

DALTON DISTRICT

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FAIRMOUNT CHARGE

A History Of

GROVE LEVEL METHODIST CHURCH

Oakman, Georgia

The Grove Level Methodist Church was founded soon after the close of the War between the States on a lot donated by B. W. Freeman. It was named "Grove Level" because of its location on a beautiful level lot covered with lovely trees.

When the L. & N. Railroad was built it passed through the spot where the original church building stood and the present building was erected a short distance west of the old church. This was in 1905 and Rev. G. B. Barton was the pastor.

For years the church was on the Spring Place Charge and then was transferred to the Fairmount Charge in 1922.

Among some of the early names were the Halls, Smiths, Freemans, Owens', Craigs, Taylors, Gaines', and Porters.

Among early pastors were H. W. Morris, E. M. Stanton, G. L. Chastain, W. G. Hanson, J. W. Bailey, and J. A. Sprayberry. Later pastors included G. B. Barton, J. C. Adams, N. A. Parsons, and H. C. Holland.

In 1954 a "homecoming" was held on the first Sunday in July and it was decided at that time to observe that Sunday each year as "Grove Level Homecoming."

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