Broomtown Methodist Church, Chattooga County
(Now extinct)

In the minutes of the quarterly conference of the Summerville Charge in 1849, A.T. Mann was recorded as presiding elder and J.H. Ewing was the assigned preacher. The report shows:

Paid: A.T. Mann, traveling expenses... $3.50
J.H. Ewing, traveling expenses... $14.00
A.T. Mann Quarterage $5.00
J.H. Ewing, Quarterage, $10.45

The quarterly conference of June 1849 shows:

Paid to J.H. Ewing:

Travelling expenses... $1.50
Quarterage... $30.37
Wine... $23.37

(These wine was undoubtedly for communion services).

The above report was that of the Summerville Charge which was composed of fourteen churches, one of which was Broom Town.

Broom Town was at the present site of Chelsea which is a short distance from Menlo on the Broom Town Road. Before the days of the white man, it was an Indian village named for a chief by the name of The Broom. He lived in the latter part of the 1700's and early 1800's.

White people soon came into this area, and among them were Methodists.

Soon the Broom Town was a gathering place. In the 1830's the Broom Town Methodist Church was established; according to the quarterly conference record, Broom Town was one of the strongest churches of the fourteen, if one may judge by the money recorded. This church...
continued to serve the community until 1903 when the building was sold. Some of the members went to Macedonia and the others to Menlo.

The Ami Church, Gateesla, Summerville Charge

The Ami Church stood at the old Ami cemetery about two miles west of Menlo. The first trustees were William Horton, R.A. Wood, and (it is thought) J.N.N. Powers who was received into the church in 1858 by the Reverend William Bond. This church was one of the fourteen churches on the Summerville Charge. It is known that these three men gave the land for Ami Church and cemetery.

During the pastorate of Rev. Fletcher Walton (1893-1894) at Ami the congregation decided that it should have a church at Menlo. Accordingly, the building was sold to the Methodist Church at Chesterfield, Alabama. The members of the Ami Church went different ways, some to Menlo Methodist and others to the Alpine Presbyterian Church.