Dear Doctor Pierce:

Here is the last of the histories of this charge, that of the Cove Methodist Church on the Kensington Charge, Dalton District. A small photo enclosed also.

This history was gotten together by Mrs R. T. Goodson, who is now well along in her eighties.

The church building is now in process of repairs and painting. The deeds, lost for a long time, have been recovered, due to the seeking of information for the writing of this history.

Best regards, and blessings on you and your work.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. S. Dallas.
Core Methodist Church:
Kensington Charge, Dalton District

The deed for a building site for Core Methodist Church was given on March 14, 1872 by R.M. Childress to Newton Germany Calvin Hall, Wm. Mathis, James Lee and Caleb Conley, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the consideration of $30.00, with witnesses James B. Childress and C. M. Hall, J.P.

This ground is one acre, part of Lot No. 14, 7th District and 4th Section of Walker Co., Georgia.

The said Reuben Childress at the same time donated one acre west of the church lot for a general burial ground for any and all who wish to bury the dead in said plot of ground.

The original church, a large unpainted house, built mostly of pine planks and with heavy plank seats, was torn away in 1898 to make room for a new building on the same ground.

At that time, most of the members were prosperous farmers, with their families, whose...
were able to erect a nice church. They hired
an excellent carpenter, Mr. Tom Fisher, to be
in charge of the building project.
The Ladies Aid Society did their part by
putting on plays, and giving oyster and hot
suppers for the purpose of paying for the seats
and other necessaries for the church. Messrs. Knut
and Henp Garmann of Chattanooga gave the
chancel.

By the end of 1899 the present Cove Church
was completed. It is being kept in good
repair by the present membership, and after 56 yrs.
its considered one of the most beautiful churches
in the Dalton District.
The church once belonged on the Holston
Conference of Tennessee.
The churches that are now on the Kennington
charge were once on the Chickamauga charge.
with the Methodist parsonage at Chickamauga.
During the time when Rev. Pierce Harris was
our pastor, Chickamauga Church was made a
station church, and Bro. Harris remained their pastor
for several years. The Rev. Bevel Jones was
then sent to be our pastor. We now have a
nice parsonage at Kensington.

Of the list of former preachers, a few of them
date back from the 1880's and 90's and up
to 1957, where Rev. George S. Davis is doing good
work on the Kensington charge.

The following is a list of our former pastors:

Rev. J. R. Sheek

W. B. Crawley  Rev. T. L. Rutland

F. J. Spearman  Roy Donaldson

H. W. Strogier  Robert Stewart

Owen Ronder  Frank Chastain

W. J. Culpepper  J. E. Sherwood

Olin King  W. L. Crowder

C. A. Hall  J. C. Christian

J. R. McCardy  Cecil Dinsdale

H. A. King

Pierce Harris

Bevel Jones

J. B. Hawkes

Marvin Norwiek

John B. Ward
Eastern States for Cove Church, Kemington Charge

In studying the history of Cove Church, it seems that the Calvin Halls have produced more devoted leaders than any other family. There were his sons Joe Hall and Edward P. Both leaders in the church as early as in the 1870's and 90's. Mr. Joe was superintendent of the Sunday School for years.

Uncle Calvin's daughters and their families were members also. His youngest daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bonds Lee remained a helpful member always although not having lived in the community for several years before her death. She willed an annuity the income from it to be used in the care of Cove Cemetery where most of the Halls are buried.

There was uncle Joe Hall, uncle Calvin's brother and his family who also were leaders in church work. His granddaughter, Mrs. Ellen Selman Fortune of Lafayette, Ga. still loves Cove Church and she helps with finances whenever we need help.

H. J. Kilgore, a grandson of uncle Calvin's has, in the past, been loyal to Cove and has helped in many ways. He served as Sunday school Supt. until his death in 1940.

In the early church, there were also the Bonds, the Camps, Wardlaws, and others.

In the early 1900's, the Thomas Bridges family
Moved into the community from Tennessee at a time when they were a great help as devoted workers in our church. Mr. Bridges no longer lives. His widow is 85 years old, not able to attend church often.

Mr. George Parrish, in his day, made a devoted member in a financial as well as a spiritual way. E. M. Goodson, in times past, meant much to the Sunday school by having been an excellent teacher of the first class.

Mrs. Annie Bonds, a dear lady, was a faithful attendant to the church and Sunday school, bringing her grandchildren with her, always doing whatever she could. Her body is resting in the cemetery near the church.

Another old couple that deserved mention, Uncle Fred and Aunt Mary Ellison, two souls loyal to Christ and their church. They passed away several years ago, but their grandchildren, with their families, have been loyal workers in the church since they were children. All of them are ready to do anything they find needs doing to promote the welfare of the Church.

Briefly have we mentioned a few of the people who
Meant much in the life of Core Church. At the present time, we have about 60 members, two preaching appointments per month, an active Sunday school and WSCS. Our Ladies Aid Society long ago developed into a Woman's Missionary Society then into a WSCS. We have sixteen members, including four young ladies who recently joined.

Our school superintendent is A.C. Morrison. Present song promoters, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. H.J. Malcom and his daughter, Miss Dney, and we do have some very inspirational singing.

Probably Core church is thought of as just another little country church, but when we know of such men as C.Q. Hall, Bevel Jones, and Bert Harris, who spent their first years in the ministry here, coming back to worship at its altar, one wonders if Core church does not mean more to more people than one would otherwise think.
Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Lutz, two of our most diligent church members, moved away two months ago because of health problems. Miss Inez Mallicoat has taken Mr. Lutz' place as teacher of first class. Mrs. Mamie Wellin has filled his place as Church Secretary and treasurer and Jimmie Ellison, assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz have both been so useful in the church for several years past that we feel their loss keenly.

These last two years on the Kensington Charge have been good years, with Rev. George S. Davis as our pastor, and we are hoping to have another such year under his leadership.
This year Cove church has been painted inside and out and otherwise put in first-class condition. Work has been done on the parsonage, and at the present time, the Cedar Grove people are doing work on their church.

We also feel that in a spiritual way we are on a higher plane of living than for some years back past.