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HISTORIES

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Cartecay

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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 L. 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 D. Ellington

William Adolphus Simmons

Daniel E. Stagle

Barnett Wilson

H. R. Wible

Joseph McClure

Jane Esther Lohr

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. C. Hughes

Rev. John Pettit

Rev. R. B. O. England

Rev. A. J. Hutchinson

Rev. S. B. Ledbetter

Rev. John W. Sullivan

Rev. J. W. Underwood

Some of the past and present Trustees and stewards include:

N. T. Taber

W. B. James

Lewis A. Ellington

B. H. Osborn

Adolphus Simmons

F. E. Pettit

J. S. Hudson

Silas Smith

L. M. Simmons

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Frank B. Haigher

W. A. Simmons

U. S. Worley

Dr. H. C. Lazenby

Mrs. James J. Osborn

which wife of Hudson  
Mrs. L. U. Martin

In 1859, Barnett Wilson donated two acres of land on which the present Cartecay Church now stands. The present church is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles from where the first Cartecay Church was built.

The church in 1859 was built of virgin pine timber, hand hewn and planed. The pews, altar railings and pulpit are of solid pieces of pine  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches 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<sup>81</sup>  
of preservation and the grounds are  
beautifully kept. The graves 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.