

Dawsonville Charge

Bethel

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH, ITS HISTORY.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT,

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

The most reliable evidence this historian has discovered up to the present time indicates the Lumpkin Methodist campground was laid off in 1837, the year of the birth of Grover Cleveland, by Luke Hendricks and Elias Bruce. I suppose this means the grounds were surveyed at that time. The Campground is situated in lot number 312 in what is now Dawson county, and contains 40 acres. These forty acres were purchased by Luke Hendricks and Elias Bruce with \$40.00 collected by them. Mr. T. F. Hughes, who is now living, says his father made a contribution to this fund. If a deed of sale was ever made to Hendricks and Bruce, it has never been put on record in the Clerk's Office of Superior Court in Lumpkin county; after diligent search we have been unable to find one on record. The Tabernacle on the Campground was built about 118 years ago, in 1833. And Bethel Methodist church was first built about one quarter of a mile due west of the present home and property of Mr. T. F. Hughes; some years later the congregation moved to a building erected on the above 40 acre lot. Here the people worshipped for several years, when a new building was erected near the north boundary of the above named 40 acre lot; this building was reconstructed and remodeled in 1950, and is estimated to be worth about \$15,000.00.

This June 4, 1951.

A. S. Uln, Historian.

BEN W. FORTSON, JR.

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Memo From the Desk of—

MARY UTTERBERG

Lot 312 - 13 Sect North 1st Sect
originally Cherokee, now
Lawson Co.

originally granted to Joel P.
Davis. Did not take up
grant and it was reverted
to State and regranted to
Cynthia Bolling, Sept. 17,
1846. Grant recorded Sect.
State office Book "Reverted E"
Book Cherokee Land Page 503