History Of Hopewell Methodist Church
In Baldwin County Georgia.

This history was written by Mrs. W. A. Cook and read at a "homecoming" held at the church on the fifth Sunday in October 1949. Mrs. Cook is in her 95th year.

"When I came to this community seventy-three years ago the people were worshipping in a little log church under a big oak tree where, for many years, we served our quarterly-meeting dinners".

The membership of the church grew and soon the need of a larger church was realized, and our people began planning a larger edifice and looking for a site upon which to build.
On Feb. 6, 1886 the site upon which this church now stands was purchased from Dr. Iverson L. Harris for the sum of sixteen dollars. One of our former pastors said, "It seems to point to the church Triumphant over on the other side".

In 1887 the little log church was torn down and while the new church was being constructed we worshiped under a brush arbor near the spot where the little church had stood. This was not for long however, for the new building was soon begun.
No pioneer settlers could have been more faithful in pushing forward this noble task than were: Mr. Pete Proctor, Mr. Jack Proctor, The Martin brothers, The Youngblood brothers, Mr. Louis Smith, Mr. William Chambers, Mr. W.W. Anderson, Mr. Shields Anderson, Mr. W. A. Cook and Rev. C. B. Anderson.

I wish to pay tribute to the ladies who so faithfully prepared and carried dinners to the builders each day.

Hopewell was first admitted to the Baldwin circuit in 1868 and was transferred to the South Baldwin Mission in 1888.
In November 1927 it was transferred to the Milledgeville Circuit during the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Farr.

In the spring of 1944 a movement was begun to raise funds to remodel the church adding some badly needed Sunday school rooms. Our people who are all descendants of those who built the first Hopewell, responded liberally, and as a result we have this attractive and enlarged church in which we worship to day.
This work was begun during the pastorate of Rev. Loran Parke whom we all know and love."
In the summer of 1949 under the leadership of Rev. O. J. Withrow and his loyal building committee the complete remodeling of the church was begun. Under the wise and able supervision of Mr. Maurice Harrington who gave so faithfully and lovingly of his time this building program moved forward and was completed at a cost of about $5000.00. Special mention should be made of Glenn Harrington, Guy Harrington and Louie Anderson who so ably assisted in the selection of materials.
Hopewell church is a neat and commodious building with its added Sunday school rooms which is a credit to the community in which it stands.