HISTORY

of
CAVE SPRINGS CHARGE

Cave Springs Church
Jackson's Chapel Church
Livingstone Church
Van's Valley Church
Livingston Church

The Livingston Church may have had its origin earliest of all those comprising the Cave Spring charge. Unfortunately the earliest history of this church, like the others on this charge, is lost in obscurity. Harrison Camp, who was one of the three first trustees, told his son W. H. Camp that the first services, and probably for several years were held in a log house heated with what was known as a stick and dirt chimney. Ultimately a storm destroyed this structure which resulted in the erection of the present church building. This building was erected in the year 1852. The record in the county clerk's office in Rome, Georgia shows that the land on which the present church stands was deeded to trustees Harrison Camp, Augustus G. Ware and Elizabeth Carr by Adam Hetz in September 1852. Additional land was deeded to the church by G. F. Stephens in 1882. A cemetery adjacent to the church building contains the remains of deceased members and others from the earliest years down to the present time.

JACKSON'S CHAPEL

Around eighty years ago a man by the name of Jackson gave the Methodists of his community two acres of land on which to build a church. Prior to this gift the small body of Methodists had worshipped in a log building not far from the site of the new church. There was a parsonage close by the old log church that housed the preachers of those distant times. It is entirely probable that the original log church was founded and built over a hundred years ago. About the same time the other churches of the charge had their beginning. Jackson's is now a live and prospering rural church located about two miles south of Cave Spring.

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