

# Early Mount Carmel Folks

# Early Roles at MCBC

Elder

Treasurer

Deacon

Delegates

Pastor

Superintendents

Moderator

Sexton

Clerk

# Pastors



Rev. J.A. Hackney



Parsonage in 1949

## 1818-1830's

- Had preachers, not pastors
  - “Ordained to do the work of the gospel”

## 1830's-1950's

- In the early days, pastors were elected from the church body for the year OR Mount Carmel shared pastors with other churches
  - Sharing Rev. JA Hackney with Lystra/Mt Gilead/Bells/Pleasant Hill in 1913
  - Sharing a pastor with Bethel and Carrboro in 1918
- Did not have a full time pastor until 1945 and it wasn't until the 1950's we see pastors staying several years at a time

## QUIZ:

Who is the longest serving pastor in MCBC history?

# Earliest Preachers

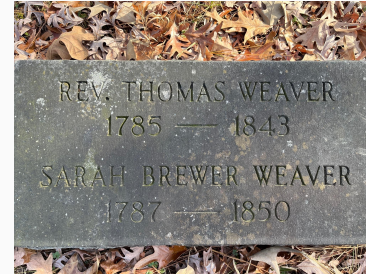
## Thomas Weaver 1818

- Born 1785; died 1843
- Buried in family cemetery in Carrboro
- House is oldest standing structure in Carrboro
- Owned 170 acres (some on Morgan Creek)
- Enslaver
- War of 1812 veteran
- Founded Emmaus Baptist in Pittsboro (Haw River Christian Academy)
- Witnesses to his will were George Purefoy and William H Merritt

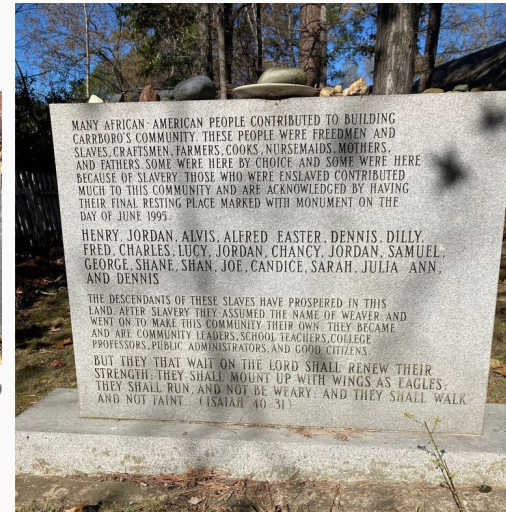


Original portion of the Weaver House, said to have been built in the eighteenth century as a homestead and tavern.

Weaver's House in Carrboro



Weaver's burial site in Carrboro





# Earliest Preachers

## Iverson Lewis Brooks 1819

- Born 1793 in Rockingham Co to a family who had recently moved from VA; died 1865 in Aiken, SC
- Buried in Augusta, GA
- War of 1812 veteran
- Studied at UNC
- Friends with James Polk (11th president of USA) and Thomas Benton (senator) and Basil Manly (huge figure in southern baptist life in SC, founded Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, president of University of Alabama, supported secession and was chaplain at Jefferson Davis's inauguration)
- Opposed to slavery in his youth but would change his stance in the future when he moved south, married wealthy women and obtained multiple plantations; went on to write defenses of slavery



Brooks in 1881

# Earliest Preachers

## William Henry Merritt 1827

- Born 1779; died 1850
- Founded Emmaus Baptist Church in Pittsboro
- Elder at Rives Chapel in Pittsboro
- Involved in Sandy Creek Association (moderator)
- Benefactor of Wake Forest University
- Donated land for University Baptist Church
- Owned over 1,857 acres (some on Morgan Creek); oversaw a mill on Morgan's Creek
- Had land transactions with Morgan family
- Enslaver; exchanged slaves with Kirby and Sparrow families
- Baptized hundreds of people in 1832
- Buried in Southern Village



## Early Pastors

- Born 1773 in VA; died 1840 in TN; buried at Mt Gilead
- Owned 1,384 acres (some on Morgan Creek and New Hope Creek)
- Heavily involved with numerous Baptist churches and associations, including Sandy Creek Association (moderator)
- Pastored Raleigh Baptist Church 1812-1813 and included black members in worship, such as performing ordinances and preaching
- Instrumental in Mount Carmel's formation
- Our first Sunday School Superintendent
- Nickname "Prince of Missions"

Just before his death Daniel wrote: "During the thirty-seven years that have passed since I commenced the work of the ministry, I have travelled for the purpose of preaching the gospel about sixty thousand miles, preached upwards of five thousand sermons, and baptized more than fifteen hundred people."

# Early Pastors

## Patrick Wayland Dowd

- Born 1799 in Moore County; died 1866; buried at Mt Pisgah
- Graduated from Columbian College in D.C.
- Ordained by Robert Daniel
- Pastored First Baptist Church Raleigh
- Baptized William Hooper

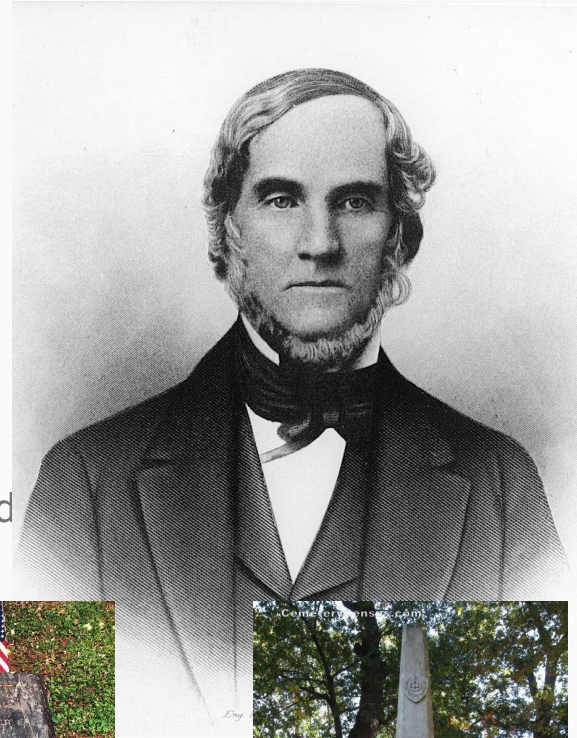




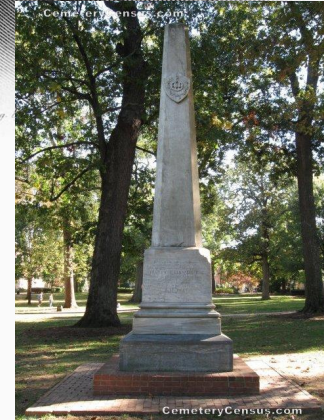
# Early Pastors

## William Hooper 1830's

- Born 1792; died 1876
- Grandfather was signer of Declaration of Independence
- Graduated from UNC in 1809
- Professor of ancient languages at UNC
- Worked for Chatham Co. government
- Benefactor of Wake Forest University (& it's 2nd president)
- Owned multiple lots in downtown CH & HBO (some purchased from Clopton & Caldwell)
- Enslaver
- Baptized in 1832 at MCBC by Patrick Dowd
- Married into Jones Family
- Buried at UNC with it's first President (Caldwell) who was his neighbor and step-father



Grandfather Hooper's house and grave in Hillsborough

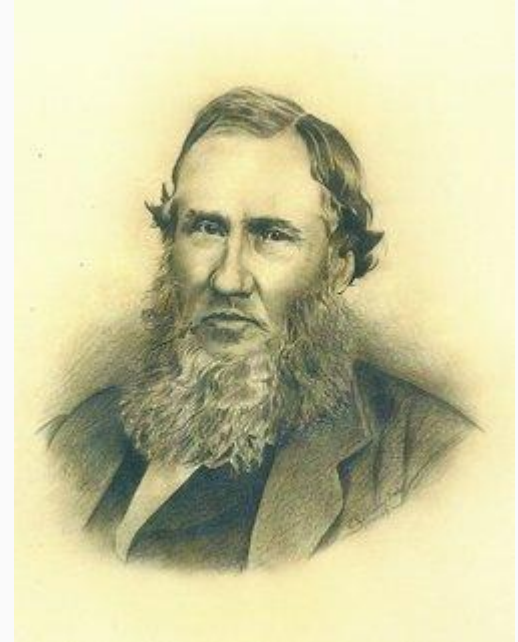


Hooper's grave

# Early Pastors

## George Washington Purefoy 1830's

- Born 1809; died 1880
- Involved in Sandy Creek Association (moderator; wrote it's history)
- His father was a benefactor of Wake Forest University
- Helped re-open UNC after the Civil War
- Owned 338 acres (some on Merritt Creek & Cub Creek)
- Donated land for MCBC in 1873
- Enslaver
- Buried in Southern Village
- William H. Merritt is his father-in-law



# Early Pastors

## Enoch Crutchfield

- Born 1805 in Snow Camp 1805; died 1885 in Liberty
- Buried at Mt Zion Baptist, Kimesville
- Non-religious upbringing
- At age 17 was convicted to preach after hearing Robert Daniel preach
- Member of Sandy Creek Association (moderator)
- Pastored Emmaus Baptist
- Owned 1,087 acres (some on New Hope Creek)
- Enslaver
- Married four times; numerous children
- Involved in temperance society
- Heavily praised upon his passing





# Early Pastors

## Orin P. Churchill 1865-1868

- Born 1819 New Bern; died 1893 Harnett
- 1850s worked as printer in Greensboro and published own newspaper
- Chaplain in Civil War
- Member of Heroes of America (pro-unionist group)
- Came to MCBC after Civil War and travelled 30 miles each week to preach
- Also pastored Olive Chapel Baptist, Apex
- Founded several churches in Sanford area
- Buried at Cumberland Union Baptist in Harnett



# Early Pastors

## James Pleasant Mason 1869

- Born 1827 Chatham; died 1893 Orange
- Married great granddaughter of Mark Morgan, original settler of Orange County
- Related to Morgan's and Barbee's
- Owned at least 800 acres of land
- Lived/buried at his farm on Morgan Creek (on Old Mason Farm Rd adjoining golf course)
- Gave his farm to UNC upon his passing
- His uncle John A. Mason had plantation off Farrington Mill Road
- Pastored Lystra for a time
- UNC has his diary; his portrait has been missing since 1985

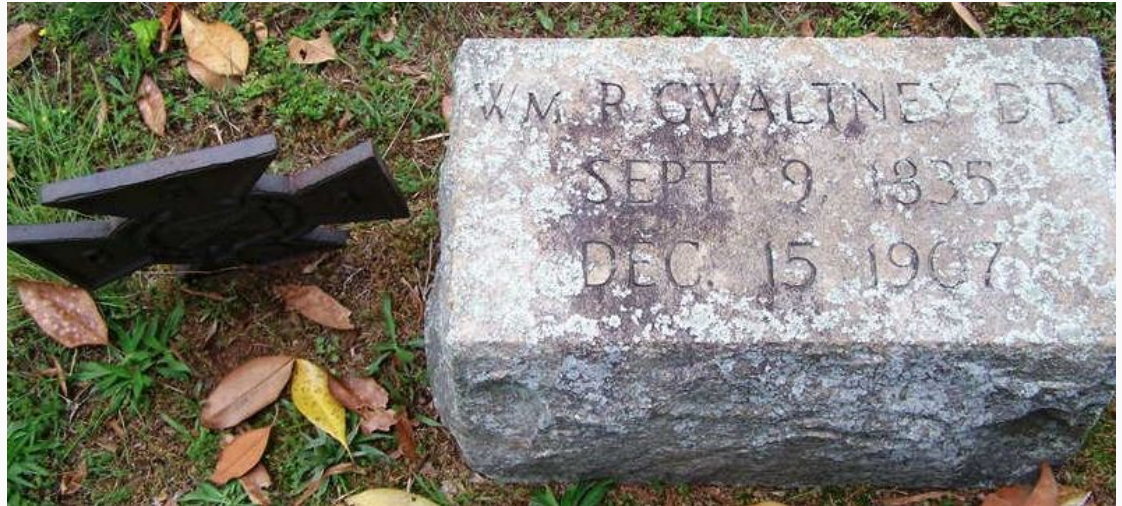


Descendants of enslaved people at John A. Mason plantation

# Early Pastors

## William Robert Gwaltney 1871-1874

- Born 1835 Taylorsville; died 1907 Hickory; buried in Hickory
- Studied at Wake Forest
- Civil War chaplain
- Involved in churches throughout Orange, Guilford, Forsyth, Catawba counties
- On Board of Trustees for Wake Forest University and Baptist University for Women in Raleigh
- UNC has his diary





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## Richard Allen Patterson 1874

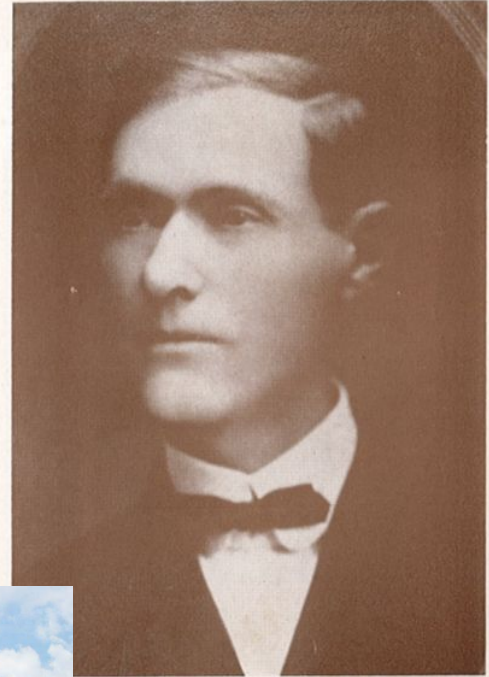
- Born 1823; died 1885; buried Antioch Baptist
- Farmer in 1860
- Minister in 1870
- In his will described his plantation on Cane Creek consisting of 422 acres



# Early Pastors

## William S. Olive 1887-1888

- Born 1857; died 1931
- Baptized 1870
- Became pastor of Olive Chapel Baptist Church in Apex
- Known as “the prophet on the ridge”
- “Biography of a Country Church”
- Studied at Wake Forest (given honorary doctor of divinity) and Southern Baptist Seminary
- Buried at Olive Chapel



Dr. William S. Olive, pastor 1894-1926, great builder



# Early Pastors

## James William Watson 1888-1889

- Born 1860 Chatham County; d. 1916 Raleigh
- Studied at Wake Forest University
- Pastored numerous churches in NC, SC, GA, including Lystra
- Founded Woman's Missionary Union with his wife (a Bynum) in 1891
- Buried at Rives Chapel





# Early Pastors

## Archibald Cunningham Cree 1893-1894

- Born 1872 Scotland; died 1944 Salisbury; buried SC
- Son of Reverend Archibald Cree
- Studied at Wake Forest University (repository of his papers) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Traveled much and was involved in churches in SC, KY, TN, GA
- Pastored First Baptist in Salisbury for many years
- Secretary of Georgia Baptist Convention and superintendent of GA Baptist Hospital
- Owned a 1941 Packard and a portable Motorola radio





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## Carey Almon Upchurch Sr. 1898

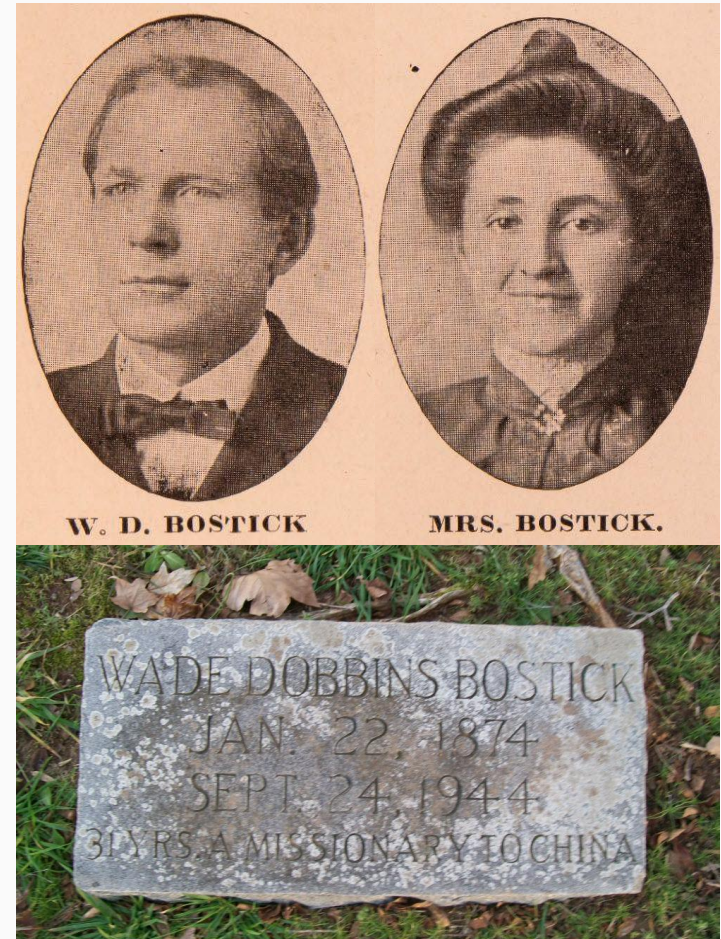
- Born 1879 Apex; died 1954 Winston-Salem
- Buried Montlawn Memorial Park in Raleigh
- Married a Reynolds
- Filled out a WWI draft card
- Member of the NC Anti-Saloon League



# Early Pastors

## Wade Dobbins Bostick 1900

- Born 1874 Rutherford County; died 1944 Shelby; buried Shelby
- Married Flora Holloway of Raleigh in 1901, went to China as missionaries in 1904, where their two sons were born, and returned to U.S. 1912
- Returned to China 1929 and Flora died of tuberculosis in 1934, she is buried in China, Wade returned to U.S. in 1935



# Elders

- Abner Clopton 1818\*
- Isaac Kirby 1818\*
- George Roberts 1818\*
- David Newlin 1818
- Thomas Freeman 1827
- James Ferrell 1827

# Abner Clopton 1818

- Born in 1784 in VA; died 1833 VA aged 48; buried in VA
- Had a period of worldliness in his youth
- Married in 1803 and divorced shortly thereafter
- Graduated from UNC in 1809 (same year as Hooper; his roommate was Dr. Caldwell - all later neighbors), later earning a Master of Arts
- Teacher/superintendent at various schools
- Headed preparatory school at UNC until 1819
- Studied to be a physician at UPenn and practiced medicine informally in Chapel Hill (once saving a man's life)
- Had multiple major health scares in his life leading to religious conviction (baptism in 1812, called to ministry 1821)
- UNC professors of religion (baptist, presbyterian, methodist) held weekly prayer meetings at Clopton's house
- Constructed the Battle House on campus
- In later years worked for Columbian College in D.C. by traveling to GA
- Concerned about Campbellism and part of the temperance movement





# Map of Chapel Hill c.1818



# Abner Clopton

Owing to his numerous and pressing engagements, Mr. Clopton did not frequently plead his Master's cause for some time after he commenced his ministry; but his active and enterprising spirit led him "to devise liberal things." In the spring of 1816, a convenient house of worship was erected, about two miles from Chapel Hill, through his liberality and influence. On the fourth Lord's day in June it was solemnly dedicated to the service of the "great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ." The services of the occasion are represented to have been highly interesting. Elders Ro-

berts and Brown were present, and preached with great power and acceptance. It was a time of love, of rejoicing, and of triumph. Mr. Clopton particularly was deeply affected by the "word preached." His heart was melted, and he was almost overwhelmed by a sense of Divine goodness. He closed an account of the scenes with the following appropriate acknowledgment: "What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits! Praise the Lord, O my soul! and all that is within me, praise his holy name. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. Even so, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

# Isaac Kirby 1818

- Born in 1776 in Chatham; died 1839 in TN
- Moderator at Sandy Creek annual meetings (1827 and 1828)
- First pastor of Mt Gilead 1824-1829
- Assisted Hezekiah Harmon in founding Gum Spring Baptist in Pittsboro in 1829
- Enslaver
- Owned land on New Hope Creek joining Daniel and Cole
- Had a gray horse named Saul



# George Roberts 1818

- Born 1753, died 1832 in Caswell Co
- Started preaching in 1773
- He was a minister in Granville Co who moved to Wake Co in 1806
- His son John was a preacher in Orange Co
- Owned 94 acres along Ellerbe Creek

# Deacons



Allen Oldham House ruins

George William Oldham

b. 1794; d. 1852

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Thomas Douglas Oldham

b. 1799; d. 1886

Married into Brewer family

Owned 875 acres (some on Tom's, Collins, and Cane Creeks)

Buried at Cane Creek Baptist

Enslaver

- The first MCBC deacons in the new meeting house by the lake (1824)
- Brothers; sons of William Young Oldham (Revolutionary War veteran) and Sarah Pendergrass
- Brothers of Allen Oldham
- All farmers



# Land Connections



## University Lake

- Pritchard 1803
- Matthew McCauley 1814



## Present Day Location

- George Purefoy 1873

## Daughter Churches

- Mt Gilead - Joseph Hackney
- Lystra - Stephen Cole and John & Isaiah Riggsbee
- University Baptist - William H Merritt

# Land Connections

William Pritchard b. 1819, d. 1892

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Isaac Pritchard b. 1821, d. 1902

- Brothers; both eventually moved to TN
- Their father Jesse was an enslaver and left enslaved people to them in his will
- They operated a flour mill on Pritchard's Mill Creek
- William and Tommy Lloyd built a grist mill and cotton gin in Carrboro in 1883 (Lloyd bought William's share in 1886 and built additional flour mill)
- Isaac opened Blanche Hosiery Mill c.1909 beside Alberta Mill (belonged to Lloyd)
- Isaac joined Thomas F Lloyd Manufacturing Co.
- Julian Carr purchased all mills between 1909-1914 (now Carr Mill Mall)
- William purchased land where house at 400 Ransom Street is today and gifted it to Isaac



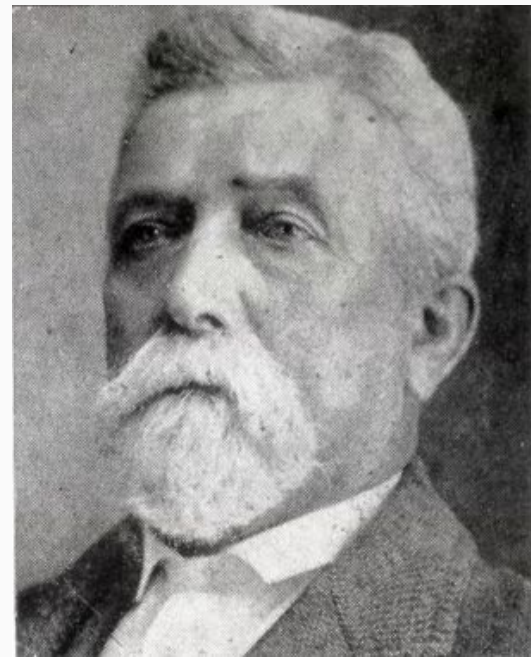
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## Tommy Lloyd

- Born 1841; died 1911; buried at Bethel Baptist
- Best known for building Alberta Cotton Mill in 1899 (Carr Mill Mall) and founding the Thomas F Lloyd Manufacturing Co
- Richest man in Chapel Hill
- Did not learn to read or write until later in life
- Civil War veteran
- Freemason
- Gave land for Union Church > Venable Church > Carrboro Baptist > Hillside
- Sponsored Carrboro's first school on Center Street



Which MCBC member does he look like?



Lloyd's grave at Bethel Baptist & house on Cameron Ave



# Land Connections

## Matthew McCauley

- Born 1750 Antrim, Ireland; died 1832 Orange Co.
- Served in Revolutionary War
- Enslaver
- Owned 2,284 acres on Bolin, New Hope, Petty's, Phil's, Mill, Morgan, Price's, Cub Creeks (plus hundred of acres in TN)
- Donated 150 acres to UNC
- Buried by University Lake



# Land Connections

## George Purefoy & Alfred Lewis Stough

- Stough b. 1827 in Hamburg, Germany; d. 1909
- Educated for Catholic priesthood but baptized in Norfolk, VA in 1847
- Studied with Purefoy in Chapel Hill at vacant home offered by James L. Dodd east of Edwards Mountain
- Civil War chaplain
- Preached in Charlotte area, pastored First Baptist in Shelby 1875-1879, founded Stough Memorial Baptist in Pineville
- Buried SC

Our Latest Picture



REV. A. L. STOUGH

December 17, 1964

The most recent photograph in our gallery of former pastors is that of Rev. A. L. Stough whose pastorate was from 1875 to 1879. He was born in Germany in 1825 and educated for the priesthood. He came to the U. S. A. and was converted and ordained to the gospel ministry in Newport News, Va. After his pastorate here he moved to Pineville, N. C. where he organized a Baptist church that was later named the Stough Memorial Baptist Church.

With the addition of this photograph we lack only four of having a complete file of all former pastors.



# Land Connections



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## Joseph Hackney (and pastors B.J. & J.A.)

- One common ancestor immigrated from England
- Lived in/family burial site near Mt Gilead in area that became known as Hackneys Crossroads
- Majority of family involved in Gum Springs Baptist
- Majority of family were patriots and several members were soldiers in American Revolution
- Friends with Bynum family



Hackney-Hudson House

# Land Connections

Cole, Kirby, Oldham, and of course Riggsbee

- Stephen Cole offered a vacant house east of 15/501 (probably Isaiah Cole's house) to Alfred L Stough for Sons of Temperance Society meetings
- Isaiah Riggsbee and heirs of John Riggsbee donated land for church in 1850
- First trustees: Cole, Kirby, Oldham, Horton, Bennett
- First elders: Purefoy, Jones
- First deacons: Cole, Riggsbee
- First pastor: Kirby
- Original building built by Kirby



Isaiah House



# Land Connections

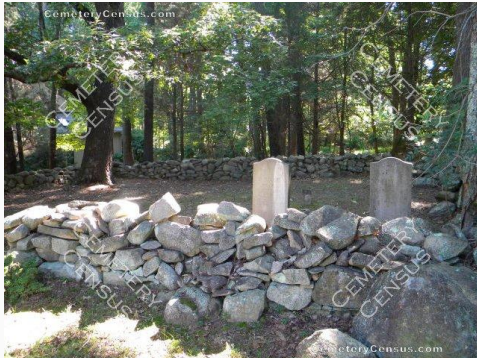
## More Cole's



Smith/Cole House aka "Oakland"



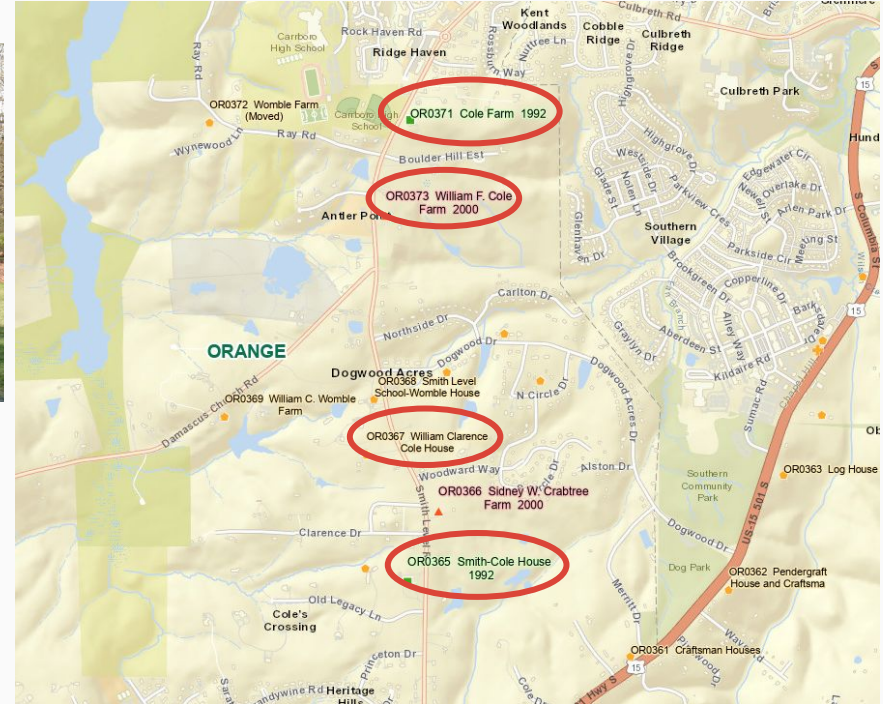
William Fletcher Cole House



Cole Cemetery in Ferrington Village



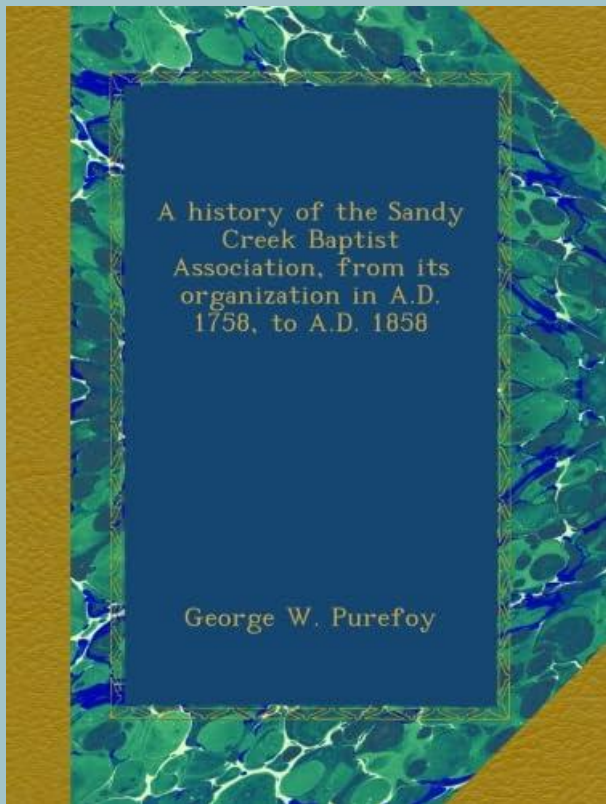
Smith/Jones Cemetery in Ferrington Village



Cole and Smith properties off Smith Level Road



# Delegates



- Gray Huckabee\*
- William Barbee\*
- Alfred Boothe\*
- James M(arion) Cheek\*
- James Edwards
- ST Lindsay\*
- James Sidney Tilley\*
- Hudson Sparrow\*
- William Henry Lloyd\*
- DS Pendergras
- Thomas Hunter\*

# Delegates

## Gray Huckabee

- Born 1795 Wake Co, died 1877 Alabama
- Enslaver
- Owned 748 acres on Bolin and New Hope Creeks
- Received a presidential pardon from Andrew Johnson



# Delegates

## William Barbee

- Barbee family were one of largest landowning families in the county
- Lived on a plantation off 54 called Barbee Mountain
- Family cemetery is located there with slave burials
- Donated over 200 acres to UNC



Plantation house foundation (above)  
and on map



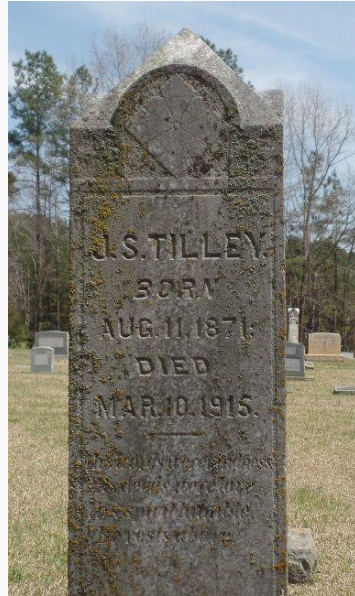


# Delegates

Alfred Boothe, James Marion Cheek, James Sidney Tilley, Hudson Sparrow, William Henry Lloyd, Thomas Hunter



James M Cheek grave



James S Tilley grave



Hudson Sparrow grave



WH Lloyd grave



# Superintendents



Isaiah Cole grave

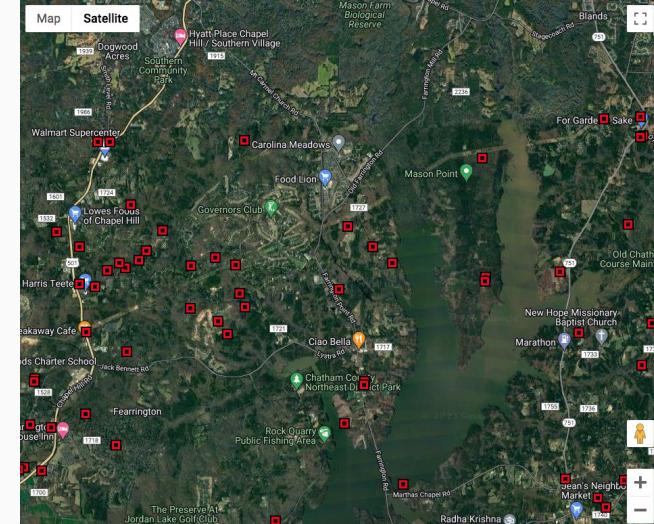
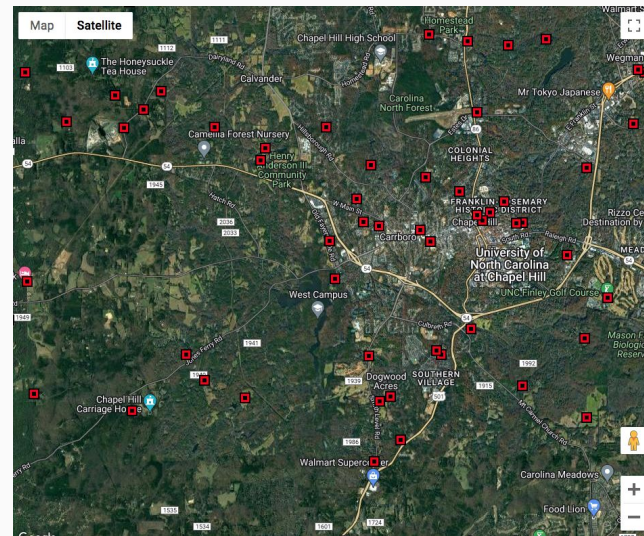
- Isaiah Cole (1867)
  - Great-grandfather was William Cole, Grandfather was Isaiah Cole, father was John Wesley Cole, uncles were Stephen and Benson Cole, brother was William Fletcher Cole, nephew was William Clarence Cole
  - Assisted by William Henry Lloyd (also a delegate)
- A. Riggsbee (1908)

# Burials

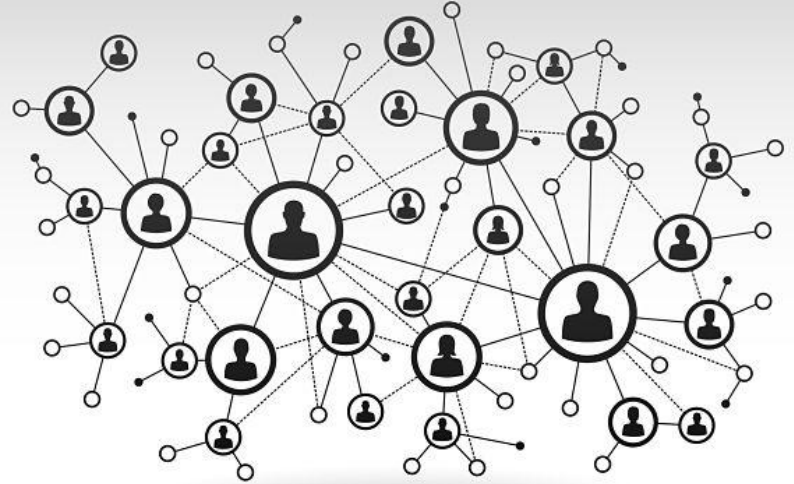
Mt Carmel Cemetery 1924  
Sparrow Cemetery 1875

## Types of Cemeteries:

- Family
- Other churches
- Public cemeteries
- Reinterment



# In Conclusion





# What's Next?

