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The History of Cartecay Methodist Church

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The first Cartecay (Southern) Methodist Church was built in August 1849. The Church was built on the property of Lewis Ellington. The cemetery was close by on D. M. Simmons property.

The first Sunday School was organized April 20, 1851. On October 9, 1853, the Constitution for a Sabbath School at Cartecay, Gilmer County, Georgia, was drawn up. With officers and teachers. The officers and teachers were Lewis E. Ellington

William Adolphus Simmons

Daniel E. Stagle

Barnett Wilson

H. B. Wible

Joseph McClure

Jane Esther Labor

Mary E. Simmons
Ever since the church was built regular church and Sunday school services have been carried on.

Preachers who have served this church in its earlier years were:

Rev. T. E. Hughes
Rev. John Pettit
Rev. A. B. O. England
Rev. A. J. Hutchinson
Rev. S. B. Ledbetter
Rev. John W. Williams
Rev. J. W. Underwood

Some of the past and present trustees and stewards include:

M. T. Talley
L. A. Ellington
Adolphus Simmons
J. S. Hudson
L. M. Simmons
James L. Holden
J. L. Hagan
W. A. Simmons
Dr. W. E. Larson

W. B. James
B. H. Ashburn
J. E. Pettit
Silas Smith
E. P. Hudson
Rev. John Pettit
Frank B. Haigler
W. S. Watley
Mrs. James G. Alexander
Winifred Hudson
Mrs. L. W. Martin
In 1859, Barnett Wilson donated two acres of land on which the present Cartecay Church now stands. The present church is about ¹⁄₂ miles from where the first Cartecay Church was built.

The church in 1859 was built of virgin pine timber, laid hem in and planed. The pews, altar railings and pulpit are of solid pieces of pine ½ inch thick put together with dove tailing and wooden pegs.

The church was divided after the Civil War and the men of the Cartecay Church took their shot guns and spent the nights in the church to protect it against enemies who had deserted their church for the "Northern" branch. The building was preserved and stands as it was built with exception of Sunday school rooms which were added in 1948.
The building is in a good state of preservation and the grounds are beautifully kept. The graver have been leveled and the entire grounds sodded with evergreen grass - all of which stands as a monument to all those who sacrificed for a good cause and have gone to their reward.