
Levi Sims, son of John Sims & Ophellia Ellen Coker Sims  
Lamar Pigford, son of Green Pigford  
Elijah Sims, son of Thomas Moody & Winnie Pack Sims  
(Daughter of Elijah E, & Elizabeth Boswell Pack - They also had a daughter, Sallie, who married Cyrus White on 7/20/1881. One of their sons was Dewitt White whi lived at Whynot.)  
Lena Pigford, daughter of A. J. (Jim) Pigford  
Olive Estelle Sims, daugherof Thomas Moody Sims  
Effie Camp, daughter of Moses Sims  
Sallie Sims, daughter of Moses Sims  
Addie Eaves                      Joe Pigford                      Mamie Pigford  
Bama White                      Lizzie White                      Daisey Wallace  
George Sims                      Ludie Camp                      Minnie Camp  
Sarah White                      Edie White                      Will Sellers  
Preston Pigford                      Althea Camp

There is no further record on this school. It probably was consolidated with Toomsuba or Alamucha in the period of the early 1890's. The church minutes reflect that the church gave the old church (after building a newchurch) to the Mt.Gilead School.

Sometime during the 1890's the Mt.Gilead School ceased to exist.

**PEOPLE ON LANDS NEAR MT.GILEAD BAPTIST: 1858 LAND ROLL (TAXES) BOOKS**

	Acres	Section	Township	Range
Charles Rawson	80	10	6	17E
NE on Russell Road form Church				
Joseph Terrell	240	10	6	17E

	Acres	Section	Township	Range
R. T. Gordon	160	10	6	17E
James B. Gordon	160	10	6	17E
W. W. Dubose	120	11	6	17E
Felix E. Moore	41	12	6	17E

**SE of Mt. Gilead South of the Wire Road**

B. S. Newton	80	13	6	17E
A. D. Pigford	36	2	6	17E

**North of Mt. Gilead**

Wright Pigford	160	2	6	17E
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(2 neighbors were Richard H. Camp and Riley Shamburger who were not on the tax rolls. Richard H. Camp was a Baptist Minister who is buried in Salem Baptist Church Cemetery. Riley Shamburger was later at old Whynot.)

Penny Bradley	144	2	6	17E
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(mother of Kinsey Boney)

Thomas W.

Burkhalter	40	3	6	17E
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Kinsey Boney		12	6	17E
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(NW1/2 NE 1/4 purchased 12/21/1843) (removed from the area first to Arkansas & then to Texas)

William Newton	83	12	6	17E
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(W1/2, NE1/4 purchased 1/2/1845)

**South of Mt. Gilead**

Alfred Spinks	40	14	6	17E
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(SE SW1/4 purchased 1/2/1845)

Willis Merritt		22	6	17E
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(E1/2 SE1/4 purchased 3/27/1855)

Willis Merritt	240	23	6	17E
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While it is known that the Mt.Gilead Baptist Church was constituted in a meeting house near Rolan (Rowland) Strange's home, no record was found of his owning or paying taxes on any land in Lauderdale County; it is known that Rolan Strange lived near Willis Merritt in 1849 (Merritt owned 360 acres of land in Sec.22, 23 and 27, Twp. 6, Rge.17 and probably lived in Sec.23 on 240 acres located south of Mt.Gilead). Strange may have lived in Section 14 north of Merritt; his occupation may have been blacksmith.

Willis Merritt married Morning Crowell (or Crawell) in 1840 in LauderdaleCounty. Her full given name was Sara Morning.

**1860 Lauderdale County Census**

Willis Merritt age 65;farmer;real estate \$39,000; born AL 1795

Sarah M. age 36;2nd wife; born 1824 Theodore age 1

Willis (Jr.) age 12; born 1848 Marion age 10

Abraham age 6 (later in Whynot Methodist Church)

Sarah age 5

J. M. Ross age 24; farm laborer

There was a Benjamin Merrett in the County in 1836. Willis was here in 1838 as he and Robert Merrett sued in Circuit Court to collect monies. There was also an S.M. Merrett in the County.

Sarah M. Merrett married Henry D. Culpepper on 4/16/1863 in Lauderdale County after Willis Merrett, Sr.'s death about 1861.

### **1870 Census, Lauderdale County, MS (Beat 5)**

Willis Merritt, Jr., age 20, born 1850, along with his brothers (Marion and Abraham) and sister Sarah, were in the household of Henry and Sarah Culpepper.

There is the possibility Benjamin and Willis Merrett were brothers and that some or all of the other male Merretts who were in the area were sons of either Benjamin or Willis. If they were sons of Willis Merrett, then they would be issue of his first marriage. Willis Merrett voted in the Milton Beat of Sumter County, Alabama, on 3/3/1834, so he arrived in the Mt. Gilead area after that date.

Willis Merrett is on the 1840 Lauderdale County Census:

Willis Merrett 40+ in age; born 1790-1800  
2 males under 5 years of age; born 1835-1840  
3 males over 5 years of age; born 1830-1835  
2 males over 10 years of age; born 1820-1830  
1 female over 20 years of age; born 1810-1820

The above would indicate that Willis Merrett was in fact married twice. In 1840 Willis Merrett owned 5 male slaves and 10 female slaves. Willis Merrett probably had the most wealth of any early individual in the Mt. Gilead area.

William Smith, an early settler and charter member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, owned 40 acres of land in Sec. 12, Twp. 6, Rge 17E. This land was due east of the church. His wife (Sarah Philpott Smith) also was a charter member of Mt. Gilead. Both are buried in the old Ebenezer Cemetery near present Causeyville. A number of their children were also members of the church. (Please see Smith History by Elaine Smith in Lauderdale County Department of Archives & History for more on this family.)

Bird Williams' land was in Sec. 20, Twp. 6, Rge 18E. Records show that Byrd Williams sold his land, one slave, oxen and wagon in 1843. No further record can be found on him, but his son, Boney Usher Williams, age 16 in 1850, is shown living with William and Catherine Jones. He married Elizabeth Mary (Eliza Mae) Boney, daughter of Kinsey and Keziah Green Boney (Keziah was the first wife of Kinsey Boney).

Boney W. Williams later was in the Causeyville area.

Bird Williams married Mary (Polly) Williamson 1/22/1844, who apparently was his second wife. (His first wife may have been a Boney.)

There were probably other people living on land in the Mt. Gilead area who for one reason or another did not pay any land tax and therefore were not listed on the tax rolls.

It should be noted that land around Mt. Gilead was not registered to anyone by the Government Land Office in Augusta, Perry County, Mississippi, in 1841. That is to say no one had purchased or received a land grant. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT PEOPLE WERE NOT THERE.**

**1840 CENSUS OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Some of the people in the Mt. Gilead area (it is difficult to ascertain what area people were living in on this census).

	Males	Age	Females	Age
Elias Burkhalter	1	5+	2	5+
(born 1780-1790)	2	20+	3	15+
	1	50+	1	30+
David B. Thompson	1	5-	1	5-
	1	5+	1	20+
	1	30+		
George Rawson	2	5-	1	20+
	1	20+		
Charles Rawson	1	5-	1	15+
	1	15+	(Charles' Mother)	
	1	20+	1	40+
David Smith	2	5-	1	5-
(1800-1810)	1	30+	1	20+
William (Wilkins) Smith	2	5-	1	5-
(1810-1820)	1	30+	1	20+
Bird Williams	1	5+	1	5+
	1	10+	1	10+
	1	20+	1	40+
	1	40+		
Felix Boney	1	20+	1	5-
			1	15+
(mother of Felix, Mrs. Penny Boney Bradley)			1	60+
John Sims	2	10+	1	20+
	1	20+		
(born 1790-1800)	1	50+		

There is reference to an old Sims Store in the county records, which was located somewhere in the Mt. Gilead/Alamucha area. It could have been operated by the above named John Sims.

Perhaps there were other people in the general area of Mt. Gilead, but the writer attempted to post only those which evidence supported.

**1850 Census**

Elias Burkhalter	64	RE 400	born SC in 1796
Winiford		56	born NC
Thomas		27	born GA in 1823
Flem	19		born AL in 1831 married Pebe Collins

(or Flein or Flynn)  
(John F.)

Narcissa	17	born AL	married John J. Sims in 1853
Jane	15	born AL	

Elias came out of Monroe County, AL. He and his brother Daniel were sons of John and Ann Burkhalter. John was the third son of Nicholas Burkhalter of Edgefield County, SC. Elias died 1/5/1864; his wife, Winifred, died 5/10/1867.

**1860 Census**

E. J. Sawyer	36	born AL (Elbert J. married Amanda Nettles 8/17/1855)
Amanda	26	born GA
Elizabeth	4	born MS
Mary	2	
George R.	10/12	
Josphine Nettles	7	born AL (sister to Amanda)

Charles Rawson	55	born TN 1815
Mary	47	born AL
Laura	27	
Elias	19	
Fleming	17	
Charlotte	14	
Francis	10	
Palentine	7	
Lela A.	5	
James A.	5 1/2	

**Mt. Gilead 1870 Census**

Elbert J. Sawyer	45	born AL 1825
Amanda Nettles	34	born AL
Elizabeth	14	born MS 1856
Mary	12	born MS 1858
George	10	born MS 1860
Martha	8	born MS 1862
William J.	6	born MS 1864
Milissa	3	born MS 1867
Nettie A.	1/12	born MS 1870

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

Charles Rawson married Mary Burkhalter, born 1825 in AL.

James Boswell was ordained a deacon of Mt. Gilead in October 1872. His wife, Mary, died 6/24/1890 (She was Mary E. Page Boswell).

Sarah M. Lathan was received by letter from Gilead in Ebenezer in October of 1858. She was daughter of William and Sarah Philpot Smith. She (continued next page)

married second John T. Lafferty. Removed to Causeyville area and thento Clarke County, MS.

W.J. Burkhalter, Dep. Clerk of Probate Court on 3/20/1843. Probate Courtevolved into Chancery Court after the Civil War when the 1869 State Constitution was adopted.

8/10/1844. Kinsey Boney joined Salem. He married second Elizabeth Bradley in Clarke County, Alabama, on 7/27/1843.

9/29/1844 - Wright Pigford and wife members of Salem Baptist Church.

6/29/1850 - Elder William P. Carter's Christian character was questioned by H. P. Brunson in the Oakey Valley Church; matter was settled satisfactorily.

While there is no record of where R.T. Gordon is buried, his first and second wives are buried in above-ground vaults in Rawson Cemetery.

Catherine, wife of R.T. Gordon, born 8/3/1818, died at the age of 31 years. Mary Ann, wife of R.T. Gordon and daughter of D.W. and T.C. Lockett, died 11/19/1853 at the age of 21 years and 11 months.

The Terrells were in the area of Mt. Gilead; this was Joseph Terrell who owned 240 acres in Sec. 10, Twp. 6, Rge. 17E near the Rawsons. No record of burials in Rawson Cemetery.

A.L. Scarborough submitted a claim against the George Rawson estate on 7/28/1857, for making his coffin. (George Rawson's wife's name was Elizabeth).

Thomas Burkhalter was in the area by 1838 for he paid one poll tax of 37 cents. William Burkhalter, Wright Pigford, George and Charles Rawson were in the area by 1836; they paid the following personal tax:

Wright Pigford	one poll 37 cents
George Rawson	one poll, 2 slaves \$1.62 and 1/2 cents
Charles Rawson	one poll

George and Charles Rawson were brothers.

Kinsey Boney was in Clarke County, Ala., on 4/26/1836 as was his brother William.

William W. Pigford married Arulia J. Boney, daughter of Kinsey and Keziah Green Boney in Lauderdale County on 9/29/1842, by W.C. Foster, J. P.

Rolin (Rowland) Strange swore on 5/12/1842 that Miss Mary Pearson (Peirson) was 18 years old. She married William P. Smith, who was the son of William and Sarah Smith, charter members of Mt. Gilead.

William Rawson married Elizabeth Henderson. They were the parents of Charles Rawson, born 1815 in Tennessee, who married Mary Burkhalter, daughter of Elias and Winiford Webb Burkhalter. Charles and Mary Burkhalter commenced the Rawson Cemetery upon the death of their daughter, Harriett, who was born in 1844 and died in 1856, being 12 years old.

William Rawson was dead by 1840 as Elizabeth Henderson Rawson is in the household of her son, Charles.

Henry Henderson Rawson, son of William, was born in 1822. He married a daughter of Elias and Winiford Webb Burkhalter, Charlotte.

It was Henry H. who became Administrator of Charles Rawson's estate in 1850 when Charles became unable to run his own business. Apparently Charles had some form of disease, possibly hardening of the arteries. He had cotton on the river, cotton at home, and stock which needed care. He was declared by the court as being a lunatic. Three months later he was declared sane but he did not try to regain control of his farm and other businesses.

Henry H. and Charlotte had a son named George Washington Rawson who married Amanda A. Taylor. Their son, Samuel Henderson Rawson, married Evie Mae White (whose father was William Vernon White). Her grandfather was William Valentine Hosey White; her great grandfather was Rev. Moses B. White.

Samuel Henderson Rawson and Evie Mae White Rawson had a daughter, Lola Mae Rawson, who married O.A. Booker of Whynot, a long time Chief of Police for the City of Meridian.

Evie Mae White's mother was Fannie E. Satcher whose father was Harrison M. Satcher.

George Rawson, another son of William and Elizabeth, also was in the area of Rawsonville. He was born in Tennessee in 1812. His wife's name was Elizabeth ?. These Rawsons are believed to have been buried in the Rawson Cemetery. Henry R. served in the Civil War and was captured on 7/4/1863.

George Rawson owned 1 slave in 1836. Charles, none.

A post office was established in the Charles Rawson store which was six miles east of Marion. It was named Rawsonville. The Rawson Cemetery is located west of the present day Mt. Gilead Church. This post office was discontinued on 1/30/1867. It was re-established on 1/24/1895. Thomas G. Pigford was appointed the same day. It was discontinued on 4/30/1903 with mail and papers sent to Toomsaba.

Penny Bradley was the mother of Kinsey Boney. She married first James Boney who died in Clarke County, Alabama. Penney came to the area of Mt. Gilead with her son, Felix. She was Penelope Wells Boney Bradley, known as Penny. James and Penny Wells Boney migrated from Duplin County, N.C., to Clarke County, Ala. Their son, Kinsey was born in 1795 in North Carolina.

Many of the original families removed from the Mt. Gilead area but descendants of some of the early families remained in the area. The Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and the area is steeped in history. In the following minutes of the church one can see and realize the important role that the church played in the building not only of the church but also of the community.

Present day members of the church and the community can be proud of the struggles of those of yesteryears.

## MINUTES OF MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

### June 1874

After sermon by Bro. J. C. Foster, church met in conference with Bro. S. H. Shannon clerk pro tem in absence of Bro. R. H. Shamburger.

(1) On motion took up case of E.J.Sawyer for using profane language.

(2) Appointed Bro. R.Shamburger & J.B. Eaves to see Bro. E. J. Sawyer and cite him to next conference. J. C. Foster, moderator; S. H. Shannon, church clerk.

### July 1875

After sermon by Bro.R.H.Camp church met in conference. Bro. S. H. Shannon clerk pro tem. The case against E. J. Sawyer was resolved to the satisfaction of the church, he being present.

On motion agreed to have protracted meeting commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. Sister Margaret Martin requested a letter of dismission; it was granted. Committee of Brethren R. H. Camp, F. S. Pigford and R. Shamburger appointed to see agents of the Mobile & Ohio RR for the purpose of purchasing the land Mt.Gilead Church is situated on.

### August 1875

Sermon by Bro.R.H.Camp; conference was held. The following elected to be delegates to Association, viz.: R. H. Camp, W. Pigford, T. S. Brown & James Boswell, and Bro. R. Shamburger in case of failure. Bro. J. G. Foster chosen as pastoral supply for the next year. Clerk ordered to prepare a letter to Bethlehem Association and read it at next conference.

### September 1875

Sermon by Bro. J. C.Foster. Bro. Timothy Brown was restored to fellowship. Committee appointed to contact Bro. J. C. Foster to ascertain whether he would serve the church another year, viz.: Bros. Wright Pigford, James Boswell, R. Shamburger, R. H. Camp & T. S. Pigford, Considered request of Elias Burkhalter; motion made to have him placed under watch care of another Baptist Church and have that church make a report on him while under their care. Elias Burkhalter must have been out of the area of Mt. Gilead at this time. Bro. Timothy Brown requested letter of dismission which was granted. Letters of dismission granted Sister Annie Warbington and Bro. Charles Briggs. Agreed to contribute five dollars for copies of the Association minutes and letter to Association was read and adopted. Protracted meeting continued with the Church receiving by experience John Ross, Thomas Sims, Jesse Dearman, J. M. Shamburger, Henrietta Culpepper, Isadoris Terrill, Mary Shamburger, Andrew Dearman, Sallie Brown, Susan Dean, Melissa Lowe, Samuel Shannon, Erastus Sawyer, Macon Merrill, H. J. Shannon. Non baptised Annie Warbington, Sallie Merritt, John Phillips, Erastus Pigford, Ricmon Harper. By letter, Sister E. R. McCelvin. By restoration Joseph Page, Charley Page, Green Pigford and Timothy Brown.



**October 2, 1875**

Took up reference concerning Elias Burkhalter and accepted report, Committee dismissed. Committee concerning Bro. J. C. Foster was continued.

**November 1875**

Sermon by Bro. J. C. Foster. Received by experience Bro. B. H. McCelvin and by letter Sister Gaskess Brown. Committee on Bro. J. C. Foster was continued.

**December 1875**

Bro. Hall conducted services. Committee on Bro. J. C. Foster was continued. Letter of dismissal granted Bro. H. R. Terrell. Wright Pigford, moderator; R. H. Shamburger, church clerk.

**January 1876**

Sermon by J. C. Foster. Received no members. Bro. Foster accepted as pastor for remainder of year. Sister Martha Agnew and daughter Margaret granted letters of dismissal. Committee appointed to assist in making collections for support of the church: Brethren John Pigford, Jackson Terrell, J. M. Ross, G. H. Shamburger and W. C. Rogers. [Editor's note: Jesse M. Ross was a farm laborer for Willis Merrett, Sr., in 1860 at age 24. He was blind when he died near Toomsuba on 12/30/1916]

**February 1876**

Preaching by Bro. J. C. Foster. No business was transacted.

**March 1876**

Sermon by Bro. Foster. No business transacted.

**April 1876**

After singing, the church met in conference and granted a letter of dismissal to Bro. Henry Pope to a church in the State of Texas.

**May 1876**

Services by Bro. Hall (thought to be L.C. Hall). Church went into conference. Committee appointed to examine minutes concerning the exclusion of Bro. Woodcock; viz.: Bros. Jackson Terrell, R. Shamburger and James Boswell. Sister Melissa Lowe was reported for violation of rules, namely dancing. Committee appointed to see and cite her: Bros. T. S. Pigford, S. H. Shannon and J. M. Ross.

**June 1876**

Services conducted by Bro. Gressett. The reference concerning Bro. Woodcock was taken up. The letter desired for Bro. Woodcock was not granted. The (continued next page)

case of Sister Lowe was continued until next meeting. L. Cougin Hall, clerk pro tem.

### **July 1876**

Services by Bro. R. H. Camp. Sister Lowe was excluded as she did not give church satisfaction.

### **August 1876**

Sermon by Bro. Hall. Chose delegates to Bethlehem Association as follows: Bros. Wright Pigford, S. H. Shannon, R. Shamburger, James Boswell & C. W. Rogers; alternates: T. S. Pigford, G. H. Shamburger & W. J. J. Terrell. Chose Bro. J. C. Foster for pastoral supply for next year. Ordered clerk to write letter to Association to be read next conference. Agreed to contribute \$5.00 to Associational purposes and order 50 copies of minutes. Committee appointed to contact Bro. Foster as to whether he would attend us or not, viz.: R. Shamburger, S. H. Shannon, Wright Pigford, Graves Shamburger & Robert Pearce.

### **September 1876**

Sermon by Bro. Foster. Received Bro. B. (Berry) Robinson as member. Restored Sister Ann Gilcrease to fellowship. Bro. Foster agreed to serve as pastor. Letter of dismissal granted Sister A. Gilcrease. Continued meeting for series and Bro. Wright Pigford furnished candles, to be repaid by church. Bro. James Boswell appointed to light the house. Sister Mary Phillips granted letter of dismissal. Received by letter: Bros. William Sims, Robert Pearce & wife Sister V. A. Pearce, and Suster Susan Hart. By restoration: Elias Rawson. By experience: Sister A. Gilcrease, Bro. B. (Berry) Robinson, Moses Sims, W. B. Shamburger, Joseph Shannon, Augustus Pigford, Edward Newton, John Sims, Moody Sims, Sister Willie Bell and Sister L. A. Hall, [Editor's Note: Miss Susan Knight was married to M. E. Hart by W. V. H. White on 8/11/1867]

### **October 1876**

Sermon by Bro. Foster. Sister L. A. Hall requested letter of dismissal which was granted. Motion to clothe Bro. Wright Pigford with power to act with the committee at Marion Station in October 1876. Promised to pay ten dollars for missionary purposes.

### **November 1876**

Sermon by Bro. Foster. Bro. Riley Shamburger reported Bro. Robert Brown for using profane language. Committee appointed to see and cite him to the next conference: Bros. Charley Page and Richman Harper. Bro. R. Shamburger reported Sister Mary Jane Pearson for joining a church that is not termed a Christian church. Committee appointed to see her and cite her for next conference; Bros. H. H. Rawson and Robert Pearce.

### **December 1876**

Sermon by Bro. Hall. Reference concerning Bro. Robert Brown was continued to next conference. Report on Sister Mary Jane Pearson received and she was excluded from fellowship on motion.

### **January 1877**

Called Bro. W. P. Carter as pastoral supply due to loss of beloved Bro. J. C. Foster. No service due to inclemency of weather. Bro. Foster apparently died in November or December of 1876,

### **February 1877**

Sermon by Bro. W. P. Carter. Reference concerning Pastoral Supply Committee discharged. Collection taken for Bro. J. C. Foster's services during the year, \$2.10. Motion made to take up collection for Bro. H. (Hardy) Yarbrough, \$3.00. [Editor's note: Hardy Yarbrough was a Baptist minister son of Rev. Ambrose Yarbrough; buried at Liberty Baptist Church]

### **March 1877**

Sermon by Bro. W. P. Carter. Church met in conference with Bro. S. H. Shannon as clerk pro tem. Two more were added to committee on Bro. Robert Brown (Bros. Wright Pigford and W. C. Rogers) to see him and cite him for next conference. Took up case of Bro. Green Pigford for being intoxicated. Committee appointed to see him and cite him to next conference. Letters of dismissal for Bro. James Boswell and wife Mary Boswell (this was Mary Page Boswell).

### **April 1877**

Sermon by Bro. W. P. Carter. After report by committee, Bro. Robert Brown was excluded from the fellowship of the church. The case of Bro. Green Pigford was taken up and he gave church satisfaction.

### **May 1877**

After sermon by Bro. W.P. Carter, Bro. Pigford read a resolution and after discussion resolution was withdrawn.

### **June 1877**

Sermon by W. P. Carter. Received by experience Sister Evangeline Sims. Bro. W. C. Rogers was elected deacon to be ordained on Saturday before next Sunday meeting, with Bros. W. P. Carter, R. H. Camp, Gressett and George Rainer conducting the ordination service. Set apart Friday before the first Sunday for fasting and prayer (in September). Church to meet the Saturday before the fourth Sunday for cleaning out pool and well and other repairs as necessary.

### **July 1877**

Sermon by Rev. W.P. Carter. Received Sister Olive T. Sims. committee appointed to help in ordination of Bro. W. C. Rogers.

### **August 1877**

Sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp. Received acknowledgment from Bro. Jesse Dearman. Chose delegates: Bros. W. H. Shannon, Wright Pigford, R. H. Camp, Robert (continued next page)

Pearce, W. C. Rogers, William Sims and R. H. Shamburger. Alternates: T. S. Pigford and Jesse Eaves. Elected Bro. Carter by acclimation. Agreed to send \$5.00 to Association and request 40 copies of minutes. Clerk instructed to write Association letter to be read at the next conference. Motion for money to light the church. [Editor's note: Jesse Dearman laterat Whynot]

#### **September 1877**

Sermon by Bro. Carter. Reference to the call of pastoral supply extended until January. Letter to Association read and received. Collection was taken for associational purposes \$5.00. Contribution to home missions was \$10.00. Meeting continued for 12 days and the following were received: by experience: Sisters Catherine White, Ella Lacy and Olive Pigford, Jackey Pearce, Clementine Sawyer, Elizia Rawson, Sallie Nolen; Brothers Daniel Sims, Cyrus White, P. A. P. Shamburger, Lorenzo Camp, Gaska White, Samuel Lacy, John Robinson, Henry Dearman, John Wilson, Solomon Wilson, Lawson Wallace, Jefferson Buckhalter, N. Barefield, Owing Page, and Martha Camp; by restoration, Bro. Timothy Page; by letter, Sister Jane Anderson; by experience Mary Sawyer, Virginia Barefield.

#### **October 1877**

Sermon by Bro. R.H. Camp. On motion Bro. W.C. Rogers authorized to pay Bro. Wright Pigford \$3.00 for Home Missions.

#### **November 1877**

Sermon by Bro. W. P. Carter. Bro. B. H. McKelvin and wife Sister Lizzie B. McKelvin granted letters of dismissal.

#### **December 1877**

No preaching because of weather. Bro. A. (Andrew) Dearman was excluded from fellowship of the church because of report by committee. Call of pastoral supply was deferred until next meeting.

#### **January 1878**

Services by Bro. R. H. Camp. Bro. E. J. Brunson was chosen for pastoral supply. Committee appointed to wait on him: Bros. William Sims and W. C. Rogers. Bro. Rogers reported Bro. Solomon Wilson for dancing. Committee appointed to see and cite him to next conference, viz.: Bros. John Pigford, Samuel Shannon and W. C. Rogers. Bro. Rogers also reported Bro. Thomas for drinking to excess and using profane language. Committee to see and cite him, viz., Bros. John Philips and Robert Bell.

#### **April 1878**

Sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp. Reference concerning Bro. Soloman Wilson was taken up. He did not give satisfaction to church and was excluded from fellowship and same decision for Bro. Thomas Sims. Committee to see Bros. Elias Barefield and John Wilson to advise them of their duty to one another (continued next page)

and report to next conference. Bro. R. Shamburger reported Bro. John Ross for dancing. Committee appointed to see and city him to next conference: Bros. R. Shamburger, B. H. Chatham and Ira Buckaloo (Buckalew).

#### **May 1878**

Sermon by Bro. J.E. Brunson. Referred the case of Elias Barefield and John Wilson to the next conference. Case of Bro. John Ross referred to next conference. Bro. Moody Sims requested letter of dismissal for Sister Olive Bradley which was granted. Changed time for meeting from 11 o'clock to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

#### **June 1878**

Sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson. The reference was taken up concerning brethren Elias Barefield and John Wilson. Bro. John Wilson reported Bro. Elias Barefield for unchristian conduct and taking unfair action against him as a Christian. Committee chosen to see and cite them: Bros. Wright Pigford, Jessee Eaves, R. Shamburger, Ira Buckaloo and Graves Shamburger. The case of Bro. Ross was taken up and he was excluded from fellowship. Bro. Wright Pigford reported Sister Jackey Pearce for dancing and for departure from Baptist faith. On motion she was excluded from fellowship with the church. Bro. Pigford also reported Sister Isadore Terrell for departure from Baptist faith. She was excluded from the church on motion.

#### **July 1878**

Sermon by A. Gressett. Case of Elias Barefield and John Wilson continued until next conference.

#### **August 1878**

Sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson. Bro. Elias Barefield was on motion excluded from fellowship of the church. On motion took up the case of Bro. H. J. Shannon for using profane language and at his request was withdrawn from the fellowship of the church. Committee appointed to get up subscription for repair of church: Brethren Wright Pigford, R. Shamburger, T. S. Pigford, William Sims and Charley Page. Sister Olive Pigford made satisfactory acknowledgment for dancing.

#### **September 1878**

Sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson. Received by experience Bro. B. F. Deason. Took up reference to repair the church house. Report was made and continued to next conference. Bro. J. E. Brunson unanimously chosen for pastoral supply for next year. Delegates chosen to the Bethlehem Association: Brethren Wright Pigford, W. C. Rogers, William Sims, R. H. Camp, W. J. J. Terrell, R. Shamburger, S. H. Shannon. Ordered clerk to write letter fo the Association. Agreed to sent \$7.00 for associational purposes and request 50 copies of minutes.

## **October 1878**

Sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson. Report given on repairing church house and referred back to former committee. Associational letter read and received. Bro. J. E. Brunson accepted call to serve during next year. Bro. W. Pigford reported Sister Lizzie Wilson for departure from Baptist faith. She was excluded from fellowship. Bro. Pigford also reported Bro. Green Pigford for fighting. Committee appointed to see and cite him to next conference. Also reported Bro. Columbus Shannon for fighting and appointed committee to see and cite him.

## **November 1878**

Sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson. Took up case of Bro. Green Pigford, continued to next conference. Took up case of Bro. Columbus Shannon, continued to next conference. Authorized committee on church house repair to build a flue and erect a stove, and also get and put lights in windows.

## **February 1879**

Sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson. Took up case of Bro. Green Pigford. Bro. Green Pigford being present gave the church satisfaction. Bro. C. F. Shannon's case was continued. Bro. Owen Page was reported for dancing. Committee appointed to see and cite him. Bro. Joseph Webb was reported for having dancing at his house. Committee appointed to see and cite him. On Sabbath an opportunity was given for any acknowledgment and Bro. C. F. Shannon gave church satisfaction.

## **March 1879**

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson, minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The case of Bro. Owen Page was taken up and motion made to exclude him from fellowship of the church. Bro. Webb's case was referred to next conference. Bro. Rogers reported Bro. Henry Newton for dancing. Committee was appointed to see him and cite him to next conference. Bro. John Sims' case was referred to next conference and Sister Jackey Pearce was restored to fellowship and her request was granted for her letter. J. E. Brunson, Mod.; R. H. Shamburger, Ch. Clerk.

## **April 1879**

After sermon by A. Gressett, church met in conference. Bro. W. Pigford chosen moderator and W. J. J. Terrell clerk pro tem. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Case of Bro. Joseph Webb taken up and his letter was satisfactory; he was forgiven. On motion the case of Bro. Henry Newton was postponed until next conference. Bro. John Sims made due acknowledgment and on motion was forgiven.

## **May 1879**

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson the church met in conference. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted. The case of Bro. Henry Newton was presented and he not giving satisfaction was on motion excluded from the fellowship. Building committee made their report and same discharged. Sister Susan Dean requested a letter of dismissal and on motion it was granted. J. E. Brunson, moderator; R. H. Shamburger, clerk.

## **June 1879**

Bro. J. E. Brunson gave sermon followed by conference. On motion there will be a protracted meeting at next meeting 1st Sabbath and Saturday before in August next. On motion to have prayer meeting until 1st day, each Friday at 3:00 p.m. J. E. Brunson, moderator; S. H. Shannon, clerk pro tem.

## **August 1879**

After sermon by J. D. Stone, church met in conference with Bro. Shannon, clerk pro tem. On motion Sister Martha Gressett was received by experience. Meeting continued several days with Brethren R. G. Wilson, John Bailey and Sister Ofelia Sims being received. J. D. Stone; Mod. pro tem; and S.H. Shannon, clerk pro tem.

Above minutes corrected to state that Bro. John Bailey be received under the watchcare of the church pending receipt of letter from former church from which he had been excluded.

## **September 1879**

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson, the church met in conference; minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Bro. T. S. Pigford reported Bro. Columbus Shannon for an unchristian action. On motion committee of Bro. R. Shamburger, J. M. Ross, William Sims, James Newton and J. B. Eaves appointed to adjust the matter and report back next conference. On motion Bro. J. E. Brunson chosen unanimously as pastoral supply for next associational year. Delegates chosen to Bethlehem Association were: R. Shamburger, S. H. Shannon, G. H. Shamburger, W. C. Rogers, William Sims and R. H. Shamburger. Alternates chosen were: W. Pigford and J. B. Eaves. Church voted to aend \$7.00 for Associational purposes and request 61 copies of minutes. On motion the essay as read be sent to the Southern Baptist for publication.

## **October 1879**

After services by Bro. R. H. Camp, church met in conference. Case of Columbus Shannon brought up and he having given satisfaction to church was restored to fellowship. Letter to Association read and adopted. Bro. W. C. Rogers reported, Sister Ofelia Moore for departure from Baptist faith and on motion she was excluded from fellowship of the church. Sister Ella Lacy requested a letter of dismissal which was granted. W. Pigford, Mod. pro tern; R. H. Shamburger, clerk.

## **November 1879**

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson, the church met in conference. Bro. K. L. Bonny, through the church at Pleasant Grove, Grenada Co. (MS?), made a suitable acknowledgment and requested letter of dismissal which on motion was granted. S. H. Shannon, clerk pro tem.

## **December 1879**

After services by Bro. J. E. Brunson, church met in conference. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Letters of dismissal were granted Bro. Robert Pearce and wife, Sister A. S. Pearce, and H. M. Newton. Adjourned.

### **January 1880**

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson, church met in conference. Bro. W. Pigford reported Bro. R. G. Wilson for dancing. Committee appointed to cite: him to next conference: Bros. Robert Bell, C. Shannon and S. H. Shannon. Bro. C. Page requested letter of dismissal which was granted. Adjourned. S. H. Shannon, clerk pro tem.

### **February 1880**

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson church met in conference. The case of Bro. R. G. Wilson was taken up and continued until next meeting. Bro. C. W. Roberts reported Bro. Beaugrid (Berry?) Robinson for drinking to excess. On motion, committee of Bros. J. M. Ross and Frank Chatham appointed to investigate and report to next conference. Bro. Rogers also reported Bro. Jeff Buckhalter for unchristian conduct. Bro. C. W. Rogers and William Sims were appointed to see him and cite him to conference.

### **March 1880**

Sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp. Church met in conference with W. J. J. Terrell clerk pro tem. There being a charge against Bro. Wilson, the committee was discharged, continued to next conference. Case of Bro. Robinson, committee reported and discharged. On motion committee of Brethren William Sims and W. C. Rogers appointed to cite witnesses in the case of Bro. Robinson to report to next conference. On motion, committee appointed to see Bro. Buckhalter reported and was discharged and continued to next conference. On motion adjourned.

### **April 1880**

After sermon by J. E. Brunson church met in conference. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Case of Bro. R. G. Wilson taken up and Bro. Wilson, not giving the church satisfaction, was excluded from the fellowship. On motion the reference concerning Bro. B. Robinson taken up. The report of the committee was read and on motion Bro. Robinson excluded from the fellowship of the church. On motion the case of Bro. Jeff Buckhalter was continued until next conference. Committee of Bro. Wright Pigford and Moses Sims appointed to see him and cite him to next conference. Bro. W. C. Rogers reported Bro. Thomas Pope for allowing a dance in his house. On motion committee of Bro. S. H. Shannon and Jessie Ross appointed to see him and cite him to the next conference.

### **May 1880**

Sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson. Church met in conference. On motion Bro. S. H. Shannon chosen clerk pro tem in absence of clerk. On motion, case of Bro. J. Buckhalter was taken up. Committee made their report and was discharged and case continued until next conference. Bro. Thomas Pope's case continued until next conference.

### **June 1880**

After sermon, church met in conference. On motion cases Bros. Jeff Burkhalter and Thomas Pope were continued until next conference. On motion (continued nextpage)



Bro. W. Pigford was added to the former committee. On motion, adjourned.

### **July 1880**

After sermon by Bro. C. M. Gordon, church met in conference. On motion Bro. S. H. Shannon was appointed clerk pro tem. On motion Bro. C. M. Gordon was appointed moderator in absence of clerk and moderator. Opened doors of church for reception of members. On motion, reference of Bro. Jeff Buckhalter be continued. Bro. Thomas Pope being present gave the church satisfaction. Lorenzo Camp was reported for drinking to excess and committee of Brethren R. Shamburger, James Newton, Jessie Ross, and B. F. Chatham appointed to see and cite him to next conference. On motion a committee was appointed to write a brief history of the church, namely: Bros. R. H. Camp, Chairman; S. H. Shannon; Wright Pigford; T. W. Pigford, R. Shamburger; W. C. Rogers, J. B. Eaves and W. V. H. White. On motion, adjourned.

### **August 1880**

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson church met in conference. On motion Bro. S. H. Shannon elected clerk pro tem in absence of clerk. On motion case of Bro. J. Burkhalter taken and he gave church satisfaction. On motion case of Bro. Lorenzo Camp taken up, report read and committee dismissed. Bro. Camp not giving satisfaction, he was on motion given more time. Report of committee on writing the history of the church was called, read and received, and committee dismissed. On motion the chairman of the committee was empowered to forward the same to Bro. John T. Buck. [Ed. note: How great it would be to have a copy of this history. Who was John T. Buck? Did the history go to the Mississippi Baptist Association?]

On motion, proceeded in election of pastoral supply Bro. John E. Brunson was unanimously elected by acclamation. On motion, election of delegates to represent the church in Association, namely Bros. William A. Sims, S. H. Shannon, R. Shamburger, R. H. Camp, Jesse Ross and W. C. Rogers. On motion elected Bro. Wm. A. Sims as church clerk. On motion, committee elected to review and correct the rules of the church; namely, Bros. R. H. Camp, Graves Shamburger, R. Shamburger. William Sims, clerk, was on motion ordered to prepare a letter for the association and read for approval.

### **September 1880**

After services by Bro. A. A. Fowel and J. E. Brunson, the church met in conference. First opened the doors of the church for reception of members, being a meeting of days. The following named brothers and sisters were received: Clementine C. Pigford, Sarah C. Pierce, Lucy Sage, Georgianna Pierce, James Lowe. By letter: J. H. Shannon. On motion, reference concerning the revision of the church book, committee allowed more time. Bro. Lorenzo Camp gave the church satisfaction and was on motion retained in full fellowship. On motion Bro. W. C. Rogers was paid for setting the house and well in order.

### **October 1880**

After services by Bro. R. H. Camp, pastor being absent, church met in conference. Church opened doors for reception of members. On motion took up reference concerning revision of the church book and as the committee had failed to meet, clerk was instructed to examine and correct all necessary errors. On motion elected as delegate to general Association Bros. R. H. Camp and  
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James Newton. Agreed to send \$5.00 for associational purposes and request 30 copies of minutes. Letter to the association read and adopted. On motion, adjourned. [Editor's note: If there was a revision of early minutes, this may have been the time when the 1850 and 1860 minutes were re-worked. Those minutes may have been loose sheets and being destroyed by time. Brief pertinent information may have been the only information abstracted.]

#### **October 1880 (Nov.)**

Met on 5th Sabbath in October 1880. After sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp, pastor being absent, Bro. R.H.Camp chosen moderator pro tem. Opened doors of church and there being no business, conference adjourned.

#### **December 1880**

After prayer by Bro. R. Shamburger, church met in conference. Pastor being absent, Bro. R. Shamburger chosen moderator pro tem; on motion, adjourned.

#### **January 1881**

On account of inclemency of the weather, there was no meeting.

#### **February 1881**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson, church met in conference. First opened doors of the church for reception of members. Bro. Shamburger reported Bro. G. W. Dearman for drinking to excess. On motion committee of T. S. Pigford, S. H. Shannon and M. D. Sims appointed to see and cite him to next conference. Bro. R. H. Camp called for a letter of dismissal for Sister Olive Scott (formerly Olive Bradley) and on motion it was granted. Bro. Brunson called for a letter of dismissal for Sister Belle Williams (formerly Belle Quimba). On motion, clerk was requested to examine church book and if her name could be found to forward her letter. On motion adjourned.

#### **March 1881**

After a sermon by Bro. Brunson, church met in conference. On motion, took up reference of Bro. J. W. Dearman; committee made report and on motion was continued until next conference. Bro. R. Harper and E. Rawson were reported for drinking to excess. Appointed committee, namely: Bros. Moses Sims, H. H. Rawson and David Sims to see them and cite them to next conference.

#### **April 1881**

After a sermon by Bro. Brunson the church met in conference. On motion, took up the reference of Bro. Dearman; committee made their report and was discharged. Case was deferred until next conference. On motion took up reference of Bro. Harper; he being present gave satisfaction. On motion, reference of Bro. Rawson, case was continued until next conference. On motion, elected financial clerk and treasurer, namely Bro. G. T. Pigford.

#### **May 1881**

After sermon by Bro. J. D. Stone church met in conference. Bro. Brunson being (continued nextpage)

absent, Bro. Stone was on motion chosen moderator pro tem. Took up the reference of Bro. Dearman; he being present gave the church satisfaction. Second, the reference of Bro. Rawson. Bro. Rawson being present stated he was not guilty of drinking but was of profane language for which he was sorry. On motion adjourned.

### **June 1881**

After services by Bro. R. H. Camp, church met in conference. Bro. Camp on motion chosen as moderator pro tem. Bro. W. C. Rogers reported Bro. J. G. Knox for fighting and swearing. On motion committee of S. H. Shannon and J. T. Pigford appointed to see and cite him to next conference. Bro. Rogers, acting treasurer, reported the amount of funds in his hands 10 cents which returned over to Bro. J. T. Pigford, present treasurer. Bro. W. J. J. Terrell requested a letter of dismissal; on motion granted. Bro. B. U. Williams wished a statement of his standing during his membership, stating he was involved in a difficulty. On motion, it was sent. On motion, adjourned.

No service on Sunday due to absence of Bro. Brunson. **September 1881**

After a sermon by Bro. S. L. Robins the church met in conference, pastor being absent. Bro. Robins was chosen moderator pro tem. Committee appointed to see Bro. J. G. Knox made report and was discharged. Bro. Knox, failing to give satisfaction, was on motion excluded from fellowship. Bro. Rogers reported Sister Lue Wilson for departure from Baptist faith. On motion Sister Wilson was excluded from fellowship. Bro. Macon Merrell requested a letter of dismissal, which on motion was granted. Election of delegates to the Association were: Bros. T. D. Pigford, S. H. Shannon, R. H. Shamburger, W. C. Rogers, Wm. A. Sims, G. H. Shamburger; and alternates, M. D. Sims, R. H. Camp, J. B. Eaves. Also elected delegates to the general association: Bros. R. H. Camp and Graves Shamburger. On motion agreed to sent \$5.00 for associational purposes and request 40 copies of the minutes. The following resolution was offered by Bro. R. H. Camp which on motion was adopted:

"The State of Miss.; Lauderdale County, Mt. Gilead Church in conference assembled, September A.D. 1881.

We, the members of Mt. Gilead Church assembled in conference capacity do without one dissenting voice agree to the following resolutions, they being introduced by the preambles that precede them, vix: Whereas it has been the will of the Great head of the church to take from us by death our dearly Beloved Brother and Deacon, Wright Pigford, and whereas we all are deeply sensible of our great loss on account of not having him with us, and whereas we feel it our duty as well as a privilege to bear testimony to his great worth to us while living and our great loss now dead;

Therefore be it resolved that we as a church are profoundly sensible of our loss by the death of our departed and Beloved Brother resolved that we tender to the widow of our deceased Brother our sympathy at her great loss in the death of her dear Husband and to the family our condolence assuring them that we believe their Temporal Loss is his Eternal gain. Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be given to the family of our deceased Brother. Resolved that these Resolutions be published in the Southern Baptist conference."

**October 1881**

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson the church met in conference. First opened the doors of the church. Bro. S. H. Shannon reported Bro. Joseph Shannon for unchristian conduct and at the request of Bro. Joseph he was excluded from the fellowship of the church.

**November 1881**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson, church met in conference. First opened the doors of the church. On motion agreed to purchase sash to put in the windows of our church house and committee of T. S. Pigford, W. C. Rogers and J. M. Ross appointed to purchase and put them in. On motion, adjourned.

**December 1881**

After sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp church met in conference. Bro. Brunson being absent because of sickness, Bro. Camp chosen moderator pro tem. On motion reference of putting lights in windows and received report of committee and continued same. On motion, adjourned.

**January 1882**

After sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp church met in conference. Bro. Camp chosen moderator pro tem, Bro. Brunson being sick. Reference on putting lights in windows taken up and deferred. On motion, adjourned.

**February 1882** - Bro. Brunson preached on Sabbath.

**March 1882**

After sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp, church met in conference. Bro. Brunson being absent, Bro. Camp chosen moderator pro tem. Received report on lighting windows deferred until next conference; on motion applied the money on hand for that purpose to Bro. Brunson. Bro. Rogers reported Bro. Cyrus White for drinking to excess. Committee appointed to see and cite him: Bro. Rogers and Green Pigford. On motion of Bro. Rogers, Bro. John Pigford was relieved of the Financial Clerk and Treasurer Office and Bro. J. M. Pigford appointed in his place. On motion of Bro. Rogers, church agreed to elect a Deacon at next conference. On motion, adjourned.

**April 1882**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson, the church met in conference. Taken up on motion case of Bro. Cyrus White; committee reported and case continued to next conference. On motion elected Bro. J. M. Ross deacon and appointed first Sabbath in May for ordination and that Bro. Bozeman be asked to assist in ordination. On motion appointed Bro. R. H. Camp and James Newton to cite Bro. Peter Shamburger to next conference to answer some rumors against him. On motion, adjourned.

### **May 1882**

After sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp, church met in conference with Bro. Camp moderator pro tem in absence of Bro. Brunson. Reference Cyrus White taken up and he being present gave church satisfaction. On motion, reference Bro. Peter Shagmburger committee reported and Bro. Shamburger, failing to give church satisfaction, was excluded from fellowship. Adjourned.

### **June 1882**

After sermon by Bro. J. C. Foster, church met in conference with Bro. R. H. Camp moderator pro tem, Bro. Brunson being absent because of protracted sickness in his family. The following Sabbath the ordination of Bro. J. M. Ross was attended to by Bro. J. C. Foster and Bro. R. H. Camp. Adjourned.

### **July 1882**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference and doors of church opened for reception of new members. By letter, Bro. R. F. Terrell and wife, Sister L. J. Terrell. On motion, agreed to have Protracted Meeting at our next meeting and request Bro. L. E. Hall to assist.

### **August 1882**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference. First opened doors of church for reception of members. On motion proceeded to elect Bro. J. E. Brunson pastor. Bro. Joseph White and wife requested letters of dismissal. Ebenezer Church requested through Bro. Elcanery Smith that committee of three be appointed to aid in settling a difficulty existing in their church. Appointed were Bro. T. D. Pigford, Jas. Newton and Elder R. H. Camp to meet with them before the third Sabbath in this month. On motion deferred Protracted Meeting until September in order to get ministerial aid. On motion adjourned. [Editor's note: Bro. Elcana Smith was the son of William and Sarah Philpott Smith. He had previously removed to the Causeyville area]

### **September 1882**

After a sermon by Bro. S. L. Robins church met in conference. Bro. Brunson being absent, Bro. Robins chosen moderator pro tem. On motion proceeded in election of delegates to Association, namely Elder R. H. Camp, T. D. Pigford, J. M. Ross, F. R. Terrell, W. C. Rogers, Robt. Shamburger; and alternates, Wm. Sims and James Newton. Agreed to send \$5.00 for associational purposes and 40 copies of minutes, and clerk requested to prepare letter to the Association. On motion, Elder R. H. Camp and James Newton elected by acclamation to meet with the General Association and the clerk prepare letter. Bro. B. F. Lowe and wife request letters of dismissal; on motion granted. On motion, meeting was continued for some days. Services at 11 and night by Bro. Robins; Sabbath and Monday at 11 and night by Bro. Bloodsworth. The doors of the church were open and received Sister Martha Knight as candidate for baptism. Services Tuesday morning by Bro. Brunson, received Sister Molly Camp as candidate for baptism. Services at night by Bro. Bloodsworth. Wednesday 11 and night sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth, received Sisters Lela Stacy and Alice Burkhalter. Thursday morning met at the water and above sisters were buried in baptism by Bro. Bloodsworth. The audience then retired to the house and Bro. Bloodsworth preached. Meeting closed.

Wednesday morning church met in conference. Bro. Brunson was prevented by circumstances over which he had no control from serving as pastor any longer. Motion made and unanimous election of Bro. C. C. Bloodsworth, who agreed to serve.

#### **October 1882**

After sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp church met in conference with Bro. R. H. Camp moderator pro tem, in absence of Bro. Bloodsworth who was sick. First opened doors of the church and received by restoration Bro. B. Robinson. Letters to Bethlehem and General Association read and adopted. Adjourned.

#### **November 1882**

After sermon by Bro. C. C. Bloodsworth the church met in conference. There being no business, conference adjourned.

#### **December 1882**

After sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth church met in conference. On motion Bro. B. Roberson was granted letter of dismissal. Adjourned.

#### **January 1883**

The inclemency of the weather prevented the church and pastor from getting together.

#### **February 1883**

After sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth church met in conference. First opened the doors of the church and received by letter Sister Elizabeth White. Bro. Ira Buckalew and wife requested letters of dismissal; on motion granted. Adjourned.

#### **March 1883**

After prayer by Bro. Riley Shamburger, church met in conference with Bro. Shamburger moderator pro tem in absence of Bro. Bloodsworth. The church rescinded the act of granting letters to Bro. Buckalew and wife learning there was a personal matter between them and one of the members of the church. On motion committee of Bros. J. Ross, R. H. Camp and James Newton appointed to see the parties and report at next conference. Bro. Rogers reported Bro. Cyrus White and Richard Harper for drunkenness; Bro. Jefferson Burkhalter and E. Rawson for dancing. On motion, committee of Bros. W. C. Rogers, F. R. Terrell and Wm. A. Sims to see and cite them to next conference. Adjourned.

#### **May 1883**

After sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth church met in conference. Bro. S. H. Shamburger appointed clerk pro tem. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Reference of granting letter of Bro. & Sister Buckalew taken up and committee report satisfying church, letters were granted. Bro. Robert Bell requested and was granted letter of dismissal. Bro. John Roberson (continued next page) requested and was

granted letter of dismissal. Reference of Bros. White, Harper, Rawson and Buckhalter taken up. Bro. Harper being present gave church satisfaction; other cases continued until next conference with Bro. Riley Shamburger being added to committee. Bro. L. Camp was reported for drinking to excess. On motion, committee appointed, namely Bros. Riley Shamburger, James Newton and P. M. Ross, to see and city Bro. Camp to next conference.

### **June 1883**

After sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth the church met in conference. First opened doors of the church; Second took up reference of Bro. Cyrus White; report of committee; Bro. White failing to give satisfaction was on motion excluded. Third took up reference of Bro. Buckhalter and he, failing to give satisfaction, was excluded. Fourth, reference Bro. Rawson was continued to next conference. Fifth, reference Bro. L. Camp was continued to next conference. Adjourned.

### **July 1883**

After sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth church met in conference. Opened doors of church for reception of members. Second, took up reference of Bro. Rawson, which was continued due to his absence; same for Bro. Camp. Agreed to protract next meeting.

### **August 1883**

After sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth church met in conference. First, opened doors of church for reception of members; Second, took up reference of Bro. Rawson who being present gave church satisfaction. Third, took up reference of Bro. Camp who was excluded from fellowship, failing to give satisfaction. Bro. R. F. Terrell reported himself for swearing and asked the church to exclude him. On motion referred same to next conference. Preaching at night by the pastor, also Sunday 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. On Monday by Bro. Ellis at 11 a.m. and Bro. Camp at 6 p.m. Opened doors of church and received for baptism Sister Elizabeth Ross on Tuesday; Wednesday preaching at 11 a.m. by Bro. Camp. After service conference was called and Bro. Bloodsworth was unanimously called to serve as pastor for the next year, which he accepted. After 6 p.m. preaching doors of church opened and received for baptism Sister Sarah Shamburger. Preaching continued through Friday when all assembled at the water for baptism. Bro. Hunnicut preached at 11 a.m. and Bro. E. Culpepper was received for baptism. After 6 p.m. sermon Sister Alma Ross was received for baptism. Met at the water Saturday and administered baptism.

### **September 1883**

After sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth church met in conference. First opened doors for reception of members. Second, deferred reference to Bro. Terrell until next conference and appointed committee to see and cite him; namely Bros. W. C. Rogers and Wm. A. Sims. Elected Brethren Elder R. H. Camp, Robert Shamburger, W. A. Sims, T. D. Pigford, J. M. Ross and B. F. Deason; alternate J. G. Sims; as delegates to Association. Agreed to send \$5.00 for associational purposes and request 40 copies of minutes. Clerk instructed to prepare (continued next page) letter to Association and request next Association meeting be held with our church. Adjourned.

**October 1883**

After sermon by Bro. R. H. Camp church met in conference with Bro. Camp moderator pro tem. On motion reference of Bro. R. F. Terrell taken up and he not giving church satisfaction was excluded from the fellowship. Adjourned.

**November 1883** - No preaching due to absence of Bro. Bloodsworth.

**December 1883**

After sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth church met in conference. There being no business, conference adjourned.

**January 1884** - Inclemency of weather prevented the church meeting together.

**February 1884**

After sermon by Bro. Bloodsworth church met in conference. Bro. R. F. Terrell was received by restoration.

**March 1884**

After prayer by Bro. R. Shamburger, church met in conference. Our dear Pastor, since we last met, has passed from time to Eternity and Bro. Shamburger was chosen moderator pro tem. On motion vacancy of pastor was unanimously filled by Bro. J. K. Ryan. Bro. J. M. Ross and Bro. Chatham were appointed to see Bro. Ryan and report next conference. Following committee was appointed to write a tribute of respect for our Dear Deceased Pastor and read at next conference: Elder R. H. Camp, J. M. Ross and R. F. Terrell. [Editor's note: This Rev. C. C. Bloodsworth. He also was pastor for Salem Baptist Church. He performed marriage ceremony for writer's grandparents James E. & Nancy M. Allen Dawson in 1883]

**March 1884 (Fourth Sabbath)**

Church met in March 1884 after sermon by Bro. J. R. Ryan. On motion the tribute of respect in memory of our deceased brother and pastor was read by Bro. R. H. Camp, Chm., and on motion, adopted. Chairman requested to send Southern and Alabama Baptist copies of publication, and copy be recorded on our church book. Next meeting changed to third Sunday in order to have services of Bro. Ryan. On motion, adjourned.

**April 1884**

After sermon by Bro. Camp, in absence of Bro. Ryan, Bro. Camp chosen moderator pro tem. Letters of dismission were granted to the following named (continued next page)



Brethren and Sisters for the purpose of constituting a Baptist church at Toomsaba: C. F. Shannon and wife; S. H. Shannon; Mary Shannon; E. C. Page; Mattie Stacy; Lela Stacy; J. G. Pigford and wife; T. S. Pigford and wife; Ollie Pigford; E. T. Pigford; Ellen Shelburn; T. E. Hannon; W. C. Rogers and wife; J. W. Dearman and wife. On motion, adjourned.

#### **May 1884**

After prayer by Bro. Shamburger, the church met in conference with Bro. Shamburger moderator pro tem in absence of Bro. Ryan. First, proceeded in election of Bro. Wm. A. Sims as deacon. He being present asked for time, next conference, for consideration. Second, Bro. Ryan asked to be relieved of care of the church at last conference. Church thought it best not to relieve him at present as August conference was regular time for calling pastor for next associational year. Letters of dismissal were granted Sister Conna(?) McFail, Georgia Still and Ella Pierce. Bro. W. D. Still wrote for a letter of dismissal from this church as there was a personal difference between Bro. Still and some of the members concerning some cotton seed. The letter was not granted and Bro. Still was instructed to make amends and the letter would be granted. Adjourned.

After sermon by Bro. J. K. Ryan on the Sabbath, the church was called in conference and a letter of dismissal was granted Bro. F. E. Moore. Adjourned.

#### **June 1884**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan the church met in conference. First, Bro. Wm. A. Sims gave his consent to become a deacon. Second, the reference to Bro. Still was continued to next conference, he not being present. Letter of dismissal granted to Sister Jane Anderson. Adjourned.

After sermon on the Sabbath by Bro. Ryan the church was called in conference and letter of dismissal was granted Sister Ollie Pierce. Announcement that the ordination of Bro. W. A. Sims to office of deacon would be attended to at next meeting.

#### **July 1884**

After prayers and singing by Bro. J. M. Ross the church met in conference and, in absence of Bro. Ryan, Bro. Ross chosen moderator pro tem. First, opened the doors of the church for reception of new members. Second, reference to Bro. Still taken up and he having stated in a letter to the church that he was sorry for his conduct and would pay for the cotton seed, the reference was deferred to the September conference. The clerk was instructed to write a letter to him and inform him that he must pay Bro. David Culpepper for the seed before a letter of dismissal could be granted. Bro. Ross called for a letter of dismissal for Sister Knox which on motion was granted. Adjourned.

#### **August 1884**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan the church met in conference. On motion reference to Bro. W. A. Sims to the deacon's office will be attended to the following Sabbath. Election of delegates to the Bethlehem Association and the general Association as follows: Bros. R. H. Camp, W. A. Sims, T. D. Pigford, J. M. Ross and B. F. Chatham alternate; and to general association, Bros. R. H. Camp, V. J. Newton. Clerk made resignation and Bro. R. M. Camp elected clerk. Adjourned.

Church met in conference on Sunday August term to choose pastor for next associational year. Bro. Ryan asked to be released on account of his health. Bro. J. D. Cook was chosen and Bro. J. M. Ross and W. A. Sims to see him and report.

#### **September 1884**

After singing and prayer the church met in conference. On motion R. H. Camp chosen moderator pro tem, Bro. Ryan being absent.

1. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.
2. Opened doors of church for reception of members. (None)
3. Reference Bro. W. D. Still deferred until October meeting.
4. Committee report on calling Bro. J. D. Cook as pastor stated that he could not give positive answer at this time and church concluded to wait on him for answer.
5. Read and adopted letter to the Bethlehem Association.
6. Agreed to send \$3.00 to Association and order 30 copies of minutes.
7. Committee appointed to write obituaries of Brethren and Sisters who have died during the associational year.
  - 1st, R. H. Camp and Dr. James E. Knott for Bro. J. B. Eaves;
  - 2nd, R. H. Camp and B. F. Deason for Bro. R. B. Terrell;
  - 3rd, R. H. Camp and D. McInnis for Sister J. Gilbert.
8. Meeting was protracted a number of days by our Dear Pastor Elder J. K. Ryan who preached the "word" with great power to large and attentive congregations. Added to church were Mrs. S. F. Terrell and Alice Deason, Misses Henryetta Bairfield, Minnie Wallace and Ada Sims; and J. A. Pigford, James L. Britton and Allen Knight, by experience. Sister A. Deason had been a member of a Methodist Church. Brethren Cyrus White and J. Burkhalter were restored to the fellowship of the church.
9. On last day of meeting the church in special conference rescinded the call to Bro. Cook and called Eld. J. K. Ryan who being present (after stating that the call was not sought by him) promised to accept the call and if the Great Head of the Church would grant him life and health, he would serve to the best of his ability.

#### **October 1884**

After sermon by the pastor, J. K. Ryan, the church met in conference. After invitations, references were called. First, reference of Bro. W. D. Still, committee reported and clerk read a letter from Bro. Still. After remarks by members, move was made and carried that the case be continued to next conference. Church instructed Bro. R. F. Terrell to write a friendly letter to him and for him to explain the church's course on the issue of the cottonseed, and urge him in a kindly way to attend next conference to give satisfaction to the church. If he does not, a charge will be preferred against him by the church. Next, the fellowship of the church was inquired into, no charge. General business was called for. Chairman of obituaries read what he had but begged for more time on submitting, which was granted. On Sabbath all obituaries were read and on motion adopted, and special request made that Bro. A. Gressett publish them in the S. Baptist.

#### **November 1884**

After service by Bro. J. K. Ryan church met in conference. Visiting brethren invited to seats to aid in any business. 2nd, opened doors of church for (continued next page)

reception of new members. 3rd, read minutes of last meeting and adopted them. 4th, reference of Bro. W. D. Still taken up and committee of 5 was appointed to investigate his case and report: W. A. Sims, J. M. Ross, J. Newton, T. D. Pigford and T. W. Page. Bro. Still being present gave satisfaction to the committee and they reported favorable. Then, on the motion and his letter of dismissal was granted.

**December 1884** - No meeting due to inclemency of the weather.

**January 1885** - No meeting due to the inclemency of the weather.

**February 1885** - No meeting due to the inclement weather.

### **March 1885**

After service by Bro. J. K. Ryan church met in conference. 1st, invited any visiting brethren to seats. Next, opened doors of church and read and adopted minutes of last meeting. There being no other business, moderator asked for any remarks. Deacons and other members made some very appropriate remarks as to the duty of all male members attending conference meetings. On motion, adjourned.

### **May 1885**

After sermon by Bro. J. K. Ryan, church met in conference. Followed usual procedure of seating visiting brethren; opened doors of church for reception of new members; reading of minutes of last meeting and adoption. No new references, so adjourned.

### **June 1885**

Sermon by Elder R. K. Camp, followed by conference with R. H. Camp chosen moderator pro tem in absence of pastor. Opened doors of church; minutes of last conference read and adopted. Called for references; called for matters dealing with fellowship; no new business. Adjourned.

### **July 1885**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan church met in conference. 1st, invited visiting brethren to seats. 2nd, opened doors of church. 3rd, called for minutes and on motion adopted. 4th, general business. Bro. J. M. Ross moved and it was supported and carried that the church decide at next conference where the church be located, at or near the old stand or at the Merritt old place 2 miles south of this place. On motion adjourned.

### **August 1885**

After sermon by R. H. Camp (pastor being absent) church met in conference.

1. Opened doors of the church.
2. Seated visiting members of sister (continued next page)

Churches. 3. Read minutes. 4. Called for references. Reference in regard to location of new church house taken and large majority voted in favor of land of Bro. L. Wallace, north of where the present church-house is some 200 or 300 yards. A committee of five members chosen to obtain contributions to erect a new house. Next, called for voluntary confessions. Bro. Cyrus White stated that he had been using profane language, for which he was very sorry and asked for forgiveness. He also stated that he had been fighting, but could not say without stating a falsehood that he was sorry for it. His case was continued. Next, fellowship of the church was inquired into and all at peace except above case. Next, delegates chosen for Association: W. A. Sims, J. M. Ross, R. H. Camp, T. A. Pigford and James Newton. CC. to prepare a letter to Bethlehem Association and read at next conference.

#### **September 1885**

After sermon by Bro. W. Culpepper church met in conference. 1st, seated visiting brethren; 2nd, open doors of church and received by letter Bro. J. T. Pigford and wife. Next, case of Bro. Cyrus White was dismissed. Two plans by building committee were consolidated using better parts of each. Old (church) house was given to the school. Adjourned. [Editors note: This gives a fairly good picture of the location of Mt. Gilead School in its last days.]

[This meeting was protracted during which time there were 14 additions to the church - 11 by experience, 2 by letter and 1 by restoration.]

#### **September 1885**

The church met in conference, Letter to the Association read and adopted. Letter of dismissal granted Bro. B. F. Deason and wife. On motion, Bro. R. K. Ryan unanimously elected pastor for next year. Adjourned.

#### **October 1885**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan church met in conference. After reading of minutes received as candidate for baptism E. L. Spinks. Sister Collier requested a letter of dismissal from us and on motion it was granted. Adjourned.

#### **November 1885**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan church met in conference. 1. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. 2. Opened doors of the church for reception of members. 3. Minutes of last conference read and adopted. 4. No other business and no voluntary confessions. Bro. Lankford and wife requested letter of dismissal. On motion it was granted. R. M. Camp, D. D.; J. K. Ryan, Mod.

#### **December 1885**

After service by Bro. Ryan church met in conference. Minutes of last conference read and adopted. Committee appointed by the moderator to see Bro. Wallace and secure a deed to the land on which the new church is being built: J. M. Ross, J. A. Pigford, and W. A. Sims. On motion, adjourned. Some 38 years after being constituted, the Mt. Gilead church was to own the land on which the church stood.

### **January 1886**

Met in conference on Saturday before the third Lord's Day. Pastor being absent, Bro. J. M. Ross chosen moderator pro tem. After reading the 19th Psalm, singing and prayer by Bro. Ross, the following business was taken up in order: The committee to see Bro. Wallace concerning the deed to the land on which the new church is being built made report and, on motion, was continued and instructed by the church to have the lines established by the County Surveyor, Wm. Welch. On motion adjourned.

### **February 1886**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan the church met in conference. Doors of the church were opened. Bro. W. A. Sims presented a letter of dismissal from Toomsba Church. On motion he was received into the fellowship of the church. Committee to see Bro. Wallace concerning deed to the land on which the new church is being built made report. Sister S. D. Newman requested a letter of dismissal which was granted. Bro. & Sister J. G. & O. Sims requested a letter of dismissal which was granted. On motion next regular meeting was set for dedication of the new church house to the service of God and that Bro. Ryan preach the dedication sermon. Adjourned.

### **March 1886**

Due to inclemency of weather the meeting could not be held at this time. Preaching on Sunday by Bro. Ryan, and doors of church were opened; Bro. C. C. McDaniel and wife presented a letter of dismissal from Toomsba Church and were received to the fellowship of the church.

**April 1886** - No meeting due to inclemency of weather.

### **May 1886**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan church met in conference. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Building Committee made report and on motion was continued and requested to bring an itemized account of all the expense in the building. On motion the time of meeting on Saturday was changed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until the September meeting.

### **June 1886**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan church met in conference. Minutes of last conference read and adopted. Building committee asked and was granted further time for their report. On motion of Bro. W. A. Sims the church elect a sexton to take charge of the keys and see that the house is kept in order. Bro. L. Wallace was elected and Bro. W. A. Sims appointed to notify him of the action of the church. Sisters White and Ellison requested letters of dismissal and on motion these requests were granted. Adjourned.

### **July 1886**

Mt. Gilead Church met in conference after sermon by Bro. Ryan. No minutes presented of last conference. Building Committee made the following report.

"Your committee on church building asks to make the following report. The church is now ready for worship and completed so far as we were ordered by the church.

<b>Cost of Building</b>			
Lumber	\$94.00	Hauling	\$37.65
Shingles	30.00	Building	115.00
Sash & Blinds	49.00	Lattice Work	2.00
Nails	14.55	Paint	23.75
Fastenings & Hinges	3.00	Painting	25.00
Blocks	1.80	TOTAL	\$395.75"

Bro. W. A. Sims reported favorable on Bro. Wallace taking charge of the house. Report received, committee discharged. On motion, adjourned. E. L. Spinks, C. C. pro tem; J. K. Ryan, Mod.

**August 1886**

After a short talk by Bro. R. H. Camp church met in conference. Doors of the church were opened and received Bro. T. D. Brown. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Elected J. M. Ross, W. A. Sims, R. H. Camp, E. L. Spinks and R. M. Camp as delegates to the Association. On motion a letter of dismissal was granted Bro. T. D. Brown. Adjourned. R. M. Camp, CC.; R. H. Camp, mod. pro tem.

**September 1886**

After sermon by Bro. J. K. Ryan, church met in conference. Minutes of last conference were read and adopted. A letter from Toomsba Church was read, stating that Bro. H. J. Shannon had presented himself there and made satisfactory acknowledgments to the church and upon motion was received. Letters were granted Bro. H. J. Shannon and S. A. Lacy, Sisters M. E. Lowe, M. J. Clark and Susan Hart. Church elected Bro. J. K. Ryan as pastor for another year. On motion, adjourned.

**October 1886**

Bro. Ryan being absent, Elder R. H. Camp gave sermon and was elected moderator pro tem. On invitation for membership, Sister Swanner presented herself and was on motion received. Minutes of last conference read and adopted, with correction that this should be a meeting of days. Meeting continued with Bro. Ryan conducting on Sunday and Bro. L. E. Hall conducting until Thursday. The following were received and baptised: Joseph Hurt, J. W. Swanner, T. L. Mosely, V. I. Camp, N. E. Sims, Lula Rawson, J. A. Hurt, J. S. Hurt. R. M. Camp, CC

**November 1886**

After sermon by Elder J. K. Ryan, church met in conference with invitation for membership, reading and adoption of minutes; Bro. Ryan accepted call to serve the church next year.

**December 1886** - No meeting.

### **January 1887**

After sermon by Rev. R. H. Camp church met in conference Saturday before 3rd Lord's Day. R. H. Camp chosen moderator pro tem and E. L. Spinks to act as church clerk. Bro. T. M. Sims and Sister Mary Sims brought letters of dismission from Salem Church with request to join this church; request was granted. Bro. White was reported for conducting himself in a way unbecoming a Christian and committee was appointed to see and cite him to next conference: J. M. Ross, W. A. Sims and T. M. Sims. Bro. Richard Harper also was reported for same and W. A. Sims, A. E. Nite and F. M. Sims appointed to see and cite him to next conference. Adjourned.

### **February 1887**

Mt. Gilead Church met in a special conference Feb. 15. Bro. J. M. Ross was chosen moderator pro tem. Object of the meeting was to make some arrangements as to our pastoral supplies. A letter from Bro. Ryan was read, stating that his churches had not paid him for his services last year and that if they did not do better he would have to drop them. On motion, the church adjourned to meet the 1st Sunday in March to make some arrangements as to money matters.

### **March 1887**

Church met in special conference 1st Lord's Day. Committee was appointed to see Bro. Ryan and ascertain positively whether he would serve the church this year or not. Bros. J. M. Ross and W. A. Sims appointed. Amendment: that the committee could carry Bro. Ryan \$70.00 and say that was all the church could do for the past year. R. H. Camp, mod. pro tem; R. M. Camp, CC.

### **March 1887**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan the church met in conference. Minutes of the last conference read and adopted. Reference of Bro. White was taken up and he failing to give satisfaction on motion was excluded from fellowship of the church. Reference of Bro. Harper was taken up and he being present gave satisfaction. Bro. Ross reported favorable to Bro. Ryan serving the church the balance of the year. Adjourned.

### **April 1887**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan the church met in conference. An opportunity for membership was given and Bro. G. W. Welch was received. Minutes read and adopted. There being no business, on motion adjourned.

### **May 1887**

After sermon by Bro. J. K. Ryan church met in conference. Minutes read and adopted. Bro. T. M. Sims was vested with all duties and privileges of deacon of Mt. Gilead Church, as he had been duly ordained deacon of Salem Baptist Church before uniting with Mt. Gilead.

**June 1887**

Pastor Ryan being absent, Bro. R. H. Camp gave talk. He was acting moderator pro tem. No business. Adjourned.

**July 1887**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan church met in conference and adopted on motion to have a meeting of days at our regular time of meeting.

**August 1887**

After reading 22nd Psalm and prayer by Bro. J. M. Ross church met in conference with J. M. Ross moderator pro tem. On motion we have preaching at 11 a.m. and at night during this meeting of days. Bro. J. T. Pigford requested letter of dismissal; on motion granted. Election of following delegates to the Association: Brethren R. H. Camp, Wm. Sims, J. M. Ross, G. W. Welch and R. M. Camp, E. L. Spinks, J. A. Pigford and T. D. Pigford, alternate. Meeting lasted seven days with 10 members received - J. E. Eaves, R. L. Shamburger, A. B. Camp, A. A. Pigford, N. I. Spinks, L. V. Spinks, C. A. Wallace, M. A. Spinks, I. A. Chatham, Lula Culpepper. At close of meeting Bro. J. K. Ryan tendered his resignation and the church elected Bro. J. L. Cook pastor, with Bro. W. A. Sims, J. M. Ross and T. M. Sims being appointed to see him and report at next meeting whether he would serve.

**September 1887**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan church met in conference. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. On motion committee to see Bro. Cook was given further time. On motion church sent \$3.75 for Associational purposes. Adjourned.

**October 1887**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan church met in conference with minutes being read and adopted. Committee to see Bro. Cook reported and was continued. On motion the case was passed until Sunday after preaching. Clerk read the expression of gratitude to Bro. Ryan for his service and favors and regretting his resignation; on motion it was unanimously adopted. Sunday, R. H. Camp was called to the chair by the church. The committee to see Bro. Cook reported that he would not serve for less than \$150.00. Upon consideration of the church, Bro. Cook was dropped and Bro. Ryan was unanimously chosen to serve the church indefinitely. Committee of W. A. Sims, J. M. Ross and G. W. Welch were appointed to see him and convey the action of the church. Letter of dismissal was granted Sister C. E. Lowe. Adjourned.

**November 1887**

Bro. Ryan being absent, church met in conference, selection Bro. Ross moderator pro tem and Bro. E. L. Spinks clerk. Minutes read and adopted. Special committee appointed to purchase material to seal the church: W. A. Sims, E. L. Spinks and L. Wallace. Adjourned.

**December 1887**

Church met in conference Saturday, Dec. 17. Pastor being absent, J. M. Ross chosen moderator pro tem. After song and prayer business taken up.



1. Committee on ceiling church reported material purchased and delivered except 1200 ft. lumber. Also a balance of \$23.35 in cash in hands of committee, and on motion instructed same committee to contract for the labor at once. 2. Committee to contact Bro. Ryan reported he had accepted the call which was received. Adjourned.

#### **January 1888**

After singing and prayer by Bro. Ross church met in conference with Bro. Ross moderator pro tem. Minutes read and adopted. On motion the building committee to have balance of the lumber hauled and, if need be, pay for it out of funds in their hands. Adjourned.

#### **February 1888**

After sermon by Bro. Ryan church met in conference. Minutes read and adopted. Bro. A. B. Camp requested a letter of dismission, and also R. H. Camp; on motion granted.

#### **March 18, 1888**

Mt. Gilead Church met in conference Saturday before 3rd Lord's Day in March. On motion of Bro. J. M. Ross it was unanimously adopted that in the future it shall be a violation of the rules of this church for any member to participate in any play that there is dancing in. On motion, adjourned.

#### **April 14, 1888**

After singing and prayer by Bro. W. A. Sims, church met in conference with Bro. W. A. Sims moderator pro tem in absence of the pastor. Minutes read and adopted. On motion of Bro. J. A. Pigford, the committee appointed by the church to contract with some mechanic to cell the church be requested to have the work done at once. Bro. G. W. Welch and wife requested a letter of dismission, which on motion granted. Adjourned.

**May 15, 1888** No meeting.

#### **June 15, 1888**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson, church met in conference, Bro. Brunson acting moderator pro tem in absence of Bro. Ryan. Minutes read and approved. Letter was read from Bro. Ryan stating that his health was so bad that he could not serve the church during the summer months, and that he be relieved. Request was granted. Church chose Bro. Brunson to take his place. On motion, Bro. R. M. Camp inform Bro. Ryan of the action.

#### **July 17, 1888**

After a sermon by Bro. Brunson, church met in conference; minutes read and adopted; committee appointed to raise money to seat church, namely: Wm. A. Sims, J. A. Pigford, J. E. Eaves and R. M. Camp.

July 18, 1888

Next day after preaching church held a short conference; an opportunity (continued next page)

offered for membership. Bro. J. G. Knox presented himself to the church for restoration and on motion he was restored to full fellowship. Miss Lillie Coker presented herself for membership and was on motion received. Committee to call the church reported that the work was done and paid for and presented the following itemized account of all expense:

Lumber	\$54.20	Moulding	\$4.65
Nails	4.80	Hauling	3.00
Work	20.30	Total	86.45

#### **August 15, 1888**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Bro. J. G. Knox requested a letter of dismissal which was granted. On motion held election for delegates to Association: Brethren Wm. A. Sims, J. M. Ross, E. L. Spinks, T. D. Pigford and R. M. Camp, and R. Shamburger alternate. October was decided upon as time for holding a meeting of days, at close of the Association.

#### **September 16, 1888**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference. Minutes read and adopted. No further business. Adjourned.

#### **October 17, 1888**

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson church met in conference; clerk being absent Bro. R. H. Shamburger chosen C. C. pro tem. Committee on seating church was called up, and being absent continued. Chose J. E. Brunson pastor.

#### **December 16, 1888**

After sermon by J. E. Brunson church met in conference. Read and adopted minutes. Committee on seating church made report stating that the work was done and paid for. Total cost \$54.85. On motion, Bro. L. Wallace act as sexton for church. On motion committee appointed to see and cite Bro. R. F. Terrell and Bro. J. L. Britton to next conference. J. Newton, B. F. Chatham, E. L. Spinks and R. H. Camp. Adjourned.

December 1888

After sermon by Bro. J. E. Brunson church met in conference. Minutes read and adopted. Bro. Terrell made satisfactory acknowledgment and asked church to forgive him in all his misdoings. Request was granted. Bro. Britton made satisfactory acknowledgment and asked for forgiveness of church and request was granted. Bro. Harper was reported for unchristian conduct and committee of W. A. Sims and A. E. Knight appointed to see and cite him.

**January 1889** No meeting.

#### **February 1889**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference with reading and adoption of minutes. Bro. Harper's committee reported and was discharged. Adjourned.

**March 1889** Minutes mislaid.

**April 1889**

After reading of a psalm and prayer by W. A. Sims church met in conference. Bro. Brunson being absent, on motion Bro. J. M. Ross was chosen moderator pro tem. Minutes read and adopted. Bro. Harper was present and made necessary acknowledgments for his misdoings. On motion they were received. Sister Catharine Page requested a letter of dismissal which was granted. Bro. J. D. Pigford reported Bro. R. L. Shamburger for dancing. On motion there was a committee appointed to see him and report next conference: T. D. Pigford and J. Newton. Adjourned.

**May 1889**

After reading of a portion of scripture and prayer by Bro. W. A. Sims church met in conference with Bro. J. M. Ross acting moderator. Minutes read and adopted. Bro. A. B. Camp returned a letter of dismissal and his name was ordered placed on church book again. Case of Bro. Shamburger was continued. Bro. T. D. Pigford stated that he could not fellowship Bro. J. D. Britton on account of some hard things he had called him. Brethren E. L. Spinks, R. F. Terrell, J. Newton and R. M. Camp were appointed to investigate and try to bring harmony and peace between the two. On motion, J. M. Ross added to committee. Adjourned.

**June 1889**

Bro. Brunson being absent, Bro. W. A. Sims was chosen moderator pro tem. Minutes read and adopted. Bro. R. L. Shamburger failing to give satisfaction was excluded from the fellowship of the church. Trouble between Bro. Pigford and Bro. Britton was settled satisfactorily. Adjourned.

**July 1889** No meeting.

**August 1889**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference; reading of minutes and adoption. Balloting chose Bros. J. M. Ross, E. L. Spinks, J. A. Pigford, W. A. Sims and R. M. Camp and alternates B. F. Chatham and J. Newton delegates to next association.

**September 1889**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church went into conference with reading and adoption of minutes. Bro. J. E. Brunson chosen as supply pastor for next year. Bro. T. W. Page, wife and Sister King called for letters of dismissal which were granted. Adjourned.

**October 1889**

After sermon by Bro. Gressett church met in conference. Minutes not being present same were not adopted. On motion charge was preferred against Bro. L. Wallace for using profane language. Bros. J. M. Ross, W. A. Sims and R. F. Terrell appointed to see him. On motion the church send \$3.00 for Associational purposes and ask for 30 copies of minutes.

**November 1889** No meeting

**December 1889**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference; minutes read and adopted. Bro. Wallace not being present to give satisfaction, was excluded from fellowship of church. Bro. Brunson stated that he would accept call of the church for the next year. Bro. E. J. Sawyer requested letter of dismissal for himself and daughter, Mary, which was granted. Bro. John Wilson requested letter of dismissal for himself and wife; on motion, granted. Adjourned.

**January 1890**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference. The doors of church opened and received by letter Bro. J. G. Sims and wife, O. E. Sims. On motion adjourned.

**February 1890**

After prayer by Bro. R. H. Shamburger, church met in conference with Bro. Shamburger moderator pro tem in absence of Bro. Brunson. Minutes read and adopted. Bro. Ross stated that he thought it was the desire of Bro. Robert Shamburger to preach and made a move and it was seconded that the church liberate him to talk in public. On motion adjourned.

**March 1890** No meeting

**April 1890**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference; door of the church was opened and Bro. A. J. Pigford presented a letter of dismissal from Mt. Zion Church, Clark Co ., Miss., and asked to be received into the fellowship of this church. On motion request was granted. A motion to postpone the buying of a stove for the church was made. Money had been raised by some of the Sisters and was turned over to a committee of three to be appropriated for brick pillars under the house. Committee to ascertain cost of brick and work and if there is not enough money, to collect it and have the work done as soon as possible. E. L. Spinks, J. A. Pigford and R. N. Camp. On motion the deacons of this church be appointed as a special committee to raise money to pay pastor and other purposes and that they be furnished with a list of the names of all the male members and learn of them how much they are willing to pay and when and record to be kept of all who pay and amount. Adjourned.

**May 1890**

After service by Bro. Brunson church met in conference and on motion added two sisters to the committee to raise money to defray the expenses of the church: Sisters Clemey Pigford and Sallie Merritt.

**June 1890**

Sermon by Bro. Brunson. Church met in conference; opened doors for new members. Brethren H. Bunyard and Williams (Boney?), former members of Causeyville (continued next page)

Church who had been excluded from that church asked to be taken under watch-care of the church. Committee was appointed from this church to wait on Causeyville Church and try to bring about reconciliation; give brethren were appointed: J. M. Rose, W. A. Sims, R. F. Terrill, W. A. Pigford and E. L. Spinks. On motion, time for a protracted meeting set for the August meeting. Adjourned.

### **July 1890**

After sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference. Committee appointed to wait on Causeyville Church asked for further time which was granted. Bro. W. A. Sims stated that he favored buying a church organ and asked that the church be allowed to vote. On motion the vote was taken, : 16 yays(yeas?) and 10 nays. On motion a committee was appointed to raise money to pay for organ: W. A. Sims, T. G. Pigford, Mollie Shamburger, Clemey Pigford, Sallie Merrett and Minnie Wallace. Letter of dismission was granted Bro. W. B. Shamburger. Adjourned.

### **August 1890**

Elder R. N. Camp gave talk, followed by Bro. J. M. Ross being appointed moderator pro tem. Committee appointed to wait on Causeyville Church made following report: "Bro. Mod., Brethren and Sisters, your special committee appointed at the June meeting, ask to make the following report. It is with pleasure that we can say that the whole trouble was settled satisfactory to all concerned and all the excluded Brethren decided to remain with their church." Time for protracted meeting was changed to the fourth Sunday in this month. On motion, Mollie Shamburger was appointed organist and Mollie Camp was appointed to assist her and see that the organ is cared for.

### **September 1890**

After singing and prayer church met in conference with Bro. J. M. Ross chosen moderator pro tem. Bro. W. V. White and wife presented a letter of dismission from Salem Church and asked to be received, and on motion granted their request. Bro. T. W. Page, his wife and sister returned their letter. On motion there be a committee appointed to raise money for a dressing room at the pool: J. M. Ross and Clemey Pigford. Committee appointed to see Bro. Culpepper in reference to serving church for the next year: W. A. Sims, R. F. Terrell. Delegates elected to Association were J. M. Ross, R. F. Terrell, J. A. Pigford, E. L. Spinks, W. A. Sims and J. L. Britton and alternates W. W. Moore, R. M. Camp and J. E. Eaves. Letter of dismission granted Sister Alma Ross.

### **October 1890**

After a sermon by Bro. Brunson church met in conference. Committee to see Bro. Culpepper asked for more time. On motion we send \$3.00 for minutes.

### **November 1890**

After sermon by Bro. (W. S.) Culpepper church met in conference; Brother Culpepper stated that he would serve the church for the next year and impressed the church's cooperation forcibly.

**December 6, 1890**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper church met in conference. Rules of decorum were read. Bro. R. M. Camp tendered his resignation as church clerk which was on motion received. J. A. Pigford was elected church clerk. Bro. J. M. Ross tendered his resignation as financial clerk and treasurer and on motion Bro. E. L. Spinks was elected to fill vacancy.

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1890, the church called a conference for the purpose of liberating Bro. Jesse Catlett to preach the Gospel of Christ wherever his lot may be cast, which was on motion done.

**January 1891**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper church met in conference. Bro. Henry Dearman and wife and Sister Nancy Wilkerson asked for letters of dismissal which were granted. [Editors note: They removed to Whynot. Their daughter Ella a long time school teacher]

**February 1891**

Bro. W. S. Culpepper presented sermon. Conference met and Sister Sallie Merritt called for letter of dismissal which was granted. Bro. Warren Sims and wife called for letters of dismissal which were granted.

**March 1891**

Bro. Culpepper gave sermon. Charges were preferred against Bro. L. G. Pigford for drinking; committee of Bros. W. A. Sims and J. M. Ross appointed to see him. Moved and carried to pay Bro. J. E. Brunson \$9.10, balance on last year's services as pastor. Sunday March 1. Church met in conference to grant Sister Fannie Luster(?) a letter which was granted.

**April 1891**

Bro. W. C. (S.) Culpepper gave sermon. Conference held and committee to see Bro. L. G. Pigford reported. He being present gave satisfaction.

**May 1891**

Bro. Culpepper being absent, Bro. R. H. Camp gave sermon. No business transacted.

**June 1891**

Bro. Culpepper (W.S.?) gave sermon; conference met and on motion and second it was decided to have our meeting of days to commence Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September next.

**July 1891**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper the church met in conference. No business was transacted.

**August 1891**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper the church met in conference. No business to transact; adjourned.

**September 1891**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper the church met in conference. Sister Ella Chatham applied for membership by letter from Salem Church. On motion, she was received. Delegates to the Association were elected: R. H. Camp, J. M. Ross, W. A. Sims, E. L. Spinks, R. F. Terrell, J. A. Pigford. On motion voted to send \$3.00 for associational purposes. On motion Bro. Culpepper was unanimously chosen pastor for the next year.

Bro. Culpepper and Bro. Knight conducted services for protracted meeting. God revives the church! and added nineteen to the list of His children: 14 who had never before made a profession, 3 by letter and 2 by restoration.

**October 1891**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper church met in conference. Moved and carried that this church apologize to Bro. A. Gressett for failure to mention his name as one of the ministers who served us in our series to meeting last year, when we sent up our Associational letter. Committee was appointed to make an effort to settle a difference between Bros. R. F. Terrell and W. V. H. White: J. M. Ross, R. H. Shamburger and E. L. Spinks. Moved and carried that the church grant Bro. R. H. Shamburger license to preach the Gospel of Christ at any time and place that God may direct. Associational letter was read and adopted.

Sunday, October 9, after sermon by Bro. Culpepper church doors were opened for new members. Bro. Rankin Harding presented himself for baptism and was on motion received. Baptism announced for 1st Sunday, November.

**November 1891**

After sermon by Bro. W. S. Culpepper church met in conference. Committee to settle trouble between Bros. White and Terrell asked for further time; on motion granted. On motion Sisters Blanche Pigford and Olivia Warbington were received to full fellowship having joined and being baptised at Russell School House. George Hardin came forward and was received. Bro. Jesse Dearman called for a letter of dismissal in order to join Bethany Church of same faith and order. Baptism announced for 1st Sunday, December.

**Sunday, December 6, 1891**

Ordinance of baptism was attended to and services by Bro. Culpepper. Church met in conference. Sister Harding, Bro. Rankin and George Harding called for letters of dismissal, which were granted.

**December 1891**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper church went into conference. Reference to trouble between Bros. White and Terrell reported the matter unsettled. New committee appointed to see them and report at next conference: R. H. Camp, Culpepper the church met in conference. No business was transacted.

Jas. Newton and T. W. Page. Bro. Wallace reported the pool in order, he being selected to repair same. Bro. Lafayette Shamburger called for a letter of dismission which was granted.

### **January 1892**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper the church went into conference. Committee on investigation of Bros. Terrell and White's trouble reported both brethren at fault and advised them to confess to the church and to each other and to ask the Lord, the church and each other's forgiveness, which they both did, and on motion their confessions were received by the church.

### **February 1892**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper church went into conference. Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to secure for the church an acre of land lying east of and adjoining the church lot for the purpose of a burial ground for the white people of this community: W. A. Sims, J. M. Ross and J. A. Pigford.

### **March 1892**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper the church went into conference. Committee to secure land for burial purposes asked for further time; granted.

### **April 1892**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper the church went into conference. Committee to secure land for burial reported that no suitable land could be purchased. Bro. W. V. White stated that there was trouble between himself and Bro. R. F. Terrell which Bro. White stated that he had taken Scriptural Steps to settle and Bro. Terrell would not hear him. Bro. Terrell reported the same against Bro. White. A motion to refer the matter was lost, and a motion to exclude Bro. Terrell was amended to exclude both Bro. Terrell and Bro. White. A tie vote resulted and the pastor refused to cast the deciding vote. On motion the matter was carried over to our next regular conference.

### **May 1892**

After sermon by Bro. Jesse Catlett, pastor being absent, church met in conference. Reference on Bros. White and Terrell case was settled satisfactorily. Bro. A. C. Terrell was reported for selling spirituous liquors, it being claimed that we had not adopted rule to prohibit the act. Moved and carried that from this day in the future it will be a violation of our rules for any members to engage in selling liquors. Bro. Terrell's case was referred to committee of J. A. Pigford, J. M. Ross, J. I. Sims, to report to next conference.

### **June 1892**

After sermon by Bro. W. S. Culpepper church met in conference. Case of Bro. A. C. Terrell was continued to next conference, report not being satisfactory.

### **July 1892**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper church went into conference. Case of Bro. A. C. (continued on next page)



Terrell was taken up and committee reported that he refused to discontinue selling spirituous liquor. Moved and carried that the part of June's conference where its minutes showed a rule prohibiting selling spirituous liquors, claiming the Bible as a guide on the matter, that the church with-drew fellowship from Bro. A. C. Terrell for so selling same.

Mt. Gilead held its annual series of meetings commencing on Saturday before the 5th Lord's Day in July. Services conducted by Pastor Culpepper and Bro. Adams of Alabama, two services a day at eleven and seven 1/2 o'clock. The Lord blessed the labors of these brethren together with the church. The church was revived and many told the glad story of their conversion and were added to His Service in the church. Meeting continued for ten days and 34 names were added to the role of His Workers: 26 by experience, 6 by letter, and 2 restored to fellowship. Baptism was administered on Monday. A collection of \$27.00 was taken for Bro. Adams. Conference was deferred to next meeting.

### **September 1892**

Sermon by Bro. Culpepper was followed by conference. Delegates were elected to Association: Bros. J. M. Ross, W. A. Sims, R. H. Shamburger, E. L. Spinks and J. E. Eaves. Bro. Culpepper was chosen to serve the church for the next year by acclamation and he made statement that he would give his answer at October meeting. Charges preferred against Bro. Willis Merritt for unchristian conduct resulted in his being excluded from fellowship of the church. Adjourned. [Editors Note: This is Willis Merritt, Jr.]

### **Sunday, September 4, 1892**

After sermon from pastor, opportunity to come forward for prayer was offered to the audience. Several came forward. After prayer an opportunity was given for membership and Sister Junice Harper and Simeon Harding presented themselves as candidates for baptism and were received. Baptism to be Sunday, October meeting at 10:00. Association letter was ordered to be prepared and read at our next meeting. Adjourned.

### **October 1892**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper church went into conference. Bro. J. L. Britton stated that he and Bro. R. M. Camp were not living as brethren should live, which matter on motion was referred to committee. On motion, this church extends an arm to receive members at Russell School House. On motion Bros. R. H. Camp, B. F. Chatham and J. A. Pigford were added to the list of delegates to Association and \$3.00 voted for associational purposes. Adjourned.

### **November 1892**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper church went into conference. Committee in Bros. Camp and Britton case reported failing to give any advice or information. The church decided to abide by decision of previous committee of six brethren who made effort to settle the trouble, though not ordered by the church; Bro. Britton refused to do so and on motion was excluded from the church. Adjourned.

**December 1892**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper the church went into conference. There being no business, adjourned.

**January 1893**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper church went into conference. Bro. E. N. Collins & wife called for letters of dismission; on motion granted. Moved and carried that the church take a public collection for the benefit of the church on Sunday morn before services each month; also that the treasurer keep a list of all members and that all money for pastor salary shall hereafter be reported to the treasurer and he shall place the amounts each member pays opposite his or her name. Adjourned.

**February 1893**

Sermon by Bro. W. S. Culpepper. In conference moved and carried that we rescind a former resolution adopted by this church wherein it debarred its members from making voluntary confessions through other members while absent themselves and make it apply only when regular committee has been appointed. Adjourned.

**March 1893** Sermon by W. S. Culpepper. No business.

**April 1893**

After sermon by Bro. W. S. Culpepper church went into conference. Moved and carried that we hold our annual series of meetings commencing on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in July. Adjourned.

**May and June 1893** No minutes

**July 1893**

Church met in conference after sermon by Bro. Culpepper. On motion committee appointed to see Bros. G. W. Rawson and T. G. Pigford in regard to their trouble: J. M. Ross, W. A. Sims, R. H. Camp. E. L. Spinks, clerk pro tem.

**August 1893**

Sermon by Bro. Culpepper. Church met in conference and committee to see Bros. Rawson & Pigford asked for further time which was granted. Adjourned.

Our annual series of meetings were held this week commencing on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July. Our pastor was assisted by Bro. Farrish of Meridian. The Lord blessed the church with five additions.

**September 1893**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper the church went into conference. Committee to see Bros. Rawson and Pigford asked until next meeting to make their report. Sister Garnes was excluded from the fellowship following a charge of unchristian conduct. Election for pastor and delegates to the Association resulted in Bro. L. M. Stone for pastor and R. H. Shamburger, R. H. Camp, J. G. Sims,

W. W. Moore, J. M. Ross, W. A. Sims, T. M. Sims, J. E. Eaves. Bro. J. A. Pigford, W. A. Sims and J. M. Ross were appointed to notify Bro. Stone that this church had chosen him as her pastor and receive his answer. Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing an appreciation of Bro. W. S. Culpepper's successful efforts to serve as pastor for the past three years. Adjourned.

#### **September 2, 1892 Resolution**

Whereas, our highly esteemed brother, Rev. Wm. S. Culpepper, has faithfully served us in the capacity of pastor for the past three years and now of his own accord parts from us to attend the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Therefore be it resolved that we extend to Bro. Culpepper our heartfelt thanks for his Interning (?) labor with us and wish him well and bid him God speed and earnestly commend him to all with whom he may come in contact as a true and zealous laborer for the Master.

Be it resolved further that these resolutions be spread upon our church minutes and a copy be sent to the Baptist Record for publication. By order of Mt. Gilead Church of Christ in conference assembled. Sept. 2nd 1893. Respectfully submitted. J. A. Pigford, Edgar Spinks, A. B. Camp.

#### **October 1893**

After sermon by Bro. R. H. Shamburger the church went into conference with Bro. R. H. Shamburger moderator pro tem. The committee in Bros. Rawson and Pigford's case reported the matter settled and the brethren reconciled, which was on motion received. On motion Bro. Rawson acknowledgment for fighting was received; moved and carried that we ask the Association to send us five brethren to meet with us on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in next month to hear and decide all complaints or charges reported them by the church or any of its members, and that decision of the above committee be final. The following brethren were reported for swearing: Marion Rawson, Capeus Merritte, Marion Merritte, Joseph Pigford, Joseph Philips and David Merritte. All were referred to the following committee: W. W. Moore, James Newton and Jno. Sims. Bro. Charley Spinks was reported for committing a crime which was on motion referred to the following committee: W. W. Moore, J. A. Pigford and W. R. Harper. Adjourned.

#### **October 1893**

Short conference after sermon by Bro. R. H. Shamburger. Letter to the Association was called for, read and adopted. Moved and carried that part of the acts of yesterday's conference regarding committee from the Association to settle all complaints be rescinded. On motion, a committee was appointed to see Bro. E. L. Spinks and hear his statement in reference to his dissatisfaction with the church for the act of excluding J. L. Britton or any other act that he may be dissatisfied with.

#### **November 1893**

Bro. R. H. Shamburger gave sermon and church went into conference with Bro. Shamburger moderator pro tem. Rules of decorum were read. The committee on Bro. Charley Spinks reported that he had no acknowledgment to make at (continued next page)

present, and on motion he was excluded from the church. The committee in Bro. E. L. Spinks case reported Bro. Spinks made the necessary acknowledgment, which the church decided not to receive until an effort was made to reconcile personal trouble between Bro. Spinks and Bro. R. M. Camp, which was referred to the same committee. The clerk reported that Bro. L. M. Stone could not serve the church as pastor. Adjourned.

### **Third Sunday, November 1893**

Church met in conference after a sermon by Bro. R. N. Shamburger and he was chosen moderator pro tem. On motion the call of a pastor was made by ballot which resulted in selection of Bro. R. H. Shamburger unanimously and whose ordination will take place in the near future if the Lord wills. Five brethren were appointed to assist Bro. Ross in getting up Bro. Culpepper's money for this year's services.

### **December 1893**

After sermon by Bro. R. H. Shamburger, the church went into conference. The committee in Bros. Camp and Spinks case reported that matter settled. Bro. Simeon Harding called for letters of dismissal for himself and his family, which were granted. Adjourned.

### **January 1894**

Bro. Shamburger gave sermon and church went into conference. Bro. Shamburger declined to accept the care of the church as pastor for the present and will not be ordained for some time yet, but will continue to preach on our regular day of meeting until we get a pastor. Bro. Quilla Spire(?) and Sisters Lula and Alma Collins asked for letters of dismissal which were granted. On motion it was decided to grant letters of dismissal to all that called for them (at our next regular meeting) where there is not charge against them and after all have gotten letters that desired them, it is expressly understood that the church enter into a covenant to bury this trouble that has harassed us for two years, or any other trouble that may be among us, and go to work for the Master. Adjourned. [Editor's Note: Apparently there has been some difficulty between some of the members. Minutes do not reflect the nature of the difficulty.]

### **February 1894**

After a sermon by Bro. Jesse Catlett, the church went into conference. Letters of dismissal were granted to Brethren R. H. Camp & family, J. T. Phillips & family, J. G. Sims & family, W. A. Sims & family, Jas. Newton, Sister Ollie Lee, Bro. P. N. Wells, Bro. W. R. Harper & family, T. M. Sims & family, Robert Hurt, Sister Martha Gressett. Clerk was instructed to write Bro. Pickard and ask him to preach for us on our next regular day of meeting.

### **February 19, 1894**

After prayer services, church met in conference. On motion, Bro. W. S. Culpepper was chosen pastor by acclamation. Clerk was instructed to notify him that we have called him and that the church would pay him \$125.00 as his salary.

### **March 1894**

After a sermon by Bro. R. H. Shamburger, the church went into conference.

Bro. W. R. Harper & family returned their letters, which was on motion received. Bro. J. G. Sims, E. L. Spinks and T. G. Pigford were appointed to see Brethren W. V. White and C. White for swearing and Sister Lila Lockler(?) for dancing. R. M. Shamburger, M. P. T. ; T. G. Pigford, Clerk p.t.

**Sunday, March 5, 1894**

After services the clerk read and letter from Bro. Culpepper accepting the call of the church. The church agreed to pay him \$125.00 for his services as pastor yearly or the fractional part of that amount for the time he served.

**April 1894**

After sermon by Bro. Shamburger, church went into conference. The case of Bro. C. White was reported by committee and he being present made necessary acknowledgment, but will not be disposed of until next meeting. Committee asked for further time in case of Bro. W. V. White and it was granted. Committee said Sister Lila Lockler had no acknowledgment to make and she was on motion excluded. Adjourned.

**May 1894**

No one being present to preach, scripture was read and prayer by Bro. J. M. Ross. He was chosen moderator pro tem. Reference to Bro. C. White was disposed satisfactory to the church. Bro. W. V. White's case was continued. On motion our next regular meeting is set apart for the selection of a deacon to fill the vacancy of Bro. W. A. Sims. On motion J. M. Ross, E. L. Spinks and R. H. Shamburger appointed to revise the roll of membership of the church. [Editors's Note: This revision could have resulted in some former members being struck from the record.]

**June 1894**

After sermon by Bro. Culpepper the church went into conference. Committee in Bro. White's case reported Bro. W. V. White failed to comply with the rules of the church and was on motion excluded. On motion, election of a deacon was taken up which resulted in the election of Bro. J. A. Pigford. The clerk was instructed to write Bro. C. C. Vaughn to assist in the ordination of Bro. Pigford as Deacon, and Bro. R. H. Shamburger for the ministry.

**July 1894**

Bro. C. C. Vaughn being present for the purpose of assisting in the ordination of an elder and a deacon, preached an interesting sermon after which the church met in conference. Sister Mary Brown presented a letter of recommendation from Hickory Grove Church and was on motion received. Committee appointed two months ago to revise the rule asked for instruction and was instructed by the church to write or consult with all those members who do not attend church and try to get them to come and assist in the cause with us. The clerk tendered his resignation as such to take effect at the August meeting, which was received. Bro. T. G. Pigford was elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy. The clerk made a voluntary confession for Bro. C. C. McDaniel and called for letters of dismissal for Bro. McDaniel and wife. On motion, acknowledgment was received and the letters granted. On motion, adjourned. W. C. Culpepper, moderator, J. A. Pigford, Clk.

**Sunday, July 2, 1894**

After sermon by Bro. C. C. Vaughn, the church met in conference. At 10:00 o'clock the Presbytry examined the candidates for ordination adter which Bro. Vaughn preached us an excellent sermon. Then the closing Ordination Service was administered in a very impressive manner. It was decided to hold our regular series of meetings commencing at our next regular meeting and our pastor was instructed to get such help as he thought necessary. J. A. Pigford, Clerk.

**A LIST THE NAMES OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH (NO DATES)**

Wright Pigford	W. H. Rawson
S. H. Shannon	Ira Buckaloo
E. J. Sawyer	B. F. Chatham
Daniel Love	Alonzo Terrell
Bony Williams	R. F. Peary
Robert Williams	A. Odom?
Elias Barefield	Jesse Ross
Joseph Terrell	J. B. Eaves

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T. S. Pigford	J. W. Page
F. D. Pigford	Joseph Webb
Isaac Brown	C. F. Shannon
Riley Shamburger	W. C. Rogers
James Newton	F. B. Terrell (?)
Thornton Collins	A. J. Pigford (Dismissed by letter)
R.H. Camp, minister	W. A. Sims
John J. Terrell	J. F. McDonald
Elias Rawson	James Dearman
Robert Brown, Jr.	Samuel Shannon
T.E. Moore	W. J. J. Terrell
G.H. Shamburger	Jesse Dearman
B.F. Lowe	J. M. Shamburger
James Boswell	John Ross - Excluded
J.G. Knox	Thomas Sims - Excluded
William Gressett	Joseph Page
Robert Bell	Charley Page
T.E. Shannon	John Phillips
Robert H. Shamburger	Richmon Harper
Rachel Terrell	Erastus Sawyer
Erastus Pigford	Solomon Wilson (excluded)
Thomas Pope	Lawson Wallas (Wallace)
Macon Merrell	Jefferson Burkhalter
Andrew Dearman	B. H. McKelvin (dismissed)
B. Robinson (Berry)	B. F. Deason (dismissed by letter)
Moses Sims	John Baily (Bailey)
W.B. Shamburger	R. G. Wilson
Joseph Shannon	Henry Newton (excluded)
Augustus Pigford	Edmon Newton
John Sims	Moody Sims (dismissed by letter)
Henry Pope (Dismissed)	Briggs (Dismissed)
Timothy Brown (dismissed)	Timothy Page (excluded)
son King (Excluded)	James Boswell (Dismissed)
Martha Egnew (Agnew) (dismissed)	
Margaret Jane Egnew (Agnew) (Dismissed)	
Margaret Martin (dismissed)	Daniel Sims
Cyrus White	A. P. Shamburger (excluded)
Lorenzo Camp (Excluded)	?wing Page (excluded)
Samuel Lacy (Dismissed)	John Robinson (Dismissed)
Henry Dearman	John Wilson

**Undated List of Female Members**

Lucretia Pigford	Helen Newton
Elizabeth Bony (Boney)	C. M. Knox
Katharine White	N. E. Sims
Mary Shamburger	Olive Bradley
Mary Z. Terrell	C. C. Camp
Martha E. White	Caroline Lowe
Mary J. Lowe	Cinthia L. Hall
Sarah A. Williams	M. O. Pigford
Elizabeth Odom	Felisha Shamburger
Elsa M. Boney	Thankford (?) Page
Elizabeth Rogers	Olive F. Pigford

Gaska C.M. Brown	Elizabeth Warbington
Mary Wilkinson	Nancy B. Newton
Almira S. White	Margaret Shamburger
Ann Pigford	Amanda Sawyer
Mary Boney	Sebelle Lowe
Sarah Newton	Mary Ann Wilkinson
Melissa Eaves	Mary Satcher
Mary E. Page	Mary Coker
Elenor Pearce	J. J. Page
Elizabeth Curry	Winaford Brown
Margaret Thompson	Rebecca Lee
Mary Newton	Lizzy Pigford (excluded)
L.C. Pigford	Mary Egnew (Agnew)
M.J. Pigford	Eliza Egnew
Catharine Pigford	Martha L. Pigford
Mary Person	M. C. Brown
Jane A. Phillips	M. S. Brown
Mary L. Barefield	A. E. Dearman
Cootney A. Ross	Jane Egnew
Josephine Nettles	Clementine Sawyer
M.E. Lowe	Olive Pigford
Elizabeth Sawyer	Jacy (?) Pearce (excluded Dismissed)
Elizabeth Rawson	Martha Phillips
Elenor H. Rogers	Eliza Rawson
Nettie Shannon	Sallie Nolen
Mary Rawson	M. Barefield
Nancy Buckaloo	Lizzie R. McKelvin (dismissed)
Mary E. Chatham	Ofelia Sims
Martha J. Spinks	Martha Gressett
P.A. McPhail	? McPhail
Annie Wilkinson	Nancy Wilkinson
Martha Egnew (Dismissed)	Margaret Martin (Dismissed)
Margaret Jane Egnew (Dismissed)	Mary Shamburger
Sallie Brown	Henrietta Culpepper
Susan Dean (Dismissed)	Isadoria Terrell (excluded)
Mary Boswell (Dismissed)	Olive Sims
Emmaline Sims	Mary Anderson
Catharine White	Caska (?) White
Ella Lacy	

**List of Names of Members Oct. 1880 Males**

Wright Pigford (Died 7/29/81)	Riley Shamburger Died 7/5/89
S. H. Shannon Oct. 8, Dec. 83 ,.died??	
E. J. Sawyer Dismissed, Died 1889)	
Daniel Lowe - Died 1882	James Newton
Joseph Terrell - Died 1882	
T. S. Pigford Dismissed April 84	
T. D. Pigford (mistake in name)	



R. H. Camp, minister. Dismissed 2/19/1888 Restored Sept. 90  
 Elias Rawson  
 F. E. Moore Dismissed 5/84  
 G. H. Shamburger  
 B. F. Lowe Dismissed  
 J. G. Knox-Excluded June 81, restored July 88, dismissed Aug. 88  
 Robert Lee Dismissed May 83  
 T. E. Shannon Dismissed April 84  
 Robert H. Shamburger  
 Rachel Terrell Deceased June 1884  
 H. H. Rawson  
 Ira Buckaloe Dismissed May 83  
 B. F. Chatham  
 Alonzo Terrell  
 J. M. Ross  
 J. B. Eaves Died 9/12/1884  
 J. W. Page Died 25 June 1881  
 Joseph Webb Dismissed  
 C. F. Shannon Dismissed April 84  
 W. C. Rogers Dismissed April 84  
 Wm. A. Sims  
 J. F. McDonal Dismissed Aug. 85  
 J. W. Dearman Dismissed April 84  
 Samuel Shannon Dismissed April 84  
 W. J. J. Terrell Dismissed  
 Jessie Dearman  
 J. M. Shamburger  
 Joseph Page Died May 14, 1889  
 Richmon Harper  
 John Phillips  
 Erastus Sawyer  
 Erastus Pigford Dismissed April 84  
 Thomas Pope  
 Macon Merrell Dismissed  
 M. D. Sims  
 W. B. Shamburger Dismissed July 1890  
 J. T. Pigford Dismissed April 84  
 Green Pigford  
 Joseph Shannon Excluded Restored 9/86, Dismissed Sept. 80  
 Augustus Pigford  
 John G. Sims Restored Jan. 90  
 Timothy Page Dismissed Aug. 89 Restored Sept. 90  
 Daniel H. Sims  
 Cyrus White Excluded 1883, Excluded 87 Restored (marked out)  
 T. A. T. Shamburger Excluded 1882  
 Lorenzo Camp Excluded 1883  
 Samuel Lacy Dismissed Sept. 1886  
 John Robertson Dismissed May 83  
 Henry Dearman  
 John Wilson Dismissed 12/3/1889  
 Lawson Wallace Excluded  
 Jefferson Burkhalter Excluded 1883, Restored

B. F. Deason Dismissed Sept. 1885  
James Lowe Excluded May 84  
W. D. Still Dismissed 84  
R. F. Terrell Excluded Restored  
John Bailey Died Oct. 1881  
B. Roberson Dismissed 83  
Eddie Culpepper  
R. M. Camp

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Joseph A. Pigford  
James L. Britton  
Allen Knight (Name slashed out)  
A. E. Knight F. M. Merritt  
R. Y. Wilson  
J. A. Lankford Dismissed Nov. 15, 1885  
J. T. Pigford Dismissed Aug. 1887  
E. L. Spinks  
C. C. McDaniel  
W. A. Sims Sr. died 1888  
T. D. Brown Dismissed Aug. 86  
H. J. Shannon Dismissed Sept. 86  
J. Hurt  
J. W. Swanner T.L. Mosley

**Male Names 1880?**

T. M. Sims Deacon  
G. W. Welch Dismissed April 1888  
J. E. Eaves  
I. B. Camp  
A. A. Pigford (dis. Feb. 19, 88) mistake  
R. L. Shamburger Restored Aug. 90  
Charley Pigford  
William More (Moore)  
Edgar Spinks  
Charlie Spinks  
Howard Ross  
Ezer Eaves  
Lee Pigford  
Joe Pigford  
R. M. Sims  
Wm. Sims  
Walter Terrell  
Frank Swanner  
Wm. Swanner  
Eli Collins  
Marion Rawson



Catharine Wallace	Jane A. Phillips
Mary L. Barefield	Coatney A. Ross
C. M. Knox (dismissed July 1884)	
N. E. Briggs	Olive Scott (Dismissed)
C. C. Camp (Dismissed Feb. 19, 1888)	
Caroline Lowe (died)	Talitha Shamburger
Thankford Webb (dismissed)	
Olive R. Pigford (Dismissed April 84)	
Elizabeth Warbington	Nancy B. Spinks
Margaret Spinks	Amanda Sawyer (died)
Sebelle Lowe (dismissed Oct. 87)	
Maryann Wilkinson (died)	
Mary E. Coker (died June 26, 1882)	
J.J. Page (died Aug. 29, 1883)	
Rebecca Hawkins	Eliza Harper
Martha L. Sims	M. C. Rudder (lost sight of)
M. L. Garrison (dismissed)	
A. E. Dearman (dismissed April 84)	
Josephine Nettles Gilbert (Nettles marked out. Died July 1884)	
Elizabeth Sawyer Yagen (Sawyer marked out)	
Helen H. Rogers (dismissed April 1884)	
Nettie Shannon (dismissed April 1884)	
Mary Rawson	
Nancy Buckaloe (dismissed May 83)	
Mary E. Chatham	
Martha J. Spinks Clark (dismissed Sept. 86)	
Conna McFall (McPhail)	
Annie Dearman	
Nancy Wilkinson	
Mary Shamburger	
Henrietta Eaves (died Apr. 9, 1890)	
Olive T. Sims Lee	
L. E. Sims	
Jane Anderson (dismissed May 84)	
Catharine Page (dismissed March 89)	
Ghasky White Ellison (dismissed June 1886)	
Clementine Sawyer (died Aug. 1885)	
Olive Pigford (dismissed April 84)	
Martha E. Phillips	
Eliza Rawson (Wilson)	
Sarah Nolen	
M. Barefield (died)	
Ofelia Sims (dismissed Feb. 20, 1886)	
Martha Gressett	
Mary Shannon (dismissed April 84)	

A. Culpepper  
 M. C. Lankford (dismissed Nov. 85)  
 H. E. Gresset (Excluded April 88)  
 J. Burkhalter E. Griffin  
 S. D. Newman (dismissed 20 Feb. 1886)  
 M. J. Pigford (dismissed Aug. 1887)  
 Catharine King (dismissed Aug. 89)  
 Willie Collier (dis. Oct. 85)  
 Mrs. C. C. McDaniel  
 Susan Hart (dismissed Sept. 86)  
 S. Swanner  
 N. E. Sims  
 N. I. Camp  
 Lula Rawson  
 J. A. Hurt  
 J. S. Hurt  
 Mary Sims  
 J. V. Welch (dismissed April 88)  
 L. V. Spinks  
 I. A. Chatham  
 C. A. Wallace (Wallace)  
 M. A. Spinks  
 N. I. Spinks  
 Lula Culpepper McDonald  
 Lillie Coker (died May 10, 1890)  
 Elizabeth Griffith  
 Malinda Rawson (died)  
 Ella Ross  
 Rilla Page  
 Eleanor Merritt  
 Mollie Hurt  
 Fannie White  
 Maggie Terrell  
 Fannie Lester  
**List of Male Members Revised 1890**  
 T. D. Pigford  
 R. H. Camp M. G. (Richard H.)  
 Elias Rawson  
 R. H. Shamburger  
 B. F. Chatham  
 A. C. Terrell (Dismission by withdrawal of Feb.)  
 J. M. Ross (deacon)  
 Wm. A. Sims (Deacon - lettered) (Dismissed by letter)  
 Jesse Dearman (dismissed by letter Nov. 1, 1891)  
 J. M. Shamburger  
 J. T. Phillips (lettered) (means dismissed by letter)  
 Erastus Sawyer  
 James Newton  
 G. H. Shamburger  
 H. H. Rawson  
 W. R. Harper

**List of Male Members Revised 1890 (cont.)**

T. J. Pope M.D. Sims  
T. G. Pigford Augustus (?) Pigford  
J. G. Sims (?) T. W. Pope  
L. H. Sims  
Henry Deason (dismissed by letter Jan. 3, 1891)  
J. D. Burkhalter  
R. F. Terrell (dismissed by letter)  
T. E. Collier (?)  
R. M. Camp (?) (lettered - dismissed by letter)  
J. A. Pigford J. L. Britton (excluded)  
A. E. Merritt F. M. Merritt  
R. Y. Wilson E. L. Spinks  
C. C. McDaniel (lettered - dismissed by letter)  
J. L. Hurt (or J.P.)  
J. W. Swanner P. D. Mosley  
T. M. Sims - deacon (lettered) J. E. Eaves  
A. B. Camp (lettered) A. A. Pigford  
R. L. Shamburger (lettered) A. J. Pigford  
? Pigford (Charley?) W. W. Moore  
Edgar Spinks Joined by experience Aug. 90  
Chap. M. Spinks (excluded Aug. 1890)  
Howard Ross Joined by experience Aug. 90  
Ezell Eaves - Joined by experience Aug. 90  
Lee Pigford Joined by experience Aug. 90  
Jas. Pigford Joined by experience Aug. 90  
R. M. Sims (lettered) Joined by experience Aug. 90  
Wm. Sims (lettered & marked out) Joined by experience Aug. 90  
Walter Terrell (lettered) Joined by experience Aug. 90  
Frank Swanner Wm. Swanner Joined by experience Aug. 90  
Eli Collins Joined by experience Aug. 90  
G.W. Rawson Joined by experience Aug. 90  
Marion Rawson W.V. White (excluded)  
Jesse Catlett letter  
Charlie Still joined by letter Nov. 1890  
J. M. McDonald joined by letter Dec. 1890  
J. W. Blanks joined by letter Sept. 1891  
L. B. Hancock joined by experience Sept. 1891  
George Sims joined by experience Sept. 1891

Johnnie Ross, Jr. - joined by experience Sept. 1891  
 Anquilla Spinks (Lettered) - joined by experience Sept. 1891  
 Joseph Pigford - joined by experience Sept. 1891  
 Isaac Spinks - joined by experience Sept. 1891  
 L. Wallace (restored)  
 C. White - joined by experience Sept. 1891  
 Rankin Harding (dismissed by letter Dec. 1891) joined by  
 experience Oct. 1891  
 George Harding (dismissed by letter Dec. 1891) joined by  
 experience Nov. 1891  
 Robert Hurt (lettered) joined by letter May 1892  
 Duncan Eaves joined by experience August 1892  
 Anquilla Pigford joined by experience August 1892  
 Billie Coker joined by experience August 1892  
 Lee Coker joined by experience August 1892  
 Cap (?) Marrettee joined by experience August 1892  
 Arthur Spinks joined by experience August 1892  
 Jesse Dearman, Jr. joined by letter August 1892  
 Henry Burkhalter joined by experience August 1892  
 Peter Shamburger restored August 1892  
 Davis Merrette joined by experience August 1892  
 Meada Boswell joined by experience August 1892  
 Joseph Phillips (lettered) joined by experience August 1892  
 Jesse Dearman Sr. joined by letter August 1892  
 Ada Eaves joined by experience August 1892  
 P. N. Wells (lettered) joined by letter August 1892  
 W. L. Bankston (?) joined by experience August 1892  
 Willis Merrett (excluded Sept. 92) joined by experience August  
 1892  
 George Pope joined by experience August 1892  
 Robt. Phillips (lettered) joined by experience Sept. 1892  
 Simeon Harding (Lettered) joined by experience Sept. 1892  
 Wm. Griffith joined by experience Sept. 1893  
 John Harper joined by experience Sept. 1893  
 James Harper joined by experience Sept. 1893  
 Elbert Knight joined by experience Sept. 1893

**Females 1890 revised**

Lucretia Pigford - wife of Wright Pigford  
 Ghasky C. M. Brown                      Mary L. Barefield  
 Mary Dearman                              Coatney A. Ross  
 Melissa Eaves                              Nancy E. Briggs (removed to parts  
 Mary Newton                                      unknown  
 L. C. Pigford  
 Catharine Wallace  
 Jane A. Phillips (Lettered)

**Female Members revised 1890**

Talitha Shamburger (died July 1892)  
Elizabeth Warbington (dismissed) (marked out)  
C. C. Camp (lettered)  
Nancy B. Spinks  
Rebecca Hawkins  
Martha L. Sims  
Mary Rawson  
Annie Dearman  
Mary A. Shamburger  
L.E. Sims (lettered)  
Eliza Wilson  
Ophelia Sims  
Clementine Pigford  
Charlotte Rawson  
Mary Coker  
Sarah D. Merrett (lettered Feb. 1, 1891)  
Mary Williams (died)  
Mary A. Camp (lettered)  
Sarah Shamburger  
Ada Sims  
Sarah Terrell  
C. Ella Pigford  
Dillon E. Pigford  
M. J. Burkhalter  
Annie Culpepper  
J. Burkhalter  
E. Griffeth Excluded Sept. 1893  
Catharine King  
Mrs. C. C. McDaniel  
S. Swanner  
Nettie E. Sims (lettered)  
Virginia I. Camp (lettered scratched out)  
Lula Rawson  
J. A. Hurt  
J. S. Hurt  
Mary Sims (lettered)  
Lula T. Spinks  
Margaret Spinks  
Eliza Harper  
Elizabeth Yeager  
Mary E. Chatham  
Nancy Wilkinson  
Olive T. Lee (lettered)  
Martha C. Phillips (lettered)  
Sarah Nolen  
Martha Gressett (lettered)  
Lucy Page (died July 1894)  
Vina Burkhalter  
L.J. Terrell (lettered)  
Martha Knight  
Alice Mosley  
Minnie V. Wallace  
Henrietta Barefield  
Sarah M. Pigford



Ida A. Chatham	Nora I. Spinks
C. A. Wallace	Alma Spinks
Lula McDonald	Elizabeth Griffeth
Ella Ross	

Rilla Page joined by experience Aug.?  
Eleanor Merrett joined by experience Aug.?  
Mary Hurt joined by experience Aug.?  
Maggie Terrell (lettered) joined by experience Aug.?  
Bessie Page joined by experience Aug.?  
Lillie White joined by experience Sept.  
Fannie White joined by letter Sept.  
Fannie Lester (lettered) joined by experience Aug.?  
Elizabeth Hurt joined by letter Sept.  
Mary F. Page joined by letter Sept.  
? Burkhalter joined by experience Aug.?  
Maggie Stacy joined by letter Nov.  
Lela E. Catlett joined by letter Nov.  
Rebecca McDonald joined by letter Dec.  
Eunice Page joined by experience Sept.  
Ella Chatham joined by experience Sept.  
Lila Lackler (excluded) joined by experience Sept.  
Ida Collins (lettered) joined by experience Sept.  
Della Griffith joined by experience Sept.  
Sallie White joined by letter Sept.  
Minda Rawson (died) joined by experience Sept.  
Sallie Sims joined by experience Sept.  
Nettie Blanks joined by experience Sept.  
Sarah White joined by experience Sept.  
Blanche Pigford joined by experience Oct.  
Olivia Warbington joined by experience Oct.  
Evy Crumb joined by experience Aug.  
May Pigford joined by experience Aug.  
Edna Camp (lettered) joined by experience Aug.  
Virgia Sims joined by experience Aug.  
Catharine Blanks (lettered) joined by experience Aug.  
Mattie Harper joined by experience Aug. 1892  
Mary Catlett joined by experience Aug. 1892  
Alma Sims joined by experience Aug. 1892  
Nancy Wilkerson joined by letter Aug. 1892  
Sister Jesse Dearman joined by letter Aug. 1892  
Malissa Harper joined by letter Aug. 1892  
Mary Taylor joined by letter Aug. 1892  
Alma Collins (lettered) joined by letter Aug. 1892  
Lula Collins (lettered) joined by letter Aug. 1892  
Ella Crumb joined by letter Sept.  
Jinnie Harper joined by letter Sept.  
Sarah Catlett joined by letter Sept.  
Ann Harper joined by experience Sept.  
Mrs. Lula Camp joined by letter Sept.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Prior to printing, an 1875 copy of the Bethlehem Association Minutes was found. These minutes reflect that the Association Meeting was held at the Marion Baptist Church, Marion, Miss., on September 24, 25, & 27, 1875. On the Sabbath Day of that meeting Elder R. H. Camp of Mt. Gilead preached to the colored people at 11:00 a.m.

At this meeting Brothers C. T. Ford, R. H. Camp, T. S. Pigford and Wright Pigford served on a committee to visit the New Hope Colored Association. Rev. J. C. Foster served as a representative to the Baptist State Convention. A Committee on the Meridian Female College gave a report which was accepted. This implies that the churches in the Bethlehem Baptist Association furnished support for the institution. It was stated in the minutes that James Truman of Mt. Gilead died during the year.

In the 1883 minutes, there is reference to the death of Brother S. H. Shannon and that he was a good husband, father, and a devoted Christian and very liberal to his church.

The Bethlehem Association Minutes, while limited in number, are available for public viewing in Lauderdale County Department of Archives & History, Inc.

## RAWSON CEMETERY

Near Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Go Russell - Mt Gilead Road. Turn right on Betts Radcliff Road. Continue on 1/4mile, cemetery is on the right.  
Cemetery is fenced and maintained. There are 200 marked graves.

Compiled by  
Joe R. Swain

"Father"

Henry M. Burkhalter  
b. August 7, 1876  
d. May 11, 1947  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Johnye W. Kelley  
b. September 18, 1883  
d. June 16, 1960

James E. Kelley  
b. March 15, 1879  
d. November 2, 1955

Janie Inez Wilson  
b. July 25, 1890  
d. November 23, 1970  
"In loving Memory"

Joseph H. Wilson  
b. April 17, 1886  
d. April 2, 1958  
"In loving memory"

Adam Seth Kimble  
Infant son of Carl &  
Zula Kimble  
September 18, 1978

Mary A. Kittrell  
wife of J. G. Kittrell  
b. March 24, 1884  
d. January 14, 1913  
"As a wife devoted,  
as a mother affectionate,  
as a friend ever kind and true."

"Mother"

Addie Harper  
b. September 29, 1892  
d. August 13, 1973  
"God is love"

Joseph W. Harper  
b. March 10, 1930  
d. December 31, 1972  
"Gone but not forgotten"

"Our Darling"

Doris Lucile Rawson  
daughter of G. R. & Maggie Rawson  
b. October 6, 1921  
d. June 22, 1923

"Daddy"

Charles Ranie Rawson  
b. April 8, 1890  
d. February 4, 1965

"Mama"

Maggie V. Rawson  
b. August 1, 1892  
d.

Hattie B. Harper  
b. November 13, 1901  
d. December 20, 1974

"Mama"

Velma H. Harper  
b. March 7, 1904  
d. March 31, 1982

"Daddy"

Clarence M. Harper  
b. February 1, 1900  
d. December 15, 1957

Helen H. Ratcliff  
b. March 10, 1935  
d. May 31, 1984

Guy W. Rawson  
b. February 1, 1909  
d. September 12, 1965

"Baby"	Mary Elizabeth Boyette
Robert Cecil Rawson	b. May 30, 1925
son of R. Y. and G. G. Rawson	d. October 30, 1926
b. Julyh 28, 1915	
d. May 27, 1916	Minnie Lee Boyette
	b. March 7, 1927
Bobby G. Rawson	d. March 3, 1928
daughter of Mr. & Mrs.	daughter Cliff and Birtie Boyette
R. Y. Rawson	
1926-1943	Ethel May Boyette
"She died as she lived	b. October 16, 1919
a christian"	d. December 7, 1921
"Daddy"	Sherry Diane Dearman
Robert Y. Rawson	dau. of Leo & Ernistine Dearman
b. December 21, 1880	b. August 9, 1951
d. March 1, 1950	d. December 15, 1953
	"Asleep in Jesus"
"Mother"	Cecil Riley Ward
Gladys G. Rawson	Sp. 3 US ARMY, Korea
b. September 24, 1886	b. April 1, 1930
d. July 4, 1966	d. June 14, 1984
William McGrady Camp	
b. September 10, 1866	"Beloved Husband and Father"
d. September 20, 18??	Wiley P. Ward
"Alas the finest fade early,	b. June 30, 1940
And those whome are cherished	d. May 2, 1979
and loved, Too pure ought that	"In loving Memory"
is earthly, Are conveyed by	
angels above."	Lonnie Alvin Ward
	Mississippi PFC 41 TRANS CO
Wiley B. Harper	b. August 2, 1932
b. May 28, 1906	d. September 13, 1955
d. January 12, 1983	
	George F. Ward
"Father"	Mississippi, PVT. ORD. DEPT. WWI
B. W. Harper	b. December 15, 1895
b. January 25, 1864	d. June 8, 1946
d. September 16, 1946	
	"Mother"
"Mother"	Emily G. Ward
Julia B. Harper	b. January 12, 1903
b. December 2, 1865	d. August 2, 1974
d. March 5, 1944	"Asleep in Jesus"
Richard Hal Johnson	James Garner
son of Hall and Joyce Johnson	Co. F, 1st AL Inf., CSA
b. octoober 29, 1944	

Eliza Garner  
b. Decemeber 14, 1866  
d. February 5, 1958  
"At rest"

William C. "Bill" Rawson  
b. April 8, 1906  
d. July 5, 1966

"Mother"  
Bina White Rawson  
b. October 18, 1886  
d. September 7, 1966

"Father" George Marion Swanner  
b. September 7, 1882  
d. September 28, 1945

"Mother" Fannie V. Carlisle  
b. March 4, 1912  
d. March 6, 1943  
"At Rest"

Dirtours(?) D. Rawson  
son of Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Rawson  
b. June 13, 1909  
d. September 24, 1913  
4 years, 3 months, 11 days

Mrs. R. L. Sims  
b. December 25, 1833  
d. February 17, 1916

J.I. Sims  
b. July 4, 1827  
d. February 17, 1916  
"At Rest"

\*\*Marker with noinscription

"Papa" J. Smith Sims  
b. September 17, 1869  
d. December 26, 1938  
"Gone but not forgotten"

"Mother"  
Lizzie Swanner  
b. June 8, 1871  
d. January 25, 1939

"Father" Frank Swanner  
b. September 2, 1871  
d. September 4, 1948  
"God Took them Home, it was  
his will"

Jodie Lindsey Sawanner  
b. January 11, 1978  
d. February 5, 1978

?? Swanner  
b. July 16, 1905  
d. May 27, 1980?

J. S. Griffith  
b. 1879  
d. 1956

Roy Conner  
b. January 5, 1934  
d. April 16, 1989

Jean Schmidt  
b. April 24, 1919  
d. January 26, 1889

G. W. Rawson "Our Father"  
b. July 16, 1855  
d. February 27, 1900  
"At Rest"

A. A. Rawson "Our Mother"  
b. January 11, 1855  
d. February 1, 1927

Miss Lou Carr  
b. July 4, 1842  
d. May 26, 1927  
"Not forgotten"

Vera Sims  
b. February 7, 1898  
d. October 27, 1919  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Loueda E. Knox  
wife wife of W. T. Sims  
b. May 15, 1874  
d. December 25, 1905

Lillie May Sims  
b. October 17, 1895  
d. August 27, 1900  
"Tis so hard to give her up  
but thy will, O God, be done"

"Mother" Willie Ruth Higginbotham  
b. November 9, 1934  
d. January 6, 1990  
"Asleep in Jesus"

"Dad" James W. Crawford  
b. July 13, 1907  
d. August 4, 1989

"Mom" Neater W. Crawford  
b. November 30, 1916

"Father" James Owen Rawson  
b. January 25, 1870  
d. April 2, 1947  
"Asleep in Jesus"

Dewitt T. Steele  
Mississippi, PVT. 313 Aux. Rmt.  
Depost OMC WWI  
b. June 24, 1898  
d. November 17, 1963

"Mother" Evie White Rawson  
b. April 2, 1881  
d. April 26, 1946  
"Asleep in Jesus"

"Our Mother" F. E. White  
b. January 29, 1860  
d. November 10, 1926  
"At rest"

"Our Father" W. V. White  
b. April 1, 1855  
d. April 6, 1925  
"At rest"

"Mother" Ruth Crawford White  
b. July 7, 1881  
d. December 30, 1958

William Monroe White  
b. September 11, 1892  
d. March 17, 1976  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Eugene Lackey  
b. September 12, 1864  
d. October 14, 1917  
"At Rest"

L. A. Johnson  
b. December 23, 1857  
d. August 11, 1887  
"Gone but not forgotten"

L. S. Rawson  
b. March 17, 1894  
d. January 12, 1895  
"Gone but not forgotten"

L. E. Harper  
No other data

George W. Harper  
b. August 24, 1889  
d. December 5, 1955

Evelyn M. Harper  
April 19, 1911

Edgar U. S. Rawson  
Cpl. US ARMY, WWII  
b. May 8, 1917  
d. December 5, 1983

Margaret T. Pace  
b. September 2, 1913  
d. January 31, 1987

Barney D. Pace  
b. July 6, 1909  
d. June 20, 1987

"Papa"

James M. Knight  
b. January 8, 1880  
d. June 27, 1966

"Mother"

Susie M. Knight  
b. July 21, 1889  
d. June 6, 1941

"Grandmother"

Margaret McMullen  
b. March 25, 1866  
d. June 2, 1944

"Daddy" William W. Steele

b. April 7, 1888  
d. February 1, 1955  
"gone but not forgotten"

"Mama" Vinnie Harper Steele

b. October 1, 1891  
d. Septemeber 1, 1963  
"Gone but not forgotten"

"Daddy"

Horace Earl Steele  
b. August 27, 1922  
d. June 30, 1982

"Mama" Hazel Delores Steele  
b. December 15, 1921

R. F. Pierce  
Co. C. 41st MS Inf. CSA  
b. May 14, 1834  
d. February 10, 1910

William H. White  
b. March 11, 1883  
d. October 21, 1883

Edna White  
b. December 27, 1888  
d. February 4, 1900

Arthor C. White  
b. December 19, 1898  
d. December 11, 1899

Alonzo White  
b. June 19, 1895  
d. May 29, 1896

C. L. Rawson  
Co. C. 41st MS Inf. CSA  
b. July 17, 1840  
d. April 10, 1920

"Mother" Frances Knight Cody  
b. April 20, 1891  
d. September 11, 1969

"Son"

John J. Cody, Jr.  
b. January 14, 1915  
d. February 4, 1915

"Daughter"

Carrie May Cody  
b. April 17, 1913  
d. March 2, 1927

"Father"

Allen Elbert Knight  
b. December 15, 1847  
d. March 1, 1920

"Mother"

Martha Elizabeth Knight  
b. February 25, 1851  
d. February 18, 1920



"Brother" John W. Knight  
b. May 23, 1876  
d. December 9, 1882

Earl Gressett  
son of Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Gressett  
May 21, 1939

"Sister"  
Esther Knight  
b. June 20, 1895  
d. September 28, 1959

"Sister" Evelyn Harper  
b. March 23, 1933  
d. September 28, 1921  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Willie Marvin Boyette  
Infant son of W. H.  
& Hettie Boyette  
b. February 12, 1912  
d. March 10, 1912  
"Asleep in Jesus"

"Brother"  
James M. Harper  
b. April 23, 1929  
d. August 17, 1936  
"Gone but not forgotten"

James Leon Knight  
b. January 13, 1908  
d. December 19, 1909  
"From mother's arms to the arms  
of Jesus"

Everett Harper, Jr.  
Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. E.  
H. Harper  
January 17, 1946

Otis Lavelle Knight  
son of J. M. and Susie Knight  
"Asleep in Jesus"

M. Elizabeth Chambers  
b. January 28, 1868  
d. November 30, 1935

Cecil L. Knight  
b. September 4, 1927  
d. January 15, 1929

John C. Chambers  
b. January 22, 1857  
d. April 8, 1922  
"In Loving Memory"

"Wife & Mother" Mary E. Knight  
b. August 31, 1909  
d. February 23, 1964  
"Faithful to her trust even unto death"

"Father"  
Thomas G. Chambers  
b. June 20, 1864  
d. October 31, 1924  
"Asleep in Jesus"

Horace E. Steele  
DPC US NAVY WWII, Korea  
b. August 27, 1922  
d. June 30, 1982

Note: Above ground vault  
Sacred to the memory of  
Catharine  
wife of R. T. Gordon  
August 3rd 1818  
Aged 31 years

Infant Vault  
Cannot read data  
Infant Child of Gordon

"Mother"  
Mace B. Harper  
b. June 30, 1928

Elizabeth Peavy  
b. 1803  
d. May 29, 1876

Louisa Moore  
b. March 16, 1821  
d. October 25, 1889  
"Our mother gone but not for  
gotten"

Note: Aove ground vault (Broken)  
Sacred to the Memory of Mary Ann  
wife of R. T. Gordon  
daughter of D. W. & T. C. Lockett  
She died November 19th 1853  
Aged 21 years and 11 months.

Connie L. Langford  
Mississippi Pvt. US ARMY WWII  
b. April 19, 1921  
d. May 15, 1972

"Father"  
John Griffin Gressett  
b. June 12, 1871  
d. September 5, 1946  
"Gone but not forgotten"

"Mother"  
Effie E. Langford  
b. November 5, 1889  
d. February 24, 1968  
"She is bot dead but sleepeth"

"Mother" Melissa E. Harper  
b. March 14, 1878  
d. March 6, 1957

John A. Langford  
b. September 11, 1914  
d. February 23, 1927

"Husband"  
Floyd Gressett  
b. September 15, 1893  
d. May 8, 1967  
"Asleep in Jesus"

"Father"  
Monroe J. Harper  
b. November 17, 1875  
d. August 3, 1948

?? Gressett  
b. Octiber 9, ????  
d. January ?, ????

Mamie E. Harper  
wife of M. J. Harper  
b. March 24, 1883  
d. November 12, 1922  
"A loving wife and a faithful  
mother"

"Daddy"  
Norman Keith Harper  
b. August 14, 1926  
d. November 15, 1972  
"In God's Care"

Infant son of  
Roy H. and Cynthia Culpepper  
May 19, 1919

"Mother" Annie Culpepper  
b. May 20, 1864  
d. February 16, 1902

Preston N. Boswell  
b. October 17, 1921  
d. October 18, 1921

Horace A. Boswell  
b. December 14, 1905  
d. November 14, 1919

"Mother"  
Adelle Boswell  
b. June 4, 1885  
d. September 13, 1931  
"Asleep in Jesus"

"Papa"  
Thomas W. Boswell  
b. November 16, 1883  
d. March 30, 1956  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Larry Keith Harper  
b. July 6, 1948  
d. July 8, 1948  
"Our loved one"

Mary Warine Fayard  
b. July 29, 1912  
d. February 28, 1990

Daughter of Lillian Harper &  
Lindley Giles  
"Our little angel"  
Mamie Doris Giles  
b. May 3, 1926  
d. July 6, 1927

William Leo Harper, Jr.  
Infant son of Leo and Shirley  
b. December 15, 1967  
d. December 16, 1967  
"In Heaven"

Claudia Harper  
b. April 27, 1908  
d. December 31, 1989

"Daddy" Alonzo Bryan Harper  
b. March 13, 1900  
d. October 26, 1949  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Maggie T. Purvis  
b. December 1864  
d. December 1934  
"Home with Jesus"

Thomas Michael Purvis  
b. February 16, 1888  
d. October 16, 1918  
"In loving memory"

William O. Purvis  
b. November 27, 1882  
d. March 25, 1912  
"With Christ in Heaven"

William W. Purvis  
b. 1859  
d. October 1919  
"Home with Jesus"

Jack Purvis  
b. August 1881  
d. March 1922  
"Home with Jesus"

William H. harper  
b. November 18, 1893  
d. July 2, 1972

Elizabeth P. Harper  
b. December 8, 1899  
d. December 18, 1977

Stodard Babies

In Memory of William H. Stodard son of W. L. & H. T. Stodard b. July 2, 1902 d. June 28, 1910 "Fell asleep in Jesus" Aged 7 years, 11 months, 26 days	Harper Cannot read data on marker
Elizie Sanders MS F 3 US NAVY b. February 1, 1903 d. June 2, 1953	Charity Ann Harper b. January 31, 1861 d. June 16, 1950
Mattie Wright Richardson wife of J. H. Richardson 1879-1941	Cynthea T. Harper d. August 9, 1903
"Mother" Mary E. Wright d. March 16, 1938 Aged 86 years	"Our Father" J. Henry Harper Husband of N. L. Harper b. June 17, 1848 d. January 29, 1884 "Gone but not forgotten"
William Richard Harper 1846-1920	Nancy L. Harper wife of J. H. Harper b. February 2, 1851 d. April 13, 1916
Eliza Harper 1852-1904	"Papa" Benjamin Oliver Harper b. February 17, 1880 d. June 4, 1948 "God is love"
"Mother" Rosa E. Harper b. August 2, 1854 d. April 17, 1918 "At rest"	"Mama" Lucretia McMullen Harper b. May 27, 1882 d. February 11, 1921 "God is love"
"Father" James M. Harper b. May 12, 1856 d. Febraury 28, 1938 "At rest"	H. Bennett Ward b. December 24, 1905 d. October 5, 1975
Myrtle L. Steele daughter of W. W. & Vinie Steele b. September 11, 1920 d. October 5, 1921	"Mother" Virginia Ward b. March 10, 1871 d. January 22, 1940
"Daddy" James Comar Wright b. April 1, 1884 d. February 17, 1947 "Gone but not forgotten"	"Brother" Leon Ward b. March 20, 1900 d. December 12, 1918
	"Father" Thomas Ward b. January 14, 1871 d. February 10, 1910

<p>"Mother" Carrie Elizabeth Collins  b. July 2, 1888  d. August 12, 1970  "At Rest in Jesus"</p>	<p>"Baby"  Earl Glenn Harper  son of P. E. &amp; Edith Harper  May 27, 1943</p>
<p>"Father"  Columbus D. Collins  b. December 31, 1879  d. March 10, 1961  "Gone but not forgotten"</p>	<p>Alfred (Pete) Harper  b. August 27, 1895  d. December 17, 1971</p>
<p>"Father and Husband"  W. D. Harper  b. November 6, 1872  d. May 12, 1930</p>	<p>Evie Harper  b. December 20, 1895  d. January 17, 1980</p>
<p>"Mother"  Martha Ella Wright  b. September 12, 1881  d. March 8, 1954  "A loving mother and faithful wife"</p>	<p>Winnie B. Harper  wife of W. G. Harper  b. October 15, 1876  d. October 28, 1910</p>
<p>George W. Wright  b. August 9, 1881  d. March 1, 1952  "A loving father and a faithful friend"</p>	
<p>Ella Mae Wright  b. December 13, 1905  d. February 20, 1956  "Faithful to her trust even unto death."</p>	

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

LOCATED AT MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CURCH

COMPILED BY

JOE R. SWAIN

Claudia P. Harper  
b. August 13, 1886  
d. September 22, 1968  
"At rest"

Katie M. Pigford  
daughter of W. F. & M. C. Pigford  
b. October 11, 1890  
d. February 5, 1892

Carl Rushing Harper  
b. October 8, 1917  
d. April 23, 1985

Floyd K. Pigford  
MS SGT. Battery F. 140 FA 39 DIV  
b. March 10, 1893  
d. October 26, 1956

Verna Mae M. Harper  
b. June 28, 1919

Monroe J. Gressett  
"Father"  
b. January 31, 1912  
d. January 11, 1978  
"In my father's house are  
many mansions"

"Daddy"  
Curtis A. Knight  
b. October 2, 1910  
d. October 1, 1982

"Mother"  
Lucille M. Knight  
b. October 30, 1913  
"Memory Lane" "Gone but not forgotten"

"Mother"  
Ruth J. Gressett  
b. August 30, 1912

"Husband & father"  
James H. Lancaster, Sr.  
b. May 1, 1898  
d. December 12, 1986  
"In Loving Memory"

A. J. Pigford  
1848-1913  
"At rest"

"Wife & Mother"  
Velma Irby Lancaster  
b. December 8, 1903  
d. April 18, 1975  
"In loving memory"

David Edwin Hughes  
infant son of John & Lottie Hughes  
b. May? 2, 1906  
d. June 4, 1906

"Mother"  
Mary C. Pigford  
b. January 24, 1867  
d. August 23, 1938  
"In memoriam"  
Supreme Rest Woodmen Circle

Joe E. Pigford  
1875-1918  
Woodmen of the World  
Dum Tact Clamat

"Father" W. Floyd Pigford  
b. November 15, 1867  
d. March 21, 1938

Marie P. Harper  
b. April 30, 1925

Woodmen of the World Memorial Dum Tacet Clamat

Willard H. Harper  
b. September 18, 1927  
d. May 7, 1984

Gevilla C. Pigford daughter of W. & L. Pigford b. August 19, 1860 d. March 28, 1907 "Her life was like a half bloom rose, closed are the shade of ??????"	Annie Louise Pigford b. January 16, 1907 d. May 19, 1974
	Parker Pigford b. August 4, 1904 d. September 10, 1979
Lucretia Pigford wife of W. Pigford b. May 22, 1822 d. May 22, 1907	Dillon Powell wife of C. W. Powell b. October 21, 1870 d. September 2, 1903
F. A. Pigford b. March 14, 1857 d. June 28, 1914 "Thy God has claimed thee as his own"	T. D. Pigford b. October 22, 1908 d. January 27, 1908???
Jimmie R. Johnson b. November 22, 1930 d. May 2, 1982	Catherine Pigford b. June 23, 1847 d. December 30, 1919
Karen D. Knight Wheeler b. April 6, 1959 d. March 16, 1986 "She was the sunshine of our home"	"Mother" Minnie E. Knox b. March 14, 1879 d. May 4, 1969 "In loving memory"
J. Kurvin Deas b. March 20, 1907 d. November 13, 1986 "In loving memory"	Robert Blake Mitchell b. September 8, 1922 d. October 28, 1979
Pauline P. Deas b. December 28, 1905 February 13, 1981 "In loving memory"	Kathryn Judith Mitchell b. June 28, 1923 "Our Father which are in Heaven" d. Married June 20, 1942
Charles Alfred Pigford "Father" b. February 1, 1871 d. June 9, 1948 "He was the sunshine of our home"	Doris Pigford daughter of J. A. & N. E. Pigford b. November 12, 1906 d. May 9, 1908
Mary Ella Pigford "Mother" b. August 26, 1875 d. February 12, 1938 "She was the sunshine of our home"	J. P. "Dick" Burkhalter b. June 15, 1894 d. April 23, 1973
	Clara Mamie Burkhalter b. October 17, 1901 d. January 17, 1969 "In God's Care"



Sacred to the memory of  
Virgie M. Sims  
daughter of M. D. & M. L. Sims  
b. June 3, 1880  
d. November 3, 1910

"Brother" Vernon E. Sims  
son of M. D. & M. L. Sims  
b. August 26, 1893  
d. February 28, 1913

Walter W. Sims  
1885-1928

Nell C. Sims  
wife of W. W. Sims  
1887 - 1920

Blanche Lummus  
b. July 31, 1909  
d. February 28, 1988

John Preston Shaw  
infant son of Jim & Sylvia Shaw  
b. December 15, 1959  
d. December 16, 1959  
"Gone to be an angel"

Mose D. Sims  
"Father"  
b. August 13, 1848  
d. March 19, 1930

Martha L. Sims  
"Mother"  
b. March 21, 1850  
d. December 16, 1932

William P. Sims  
"Brother"  
b. July 2, 1879  
d. November 6, 1937

Ada L. Sims  
"Sister"  
b. January 14, 1870  
d. January 7, 1946

Murvis McCollum, Sr.  
b. June 22, 1922

Carrie Belle Crouch McCollum  
b. October 13, 1926  
d. June 5, 1988

J. Fred Ross  
b. September 6, 1914  
d. June 20, 1985

Jodie McCollum Ross  
b. March 24, 1920

Joan Cunningham Ross  
b. December 7, 1940  
d. December 11, 1981

Kenneth Dale Harper  
b. June 14, 1955  
d. March 24, 1956

Thomas Edward Brown  
TSgt. US AIR FORCE  
WWII, KOREA  
b. January 20, 1920  
d. February 16, 1979

Cola C. Ross  
b. September 19, 1904

David M. Ross  
b. March 2, 1900  
d. January 10, 1989  
"Our darling precious parents to  
heaven you have gone, to await  
earthly loved ones Till Jesus  
bids us come."

Lucille J. Ross  
b. October 23, 1906

Harmon C. Ross  
b. September 22, 1906  
d. March 9, 1984

Martha L. James  
"Mother"  
b. December 6, 1886  
d. May 6, 1954

Herbert James  
b. June 21, 1877  
d. April 13, 1958

Virginia Camp Eaves  
wife of John Emery Eaves  
b. June 1, 1868  
d. July 11, 1947  
"Death is eternal life why should  
we weep."

John Emery Eaves  
b. October 19, 1855  
d. March 15, 1914  
"He is at rest"

Vera Eaves Bell  
b. November 2, 1891  
d. February 21, 1972  
"Asleep in Jesus"

Arthur Menzo Bell  
b. November 4, 1893  
d. August 22, 1956  
"Asleep in Jesus"

"Our Darling"  
Johnny Clifton Brown  
son of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Brown  
b. January 27, 1976  
d. April 6, 1976  
"A sunbeam from the earth  
has vanished"

Angelia Dawn Boswell  
infant daughter of W. R. & Patricia  
Boswell  
b. August 11, 1970  
d. August 13, 1970  
"Gone to be an angel"

"Son"  
Billy Joe Boswell  
b. August 14, 1927  
d. August 10, 1951

Carroll W. "Bo" McMullen  
"Daddy"  
b. August 15, 1937  
d. December 26, 1972

"In my Father's house are many mansions"

Tressie J. McMullen  
b. September 26, 1912

Robert M. McMullen  
b. March 19, 1908  
d. August 8, 1988

M. Grady Rawson  
"Daddy"  
b. July 30, 1896  
d. November 28, 1973  
"Gone home"

Nellie Lee Rawson  
"Mama"  
b. March 3, 1901  
d. February 17, 1972  
"Gone home"

Grady Rawson, Jr.  
"Father"  
b. April 28, 1929  
d. September 16, 1960

Presley N. Rawson  
"Buddy"  
b. December 5, 1935  
d. July 19, 1959

Ricky Allen Rawson  
infant son of Buddy and Frances Rawson  
b. February 23, 1954  
d. February 25, 1954  
"Our Darling"

Peggy Lynn Rawson  
July 3, 1958  
"In Heaven"

Robert Lee Rawson  
July 14, 1960  
"In Heaven"

Hugh William Greenlee, Jr.  
son of Hugh William & Mary Greenlee  
b. April 16, 1952  
d. August 15, 1954  
"Darling we miss thee"

John R. Boswell  
b. June 8, 1902  
d. January 30, 1978  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Debbie Ann Campbell  
infant daughter of Brother & Mrs.  
John W. Campbell  
b. June 12, 1968  
d. June 14, 1968  
"In God's Care"

Pressley N. McMullen  
February 18, 1920

Ruth M. McMullen  
b. June 18, 1921  
d. December 21, 1986

Zoie I. Wright  
"Mother"  
b. October 25, 1900  
d. September 4, 1978  
"In loving memory"

Ruth Robertson "Sister"  
b. July 8, 1888  
d. November 13, 1961  
"Asleep in Jesus"

Martha Harper Roberson "Mother"  
b. February 3, 1866  
d. February 13, 1953

Carrie L. Murphy "Mother"  
b. November 4, 1906  
d. May 25, 1978  
"Gone but not forgotten"

George V. Murphy "Daddy"  
b. May 24, 1905  
d. July 29, 1985

Ollie C. Lackey  
"Mama"  
b. June 6, 1891  
d. March 1, 1980  
"In loving memory"

Patrick H. Lackey "Daddy"  
b. April 10, 1887  
d. March 3, 1960  
"In loving memory"

James Luther Lummus  
"Daddy"  
b. March 14, 1908  
d. April 1, 1964  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Paul Thomas Gressett  
b. September 6, 1923  
d. December 6, 1928

Fred Byron Gressett  
"Daddy"  
b. November 27, 1896  
d. July 17, 1960  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Annie Boswell Gressett  
"Mother"  
b. February 8, 1904

Ruby Lynn Ivy  
b. September 18, 1951  
d. November 7, 1983  
"Sheltered and safe from sorrow"

John Wilmer Plowman  
b. Mary 25, 1902  
d. October 28, 1964

Lavella Plowman  
b. February 4, 1908  
d. December 8, 1989

Timothy Duane Edwards  
infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Edwards  
b. July 22, 1968  
d. February 1, 1969

Annie mae Herecsco  
"Mama"  
b. December 22, 1920  
d. June 6, 1981  
"Gone but not forgotten"

Frank T. Heresco  
b. January 27, 1917  
d. March 22, 1975  
"Eternal Rest"

Theresa Kim Reede  
infant daughter of Richard and Ethel Reede  
b. May 15, 1953  
d. May 17, 1943  
"Asleep in Jesus"

Adams, Bro. 45  
 Agnew, Margaret 13,51  
 Agnew, (Egnew) Martha 13,51  
 Alamucha, Miss 2,3,4,5,8  
 Anderson, Jane 16,29,56  
 Anderson, Mary 52  
 Augusta, Perry Co, Miss 8  
 Bailey, John 19,51,54  
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 (Barefield)  
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 Boney, Elizabeth 1,51,55  
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 (Eliza Mae)  
 Boney, Elsa M. 51  
 Boney, Felix 8,11  
 Boney, James 4,11  
 Bonny, K. L. 19  
 (Boney)  
 Boney, Kinsey 1,2,4,6,7,10,11  
 Boney, Kizziah Green 4,7,10  
 Boney, Mary 52,55  
 Boney, Penny 1  
 Boney, Penelope (Penny) Wells 4,11  
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