HISTORY

of

CAMPBELLTON-RICO CHARGE

Campbellton Church
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There is not much known of the beginning of the church as all old records have been lost, including original deed.

There was as I remember a Mrs. Jennie White, an elder who was making testimony of experience. She was born to freedom one morning in 1907 and in her talk she said the church was then well over 100 yrs old. Her maiden name was Slocum and she was the only one among the organizers of the church at that time it was claimed the church was founded some time between 1790 and 1810 as there are markers of people buried there born 1800-1811-1812, 1820 and on down to present time.
Campbellton was made a town in the late 1830's as county site, the church was a thriving church through the life of the town, after the county site was moved to Fairburn it had its effects on the church. The church has always been under the leading of old pioneer citizens some of the very first families of the church still exist.

The parent had a very large membership in fact so far the country remained as a whole in old pioneer families and most of them upon becoming of age would seek other fields as we have just about field existence for a long time have almost been weak in member.

We have had same very inspiring days under the leadership of some of
our ablest talent, such as Gaetanos
the Laprade, Quillian, Connell, Jenkins,
Dwight and others.

Campbellton is being represented in
many parts of the world: John Cochran
in South America, Mrs. Ruth Cochran
in Ottawa, Leonard J. & Charles Cochran
ministers in North and South America.

The present property was acquired in 1846
and the old church remained until 1910 when
the present one was built.

We haven't at present a very large membership.
But we are trying to keep fires burning with
a hope for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
O. J. Cochran, Chairman, Board of Stewards
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