EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH
CARNESVILLE CHARGE
Ashland, Georgia.

Ebenezer Methodist Church is located at Ashland, Franklin County, Georgia, on Highway No. 59, eight miles southeast of Carnesville, Ga. It is said to be one of the oldest places of worship in this section of the country. As to just when this church was established, no one now living knows. The trustees have titles to the property as far back as 1820. Tradition goes back of this date quite a bit.

A deed given by John Westbrook to the following men, names as trustees: John Mayfield, Jr., Richard Allen, Ruben Baxter, Edward Mayfield, John Baxter, Thomas Westbrook, and William Gober, Jr., is recorded in the Clerk's office in Carnesville, Ga.

The original records of the church and conference and the roll of members were destroyed when the home of John Shelton, - secretary of the church, - was destroyed by fire just after the "War between the States". A new register was made soon after this loss of the Church's history. On this register appear the names of some of the original members, Viz.,- Adams, Bramlett, Coker Rev. Gunnels, Langston, Rev. Pendergrass, Rev. Shelton, Parks, Shannon, Neal, Williams, Westbrook, and others.

The first building was made of logs, hewn down to the line. This house served as a place of worship until July 21, 1882. On this date a church conference was held by the pastor, Rev. James N. Myers. During this conference a building committee was nominated and appointed as follows: Thomas N. Neal, William F. Langston, John W. Neal, Edwin W. Coker and William B. Neal. A new frame building was erected on the same spot that summer and fall. Funds were scarce, though all had willing hearts and hands and worked for a common end, and soon built a house 36 by 56 feet. It is an wceiled with wide hand dressed boards. This building is the one being used at the present time.

This church has had a Sunday School most all of its existence.

It has been Carnesville Charge, Homer Charge, Avalon Mission, Harmony Grove Charge, and is now on the Carnesville Charge.

Who knows the good that has come to hundreds of people from the established church here? May its benediction continue to fall on all who come under its scope.

May the present membership strive to go on to greater activities than those who have gone from the stage of action.

(Signed) Amicus J. Langston, Secretary.

Note: The above is a copy of the "History of Ebenezer Church" written in 1934 by Mr. Amicus Jefferson Langston, who was Recording Secretary of the Church from January 19, 1901 to January 13th, 1951., only six days short of fifty years service.
On September 2, 1899, Mr. William Henry Smith gave a parcel of land adjoining
the Ebenezer Church lot to be used as a hitching ground and special benefit to the
church. This place is now used for parking cars during church services.

Mr. William F. Langston gave to Ebenezer the present cemetery lot to be
reserved perpetually for a grave yard. Prior to this time family burying grounds
were used. Mr. Langston's son, Robert J. Langston, who was almost five years old
when he died, was the first person to be buried in this cemetery. He was
interred on October 29, 1872. On January 14, 1951, Mr. Amicus Jefferson Langston,
77 years of age, was laid to rest beside his brother, Robert J., to this date,
June 8th, 1951, the last person to be interred in this cemetery. Two brothers,
Robert J. Langston, the first; and Amicus J. Langston, the last, rest side by side
surrounded perhaps by a hundred neighbors, friends, and fellow church members.

Mr. William F. Langston was elected by a church conference on January 26, 1877,
as recording secretary for Ebenezer Church. He served in this capacity until
January 19, 1901, at which time his son, Amicus J. Langston, was elected to fill
the place, William F. Langston having moved to Commerce, Ga. Amicus J. Langston
served until his passing on January 13, 1951.

No record has been preserved concerning the Superintendents of the Sunday
School School at Ebenezer, but the following named men include most, if not all,
who have served as Sunday School Superintendent since the present church house
was erected: Mooney Coker, E. W. Coker, W. P. Neal, Winchester Coker, J. H. Smith,
and Bob Means, the present Superintendent.

Teachers of the Sunday School this conference year (1951):

Adult Class: J. H. Smith
Young People: Mrs. J. H. Smith
Juniors: Mrs. Robert Carson
Primary: Mrs. Cora Lavender

Pianist: Mrs. Lee Coker, who has served in this capacity about 35 years.

Chorister: Paul B. Power served very efficiently in this capacity for
30 or 35 years, and was succeeded by Bob Means, the present
Chorister about five years ago.

Mrs. Floyd J. Williams is president of the W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Corinne L. Parks, Church Historian. (June 8, 1951)
Officers and Committee Members Conference year 1947

Honorary Stewards:  
Mr. A. J. Langston (Deceased Jan. 13, 1951)  
Mr. J. D. Bramlett

Senior Stewards (Official Board)  
J. H. Smith,  
F. J. Williams  
H. E. Verner  
J. H. Parks  
Bob Means

Communion Steward:  
Mrs. H. L. Coker

Church School Superintendents:  
General Supt:  
J. H. Smith  
Adult Div.:  
Bob Means  
Youth Div.:  
Mrs. J. H. Smith  
Children's Div:  
Mrs. Corinne L. Parks

Trustees of Church Property:  
H. E. Verner  
Bob Means  
Paul B. Power  
A. J. Langston (Succeeded by J. H. Smith in 1951)  
J. H. Parks (Succeeded by H. L. Coker, in 1951)

Trustee of Parsonage Property:  
J. H. Parks (Succeeded by Marvin R. Bramlett in 1951)

Church Treasurer:  
J. H. Smith

Board of Education:  
J. H. Smith  
Mrs. J. H. Smith  
W. F. Neal  
Mrs. Lee Coker

Membership:  
Mrs. Corinne L. Parks  
Mrs. Lee Coker  
J. H. Smith

Pastoral Relations:  
J. H. Smith  
Bob Means

Audit:  
J. H. Parks  
J. H. Parks

Hospitals and Homes:  
Mrs. Corinne L. Parks

Board of Missions and Church Extension:  
Mrs. J. H. Smith  
Mrs. J. D. Bramlett  
Mrs. Bob Means  
Mrs. Floyd Williams  
Mrs. J. H. Parks (Mrs. Robt Carson-1951)  
Mrs. Corinne L. Parks  
Mrs. Wilton Bramlett

Parsonage:  
Mrs. J. H. Parks (Mrs. Cora Lavender, 1951)  
Mrs. J. H. Smith  
Miss Anaedel Langston  
Mrs. F. J. Williams  
Mrs. J. D. Bramlett  
Mrs. Lee Coker
House and Grounds:

Mrs. J. H. Smith       Mrs. Corinne L. Parks
Mr. Paul B. Power      Mr. Bob Means
Mrs. J. H. Parks       (Mr. H. E. Verner, 1951)