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FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

The Fellowship Baptist Church is located near Bailey, Mississippi, in Lauderdale County. It is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Baptist Church in the County. It appears from research that there were several Baptist churches con-stituted in the County during the period of 1838-1839, and it would appear, also, that church meetings were held before the constitution of the churches.

The abstracting and compiling of this book has been a joy and a labor of love for the compiler - especially since he found his great grandmother, Nancy Jane Fortson Dawson Scoggins Jones, and two of her children, William Gray and Mary Elizabeth Dawson, as members of the church.

There are two (2) unedited copies of this abstracted book. The original is in the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc.; a copy is at the Church.

Published copies will be edited to protect any descendant from any possible embarrassment.

It should be understood that during the early days of the County, the church played an important role in the settlement of problems among its members, and while it appears that members were reporting on each other for alleged wrongdoing they felt this to be their Christian duty.

Those who are interested may view the original of this book in the County Archives. It also should be noted that while the scope of the minutes runs from 1838 to 1900 there were many of the minutes missing from the Church Book.

This book is dedicated to the memory of Eli and Nancy Jane Fortson Dawson, great grandparents of the compiler.

While it is not known where they are buried, it is known that they were in the area of this church. They were married in Lauderdale County on February 8, 1845.

There is no record of Eli Dawson being a member of this church, but his wife and two of their children were members.

Since my great grandmother, Nancy Jane, was excluded twice for dancing, I am proud to know at last where my dancing ability came from.

Confidentially, I almost got thrown out of my church once years ago - for a like charge.

A meeting was held in the home of Benjamin Carpenter on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in April, 1838. Brother James Allwood delivered the Saturday sermon. He was also called to the chair as moderator. James D. Williams was chosen as Church Clerk.

Charter members listed were:

George Head	Nancy Holland
Morgan Cogte	Nancy Carpenter
Thomas Holland	Willy Denton
Hassrey Holland	Elizabeth Sanderford
Elizabeth Head	Susan Coats
Sophia Cook	

On motion the above members voted to meet next on Friday before the second Lord's Day to enter into a Constitution. They further voted that the following be sent for to constitute the church:

Brother Jerermiah Pearsall	Brother Allwood
Brother B. Halbrooker	Brother Allen
Brother R. Shelton	

Brother George Head as the Church spokesman.

FRIDAY BEFORE THE SECOND LORD'S DAY, MAY, 1838 This was the meeting in which the church was to be constituted. It appears that Elder William Allen and Elder James Allwood were in attendance. The designated Church spokesman, George Head, was absent so the constitution of the church was re-scheduled for the June, 1838, meeting.

FRIDAY BEFORE THE SECOND LORD'S. DAY, JUNE, 1838.

The church was constituted. Bro. William Allen gave the introductory sermon. Each member was examined by Bro. James Allwood. The closing sermon was given by Bro. William Allen.

The name of the church was "The Baptist Church of Fellowship".

The church received James D. Williams, Bro. Elias Williams, and Hannah Williams by letter. Bro. James D. Williams was appointed Church Clerk. Bro. James Allwood served as Moderator.

The church resolved to select Deacons at the next meeting and that the church go by the name of "Fellowship". The church also resolved that the church meet monthly on the Saturday before the second Lord's Day.

SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND LORD'S DAY, JUNE, 1838

Sermon by Brother James Allwood and William Allen

SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND LORD'S DAY JULY 1838

Sermon delivered by Bro. James Allwood. The church received by letter: James Monk, Sister Mary A. Monk, Sister Margaret Price, Sister Martha Brown, and Sister Nancy Holland. Thomas M. Holland had been received previously by the church.

Brothers George Head and Morgan Coats were elected as Church Deacons.

SATURDAY BEFORE SECOND LORD'S DAY AUGUST 1838

Sermon by Bro. William Allen. Received Sister Lucinda Richardson by letter. The ordination of deacons rescheduled for the September meeting. Brother William Allen accepted call as minister of the church for the remaining part of the year.

Brothers George Head, Morgan Coats and James D. Williams were appointed to secure rights to the church land

(NOTE: There is no mention as to where the church members were meeting ...that is, after the first two meetings in the Benjamin Carpenter home.)

SEPTEMBER, 1838

Brother William Allen gave the sermon and served as moderator. The Church rescheduled the ordination of Deacons for October, since a Bro. Crawford and Bro. Shelton apparently had not received word that their presence was desired for the ordination.

The Church chose delegates to attend the Pilgrim Rest Association. Delegates selected were James D. Williams, George Head and Morgan Coats.

OCTOBER, 1838

Sermon by Elder Shelton. Morgan Coats was ordained as Deacon by Elder Shelton and Brother William Allen.

NOVEMBER, 1838 Preaching by Elder Allwood.

DECEMBER, 1838

Preaching by Brother William Allen. Received Sister Elizabeth Jentry by experience.

January, 1839

Sermon by Brother William Allen. Received by letter Brother Richnisond (Richmond?) Bains.

February, 1839

Preaching by Bro. William Allen. Received Sister Melberry Alford by letter.*

*This was the mother of Mary Alford Fortson who married last William McLemore, brother of Richard McLemore.

MARCH, 1839

Sermon by Brother George Head and he served as moderator.

Received Sister Mary Fortson by letter.

APRIL, 1839

Sermon by Bro. William Allen. Received Bro. William Stringer and Sister Ann Stringer.

The church directed Brothers J.Monk, T.Holland and Elias Williams to get church book and papers and to bring same to the next meeting.

MAY, 1839

Sermon delivered by Brothers Henley, Head and Allen. Received Sister Mary Emety Baines by letter.

JUNE, 1839

Bros. Head, Allen and Henley gave sermons. Bros. Monk and Richard Baines were elected as deacons. Received Sister Lucy Wilson; also received black brother Joseph belonging to Benjamin Many.

JULY, 1839

Mentions a Brother Gun (Gunn?) for the first time. H.W. Holland and James D. Williams were cited for non-attendance.

AUGUST, 1839

Preaching by Bros. Allen and Henley.

(NOTE: Apparently the church did not have a certain individual who was charged with the duties of minister.)

A charge was rendered against H.W. Holland for quarreling and swearing and making use of profane language - also for having two wives and living an unchristian life and with non-appearance. He was expelled from the church. The first charge proved by Sister Susan Coats and Sister Martha Brown.

Moderator Thomas M.Holland. The church received sister Elizabeth Fisher by letter and Bro. James Snowden and his wife, Sister Mary M. Snowden, by letter.

Brother James Williams gave satisfaction and apparently was restored to membership. Paid \$1.00 for the Church Book.

SEPTEMBER 1839

Elder Shelton gave the sermon. Bro. James Monk and Bro. Richmond Banes were ordained as deacons.

OCTOBER 1839

Sermon by Elder William Allen. Brother Monk, moderator. Received Sister Mary Furlow after her confession of being in good order in a Baptist Church in Alabama which (the church) was then dissolved and she was unable to secure a church letter. Also received by experience Sister Mary Holland and Sister Elizabeth Coats by letter. Received Peter, a black man belonging to Jesse Ivy, by experience.

NOVEMBER 1839

Sermon by Bro. William Allen. He was chosen by the church to be the pastor for the ensuing year. Preaching by Bro. Allen.

DECEMBER 1839 No meeting.

JANUARY 1840

Sermon by Bros. William Allen, Henley and Head. A letter of dismissal was requested for Sister Mary Holland through Bro. James Monk. This was objected to by Bro. Banes - for living an unchristian life and she was excommunicated on the same application.

Sister Williams requested and received a letter of dismissal for Bro. James D. Williams.

FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL 1840 No minutes

MAY 1840

Sermon by Elder William Allen. Bro. Carpenter came forward and made an acknowledgment which satisfied the church.

The church began to make plans to draft a set of Rules of Decorum.

JUNE 1840

Opened with singing and praise. Bro. Monk was selected as moderator. Bro. Elias Williams, who had been cited for non-attendance, gave satisfaction to the church.

Sister Margaret Price was given a letter of dismissal. Bro. Holland was asked to write and forward it to her.

JULY 1840 No minutes

AUGUST 1840

Singing and prayer by Bro. Henley. Preaching by Bro. William Allen. Bros. Monk and Stringer were appointed as delegates to the Association (Pilgrim Rest Association). The church voted to furnish \$3.00 for copies of the Association members.

SEPTEMBER 1840

Singing and prayer by Bro. Monk who apparently served as moderator.

OCTOBER THROUGH NOVEMBER 1840 No minutes

DECEMBER 1840

From these minutes, Bro. William Allen had resigned as pastor. The church refused to accept the resignation. Bros. James Monk and Benjamin Carpenter were designated to deliver the refusal notice to Bro. Allen.

JANUARY THROUGH FEBRUARY 1841

No minutes

MARCH 1841

Opened by singing and praise led by Bro. Monk. The church voted to send for Brother William Allen to answer to a report which (is a) grievance. . . seems to be between him and Brother (Benjamin) Carpenter. Brother James Monk and William Stringer to bear the citation to Brother Allen.

Brother Elias Williams cited to appear at the next conference; Bros. Thomas M. Holland and B. Carpenter to bear the citation.

APRIL THROUGH MAY 1841

No minutes

JUNE 1841

Sermon given by Elder William Allen after which he and Bro. Carpenter settled the difficulty that had existed between them.

JULY 1841

Bro. Elias Williams again was cited to appear at the next meeting.

AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER 1841

No minutes

DECEMBER 1841

Sermon by Bro. McDonald, who was chosen as pastor after the sermon. Granted a letter of dismissal to Elizabeth Thompson

JANUARY 1841

Sermon by Bro. McDonald. Received Bro. Duncan Joiner and his wife, Sister Mary Joiner, by letter.

The church ruled that the old proceeding against Bro. Elias Williams be dropt (dropped) and be against him no more.

The church ruled that Bro. (James) Monk be liberated to exercise (his gift to preach) in any way he may see proper.

FEBRUARY & MARCH 1842 No minutes

APRIL 1842

The church ruled that dismissal letters be written in the old form. Bro. Elias Williams cited to next meeting.

MAY 1842

Efforts still underway trying to get Bro. Elias Williams to a church conference. Thomas M. Holland serving as church clerk during this period.

JUNE 1842

Sermon by Bro. William Allen followed by Bro. Allwood. There seems to have been some differences of opinion in regard to the Rules of Decorum. This is no doubt the reason for Elias Williams' non-attendance. There was some difficulty with Bro. Monk as well. The church moved and seconded that Bro. Monk be des ----?(discharged?) of (from?) his public office until the rumor be settled - which he brought in against himself.

(NOTE: The minutes are not clear)

The church is now meeting on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in the month.

JULY 1842

Brother G. W. McDonald served as moderator. Bro. William Stringer is to take someone with him from the church to visit Bro. James Monk and request Bro. Monk to attend the next con-ference meeting.

AUGUST 1842

Sermon by Bro. Allwood followed by Bro. McDonald. Sister Margaret Monk was granted a letter of dismissal

(NOTE: These minutes difficult to read)

The church struggling over the difficulty with Bro. James Monk. The minutes do not state so, but there is the implication the difficulty was over the adoption of Rules of Decorum.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 1842 No minutes

NOVEMBER 1842

Benjamin Carpenter came forward and stated that there had a difficulty existed between him and Bro. William Allen in consequence of which he had erased his name off the Church Book and acknowledged his wrong in so doing and asked forgiveness of the church, upon which the church unanimously forgave him and he was welcome to all the privileges of the church.

Bro. William Stringer was selected as a deacon and ordination set for December, 1842.

DECEMBER 1842

Bro. William Stringer was ordained as a deacon. The church chose Bro. McDonald as pastor. Bro. Holland's letter of dismissal was revoked at his request.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1843 no minutes no business

MARCH 1843

Received Sister Martha Holland by letter.

APRIL 1843 no minutes

MAY 1843

Received a request from the Lebanon Church (in Newton County) for help in settling a dispute; granted. Bro. Stringer and Bro. Holland were designated as representatives of the church.

JUNE 1843 G.W. McDonald served as moderator.

JULY 1843 No business.

AUGUST 1843

Received Sister Elizur Brown by experience.

SEPTEMBER 1843 No minutes.

OCTOBER 1843

Received by experience Bro. David Kenedy(?).

NOVEMBER 1843

Received Alsa Pace by letter. According to the minutes the church had a lease on the meeting place (church). The church at this meeting resolved that the house building at the Cross Roads on the other side of Mr. Richardson become the meeting place of the church. It is compiler's belief that this is in the area of where the present church is located. Brother Pace chosen as pastor.

DECEMBER 1843 No business.

JANUARY THROUGH MAY 1844 No minutes.

JUNE 1844

Bros. William Stringer, Alsa Pace and Thomas M. Holland were appointed delegates to District Meeting.

JULY & AUGUST 1844 No minutes.

SEPTEMBER 1844 No business.

OCTOBER 1844

Bro. David Kenedy(?) granted letter of dismissal

NOVEMBER 1849

The church chose Bro. Eli McDonald as pastor

DECEMBER 1844 no minutes

JANUARY 1845

Bro. (Benjamin) Carpenter came forward with a charge against himself which was laid over until the next meeting. John Brown received as deacon(?)(difficult to read).

FEBRUARY 1845 no minutes

MARCH 1845

Received Bro. Randolph Brown and his wife, Sister Jane Brown, by letter. Also received Bro. Hugh McCall and his wife, Sister Elinnor McCall by letter. Bro. Benjamin Carpenter was excluded for drinking excessively. Eli McDonald was moderator

APRIL 1845 No business

MAY 1845

It was brought out that Bro. John Brown came to the church as a regular ordained deacon. Received Sister Lydia D. Coats.

MAY OR JUNE, 1845 (month not listed)

Received Bro. Samuel C. Hatcher and his wife, Sister Marium E. Hatcher by letter. Bros. Hatcher, Brown and Stringer were elected delegates (to Association meeting).

JULY 1845

Sister Sarah Williams granted letter of dismissal.

AUGUST 1845 No minutes

SEPTEMBER 1845

Received Sister Rebecca Howell by experience, and Mathew Trussell and his wife, Sister Elizabeth Trussell, by letter.

OCTOBER 1845 Bro. William Allen chosen as pastor.

NOVEMBER 1845 No minutes.

DECEMBER 1845 Received by letter Bro. Jeremiah Howell.

JANUARY 1846

No business. William Allen moderator and Thomas M.Holland church clerk.

FEBRUARY 1846 No minutes.

MARCH 1846

Received Bro. Austin Keeton* by recantation from missionary Principles (church). The church would not accept him by letter. Bro. Randolph Brown brought charges of drinking against himself. He was forgiven by the church.

*Austin Keeton was first a member of the Oakey Valley Baptist Church. His father was Obadiah Keeton. His brother, James Keeton, was one of the first court clerks.

APRIL 1846 No minutes.

MAY 1846

Received Sister Mariah Brown by letter. The church gave Bro. Austin Keeton permission to exercise his gift (preaching).

JUNE & JULY 1846 No minutes.

AUGUST 1846 No business.

SEPTEMBER 1846

Association delegates elected were Austin Keeton, Stringer; John Brown was an alternate delegate.

OCTOBER 1846

Bro. Hatcher came forward saying he had heard of some rumor against him. Matter laid over until the next meeting.

NOVEMBER 1846

Bro. Hatcher charged with improper conduct in purchasing a certain Negro slave from N.Daw* (*It is believed by compiler that this is Nancy Fortson Dawson) in his knowing that he was harboring said Negro and thereby placing a (?)burden,blemish(?) on the church. Case laid over until the next meeting.

FIRST SUNDAY DECEMBER 1846

Sister Susan C.Coats was granted a letter of dismissal.

JANUARY 1847 Bro. Hatcher was excluded from the church.

FEBRUARY 1847

Received Bro.John Talbot by letter. Sister Hatcher requested to be excluded rom the church. Matter laid over until next meeting. Committee was appointed to visit Bro.McCall on charges of nonattendance.

MARCH 1847 No minutes.

APRIL 1847

It was reported that Sister Hatcher had stated that there were some members of the church for whose fellowship she did not care. The church requested she attend and give her grievance.

MAY 1847

Sister Hatcher sent word to the church that she was aggrieved over the way the church had treated her husband and that she had no desire to attend any future conference. Case laid over until the next meeting.

JUNE 1847

Sister Hatcher excluded from the church for contempt toward the church.

JULY 1847

Bro. Austin Keeton was granted permission to exercise his gift to preach in any way he saw proper.

AUGUST 1847

Received Sister Sarah Keeton by recantation (NOTE: Sarah Keeton thought to be wife of Austin Keeton)

SEPTEMBER 1847

Chose A. Pace, William Stringer and Austin Keeton as Association delegates, with John Brown as alternate.

OCTOBER 1847

Received Bro. Charles Stephens and wife, Sister Sarah Stephens by letter.

NOVEMBER 1847

Bro. Allen Moore selected as pastor for the ensuing year.

DECEMBER 1847 and JANUARY 1848 no minutes

FEBRUARY 1848

Took up the case of Sister Furlow which was laid over until the next meeting. Bro. Brown to visit her.

MARCH 1848

It was reported that Sister Furlow had joined a church of another faith. She was excluded.

APRIL 1848 no minutes

MAY 1848

Received Sister Elizabeth Lindsey by letter. Minister Allen

Moore; clerk, Thomas M. Holland. The church took up the case of Matthew Trussell; matter laid over until next meeting so that he could be visited by Bros.T. Snowden and A. Pace.

JUNE 1848

Bro. Matthew Trussell gave satisfaction to the church

JULY 1848

The church had received a letter from the Pelgrimicul Church in Pickens County, Ala (Sumter Co.?). A committee was appointed to compose reply to the letter.

AUGUST 1848

(Most all of the minutes are marked over, thus unreadable)
Hugh H. McCall and wife were granted letter of dismissal.

SEPTEMBER 1848

Bros. A. Pace, William Stringer and Stephens elected delegates to the Association meeting; John Brown elected alternate delegate.

OCTOBER 1848

Received Bro. William Stephens and Sister Rhody Pace by experience.

NOVEMBER 1848

no minutes

DECEMBER 1848

Bro. Allen Moore continued in the post as Pastor. Bro.Holland and wife (no first name given) granted letters of dismissal.

JANUARY 6, 1849

Since A. Pace is now the Church Clerk, it may be that it was the former Church Clerk Thomas M. Holland who received a letter of dismissal in December 1848. It is at this point that both the pastor (moderator) and the church clerk began the practice

of both signing the minutes; more order to the minutes.

FEBRUARY 1849

Sister Milberry Alford granted a letter of dismissal. Bros. Stringer and J. Brown appointed to wait on Bro. J. Howell on a report of his joining the Sons of Temperance ...and ask him to attend the next church conference.

MARCH 1849

Received Bro. James B. McDonald and Sister Sarah McDonald, his wife. Bro. Howell charged with contempt for the church. The church adopted the following, which was a preamble and protest written by Brother John Brown:

"Whereas we believe there has been great distress brought into our Churches by the forming (of) certain societies call benevolent institutions or help for the furtherance of the gospel. We believe their persuasions are not of him that calleth but has been got up by designing men for the sake of gains and as we believe that every benevolent principle is embraced in the foles (folds?) of the gospel church and that church members ought to keep themselves separate from the false church, we have thought proper to protest against them as follows.

We will not hold fellowship any person that is a member of any of the following institutions: Theological Schools, State Convention Missionary Society, Tract Society and Society Sons of Temperance. Nor any other society that is tribute to the missionary plan as it now exists in the United States."

APRIL 1849

Bro. Howell excluded from the church for contempt. The church appointed Bro. T. Stringer to make out a statement of the proceedings of the church against Marian E. Hatcher.

MAY 1849 no minutes

JUNE 1849 no business

JULY 1849 no business

AUGUST 1849

Received Sister Elizabeth Miles by letter. William Stringer moderator instead of Allen Moore.

SEPTEMBER 1849 (This on the first)

The church took up the case that existed in the church in relation to the doctrine on the use of the ministry as held and advanced by Brother (Austin) Keeton who holds that God making of no means but the direct agency of the spirit in awakening sinners to repentance and that the only use of the ministry is to feed the church and upon the liberty of the church in inviting ministry to preach in the house;whereupon it was agreed that the church separate and that all that (wished - desired) their names withdrawn without letters in peace (could do so). Whereupon the following members presented themselves to the Brother Clerk and had their names enrolled and withdrawn:

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|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Lucy Wilson | Goldy Keeton | Jane Brown |
| Mariah Brown | Lucinda Richardson | Austin Keeton |
| John Brown | Eliza Brown | John Talbot |
| Randolph Brown | Matthew Trussell | |

This is when the Fellowship Baptist Church split. Those members who withdrew went on to found the Fellowship Primitive

Baptist Church. After that church burned it was rebuilt using sweetgum logs and known today as Gum Log Primitive Baptist Church.

It is known that the last minister of the Fellowship Baptist Church before the split was Elder Allen Moore who was a Primitive Baptist minister. Bro. Allen Moore as pastor at the time of the split was a member of the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Newton County MS (near Duffie) near his home on the Lauderdale-Newton County line. Along with his wife and father he is buried in a private cemetery near his old home now known as Moore's or Walker Cemetery.

SEPTEMBER 1849 (Saturday before 2nd Lord's Day)

The church selected E. Pace as pastor.

OCTOBER 1849 no business

NOVEMBER 1849

Received Bro. Thomas M. Holland and wife, Sister Martha Holland.

The following Platform of Principles was read: "Believing as we do that the great head of the church has institution positive law for the government of the church militant and that he has invest his people the members of that church with Supreme Powers to execute his law as directed by his spirit and his words in which we find several specific items.

1. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
2. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved.
3. This do in remembrance of me which is to commune together at the Lord's

Table all of which we feel bound to observe and keep. We also see the New Testament that repentance and faith are

necessary to Baptism and that Baptism is a prerequisite to communion at the Lord's table and that all who receive and hold the ordinances as the Lord delivered to the church at first who entertain the same views as regards their made subjects and designs are fit subjects to commune together at the Lord's table subject, however, to the restrictions laid down by the Apostle?) in the 5th Chapter of 1st Canenthans, 11 and 13 verses and in as much in the regular Baptist through divided on some points in consequence of which they have of themselves formed a distentive line and are known by the name of the Missionary and Anti-Missionary Baptist who in making said line and in the ? consequent therein (we speak with-due deference for the opinions and wisdom of many of both ranks) have we believe gone into extremes - further than we can conciously go; yet all who take the same views of the ordinances of the Gospel and the faith government of the church should con-sider it their high privilege to commune together at the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. Therefore be it resolved by the Church that it is our high privilege to commune with all regular Baptist at the Lords Table so far as cases of offiners(?) can be reached and knowed by the dicipline of the gospel. Be it further resolved that missionary matters nor any of their appendages shall ever be introduced or received into this church or tranacted in any way whatever therein. Yet every member when away from the church shall have the privilege to exercise his own judgment upon the subject of missions and may give or not give and his action shall not be con-sidered a breach of order.

The church refused to receive a committee from the Zion Association. This committee desired to inquire into the faith and standing of the church.

E. Pace moderator - also Pace, Church Clerk.

NOVEMBER 1849

The church received by experience Sister Mary Ann Stephens on 11/3/1849 and on Sunday 11/4/1849 received Sister Nancy Brown by experience.

DECEMBER 1849

The church ordered that the party who withdrew in September be furnished a copy of the Church Minutes of that day. On Monday, December 3, 1849, the church received by experience Sister Minirva Guinn and Cheny, a black woman belonging to Mr. D. M. Brown.

JANUARY 1850

Granted Sister Elizabeth Lindsey letter of dismissal

FEBRUARY 1850 no minutes

MARCH 1850 no business

APRIL 1850

Received by experience Sister Milly Duncan.

MAY 1850

Received by letter Brother John W. Rowel and his wife, Sister Rebecca Rowel.

JUNE 1850

Received Brother A. J. Avara and his wife, Sister Martha J. Avara. The church recognized Brother John W. Rowel as a deacon.

On Sunday, June 2, 1850, received Sister Elizabeth Trussell by

experience and also Sister Jisliance P. Pace.

JULY 1850

(NOTE: Unable to read most of these minutes. They were heavily marked through.) It appears the church set up some type of a committee.

Received Sister Sarah Jane Pace by experience.

AUGUST 1850

Received the following by experience:

Sister Martha Clay	Sister Elizabeth P. Pace
Obadiah Clay	Laurian Rainy

The church appointed a committee to attend a convention at Salem Church, Noxubee County. Those appointed were: Brothers Charles Stephens, James McDonald, Alsa Pace and William Stringer.

On the following Monday the church received by experience:

Brother Cullum Avara	Thomas G. Avara
Sister Betheny Sanderford	Sarah J. Trussell.

On Tuesday the church received by experience: Brother V. L. Murphy, William C. Trussell, and Thomas Wells.

Apparently the church held a protracted meeting.

SEPTEMBER 1850

It was reported that Joseph, a black brother, had joined the Methodist Church. A committee appointed to wait on him, and inquire into said report. Appointed another committee to wait on Sister Eliza Brown and to inquire whether she considered herself a member of any other body.

OCTOBER 1850

Received Sister Jane Russil (Russell). Sister Eliza Brown's name was attached to those who withdrew in September, 1849.

A letter of dismissal granted to Sister Harry through her husband, Benjamin Harry.

Appointed a committee to attend a Union Meeting with the Friendship Church in Noxubee County, MS, and also to attend a Baptist Convention at the same time and place.

Received black brother Ralph belonging to Brother John Hill.

On Monday received by letter Elder Eli McDonald.

NOVEMBER 1850

Received by letter Brother Thomas Avara and wife, Jane Avara; Brother Benjamin Perry and wife, Sarah Ann Perry; and Sister Martha Malone.

On the following Sunday the church received by experience Sister Sarah Wells, black brother Bob belonging to Brother James Snowden, black brother Henry and black Sister Sarah belonging to Brother Charles Stephens.

DECEMBER 1850

Received by letter Reuben Ross, Black Brother John and Black Sister Lucretia belonging to Brother Thomas Avara.

JANUARY 1851

Received Brother George N. Graves and his wife, Sister Luclender (Lucinda Graves, also Sister Sarah McDonald.

Appointed Brothers Charles Stephens and David M. Brown to be set apart as deacons. Elder C. F. Tubb and Brother Eli McDonald

to be invited to be present for the ordination.

FEBRUARY 1851

Brother Charles Stephens was forgiven after he said a report (NOTE: did not specify) on him was true and that he was sorry.

Brother William C. Trussell was forgiven for the use of improper language.

Brother Obadiah Clay denied that he had been intoxicated.

MARCH 1851

no minutes

APRIL 1851

The church adopted a standard dismissal letter. The church forgave Cullman Avara for drinking and being intoxicated. Brother Charles Stephens and Bro. David M. Brown were set apart as deacons by Elders E. Pace and Eli McDonald.

MAY 1851

Received by experience Sister Eveline McDonald. Brother G. N. Graves reported that there had been a difficulty between him and Brother Thomas Avara, Jr. This case laid over until the next Conference.

Brother Stephens reported that a black brother belonging to Brother Avara had been guilty of disorderly conduct. Bros. C. Stephens, A. Pace and T.M. Holland to wait on the black brother and to inquire into the matter.

JUNE 1851

Brother G. N. Graves reported that the difficulty with Bro. Thomas Avara, Jr., had been settled. A report on Black Brother John was given and agreed to (did not give specifics). Brother James B. McDonald forgiven for drinking of the spirits. Brother

T.M. Holland and wife granted letters of dismissal; also, Bro. Eli McDonald and his wife granted letters of dismissal.

JULY 1851 No business.

AUGUST 1851

Received Bro. James W. Snowden by experience; also Brother Abner W. Pace. Received Sister Sarah Kearly by experience.

SEPTEMBER 1851

Cullum Avara again forgiven for drinking spirits.

OCTOBER 1851

Received Bro. William C. Mosley and Black Sister Nancy belonging to Brother Thomas Avara, by letter.

NOVEMBER 1851

Selected Bro. Edwin Pace. Sister Mary Wood and Brother J(?) M. Brown granted letters of dismissal. Brother James McDonald, Sister Eveline McDonald and Sister Jane Russell granted letters of dismissal; also, Brother Benjamin Perry and his wife were granted letters of dismissal.

DECEMBER 1851

Brother Charles Stephens stated that he was guilty of misconduct and some members were aware of same. Case laid over until next meeting. Bro. William C. Trussell forgiven for intoxication. Brother Obadiah Clay request for a letter of dismissal laid over until the next meeting due to a difficulty between Brother Clay and Brother Thomas G. Avara. Brother Duncan Jones and wife granted letters of dismissal.

Brother V. L. Murphy stated that he had seen Brother Thomas G. Avara in a state of intoxication. A committee appointed to wait on Brother Avara.

JANUARY 1852

Brother Charles Stephens excluded from membership on his own request. The case involving Brother Thomas G. Avara laid over until the next meeting.

FEBRUARY 1852

Brother Thomas G. Avara, Jr., was excluded by the church. (NOTE: There was a Thomas Avara and a Thomas G. Avara, Jr., in this church, no doubt father and son)

A committee consisting of D. M. Brown, Thomas Avara, appointed to confer with Sister Carpenter and others in relation to the restoration of James monk who had been excluded from the church.

MARCH 1852

Brother A. Pace stated he had seen Brother William C. Trussell in a state of intoxication.

APRIL 1852

Brother William C. Trussell gave satisfaction to the church

MAY 1852 no conference

JUNE 1852

Brother Charles Stephens was restored after making remarks regarding his difficulties.

JULY 1852

Brother John Gowel inquired whether a member having called for a letter of dismission and the church having made an order

granting said letter - would that person be entitled to a voice in the church. The church answered NO. Bob, a colored brother belonging to the estate of the late James Snowden called for a letter of dismissal through A. Pace, which was granted. Brother Thomas Avara and his wife were granted letters of dismissal

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1852 no conference

OCTOBER 1852

Received by experience Vira, black sister belonging to Otho Cammack. Brother James Snowden (Jr.?) through Brother A. Pace was granted a letter of dismissal. John W. Gowel also granted a letter of dismissal.

NOVEMBER 1852

Brother William Mosely granted a letter of dismissal.

DECEMBER 1852

Brother C. Stephens stated that there was a report in circulation that Brother William C. Trussell and Cullin Avara had been intoxicated. A committee assigned to wait on each. Brother Obadiah and his wife granted letters of dismissal. The church chose Elder E. Pace as pastor for the ensuing year. Brother Gowel withdrew his request for a letter of dismissal for himself and his wife.

(NOTE: A part here that is illegible)

Someone was reported for drinking to excess and making use of profane language.

(NOTE: THE MINUTES JUMP AHEAD ONE YEAR: OUT OF LINE)

DECEMBER 1853

The church received by experience Milly, black sister belonging to Brother D.M. Brown, also Black Sister Alsa Nancy belonging to D. M. Brown.

JANUARY 1854

C. Avera was excluded for drinking to excess.

FEBRUARY 1854 no conference

MARCH 1854

Brother D. M. Brown stated that a report was in circulation that John, black brother belonging to Brother Thomas Avera, had been drinking to excess and making use of profane language. A committee assigned to wait on him.

APRIL & MAY 1854 no conference

JUNE 1854

The black brother John, belonging to D.M. Brown, was excluded upon request.
(NOTE: HERE THE MINUTES REVERT TO 1853)

MARCH 1853

Brother William C. Trussell was excluded after a report by Brother Gowel. Brother C. Avera likewise excluded. Brother G. N. Graves reported for intoxication.

Free Hill Church mentioned as former church of Bro. Osbourne.

APRIL 1853 no conference

MAY 1853

Brother G. N. Graves forgiven by the church. Bro. Osbourne was received by the church.

JUNE 1853

The church chose Bro. Charles Stephens as moderator

JULY 1853 no business

AUGUST 1853

Black Brother John belonging to Thomas Avera reported to be in disorder. Committee assigned to wait on him. Received by experience Brother James Brown.

SEPTEMBER 1853 no conference

OCTOBER 1853

Black Brother John forgiven by the church. On Sunday following received by experience Brother Elijah Stephens and Sister Nancy Murphy. The following Monday the church received by experience Sister Sarah Ann Miles and Lemuel, black brother belonging to D. M. Brown, Brother Gray Sanderford by restoration, Brother Cullum Avera. On Tuesday received by letter Black Brother Bob belonging to the estate of James Snowden, deceased.

NOVEMBER 1853

Received by experience Black Sisters Nilly and Nancy belonging to Brother D. M. Brown.

(NOTE: MINUTES NOW REVERT TO PROPER ORDER; THE PAGES OF THIS BOOK, COULD HAVE BEEN MIXED UP IN MICROFILMLNG)

DECEMBER 1855

Elder Edwin Pace chosen again as pastor but he stated it was out of his power to attend regularly.

JANUARY FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL 1856 no minutes

MAY 1856 no business

SUNDAY (no date--sheets of minutes mixed up and not numbered)

Received by experience Elijah Stephens and Sister Murphy.

MONDAY

Received by experience Sister Graham Miles and Lemuel, black

brother belonging to D. M. H.rown; Brother Gray Sanderford; received by restoration
Brother Cullum Avera.

TUESDAY

Received by letter Black Brother Bob belonging to the estate of James Snowden.

NOVEMBER 1855

Received by experience Milly and Nancy, black sisters belong-ing to D. M. Brown.

DECEMBER 1855

Selected Brother Edwin Pace as pastor.

JUNE 1856 no business

JULY 1856

Sister Mary Snowden and Sister Bethina Snowden granted letters of dismissal.

AUGUST 1856 no minutes

SEPTEMBER 1856

Brother Cullum Avera rose and stated he hoped he had seen the error of his ways
- he hoped the Lord would forgive him and that he desired to live in the church. The
church on motion agreed to send delegates to the Mt. Pisgah Association with a petition
for admission into that Association. The Association Meeting to be held in the Fairmount
Church in Jasper County, MS.

Brothers D. M. Brown and John Gowel selected as delegates to Association
Meeting, with Brother A. Pace alternate. Brother Nathan L. Clark chosen as pastor for the
ensuing year.

JANUARY 1857

Received by letter Brother Daniel Drummond. Brother C. Stephens stated that two black sisters, Sarah belonging to him and Nancy belonging to D. M. Brown, had been guilty of un-christian conduct. The church appointed committee to see the sisters.

FEBRUARY 1857

Black Sisters Sarah and Nancy were forgiven by the church. Cullum Avera reported being intoxicated. Committee appointed to see him.

(NOTE: THE MINUTES NOW REVERT TO 1854 MONTHS WHICH WERE NOT LISTED PRIOR IN THIS TRANSCRIPT)

SEPTEMBER 1854 no business

DECEMBER 1854

Brother G. N. Graves granted a letter of dismissal for himself and wife through request from Brother Stephens.

MAY 1855

Sister Lausiam(?) Releney(?) granted letters of dismissal

AUGUST 1855 no business

SEPTEMBER 1855

Brother James Brown rose and stated that difficulties had existed between him and his wife for some time but it was now settled. The church forgave the brother and sister.

OCTOBER 1855

Received by letter Brother Benjamin Perry and his wife, Sarah Ann.

(NOTE: THE MINUTES NOW RESUME PROPER ORDER)

MARCH 1857

Received brother George N. Smith and his wife sister Mary Ann Smith. Brother Cullum Avera forgiven by the church.

APRIL 1857

Sister Willey Denton received a letter of dismissal after it was called for by Bro. A. Pace. Brother D.M. Brown reported that Bro. Obadiah Clay had not attended conference in a long time and that there was a report in circulation that he was in the habit of rolling on the Tin Pen Alley. Bros. D. M. Brown and A. J, Avera appointed to wait upon Bro. Clay.

MAY 1857

Received by letter sister Ann Jones, brother Thomas Avera and his wife, sister Jane Avera. Also received brother William Mosely and wife, sister Jerecha Mosely. The church recognized Bro. Thomas Avera as a regular deacon of the church.

JUNE 1857

Received sister Nancy McCartney by letter. The church clerk directed to write the Elim Church in Montgomery County, Ala., and let it be known that sister McCartney was received as a member of the church. N. L. Clarke served as moderator and A. Pace as church clerk. The church meeting on Saturday before the second Sunday.

JULY 1857

The church forgave brother Obadiah Clay.

AUGUST 1857 (Friday before the first Sunday)

Received by experience sister Cornelia Stephens. Bro. A.W.

Pace stated he had had a difficulty with Bro. Samuel Hatcher and that he had done wrong. The church forgave him. Brother Charles Stephens and Alsa Pace chosen as Association delegates with Thomas Avera as alternate.

SEPTEMBER 1857

Received by letter Bro. James B. McDonald and his wife, Sister Sarah Ann McDonald; also received by letter Eliza Prince and Bro. John D. Gable.

The church forgave Black Brother Henry, belonging to Bro. C. Stephens, for drinking. Bro. Cullum Avera reported for being drunk. Bro. James Brown granted a letter of dismissal.

OCTOBER 1857

Received by experience Sister Ann E.J. Revels. Bro. Cullum was excluded from the church membership roll. The church chose Bro. N. L. Clark as pastor.

NOVEMBER 1857 No business.

DECEMBER 1857

Black Sister Sara belonging to Bro. C. Stephens was excluded on the charge of unchristian behavior.

JANUARY 1858 No business.

FEBRUARY 1858 No minutes.

MARCH 1858

Received by letter Bro. Richard Baines. Sister Elizabeth Trussell granted a letter of dismissal. Received Sister Susan Hatcher by letter.

APRIL 1858

Received Sister Ann (Annie) Knight by letter.

MAY 1858

The church agreed to wash feet at the July meeting. Received Sister Susan Baines by letter.

JUNE 1858

The church moved again to hold washing of feet at the next meeting - in July.

JULY 1858

Received by letter Bro. William P. Gable.

AUGUST 1858

Bro. E. L. Stephens reported that he had drunk more spirits than he ought to have done and that he had (visited) the Pen Alley. The church forgave him.

SEPTEMBER 1858

On Monday evening following the Saturday meeting received Sister Mary Ann White and Black Bro. Washington belonging to Bro. G. S. Smith. On Tuesday evening received by letter Bro. James White and Sister Eliza White, his wife.

OCTOBER 1858

Received by experience Sister Martha Gable. On motion the case of Bro. Edward Osborne for distilling (and) selling ardent spirits was taken up. A committee assigned to wait on him. Bro. Benjamin Perry was granted a letter of dismissal for himself and his wife; also, Sister Martha Alexander was granted a letter of dismissal. Bro. N. L. Clark chosen again as church pastor.

NOVEMBER 1858

Received Sister Mary Gable by letter. Bro. Edward Osborne being present stated that he was guilty of the charge against him but that he felt that he had done NO wrong. The church withdrew fellowship with him.

Received by letter Bro. G. B. W. White and Bro. James Faircloth

DECEMBER 1858 no business

JANUARY 1859

Bro. Daniel Dearman was granted a letter of dismissal.

FEBRUARY 1859

Bro. A. Pace stated a report was in circulation that Brother Obadiah Clay had been playing at cards. A committee appointed to wait on him.

MARCH 1859

Received by experience Black Sister Mahala belonging to Bro. G. R. Smith. Bro. Obadiah Clay was excluded from membership and he was requested to give up his letter. The committee to inquire of Sister Clay (his wife) whether or not she desired to give up her letter. Bro. A. W. Pace was granted a letter of dismissal.

On motion the church authorized Pastor N. L. Clarke to receive and baptise members at the schoolhouse near Bro. Richard Baines.

APRIL 1859

A committee reported that Bro. Obadiah Clay had surrendered his church letter. The church ordered the Church Clerk to prepare another letter for Sister Martha Clay since her letter was included in the letter of Brother Clay.

Brother N. L. Clarke reported that he had received by letter at the schoolhouse near Bro. R. Baines: Sister Elizabeth Dingler and Brother Jackson Baines.

MAY 1859 no business

JUNE 1859

Bro. Charles Stephens call for a letter of dismissal for Bro. William Stephens and his wife Sister Mary Ann Stephens.

JULY 1859 & AUGUST 1859 no business

SEPTEMBER 1859

Bros. D. M. Brown, A. Pace and G. Sanderford chosen as Association delegates.

OCTOBER 1859

Bro. Charles Stephens was appointed moderator. Bro. A. Pace chosen as pastor of the church.

NOVEMBER 1859

Bro. Thomas Avera stated he had been requested by Bro. Elijah Stephens to report to the church that he had had a difficulty with Thomas Gabriel. The church forgave him. Bro. James Faircloth was granted a letter of dismissal through Bro. W. C. Mosely.

DECEMBER 1859

Bro. C. Stephens called for a letter of dismissal for Sister Mary Ann Carpenter and for Black Sister Molly belonging to James Stephens, both of which were granted.

JANUARY 1860 no minutes

FEBRUARY 1860

Bro. Thomas Avera reported that Black Bro. John belonging to

William Stokes appeared to be in disorder. A committee appointed to wait on Black Brother John.

MARCH 1860

Black Brother John excluded from membership APRIL 1860: no business

MAY 1860

Letters of dismissal were granted to Bro. John Gowel and his wife; also dismissal letters granted to Sisters Ann Jones and Anne Knight.

JUNE 1860 no business

JULY 1860

Received by experience Black Brother Sam belonging to the estate of A. M. Prince, deceased.

SEPTEMBER 1860

The church received a letter from the Bethel Church for the church to send three members to Bethel to settle a difficulty that existed in the church. Brethren C. Stephens, Thomas Avera and George R. Smith appointed to go to the Bethel Church.

Sister Elizabeth Dingles granted a letter of dismissal. Received the following by experience: William Brown, Drucilla Brown, Nancy Stephens, Henry Kurb, Oliver Brown; and by letter: Feeby Ann Snowden and Melisa A. Perkins. Also received Thornton Avera by acknowledgment and letter.

OCTOBER 1860

Received by experience Bro. Robert W. Smith and Black Bro. Henry belonging to G. B. Smith; also, Black Brother Lewis belonging to D. M. Brown. Elder E. Pace selected as pastor.

NOVEMBER 1860 no minutes

DECEMBER 1860 no business

JANUARY 1861

Brother Jackson Avera granted letter of dismissal.

FEBRUARY 1861 no business

MARCH 1861

Received Bro. Jacob McCartney by experience. APRIL 1861: no business

MAY 1861

(NOTE: unable to read)

A brother received by letter.

JUNE & JULY 1861 no business

AUGUST 1861 no minutes

SEPTEMBER 1861

Received by experience Moses Dennis and Black Sister Jane belonging to Sister A. McDonald; also Black Brother Jim belonging to Bro. William Brown.

OCTOBER 1861

(NOTE: unable to read) ...Looks like a (?)Brother (?)Clinton(?) Avera asked that his name be removed from the Church Book due to his living in a way he should not. The church erased his name from the membership roll. Bro. E. Stephens granted a letter of dismissal.

NOVEMBER 1861 no minutes

DECEMBER 1861 no business

JANUARY 1862

Sister Ann Watson through Bro. Gilcrease was granted a letter of dismissal. It was agreed to change the time of the church meeting from the second to the third Sabbath.

FEBRUARY - MARCH 1862 no minutes

APRIL 1862 no business

MAY 1862 Unable to read

JUNE 1862 no minutes

JULY 1862 no business

AUGUST 1862 Appointed Association delegates.

SEPTEMBER 1862 no business

OCTOBER 1862 no minutes

NOVEMBER 1862

Difficult to read. Appears E. G. Gay accepted call to pastor church.

DECEMBER 1862 no business

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1863 no minutes

MARCH & APRIL 1863 no business

MAY 1863

Received by letter Brother Martin D. King.

JUNE 1863

Received by letter Brother B. A. Brown.

JULY 1863 no business

AUGUST 1863

Difficult to read. Someone was reported for drinking to excess.

SEPTEMBER 1863 no business

OCTOBER 1863 no minutes

NOVEMBER 1863

 Elder G. Gay selected for pastor for the next year.

DECEMBER 1863 no business

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1864 no minutes

MARCH & APRIL 1864 no business; no minutes

MAY 1864 no business

JUNE 1864

 Received by letter Sister Mary Stephenson. The following Sunday received by experience Black Sister Matilda belonging to Mr. (?)Walters(?).

JULY 1864 Unable to read

AUGUST 1864 no minutes

SEPTEMBER 1864

 Received by letter Sister Ketsey A. Murphy and by experience Sister Mary E. Wells. The church rescinded an order at the last meeting calling for letter of dismissal from the Pisgah Association.

 The following Wednesday the church received by experience: Sisters Missouri E. Murphy, Mary Avera, Narcissa Stephens, Mary Miles, Nancy J. Baines; Black Sister Dinah, property of Sister Prince; Brother James B. Brown; Sister Mary A. McDonald; and by letter Brother Robert L.(?) Giles.

OCTOBER 1864

 Received by experience Sister Amanda Miles. Elder G. Gay continued as pastor.

NOVEMBER 1864 no minutes

DECEMBER 1864

No business. On following Sabbath the church received Bro. James M. Trussell and his wife, Sister Mary A. Trussell.

JANUARY 1865

A report reached the church that Sister Mary A. Stephens had united with a Methodist Church while holding a letter from Fellowship. A committee appointed to visit her.

Received by experience Sister Martha W. Wells.

FEBRUARY 1865 no minutes

MARCH 1865

Received by letter Bro. A. W. Pace. The committee assigned to visit Sister Mary A. Stephens made its report.

APRIL 1865 no minutes

MAY 1865

The right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. Joshia Miles. The church continued the case of Sister Mary A. Stephens.

JUNE 1865

Sister Mary A. Stephens case continued.

JULY 1865

Continued case of Sister Mary A. Stephens. The church chose delegates to attend Association meeting.

AUGUST 1865

Bro. George Smith chosen as a deacon. The right hand of fellowship extended to Sister Mary Ann Trussell. The church agreed to call Brethren E. Pace, John White and Henry White to

ordain Bro. George R. Smith. This meeting continued for nine days.

Bro. George R: Smith was ordained as a deacon. The following received by experience:

Elizabeth Price	Emily Gilcrease
Hugh Lacy	Black Sister Elvera
Black Sister Amanda	G. M. Bailey
J. G. Knox	Rebecca Brown
Black Sister Charity	Jacob K. Smith
A. W. Gillespie	Amanda Knox
John A. Brown	Elizabeth T. White
Black Brother Wiley	Black Brother Alford
Sister F. E. Gillespie	

SEPTEMBER 1865

Received by letter Sister Mary Ann Carpenter and Sister Elizabeth Linton. Received by experience Brother Daniel Staton and Black Brother Avary. A committee was formed to visit Sister Mary Ann Stephens and to explain to her her duty - that it had been ordered that Bro. Charles Stephens turn over to Bro. George R. Smith the church functions in his possession.

The following Sunday the church received by experience Bro. D. E. Brown and Black Brother Joseph.

OCTOBER 1865 no minutes

NOVEMBER 1865

The case of Mary Ann Stephens was dismissed and she was forgiven. Bro. L. Murphy reported that Bro. James M. Kurb had used profane language in a cussing him. A committee appointed to wait on Bro. Kurb. Bro. Sanderford reported that there was a report in circulation that he had been guilty of using profane language. He stated this was false and was cleared of the charge by the church. Bro. G. Gay remained Pastor. Lester Wilson received a letter of (continued on next page)

dismission. Sister Susan Hatcher also received a letter of dismissal.

DECEMBER 1865 no minutes

JANUARY 1866

Bro. James M. Kurb was excluded.

FEBRUARY 1866

Received by letter Bro. E. L. Stephens. Bro. G. R. Smith said he understood that Black Bro. Henry was charged with stealing some meat. A committee of Black Brothers Washington and Henry appointed to wait on the first Henry and report back to the church.

MARCH 1866

Received by letter Bro. John W. Edwards and Sister Helen M. Newton.

Black Bro. Henry was excluded after a committee report. Bro. Gillespie reported that a report is out that he had been drunk, which he denied. Bro. Oliver Brown reported he had seen Bro. Gillespie under the influence of liquor - this backed up by statement from Bro. Knox. After some explanation Bro. Gillespie was forgiven by the church.

Bro. A. M. Brown by request called for letters of dismissal for Bro. J. G. Knox and his wife and also for Bro. H. Lacy (not entered whether this was allowed)

APRIL 1866

Received by letter Bro. Mathias E. Gary and his wife, Sister Rachel Gary.

JUNE 1866

Black Bro. Joseph Avera reported that he had attempted to

dance and hoped the church would forgive him. The church forgave him.

JULY 1866

Received Sister Susan Hatcher by letter. Brethren A. Pace, J. M. Trussell and M. D. King selected as delegates to Association meeting.

AUGUST 1866 no business

SEPTEMBER 1866 no minutes

OCTOBER 1866 Brother G. R. Smith moderator

NOVEMBER 1866

A. Brother Winsted accepted call.as pastor of the church

DECEMBER 1866 no business

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 1867 no conference

APRIL 1867

Black Sister Amanda granted letter of dismissal; also, Helen Newton, M. C. Cary and wife were granted letters of dismissal.

MAY 1867

Sister Minniva Guison granted letter of dismissal

JUNE 1867

On Sunday following Saturday meeting Bro. Daniel Staton and his wife were granted letters of dismissal.

JULY 1867

Sister Sarah A. McDonald granted a letter of dismissal.

AUGUST 1867

The church chose delegates to attend Association meeting.

SEPTEMBER 1867

Bro. J. M. Trussell and wife were granted letter of dismissal. Bro. R. Baines called for letter of dismissal for himself, his wife and his son and daughter; Bro. Jackson Baines and Sister Nancy J. Baines.

The meeting continued until the following Friday during which time the following were received by experience:

Benjamin F. Avera	William G. Dawson
David Snowden	George McCartney
Charles M. McCartney	William J. Miles
Harvey R. Miles	J. F. Jones
Daniel Snowden (Black)	Anne M. Stephens
Thomas Smith (Black)	Shelton A. Gilcrease
J. K. P. Murphy	Thomas V. Snowden
Jane Snowden	Sarah E. Ethridge
Cender Avera (Black)	Susan Wells
Hester Smith (Black)	Elijah (Black)
Mary E. Dawson	William G. Murphy
Charlotte Prince (Black);	

and the following were restored: Nancy J. Jones and Elizabeth A. Edwards.

OCTOBER 1867

Received by experience Sister Harriett Smith (black), Bro. Flanders Twilly (black). Brother Smith called for and received a letter of dismissal for Joseph Avera (black). Bro. Daniel Gilcrease and Sister Emily Avera received letters of dismissal after being called for by Bro. D. M. Brown. The following day the dismissal letters for Joseph Avera and D. M. Gilcrease were rescinded and stopped. Elder A. Winsted chosen as Pastor.

NOVEMBER 1867 no minutes

DECEMBER 1867

It was reported that Bro. A. W. Gillespie was in the habit of

drinking to excess. A committee assigned to meet with Brother Gillespie and to report back to the church. Bro. J. F. Jones, wife Nancy J. Jones and step-daughter Mary E. Dawson received letters of dismissal.

JANUARY 1868

Elder McCalister elected to the chair (moderator). Bro. A. W. Gillespie case laid over until the next meeting. The church went into the choice of deacons and agreed to set apart one black brother to act as deacon for the black members, which resulted in the choice of E. L. Stephens, V. L. Murphy and Daniel Snowden (black).

FEBRUARY 1868

The case of Bro. Gillespie was continued.

MARCH 1868

Received by letter Sister Helen Newton. Bro. A.W. Gillespie gave a satisfactory report to the church.

The church extended a general notice to all delinquent members to attend next conference and give reasons for their absence or they would be dealt with for non-attendance.

APRIL 1868

Received by letter Elmira McCall, Margaret McCall and Catherine McCall. Bro. Daniel Snowden's ordination postponed indefinitely at his request. Proceeded with ordination of Bros. E. L. Stephens and V. L. Murphy as deacons.

MAY 1868

Received by letter Sister Sarah McCall and Bro. Daniel McCall; placed Sister Jane Jenkins under the watch care of the church until she could secure a letter of dismissal from a church in Alabama.

The church took action in regard to non-attendance of members. The case of Bro. R. L. Giles for non-attendance was laid over until the next meeting. Sister Viney McDonald was excluded. others excluded for non-attendance were:

Washington Smith	Melissa Smith
Dennis McDonald	James Brown
Ellen Walls	Moses McDonald
Jane McDonald	Henry Stephens
Nancy Stephens	Adaline Smith
Eliza A. McDonald.	

Lotty McDonald case was continued. All of these members were black except Bro. Giles.

JUNE 1868

The case of Lottie McDonald continued. Bro. G. R. Smith called for a letter of dismissal for Bro. D. M. Gilcrease, which was granted. Bro. Ralph Hill was excluded for non-attendance. Bro. A. Winsted, moderator; A. Pace, Church Clerk.

JULY 1868

Bro. A. W. Gillespie charged with drinking to excess and profane swearing. Committee consisting of . M. Bailey and B. A. Brown appointed to cite him to the next meeting.

AUGUST - OCTOBER 1868 no minutes

NOVEMBER 1868

Bro. A. W. Gillespie gave satisfactory acknowledgment and the church forgave him. He then requested and received a letter of dismissal for himself and his wife. Others receiving letters of dismissal were Bros. B. A. Brown and Benjamin Avera. Sister Ellen Walls was restored to membership, then given a letter of dismissal.

DECEMBER 1868 no minutes

JANUARY 1869 No business.

FEBRUARY 1869

Bro. William G. Murphy received a letter of dismissal, after it was requested by Bro. A. Pace.

MARCH 1869

Black Sister Charlotte charged with unchristian conduct. Bros. Thomas Wells and A. Pace to cite her to the next meeting.

APRIL 1869

Black Sister acknowledged that she had done wrong and that she did not wish membership in the church, whereupon she was excluded. Bro. Hilton A. Gilcrease granted a letter of dismissal.

MAY 1869

Received by letter Sister Permelia Gibbons. Sister Sarah J. Kinard granted letter of dismissal.

JUNE 1869

Received by letter Sister E.P. Anderson. Bro. A. Winsted, pastor; G.R. Smith, church clerk.

JULY 1869

Bro. A. Pace resigned as church clerk, whereupon G.R. Smith was appointed to fill the post.

AUGUST 1869

Received by experience Michael McKinzy. Association delegates selected were the beloved brethren E.L. Stephens, V.L. Murphy, G.A. McCartney; alternate G.H. Revel.

SEPTEMBER 1869

Sister Anderson granted letter of dismissal. Bro. Wells

called for letter of dismissal for himself and wife and their daughter, which was granted.

Took up the case of Sister Cunningham who had united with the Presbyterian Church. A committee appointed to cite her to the next meeting.

The meeting continued until Wednesday and the following were received by experience:

Michael McKinzy (Black)

Rodah Pace

C. T. Avera

W. D. Smith

W. B. Snowden

Malica Brown (Black)

Adaline Smith (Black) was restored to membership.

The church met on September 15, 1869, and agreed that (the) black body hold a special conference - also that they (black body) appoint more brethren to watch over them (black members). Sister Prince granted a letter of dismissal.

OCTOBER 1869

Sister Cunningham case continued. The black brethren went into conference and agreed to transfer the election of their two brothers until the next meeting.

The church received by experience Lewis and Joseph Harvey on the following Sunday.

NOVEMBER 1869

The church withdrew membership from Sister Jane Cunningham. The church forgave Bro. G. McCartney. The case of the Colored Brethren continued.

DECEMBER 1869

Received by letter Lauria A. Pace. Bro. E. L. Stephens called for a letter of dismissal for Bro. Will Dawson and

Bro. Robert Snowden, which request was granted. Bro. McCartney stated that Bro. Snowden was dissatisfied with the church proceedings and the act was rescinded. A committee consisting of Bros. Brown and Stephens was appointed to wait upon the brother.

Bro. Pace reported that a report was in circulation that Bro. Revel had had a dancing party at his house. A committee was formed to cite Bro. Revel to the next meeting. The case of the black brethren continued. Sister Helen Newton granted a letter of dismissal.

JANUARY 1870

Received by letter W.Kinnard, S.G.Kinnard, A.H.Kinnard, M.V. Kinnard and C.C.Kinnard. The church withdrew membership for Bro. Snowden (Black). The church forgave Brother Revel. Letters of dismissal were granted to Bros. G.R.Smith, M.A.Smith, N.D.Smith and James K.P.Murphy. The church preferred charges against Bro. Dorson (Dawson) for attending dancing parties. A committee appointed to visit him. The Black Brethren chose Daniel to watch over them.

FEBRUARY & MARCH 1870 No conference.

APRIL 1870

Received by letter: R.N.Gunn, Wilkins Tucker, M.A.Gunn, G.P. Smith. The case of Bro. Dawson was presented. Bro. Dawson being present acknowledged that he did wrong and the church forgave him.

A letter of dismissal granted to Sister Mary Avara and to Black Bro. Alreed Rodgers. The case of Sister M.E. Murphy was presented the charge, unchristian conduct. The church withdrew fellow ship. Black Sister Hester Smith also was excluded after being charged with unchristian conduct.

MAY 1870

The case of Bro. V. L. Murphy was continued. A letter of dis-mission was granted to Sister Ausburn (Osburn?). Bro. G. W. Miles stated he had been using profane language and that he was sorry. The church forgave him. The church preferred a charge of disorder against White and wife. A committee assigned to cite the brother and sister to the next meeting.

JUNE 1870

The case of V.L.Murphy was presented and the case dismissed. The case of Bro.White and wife was called. The committee requested more time which was granted. Bro. S.M.Bailey stated that he had been drinking to excess and that he was sorry. The church forgave him.

JULY 1870

Bro. V.L. Murphy case was presented again and case dismissed. Membership was withdrawn from Bro. White and wife.

AUGUST 1870

This meeting lasted for nine days in which the following were received by experience:

M. J. Killingsworth	Nancy T. Avara
A. M. Hutson	Wiley Miles
Marion Miles	E. G. Murphy
G. M. Murphy	B. G. Murphy
S. E. Pace	Francis Whittiker
C. L. Brown	B. D. Brown
T. G. Snowden	W. L. Avara
T. C. Perron	S. E. Perron
Elizabeth Whittiker (marked through)	
Amanda Harry (Black)	
Ellen Brown (Black)	Cash Allen (Black)
Manuel Street (Black)	Mary Street (Black)
Bight Harry (Black)	Thon Crockett (Black)
Catherine Wolf (Black)	Elvira Boos (Black)
Catherine Prince (Black)	Harriett Harry (Black)
Ellich Brown (Black)	Francis Matin (excluded previously?)

APRIL 1871

T. J. Hand acted as moderator. Letters of dismissal granted Sister Killingsworth, W. J. Miles and wife, Thomas Pearson and wife, and S. Y. Harris.

MAY 1871

Bro. R. N. Gunn acting moderator. Letters of dismissal granted J. B. Brown and his wife Cynthia G. Brown.

JUNE 1871 no minutes

JULY 1871

A special conference scheduled for the purpose of calling a pastor. Bro. Stephens moved to call Bro. Gressett. This passed by unanimous vote. Bro. Edward Osburn called for his case to be reconsidered, which was taken up and he was restored. Then Bro. Osburn was granted a letter of dismissal.

AUGUST 1871 no minutes

SEPTEMBER 187

Bro. Gunn reported himself to the church (?charge?) which was taken up with the result of the church forgiving him - but the church decided to suspend Bro. Gunn for an unlimited time (the right) to exercise (preach) in public.

Sister Dawson's case was taken up. The church decided to appoint a committee consisting of Bros. Brown, Murphy and Snowden to see Sister Dawson and report back to the church. Her case continued until the next meeting.

(NOTE: This is Mary Elizabeth Dawson).

Brother Jones (James F.) case was also deferred until the next meeting.

(NOTE: This Jones the stepfather of Mary Elizabeth Dawson.)

Sister Let(?) Pace letter of dismissal was called for and granted. Sister Whiterker case was reported; a committee was appointed to wait upon her.

Black Bro. Woolf presented himself to the church stating that he had been fighting. The church forgave him. The church chose E. S. Stephens, S'. M. Bailey and W. B. Snowden as Association delegates. Bro. Smith reported himself on a charge of drunkenness. The church forgave him. Bro. Brown also reported himself for drinking and was forgiven.

OCTOBER 1871

The Jones and wife case continued until the next meeting. The case of Mary E. Dawson was taken up and reconsidered, which resulted in the church excluding her. Sister Whiterker case reported upon - the committee to continue to wait on her.

Bro. M. N. Kinnard and wife granted letters of dismissal. Black Bro. Stephens reported that he was guilty of drinking too much of which the church forgave him. Lemuel Brown and wife granted letters of dismissal. Bro. Cochran also granted a letter of dismissal.

NOVEMBER 1871

The committee on case of Brother and Sister Jones reported, which resulted in the exclusion of both. Sister Whiterker was also excluded. Bro. McCartney was reported to the church (?charge?). A committee appointed to wait on him.

DECEMBER 1871

Bro. Gunn case was taken up which resulted in restoring him to exercise in public. Bro. McCartney case deferred until the

conference. Sister Rebecca E. Vinson granted a letter of dis-mission. Bro. Gressett called as pastor for the ensuing year.

JANUARY 1872

Bro. McCartney was forgiven by the church. Bro. Reid was reported to the church for drinking. Bro. Gunn and wife and Bro. M. Miles granted letters of dismissal. Black Sisters Morgan and Glasper reported for dancing. A committee appointed to wait on them. Daniel Snowden granted a letter of dismissal. Sister Moton was reported to the church. A committee appointed to wait on her. A. Gressett, moderator; W.B. Snowden, church clerk.

FEBRUARY 1872

Bro. Reed's case deferred until the next meeting.

MARCH 1872 no minutes

APRIL 1872

Bro. Brown stated he had been drinking to excess. On motion the church forgave him. The case of black sister Glaspas was taken up by the black conference. The case deferred on account of the absence of the sister. Blanks was moderator and A.Pace clerk pro-tem.

MAY 1872 no minutes

JUNE 1872

Brother arose and stated that Bro. Cash desired the church to liberate him to exercise in public. Bro. Snowden moved to defer the subject until the next conference on account of the absence of black brothers and sisters.

JULY 1872

In the black conference Sister Matilda Waters was granted a letter of dismissal. Jonson, moderator.

AUGUST 1872

Bro. Miles reported himself guilty of drinking to an excess. He was forgiven by the church. Letters of dismissal granted Bro. Murphy and wife, Francis Whitaker. The church was not in the Mount Pisgah Association.

SEPTEMBER 1872

In the black conference Sister Adeline Smith was excluded. Ellis ? Brown granted a letter of dismissal.

OCTOBER 1872

Bro. A. Gressett again elected Pastor. In the black conference Bro. Robbert Snowden case taken up and considered, which resulted in restoring him. Letters of dismissal granted Micah McKinzee, Henry Stevens, Sister Mary McKinzee. Bro. Robbert Snowden was refused a letter of dismissal and delayed until the next conference because of the absence of the black brother.

NOVEMBER 1872

Bro. Thompson reported to the church for drinking to excess. Committee appointed to cite him to the next meeting. C.T. Avara and Wilkin Tucker received letters of dismissal.

Black Sister Ellen Brown was reported to the church for unchristian conduct. A committee of Bros. Don Snowden and T. Harry appointed to wait on her.

DECEMBER 1872 No minutes.

JANUARY 1873

NOTE: Page torn - mentions Grey Sanderford.

FEBRUARY 1873

The church withdrew fellowship from Bro. Joseph McCartney for unchristian conduct in several instances. Church also withdrew fellowship from Sister Ellen Brown. A. Gressett, moderator.

MARCH 1873

NOTE: Unable to read-possibly entered in pencil.

APRIL 1873

Bro. Jesse McCall was presented to the church on a charge of drunkenness. A committee assigned to investigate.

MAY 1873

Bro. R. N. Gunn liberated to exercise in public; this on May 10, 1873. The case against Bro. Jesse McCall was dismissed after committee reported to church. Bro. R. N. Gunn granted a letter of dismissal. Bro. J. B. Kinard elected to office of deacon.

JUNE 1873

Speaks of delegates who bore letters of correspondence of the Pine Grove Church in Lauderdale County: C. H. Yarbrough and J. G. Fortson (half-brother to Nancy Jane Fortson Dawson); and Beulah Church in Newton County: Bros. J. E. Graham & M. L. Williams. The Fellowship Church decided to correspond with the following churches: Hickory Grove, Lauderdale County: Bro. J. B. Kinard, delegate; Pine Grove Church, Lauderdale County: William Brown, delegate; Beulah Church, Newton County: T. V. Snowden, delegate.

JULY 1873

The following received letters of dismissal: John A. Brown; Mary Gabrel; Sarah C. Stokes; Black Sister Morgan; G. P. Stokes & wife, Sister Elizabeth Stokes.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1873 No minutes.

OCTOBER 1873

Bro. A. Gressett again elected Pastor.

NOVEMBER 1873

Bro. A.Gressett refused to answer the call as Pastor until he could see what the church would do for him - for what he had already done for the church.

DECEMBER 1873 & JANUARY 1874 No minutes.

FEBRUARY 1874

Bro. McCalister was elected Pastor of the church.

MARCH & APRIL 1874 No minutes.

MAY 1874

Bro. Tobert granted letter of dismissal. In the black conference Bro. Crockett was charged with non-attendance. A com-mittee was assigned to wait on him. Bro.Woolf & wife were charged with disorderly conduct in his family. A committee assigned to wait on them.

JUNE 1874

Black Conference Bro. Crocket case deferred until the next meeting as was the case of Bro. Woolf.

JULY 1874

A charge was laid on Bro. R.N. Gunn for deserting Fellowship Church and joining Green (Or GUM) Springs Church (apparently this was the present Gum Log Church as R.N.Gunn is listed in the minutes of that church). The church excluded him on the charge. Black Bro. Crocket case was deferred until the next meeting as was Bro. Woolf's case.

AUGUST 1874

The church elected delegates to the Association Meeting.

SEPTEMBER 1874 no minutes

OCTOBER 1874

Membership with the church was withdrawn.

NOVEMBER 1874

A committee was appointed to wait on Bro. Thompson.
Brother Winsted elected Pastor.

DECEMBER 1874; and JANUARY 1875 no minutes

FEBRUARY 1875

Bro. H. L. Avara presented to the church and his case was considered, which resulted in the withdrawal of fellowship. Bro. Thompson case has taken up and deferred until the next meeting.

Bro. Avara presented himself for drinking to excess and using profane language. The church forgave him.

MARCH - AUGUST 1875 no minutes

SEPTEMBER 1875

Bro. Thompson case was discontinued. Elected delegates to Association Meeting.

OCTOBER 1875 no minutes

NOVEMBER 1875

Bro. Thompson case dismissed and he received full membership.
Bro. Phillips elected as Pastor.

DECEMBER 1875 no minutes

JANUARY 1876

Brother Phillips accepted the call as Pastor. Black Conference

Sister Harriet Smith(?) case was taken up and considered, which resulted in withdrawing membership from her.

FEBRUARY - APRIL 1876 no minutes

MAY & JUNE 1876 no business

JULY through OCTOBER 1876 no minutes

NOVEMBER 1876

Bro. C. C. Kinard and Sister Vergina Kinard were granted letters of dismissal. Bro. C. C. White and B. F. Avara were chosen deacons. Bro. W. L. Phillips called to the care of the church.

DECEMBER 1876 no minutes

JANUARY 1877

Bro. Phillips made acknowledgment to the church for speaking harsh to a brother. The church forgave Ero. Phillips.

FEBRUARY & MARCH 1877 no business

NO DATE

The church called for delegate volunteers to attend the Mt. Pisgah Association. Bros. W. L. Phillips and E. S. Stephens Volunteered. B. F. Avara and J. B. Kinard, alternates.

JUNE 1877

The communion was brought under consideration of the church by motion and second, which resulted in Fellowship Church shall or will commune quarterly or every three months. This to commence on the 2nd Lord's Day in September.

JULY - SEPTEMBER 1877no minutes

OCTOBER 1877

Bro. Bailey charged with the use of profane language. The church forgave him.
W.G. Dawson asked for another church letter which the church granted.

NOTE: NO MINUTES UNTIL MAY 1878

Bro. D.M. Brown case taken up; deferred until next meeting.

JUNE 1878

Bro. D.M. Brown case taken up; resulted in the church withdrawing membership.

JULY 1878

No minutes.

AUGUST 1878

Bro. H. Smith was restored and dismissed by letter.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 1878

No minutes.

NOVEMBER 1878

No business.

DECEMBER 1878

No minutes.

JANUARY - MARCH 1879

No minutes.

APRIL 1879

Bro. Williams case taken up, which was (charge of) unchristian conduct. A committee appointed to wait on him

NOTE: NO OTHER MINUTES FOR REMAINDER OF 1879
THE MINUTES NOW JUMP TO:

JANUARY 1882

It was reported that Bro. W.S. Phillips had been visiting houses of ill fame. A committee appointed to investigate. E. S. Stephens, moderator; and W. li. Brown, church clerk.

FEBRUARY 1882

The committee investigating Bro. Phillips made a report. Committee discharged; another committee appointed to further investigate the case. Bro. Hagwood's case continued.

MARCH 1882

The committee on Bro. Phillips' case discharged. It was decided to seek help from sister churches in dealing with the case of Bro. Phillips. This would be Arkadelphia, Pine Grove and Oak Grove and Massadonia. The case of Bro. Hagwood continued.

APRIL 1882

Bro. Phillips' case taken up. He was excluded on report of visiting houses of ill fame, for ? and for making false statements. Bro. Hagwood case continued.

MAY 1882

A committee appointed to see W.S. Phillips and call for his credentials; committee being Bros. Thomas Snowden, Turner Harrison and Henry Newton. Bro. E.L. Stephens appointed to meet with the executive board of the Oktibbeha Association. The church granted Sister Laura Pace a letter of dismissal.

JUNE 1882 No minutes.

JULY 1882

Received W.S. Phillips' credentials. On motion fellowship was withdrawn from Bro. Elijah Hegwood.

AUGUST 1882

It was reported that Sister Stennis had joined the Catholic Church. A committee appointed to see her. Sister Phillips was granted letter of dismissal. Bro. B.F. Avara confessed to using

profane language.

SEPTEMBER 1882

Sister Stennis case deferred until next conference. Received by letter Sister Pinkey Snowden and by experience ? Snowden and Woods Davis.

OCTOBER 1882 No conference.

NOVEMBER 1882

The case of Bro. R.J. Carpenter was taken up and a committee appointed to wait on him. The meetings were changed from second to first Sabbath and Saturday meeting the day before.

DECEMBER 1882

W.D. Phillips requested to be restored to membership and a letter of dismissal after making acknowledgment to the church. The case postponed until the next meeting.

JANUARY 1883

The case of W.D. Phillips postponed indefinitely.

FEBRUARY 1883 No minutes.

MARCH 1883 No business

APRIL 1883 No minutes.

MAY 1883 No business.

JUNE 1883

Received Bro. W.W. Hall*.

*W.W. Hall, former member of Salem Baptist Church, Alamucha and member of Board of Police, Lauderdale County.

JULY 1883 No conference.

AUGUST 1883

The church received William Sefton, M.F. Sefton, Laura C.E. Brown, Avarilla Pace.

Nannie Snowden, N. B. and Sister Thompson dismissed by letter.

SEPTEMBER 1883

A committee appointed to cite, Bro. Jesse McCall to conference.

Bro. Turner Harrison, Sister Hill granted letters of dismissal.

Bros. E. S. Stephens, Thomas Thompson were chosen as delegates to the Association. Brother Duncan chosen as Pastor.

OCTOBER 1883

The case of Bro. Jesse McCall was continued.

NOVEMBER 1883

Church fellowship was withdrawn from Bro. Jesse McCall.

Sister Maline(?) Pace granted letter of dismissal.

DECEMBER 1883 - MARCH 1884 no conference

APRIL 1884

Sister Nancy Snowden was granted a letter of dismissal.

MAY 1884

Brother D. E. Brown was granted a letter of dismissal.

JUNE 1884 no business

JULY 1884

Bro. Thomas Thompson was granted a letter of dismissal.

The matter of building a house of worship was taken up -there being two places in review, a ballot was taken and the old place received the majority. A building committee of B. F. Avara, J. G. Snowden, W. B. Brown, was appointed. Bro. T. V. Snowden was appointed to take up subscriptions for the building of the church.

AUGUST 1884

On request Bro. Hall was released from the committee to raise

funds for the building of a new house of worship. A motion and second that the Fellowship dissolve and grant letters of dismissal to all her members lost.

Brother B.F. Avara was released from the building committee and Bro. W. B. Snowden appointed in his place. Bro. E. R. Snowden to take the place of Bro. Hall. The following members granted letters of dismissal:

B. F. Avara	Nancy T. Avara
W. L. Avara	Thedie Avara
C. J. Brown	Martha J. Brown
Laura L. Brown	W. J. Miles
Mary Ann Miles	Wiley Reid
Elizabeth Reid	Sarah H. McDonald
Mary A. Carpenter	Daniel McCall.

Brother W. W. Hall, moderator pro-tem.

SEPTEMBER 1884

Letters of dismissal granted:

S. M. Bailey	T. J. Bailey	E. S. Stephens
Annie M. Stephens	Minnie Z. Stephens	Annie Stephens
Laura E. Brown	William Sefton	M. E. Sefton
W. T. Carpenter	J. D. Brown	Avie Brown
Susan L. Brown	W. B. Brown	Sarah S. Brown
D. M. Brown	Rebecca J. Brown	Mary McDonald

On motion Bro. J. F. Jones was restored and granted a letter of dismissal.

Sister Gunn also granted a letter of dismissal after being restored.

OCTOBER 1884 - FEBRUARY 1885 no minutes

MARCH 1885

Brother and Sister Kinerd and Sister Stephens were granted letters of dismissal

APRIL 1885 no minutes

MAY 1885

Sister Stephens granted a letter of dismissal.

JUNE 1885

No business.

TESTIMONY IN THE W.S. PHILLIPS CASE BEFORE JOINT COMMITTEE

NO DATE GIVEN

W. B. Brown said that Committee #1 had investigated rumors and found one J. Robert Reeves who stated that what he knew he would not tell unless forced. He was not a member of any church. Mr.Reeves said Mr.Phillips had threatened his accusers with the law; also said Bro. Job Taylor of the Baptist Church had made a statement similar to that of Mr.Reeves.

Committee #2: Thomas Snowden had no testimony. C.J. Brown said Berry Love (?Lane?) of the Methodist Church said he knew that W.S. Phillips visited houses of ill fame. Bro.Brown said he interviewed woman at a house of ill fame. She knew W.S. Phillips and described him, his horse, and identified him; said he frequently visited the house and brought presents to the girls.

Testimony was given to committee from three churches served by W. S. Phillips in reference to the action of Fellowship Church in excluding him.

B.F. Avara, who was not on any committee, testified that he had had an interview with Dr. Mark (Mart?) Thompson who stated he had treated W.S.Phillips for ? Bro.Avara had avowed his innocence before God in open conference. Bro.Avara testimony backed up by the following brethren:

J. P. Smith

T. V. Snowden

W. J. Miles

C. J. Brown

D. E. Brown

W. B. Brown

W. H. Snowden

The church brought out that it was to be understood that Dr. Thompson was not a Baptist. Dr. W. W. Hall said Dr. Thompson stood at the head of his profession as a physician. The church endorsed Dr. Thompson by a rising vote.

The three churches involved in the conference were Arkadelphia, Masidona and Pine Grove; Bro. White from Arkadelphia; Bro. Blackman and Bro. Brown from Masidona; and Bro. (J.G.)Fortson from Pine Grove. Two of the churches endorsed the Fellowship Church in excluding W. S. Phillips.

Testimony was also given to visiting committees from Cana, Mt. Olivet and Bethlehem Churches in this case.

JUNE 1888

Sister Amanda Gay was granted a letter of dismissal. Brother G. W. Rainer, moderator; E. R. Snowden, church clerk.

JULY - SEPTEMBER 1888 no conference

SEPTEMBER 1890

Brother J. A. Bailey granted a letter of dismissal. Brother E. S. Stephens, moderator; E. R. Snowden, church clerk

SEPTEMBER 1893

Brother J. L. Blanks appointed to take charge of the church during a few days of meeting, after which the church chose him as the Pastor for the ensuing year. E. R. Snowden elected Church Clerk; Brother J. G. Snowden chosen as deacon.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 1893 no business

JANUARY 1894 no minutes

FEBRUARY - MARCH 1894 no business

APRIL 1894 no conference

MAY 1894

Received by letter Bro. W. L. Avara and Sister Thedia Avara.

JUNE 1894 no business

JULY 1894 no minutes

AUGUST 1894 no business

SEPTEMBER 1894

Rev. J. T. Graham chosen as Pastor.

NO DATE

Received by experience and letter:

W. T. Love	T. J. Snowden	P. C. Smith
J. B. Smith	W. L. Brown	Willie Ratcliff
Sister M. A. Smith	M. L. Murphy	L. M. Snowden

NOVEMBER 1894 no minutes

DECEMBER 1894

Received by letter: Sister Vinnie Snowden. And on Sunday received Bro. W. J. Miles, Sister Mary E. Miles, Sister Mary E. Love, Sister Georgia Ethridge and Brother C. C. Kinard by letter.

JANUARY 1895

Received by letter Sister Alice Graham, Sister Lular Graham and Sister Annie Ratcliff

FEBRUARY 1895 no minutes

MARCH & APRIL 1895 no business

MAY 1895

Received by letter Sister Sarah H. McDonald.

JUNE 1895

Sent invitation to Brother Tom Wells to be with church at the next meeting.

JULY 1895

Received by letter Sister Magie Hudson and Sister Bular Pace.

AUGUST 1895 no business

SEPTEMBER 1895

This meeting continued for 9 days and the following received by letter: D. A. Hudson, Von Hudson and V. J. Kinard; and the following by experience:

Daisie Cunningham	Pearl Brown	Lidia Brown
Minnie Miles	Daisie Moore	Julia Brown
Tola Snowden	Allie Graham	Ellen Kinard
Elisha Stevenson	Lum Cunningham	W. L. Snowden
J. T. Snowden	Lee Miles	J. W. Snowden
Fred Clark	Daniel Tolbert	J. T. Snowden, Jr.
Vestia Ritcliff	Willie Graham	Mark Brown
Lindie Smith	Dave Hudson	Tom Denton
J. R. Snowden		

OCTOBER 1895

Bro. P. C. Smith (case) taken up and the church withdrew membership from him. Sister Annie Ratcliff and Bro. Willie Ratcliff granted letters of dismissal

NOVEMBER 1895 no minutes

DECEMBER 1895 no business; church at peace

JANUARY 1896 no minutes

MARCH 1896

The church cleared Elder J. T. Graham of using any influence to secure the call of the church as Pastor.

APRIL - MAY 1896 no business - church at peace.

JUNE (written July) 1896

The church agreed to hold a series of meetings in September 1896.

JULY 1896 no business - church at peace.

AUGUST 1896 no business

SEPTEMBER 1896

This meeting continued for nine days. The following were received by letter: Bro. J. L. Smith, Sister Laura Smith, Minnie Miles, Mattie Shepard. Received by experience:

Sister Idie Miles	Lular Parker	Idia Williamson
Annie Ritchardson	Avra Snowden	Minnie Graham
Nannie Snowden	Belhthana Snowden	Bro. Bass Smith

Judson Hudson.

Bros. J. L. and A. J. Smith were elected delegates to the Oktibbeha Association Meeting. W. G. Weatherford, alternate delegate.

OCTOBER 1896 no business

NOVEMBER 1896 no minutes

DECEMBER 1894

Bro. J. T. Graham resigned as Pastor due to not being paid enough by the church

JANUARY 1897

Bro. T. J. Wells chosen as Pastor. A committee appointed to see Bro. Wells to find out if he would accept the call.

FEBRUARY 1897 no business - the church in peace

MARCH 1897 no business - the church in peace

APRIL 1897

Rev. Williams selected as Pastor. A committee appointed to see him and find out if he would accept the call.

MAY 1897

Rev. Williams stated he would give an answer to the call of the church at the next regular meeting.

JUNE 1897

Bro. J. H. Williams accepted the call of the church. Sister Daisie Moore was granted a letter of dismissal.

JULY 1897 no minutes

AUGUST 1897

The church withdrew fellowship from Bro. Dan Tolbert. Sister Lidia and Peal (Pearl?) Brown were granted letters of dismissal. Bro. Tom Denton was ordained as a deacon. Bro. J.L. Smith requested the church to release him from being ordained as a deacon. The request was granted. Received by experience W. G. Snowden and Baxter Ritchardson.

SEPTEMBER 1897 no minutes

OCTOBER 1897

The committee to see Bro. T. J. Wells was discharged. Bros. W. L. Avara and W. Miles to see Bro. Jake Smith.

NOVEMBER 1897 no minutes

DECEMBER 1897

Received by letter Rev. A. A. Powell but deferred extending the right hand of the church fellowship (to him) until the next meeting. Bros. W. J. Miles and W. L. Avara reported that Bro. Jake asks the church to forgive him for dancing and using profane language, which the church did. Bro. J.L. Smith and wife, Sister Laura Smith, were granted letters of dismissal. Bros. J. G. Snowden and Vester Ritchardson were appointed to see and invite

Brother Rainer to the next meeting.

JANUARY 1898

The church now gave members an opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting. Bro. W.H. Rainer was called to supply the church for the ensuing year. Bro. Lin Smith was reported to the church for dancing. A committee appointed to see him. The church withdrew fellowship from Bro. Jake Smith.

Rev. W.H. Rainer, moderator; E.R. Snowden, church clerk.

FEBRUARY 1898

The church withdrew fellowship from Bro. Lin Smith.

MARCH 1898 No business.

APRIL 1898 Received by letter Sister A.A. Powell

MAY 1898 No business.

JUNE & JULY 1898 No minutes.

AUGUST 1898

Discharged the committee appointed to invite Bro. Weatherford to the next meeting. Received by experience Sister R.B. Pratt, Sister H.E. Pratt, L.J. Rodgers, M.L. Rodgers, C.E. Smith, Bro. Eddie Snowden. Received by letter Sister M.N. Pratt; Sister Idia Williamson granted a letter of dismissal.

MEMO: THE MINUTES NOW ARE IN NO REGULAR ORDER. APPARENTLY MANY OF THE MINUTES WERE LOST OVER THE YEARS.

JANUARY 1899 Church in peace.

APRIL 1899 Church in peace.

SEPTEMBER 1899

Bro. Baxter Richardson & J.G. Snowden delegates to Association Meeting; G.W. Weatherford, alternate delegate.

Brother W.H. Rainer elected pastor for the ensuing year (Sept.1899/ Sept. 1900). Bro. Lisbin(?) Stevenson reported to the church as being out of order. A committee appointed to see him.

OCTOBER 1900

The committee to investigate Bro. A. A. Powell reported that the brother was sorry and asks the church to forgive him, which the church did, and then granted him a letter of dismissal.

JULY 1901

Bro. A. A. Powell case taken up and after some debate he was charged with unchristian conduct, for which the church for-gave him. Then on motion another charge was preferred against him

MEMO: the minutes cease - next page missing.

MEMO: THE MINUTES STOP HERE THERE IS A MENTION OF TAKING UP A COLLECTION OF \$5.65 IN FEBRUARY 1901 FOR THE MIDWAY CHURCH. AT THIS TIME A. A. POWELL WAS CHURCH CLERK PRO-TEM.

THE LAST PART OF THE MINUTES ARE UNDATED MEMBERSHIP LISTS
BLACK BROTHERS OR SISTERS

Daniel Snowden

Nancy Snowden

Joseph Harry - died 1885

Harriett Harry - died 1891

Amanda Gay - Dismissed by letter 6/23/1888

Right Harry - died in 1891

Lewis Harry - absent

Diniah Prince - died 1887

Catherine Prince - dismissed by letter October 1888

Henry Wolf

Tom Smith - Dismissed by letter 9/19/1885

George Smith - dismissed by letter 9/19/1885

Malissa Gillespie - dismissed by letter 9/19/1885

Milly Brown - dismissed by letter 9/19/1885

Kiziah Brown - died 1898

Amanda Miles - dismissed by letter Elizabeth Pace - dismissed by letter 8/12/1877
 Elvina A. Brown - black - dismissed by letter 7/12/1873
 Samuel M. Bailey - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Emily F. Avara - dismissed by letter Rebecca Brown - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Charity Brown - black - dismissed by letter
 Jacob K. Smith - dismissed by letter Absalom W. Gillespie- dismissed by letter
 John A. Brown - dismissed Elizabeth J. White - excluded
 Wiley Avara - black - dismissed by letter
 Frances Gillespie - dismissed by letter
 Alfred Rodgers - black - dismissed by letter
 Mary A. Carpenter - dead
 John W. Edwards - (marked through) - dismissed by letter
 Susan Hatcher - deceased 7/31/1872
 Elizabeth Miles - dismissed by letter
 Sarah Stephens - died 9/1882 Cherry Brown - black - dead
 V. L. Murphy - dismissed by letter 1871
 Thomas Wells - (Marked through) - dismissed by letter
 David Brown - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Sarah Wells - (marked throuh) - dismissed by letter
 Henry Stephens - black - excluded
 Robert Snowden - (marked through) - black - excluded
 Haley? Avara - black - excluded Elijah S. Stephens - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Sarah J. Pace - dismissed by letter
 Islom P. Pace
 Thomas Wells - dismissed by letter
 V. L. Murphy (marked through) - dismissed by letter
 Ralph Hill - black - dismissed by letter
 Nancy Snowden - black
 Harry Stephens - excluded
 Susan Hatcher - died
 Mahala Smith - black - dead
 Lewis Brown - black - excluded
 Joseph McCartney - dismissed by letter
 Moses McDonald - excluded
 Janes MCdonald (marked through)
 James B. Brown
 Mary Stephenson - dead
 Mary E. Wells (Marked through) - letter
 Mary A. Miles - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Martha W. Wells - (marked through) - letter
 E. A. Brown (marked through) - black - excluded
 Charity - black - dismissed
 Amanda - black - dismissed by letter
 John A. Brown - dismissed by letter 7/12/1873
 Benjamin F. Avara - dismissed by letter after being restored

William G. Dawson - restored then dismissed by letter
 David McCartney - dismissed by letter 1883
 George McCartney - dismissed by letter
 Charles McCartney - dismissed by letter
 William J. Miles - dismissed by letter 8/1884
 Henry R. Miles - dismissed by letter
 J. F. Jones - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Daniel Snowden - black -
 Anne M. Stepehns - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Thomas Smith - black Milton A. Gilcrease - dismissed by letter
 James K. P. Murphy - dismissed by letter
 Thomas V. Snowden - died 9/6/1895 Jane Snowden - died 1875
 Sarah E. Ethridge - died 1895 Candis Avara - black - dismissed
 Susan Wells (marked through) - dismissed by letter
 Hester Smith - (marked through) - black - excluded
 Elijah - black - dead
 Mary E. Dawson - excluded;restored;dismissed by letter
 William Gillesphy - dismissed by letter
 Charlotte Prince - excluded
 Nancy J.Jones - dismissed by letter
 Elizabeth A. Edwards - dismissed by letter
 Harriett Smith - black
 Flanders Twilly - black - dismissed by letter
 David E. Brown - dismissed by letter 5/1884
 Ellen Wells - black (marked through)
 Joseph Avara - black - excluded
 James Brown - black - excluded
 Charles E. Stephens - dead
 Malinda Smith - black - excluded
 Ataline Smith - black - excluded
 Jane McDonald - excluded
 Ellen Wells - black - restored;dismissed by letter
 Permelia Fallons? - dead
 Helen M. Newton - dismissed by letter
 Catherine McCall or Sandford - died
 Etmina McCall
 Margaret McCall
 Harriett Smith - black (marked through)
 Flanders Twilly - black (marked through)
 Gasch? McCall
 Daniel McCall - dismissed by letter 8/1884
 Jesse McCall - excluded 11/1883
 Elizabeth J. Anderson (marked through) - dismissed by letter
 Michel McKinzy - black - dismissed by letter
 Joseph Harry - black - dismissed by letter

Lois Harry - black
 S. W. Kinard - dismissed by letter 3/12/1880
 S. P. Kinard - dismissed by letter
 M. N. Kinard - dismissed by letter 1871
 A. H. Kinard (female) - dismissed by letter 1871
 C. C. Kinard - dismissed by letter 12/8/1879
 Kodah Paa - dismissed by letter 12/7/18880
 J. Kinard - dismissed by letter 12/8/1879
 C. T. Avara - excluded 1871
 W. D. Smith - dismissed by letter 1870
 W. B. Snowden - died 11/1/1885
 Malissa Brown - black - dismissed by letter
 Adeline Smith - black - excluded
 R. N. Gunn - dismissed by letter 13?/187? possibly 1/13/1872
 M. A. Gunn - dismissed by letter 1/13/1872
 Wilkins Tucker - dismissed by letter 11/9/1872
 P. or P. L. Smith - dismissed by letter 11/1884
 G. P. Stokes - dismissed by letter 7/13/1873
 Elizabeth Stokes - 7/12/1873
 Rebecca E. Vincent - dismissed by letter 12/18--?
 B. F. Avara - dismissed by letter 12/1880?
 Mary P. Killingsworth - dismissed by letter 1871
 Nancy T. Avara - dismissed by letter 8/18--?
 A. M. Hudson - died 7/24/1876
 Wiley Miles - dismissed by letter 1870
 M. Miles - dismissed by letter 1872
 Emma P. Murphy - dismissed by letter 1871
 G. M. Murphy - dismissed by letter 1871
 S. Y. Harris - dismissed by letter 1870
 B. P.? Murphy - dismissed by letter 1871
 Sarah E. Pace - dismissed by letter 8/12/1877
 Frances Whittiker - dismissed by letter
 L. B. Brown - dismissed by letter 1871
 Sarah A. Brown
 C. L. Brown - dismissed by letter 8/1884
 L. D. Brown - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 J? Snowden
 ? Avara - dismissed by letter
 F. C. Persons - dismissed by letter 1871
 Sarah Persons - dismissed by letter 1871
 S. S. Brown - dismissed by letter 1884?
 Elizabeth Whittiker - excluded
 Wash Smith - black
 Amanda Harris - black - dismissed by letter 1888
 David Allen? - black - dismissed by letter 10/11/1871
 Gabriel Streat? - black - dismissed by letter 1871
 Mary A. Streat - black - dismissed by letter 1871
 Right Harry - black
 Ihom Crockett - black - excluded
 Catherine Wolf - black - excluded 1874
 Elivara Boose - black - died 1878

Catherine Prince - black
Harriett Harvey - black
Elice Brown - black - dismissed by letter 1872 (marked through)
Francis Motin - black - excluded 1872
Margaret Twilley - black - dismissed by letter
Henry Wolf - black
Sydney F. Hudson
Edwin Osburn - restored; dismissed by letter 1871; also restored and granted letter of dis-
mission 1884
Wilide Read - restored; dismissed by letter 1884
Elizabeth Read - by letter 1884
W. D. Williamson - excluded; dismissed 12/1879
Sarah C. Stokes - dismissed by letter 7/12/1873
Harriett Thomas - dismissed by letter 9/1872
Thomas Thomson - dismissed by letter 1884
M.M. Snowden - died 1/17/1891
J. A. Stennis - excluded 10/1882
J. W. Miles - dismissed by letter 8/1884
Mary Miles - dismissed by letter 8/1884
J. B. Kinard - dismissed by letter 9/13/1873
Rebecca Kinard - dismissed by letter 9/13/1873
W. L. Avara - excluded 2/13/1874; restored/ dismissed by letter 8/1884
Samuel Hatcher - dismissed by letter 12/9/1876
C. C. White - dismissed by letter 12/8/1877
Woren (Warren?) Harrington - ? in 1873
Malissa Brown - black - dismissed by letter
C. F. Avara - restored; dismissed by letter 2/1885
R. N. Gunn - dismissed by letter; deserted Fellowship; excluded
Eliza Hagedwood - excluded 8/14/1883
Susan T. McDonald or Brown - dismissed 1873?
Amanda Hatcher - dismissed by letter
Arter Tolvert - dismissed by letter 5/1874
Emily D. McDonald or Snowden - dismissed by letter
Eliza White
Carrel Trussell - restored; dismissed by letter
C. T. Avara - dismissed by letter 12/9/????
Sarah White - dismissed by letter 12/8/1877
Ann Hatcher or Snowden
Lidia Stephens or Stehpenon - dismissed 1885
Elen Gabrel or Snowden - dead
Albert Carpenter - died 11/30/1882
E. R. Snowden
Sarah H. McDonald - dismissed by letter
Sarah Snowden
M. C. Hill- dismissed by letter 9/188?

J. A. Bailey - dismissed by letter
 W. F. Phillips - dismissed by letter 12/7/1878
 Emma Phillips - dismissed by letter 12/7/1878
 Jane Hatcher - dismissed by letter 12/7/187?
 Napolan? B. Thompson - dismissed by letter 8/????
 E. A. Brown - dismissed by letter 12/8/1877
 Huston McKarty - dismissed by letter 9/16/1870
 Annie McKarty - dismissed by letter 9/16/1871?
 William Harrison - deacon - dismissed
 E. J. Harrison - sister - dismissed
 names illegible
 T. J. Harrison - dismissed
 Nancy or Racy A. Pace - dismissed by letter 1882
 Right H. Thompson - died 1897
 Thon L. Pace od Davis
 Cathie Snowden - dismissed by letter 10/1888
 Elvie Snowden - dismissed by letter 5/7/1881
 Catherine Kinard? - dismissed by letter 2/7/1880
 Wm.? Phillips - excluded 4/1882
 Emma Phillips - dismissed by letter 8/1882
 Wiley Reed - dismissed by letter 8/1884
 Elizabeth Reed - dismissed by letter 1884
 M. McDonald - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 M. J. Brown - dismissed by letter 8/1884
 M. C. Stephens - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 M. A. Carpenter - dismissed by letter 8/1884
 L. L. Brown - dismissed by letter 8/1884
 Henry Newton - dismissed by letter
 Ana Stephens - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Pinkney Snowden - dismissed by letter 1882
 Woods Davis
 Pinkney Snowden
 W. W. Hall - joined by letter 6/1883 - dismissed by letter
 William Sefton - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 M. E. Sefton - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Laura E. Brown - dismissed by letter 9/1884
 Avarilla Pace or Dunbar
 Nannie Snowden - dismissed by letter 1884
 D. M. Perkins - dismissed by letter 10/1888
 V. L. Murphy - died 1890
 W. Hanson - dismissed by letter 8/1885
 Mary ??? - dismissed by letter
 E. Kinard- dismissed by letter 1/188?
 Jane Kinard - dismissed by letter 1/1885
 V. J. Snowden or Graham - excluded
 W. L. Avara
 Thedia Avara
 T. J. Snowden
 L. M. Snowden or Joiner
 W. L. Murphy
 M. A. Smith

P. C. Smith - excluded 1895
 J. B. Smith - excluded 1897
 W. L. Brown - dismissed by letter 10/189?
 Willie Ratcliff - dismissed by letter 9/????
 D. M. Snowden
 M. A. Snowden
 C. F. McCartney - dismissed by letter 1/12/????
 W. G. Weatehrford
 Mollie Weatherford
 J. W. J. Miles
 M. A. Miles
 Georgia Ethridge
 C. C. Kinard
 Mary E. Love
 Vinnie Snowden
 A. E. Graham - dismissed by letter 3/19/????
 Lular Graham - dismissed by letter 3/19/????
 Annie Ratcliff - dismissed by letter 12/1895
 Sarah H. McDonald - died 7/19/1896
 Magie Hudson
 Bular Pace
 names erased
 V. J. Kinard
 J. T. Snowden
 J. T. Snowden, Jr.
 A. J. Joyner
 W. L. Snowden
 D. A. Hudson - died 6/25/1900
 Vono Hudson
 Daisy Cunningham
 Pearl Brown - 8/12/1897
 Lidia Brown - dismissed by letter 8/10/1897
 Minnie Miles
 Daisy Moore - dismissed by letter 6/1897
 Julia Brown - dismissed by letter 12/1900
 Hala? Snowden
 Allie Graham - dismissed by letter 3/19/????
 Ellen Kinard
 Lee Miles
 Tom Denton
 Mart Brown
 Vester Richardson
 Daniel Tolbert - excluded 8/7/1897
 Lindie Smith - exluded 1/1898

Elisha Steveson - dead
 J. R. Snowden
 J. W. Snowden
 Willie Graham
 Fred Clark
 Dave Hudson

Ider Miles
Ader Williamson - dismissed by letter 8/13/1898
Lular Parker
Anna Richardson
Minnie Graham - dismissed by letter 3/19/????
Effie Richardson or Weatherford
Bell Snowden
Nannie Snowden
Belthana? Snowden
Judson Hudson - dismissed
Bass Smith - dismissed by letter
J. L. Smith - dismissed by letter 12/1897
Larer Smith - dismissed by letter 12/1897
Minnie Miles
Mattie Shepard
W. G. Snowden
Baxter Richardson
A. A. Powell - dismissed by letter 11/1900; then excluded in 1901
Sister A. A. Powell
L. J. Rogers
M.L. Rogers - excluded
C. E. Smith
H. B. Pratt
H. E. Pratt
M. P. Pratt
Eddie Snowden
S. M. Jones
Carrie Jones
?? Jones??
Frank Jones

This ends the first membership list in the book of the Church Minutes Book. Many of the names are listed more than once. Apparently it was a continuous record which commenced about 1870. There is no record of any dismissions prior to 1870.

The following or secondlist of members is believed to have been maintained prior to the foregoing membership list. It is also undated.

Nancy Carpenter - dead
Elizabeth Sanderford - dead
Willey Denton - dismissed by letter
Susan Coats - dismissed by letter
Susan Harry - dismissed by letter
Martha Brown - dead
Lucinda Richardson - withdrawn

NOTE: This list would be for the period after 1848-49 when certain members were allowed to withdraw due to dispute over missions. Lucinda Richardson was one of those who withdrew her membership.

Mary Furlow - excluded
Elizabeth Gentry - reported dead
Milberry Alford - dismissed by letter
William Stringer - dismissed by letter
Joseph - belonging to Harry
James Snowden - dead
Mary Snowden - dismissed by letter
Duncan Joiner - dismissed by letter
Mary Joiner - dismissed by letter
Eliza Brown - dead
Alsa Pace - dead
John Brown - withdrawn
Eliza Brown - withdrawn
Jane Brown - withdrawn
Hugh Mosley? - dismissed by letter
Elmira McCall - dismissed by letter
Lydia D. Coats
Samuel C. Hatcher - excluded
Austin Keeton - withdrawn
Mariah Brown - withdrawn
John Talbot - withdrawn
Sarah Keeton - withdrawn
Elizabeth Lindsey - dismissed by letter
William Stephens - dismissed by letter
Rhoda Pace - died 5/3/1859
James B. McDonlad - dismissed by letter
Sarah McDonald - dismissed by letter
Elizabeth Miles - dismissed by letter
Charles Stephens - excluded; restorted; dead
Sarah Stephens - dead
Lucy Wilson - withdrawn
Mary Ann? Stephens - dismissed by letter

Nancy Brown - dismissed by letter	Minerva Gunn- dismissed by letter
Cherry - belonging to D. Brown - dead	James McDonald - dismissed by letter
Milly Duncan - removed without letter	
John W. Gowel - dismissed by letter; dead	
Rebecca Gowel - dismissed by letter; dead	
Albert J. Avara - dead	Martha Avara - dead
Elizabeth Trussell - dismissed by letter	Jostiana? T. Pace
Martha Clay - excluded	
Obadiah Clay - excluded	
Louisian Rainey - dismissed	
Cullum Avara - excluded; restorted; excluded	
Thomas G. Avara - excluded	
Betheny Sanderford - dismissed by letter; dead	
Sarah J. Trussell? - dead	
V. L. Murphy - dismissed by letter	
William C. Trussell - excluded	
Thomas Wells - dismissed by letter	
Mary Ann Stephens - dismissed by letter	
Jane Russell - dismissed by letter	
Elder Eli McDonald - dismissed by letter	
Ralph (black) (J. Hitt)	
David M. Brown	
Thomas Avara - dismissed by letter	
Jane Avara - dismissed by letter	
Benjamin Perry - dismissed by letter	
Sarah Anne Perry - dismissed by letter	
Sarah Wells - dismissed	
Bob (black) (J. Snowden) - dismissed by letter	
Henry (black)(C. Stephens) - dismissed by letter	
Sarah (black) (C. Stephens) - dismissed by letter	
Reuben (black) (T. Avara) - dismissed by letter	
Bass? (black) (T. Avara) - dead	
John (black) (T. Avara) - excluded	
Lucretia (black) (T. Avara) - dismissed by letter	
George N. Graves - dismissed by letter	
Luclender Graves - dismissed by letter	
Sarah McDonald - dismissed by letter	
Eveline McDonald - dismissed by letter	
James W. Snowden - dismissed by letter	
Abner W. Pace - dismissed by letter	
Sarah Kearby? - dismissed by letter	
William C.? Moseley - dismissed by letter	
Mary (black) (T. Avara) - excluded	
Mary Ward? - dismissed by letter	

Edward Osburn - excluded
Vena (black)(McDonald) - dismissed by letter
name illegible
Elijah Stephens - dismissed by letter
Nancy Murphy - dead
Gray Sanderford
Sarah Ann Miles
Kiziah (black)(D. M. Brown)
Lemuel(black)(D. M. Brown)
Nancy (black)(Snowden)
Harry Osburn - dismissed by letter
Martha Alexander - dismissed by letter
Scynthia Stephens - dismissed by letter
Daniel Gilcrease - dead
Mary Gilcrease - dead
B. Perry - dismissed by letter
Graham Perry? - dismissed by letter
Cullum Avara - excluded
Daniel Drummond - dismissed by letter
George A. Smith - dismissed by letter
Thomas Avara - dismissed by letter
Jane Avara - dead
William Moseley - dismissed by letter
Jerrusha Mosley - dismissed by letter
Ann Jones - dismissed by letter; dead
C. Nancy? McCartney? - dismissed by letter
James B. McDonald - dead
Sarah Ann McDonald - dismissed by letter
Eliza Prince - dismissed
John D. Pace? - dead
John (black)(?) - excluded
Amelia? Stephens
Anne Knight - dismissed by letter
Richard Baines - dismissed by letter
Susan Baines - dismissed by letter
Susan Hatcher - dismissed by letter
William P. Gable - dead
Mary Ann white - dismissed by letter
Washington (black)(G. S. Smith) - excluded
James White - excluded
Mary Gable - dismissed by letter
G. W. White - dismissed by letter
James Faircloth - dismissed by letter
Elizabeth Bingler? - dismissed by letter
Jackson Baines - dismissed by letter

James Brown - dismissed by letter

Philis (black)(J. B. McDonald) - dead
Ataline (Black)(G. S. Smith) - excluded
William Brown

Nancy Stephens - dismissed
Oliver Brown

Thornton Avara - excluded?

Freeby Ann Snowden

Melissa A. Perkins or Snowden - dismissed by letter

James M. Kurb

Robert W. Smith

Henry(black)(Smith)- excluded

Lewis(black)(Brown)

Sam Watson - dismissed by letter

name illegible

name illegible

Kirkey? or Ketsy? A. Murphy

Mary E. Wells

Missouri E. Murphy

Robert L.? Giles

Mary Avara

Mary Miles

Nancy A. Banes?

Jane B. Brown

Mary J.? McDonald

Elizabeth Miles

Dinah (black)

A. W. Pace

W.? M. Trussell

Mary Ann Trussell

Amanda Miles

Elizabeth Pace

Hugh Lacy

Elvia Amanda H??????

????? Bailey

Emily Gilcrease

J. Y. Knox

Rebecca Brown

Charity ?????

Jacob ?????

Alford (Black)

Mary A. Carpenter

Elizabeth Staton - dismissed

Daniel Staton - dismissed

Avara(black)- dead

Lottie (black) (J. B. McDonald)

Sam (black) (Prince estate)

Drucilla Brown - dead

Henry Revels - dead

J. W. Edwards

Rubin? Newton - dismissed

name illegible - dismissed by letter

name illegible - dismissed by letter

Susan Hatcher

NOTE: Toward the end of the foregoing list the reading became very difficult. Had the compiler had the original minute book the abstracting perhaps would have been easier and more in depth. Anyway, it was a great pleasure to review, study and abstract these old and valuable minutes. We now have this record for review by generations to come.

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Alexander, Martha	33,83
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Alford, Milberry	3,16,81
Allen, Brother	4
Allen, Cash (black)	50,54
Allen, David (black)	76
Allen, William	1-9,12
Allwood, Brother	8-9
Allwood, Elder	3
Allwood, James	1-2
Amanda (black)	41,43,74,84
Anderson, Sis. E. P.	47
Anderson, Elizabeth J.	75
Arkadelphia Church	61,66
Avara, Bro.	23
Avara, A. J. (Albert J.)	20,31,82
Avara, B. F.	51,59,61,63-65,76
Avara, C.	29
Avara, C. F.	77
Avara, Candis (black)	75
Avara, Cullum	21,23,24,26,28-32,82-83
Avara, Bro. H. L.	58
Avara, Haley (black)	74
Avara, Jane	22,31,73,82-83
Avara, Martha J.	20,82
Avara, Nancy T.	82
Avarfa, T.	82
Avara, Thomas	22,26-28,31-32,35-36,73,82
Avara, Thomas G.	21,24-25,82,83
Avara, Thomas G., Jr.	23,25
Avara, W. L.	50-51,64,67,70,77,78
Avara, Wiley (black)	74
Avary (black)	41,84
Avera, Benjamin F.	44,46,74
Avera, Cender (black)	44
Avera, Clinton	37
Avera, Emily F.	44,74
Avera, Jakcson	37
Avera, Joseph (black)	42,44,75
Avera, Mary	39,49,84
Avera, Thedi (Thedia)	64,67,78
Avera, Thornton	36,84

Bailey, Brother	60
Bailey, Bro. J. A.	66,78
Bailey, S. M.	41,46,50,53,64
Bailey, Samuel M.	74
Bailey, T. J.	64
Baines, T. J.	64
Baines, J.	35,83
Baines, Mary Emety	4
Baines, Nancy J.	39
Baines, R.	35
Bains, Richnisond(richmnd?)	3
Baines, Susan	33,83
Banes, Bro.	5
Banes, Nancy A.	84
Banes, Richmond	5
Bass (slave)	82
Bethel Church	36
Bethlehem Church	66
Beulah Church	56
Bingler?, Elizabeth	83
Blackman, Bro.	54
Bob (slave)	22,26,28,29
Boos (boose), Elvira (black)	50,76
Brown, Bro.	49,54,66
Brown, A. M.	42
Brown, Avie	64
Brown, B. A.	38,46
Brown, B. D.	50
Brown, Bartley A.	73
Brown, C. J.	64-65
Brown, C. L.	50,76
Brown, Charity (black)	74
Brown, Cherry (black)	74,82
Brown, Cynthia G.	52
Brown, D.	82
Brown, D. E.	41,63,65,75
Brown, D. M.	20,22-23,25-31,35-36, 44,60,64,82-83
Brown, David M.	74
Brown, Drucilla	36,84
Brown, E. A. (black)	74,78
Brown, Elice (black)	77
Brown, Elizer (Eliza)	10,17,21-22,81
Brown, Ellen(black)	50,55,56
Brown, Ellich(black)	50
Brown, Ellis(black)	55

Brown, Elvina (black)	74
Brown, Bro. J.	16
Brown, J. B.	51-52
Brown, J. D.	64
Brown, J.? M.	24
Brown, James	28,30,32,83
Brown, James (black)	46,75
Brown, James B.	39,73,74
Brown, Jane	11,17,81
Brown, Jane B.	84
Brown, John (Capt.)	11-12,14-17,81
Brown, John A.	41,56,74
Brown, Julia	68,79
Brown, Kiziah (black)	72-73,84
Brown, L. B.	76
Brown, L. D.	76
Brown, L. L.	78
Brown, Laura C. E.	62
Brown, Laura	64,78
Brown, Laura L.	64
Brown, Lemuel (black)	53,73,83
Brown, Lewis (black)	73,84
Brown, Lydia	68,70,79
Brown, M. J.	78
Brown, Malica (Melissa)(black)	48,76,77
Brown, Mariah	12,17,81
Brown, Mark	68
Brown, Mart	79
Brown, Martha	2,4,81
Brown, Martha J.	64
Brown, Miley (black)	72
Brown, Nancy	20,82
Brown, Oliver (O. G.)	36,42,51,73,84
Brown, Pearl	68,70,79
Brown, Randloph	11,17
Brown, Rebecca	41,74,84
Brown, Rebecca J.	64
Brown, S. S.	76
Brown, Sarah A.	51,76
Brown, Sarah S.	64
Brown, Susan L.	64
Brown, Susan T.	77
Brown, Synthia	73
Brown, W. H. (Bro.)	60
Brown, W. L.	67,79

Brown, William	56,73
Brown, William (b.)	36,37,63,64,65,84
Cammack, Otho	26
Cana Church	66
Carpenter, Sis	25
Carpenter, Albert	77
Carpenter, Benjamin	1,2,6,7,9,11
Carpenter, M. A.	78
Carpenter, Mary Ann	35,41,64,74,84
Carpenter, Nancy	1,73,81
Carpenter, Bro. R. J.	62
Carpenter, W. T.	64
Cary, M. C.	43
Charity (black)	41,74,84
Charlotte (black)	47
Cheny (female slave)	20
Cherry (slave)	82
Clark, Fred	68,78
Clark, N. L.	31-35
Clark, Nathan L.	29
Clay, Martha	21,34,82
Clay, Obediah	21,23,24,31,34,82
Coats, Elizabeth	5
Coats, Lydia D.	11,73,81
Coats, Morgan	1-3
Coats, Susan	1,4,81
Coats, Susan C.	13
Cochran, Bro.	53
Cook, Sophia	1
Crawford, Bro.	53
Crockett, Thon (black)	50,57,76
Cunningham, Daisie	58,79
Cunningham, Jane	48
Cunningham, Lum	68,79
Daniel (black)	49
David, Woods	62,78
Daw, (Nancy Dawson)	13
Dawson, Eli	11
Dawson, Mary E.	44,52,53,75
Dawson, Nancy Jane Fortson	11,56
Dawson, W. G.	60
Dawson, Will	48

Dawson, William G.	44-45,75
Dearman, Daniel	34
Dennis, Moses	37
Denton, Tom	68,70,79
Denton, Willy	1,31,81
Dinah (black)	39,84
Dingler, Elizabeth	35-36
Drummond, Daniel	30,83
Dunbar, Avarilla (Pace)	78
Duncan, Bro.	63
Duncan, Billy	20,82
Edwards, Elizabeth A.	44,75
Edwards, J. W.	85
Edwards, John W.	42,74
Elijah (black)	44,75
Elim Church	31
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Elvia, Amanda H.	84
Ethridge, Georgia	67,79
Ethridge, Sarah E.	44,75
Faircloth, James	34-35,83
Fairmount Church	29
Fallons, Permelia	75
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Fortson, J. G.	56,66
Fortson, Mary	3
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Furlow, Sis	14
Furlow, Mary	5,81
Gable, John G.	32
Gable, Martha	33
Gable, Mary	56
Gabriel, Thomas	35
Gary, Mathias E.	42
Gary, Rachel	42
Gay, Amanda (black)	66,72
Gay, Elder E.	38-39
Gay, E. G.	38

Gay, Bro. G.	41
Gentry, Elizabeth	81
Gibbons, Permelia	47
Gilcrease, Bro.	38
Gilcrease, Bro.	38
Gilcrease, Daniel (D. M.)	44,46,73,83
Gilcrease, Emily	41,84
Gilcrease, Mary	83
Gilcrease, Milton A.	47,75
Gilcrease, Shelton A. (Milton)	44
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Giles, Robert L.	39,84
Gillespie, Bro.	42
Gillespie, Bro. A. W.	41,44,45,46
Gillespie, Absalom W.	74
Gillespie, Sis. F. E.	41
Gillespie, Frances	74
Gillespie, Malissa (black)	72
Gillesphy, William	75
Glasper, Sis (black)	54
Gowel, Bro.	26,27
Gowel, John	25,29,36
Gowel, John W.	26,82
Gowel, Rebecca	82
Graham, A. E.	79
Graham, Alice	67
Graham, Allie	58,79
Graham, J. E.	56
Graham, Bro. J. T.	67-69
Graham, Lular	57,79
Graham, Minnie	69,80
Graham, V. J.	78
Graham, Willie	68,79
Graves, George N.	22-23,27,39,82
Graves, Lucinda	22,82
Gressett, Bro.	52,54
Gressett, Bro. A.	54-57
Guinn, Minirva	20
Guison, Minniva	43
Gum Springs Church (Gumlog)	57
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Gunn, Bro.	52-54
Gunn, Sis	64
Gunn, M. A.	49,76

Gunn, Minirva	82
Gunn, R. N.	49,51-52,56-57,76-77
Hagewood, Eliza	77
Hagwood, Bro.	61
Halbrook, B.	1
Hall, Bro.	63-64
Hall, Bro. W. W. (Dr.)	62,66,78
Hand, T. J.	52
Hanson, W.	78
Hany, Benjamin	4
Harrington, Woren	77
Harris, Amanda (black)	76
Harris, S. Y.	51-52,76
Harrison, Sis E. J.	78
Harrison, T.T.	78
Harrison, Turner	61,63
Harrison, William	78
Harry, Sis	22
Harry, Amanda (black)	50
Harry, Benjamin	22
Harry, Bight (black)	50,72,76
Harry, Harriett (black)	50,72
Harry, Joseph (black)	72,75,81
Harry, Lois (black)	76
Harry, Susan	81
Harry, T. (black)	55
Harvey, Harriett (black)	77
Harvey, Joseph (black)	48,72
Harvey, Lewis (black)	48,72
Hatcher, Bro.	13
Hatcher, Sis.	13-14
Hatcher, Amanda	77
Hatcher, Jane	78
Hatcher, Marian E.	17
Hatcher, Marium E.	11
Hatcher, Samuel	32,77
Hatcher, Samuel C.	11,81
Hatcher, Susan	32,43,74,83,85
Head, Bro.	4-5
Head, Elizabeth	1
Head, George	1-3
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Hill, John	22
Hill, M. C.	77
Hill, Ralph	46,74
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Holland, H. W.	4
Holland, Hassrey	1
Holland, Martha	9,18
Holland, Mary	5
Holland, Nancy	1-2
Holland, Bro. T.	4,23
Holland, T. M.	24
Holland, Thomas	1
Holland, Thomas M.	2,5,7-10,12,15,18
Howell, Bro.	17
Howell, Bro. J.	16
Howell, Jeremiah	12
Howell, Rebecca	12
Hudson, A. M.	50,76
Hudson, D. A.	68,79
Hudson, Dave	67,79
Hudson, Judson	69,80
Hudson, Magie(Maggie)	68,79
Hudson, Sydney F.	51,77
Hudson, Von	68,79
Ivy, Jesse	5
Jane (slave)	37
Jenkins, Jane	45
Jentry, Elizabeth	3
Jim (slave)	37
John (slave)	22,23,27,28,35,36,82,84
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Joiner, L. M.	78
Joiner, Mary	7,81
Jones, Bro.	53
Jones, Sis.	53
Jones, Ann	36,83
Jones, Carrie	80
Jones, Duncan	24

Jones, Frank M.	80
Jones, J. F.	64,75
Jones, James F.	44-45,52
Jones, Nancy J.	44-45,75
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