SKETCH OF MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Unfortunately the early records of this historic old church were not preserved, there is not even a scrap of a record to give a little glimpse into its earliest history. However it is known for a fact that it is the outgrowth of Grant's Meeting House, the first Methodist Church in Georgia.

When Grant's was no longer used as a Church the membership divided and those few who lived in the lower section of the county organized a church in their section, and the ones who lived in and around the village of Washington had their services in the homes of members, in the old Washington Academy and the Courthouse until 1820 when they built the Washington Methodist Church.

The deed to the first Mt Zion Church lot cannot be found of record, "Old Mt Zion" as it was called, was some three miles from the present building. All that can be identified of this old spot is the steep hill on the road leading by the church site. This hill has been known throughout the county for many years as "Old Mt Zion Hill".

In 1861 a deed was made by Daniel Fouche to the present church lot located on the old Wrightsborough Road. It is supposed that a church was built that year or very soon thereafter. The Trustees to whom the deed was made were: James Harris, P J Barnett, S F Dozier, Edward Waller, Daniel Fouche, P F Combs and A E Bowdre.

About 1965-06 a new church was built almost in front of the old building. The old pulpit which is quaint and beautiful, was moved into the new building. This pulpit is so unusual and so old, it is a pity that its history is not known.
The membership of the Mt Zion of today is made up largely of people who have moved into the community, the older families having died out or moved away.

The present church membership 196, Sunday School 60

WSCS members 16  MYF 20

Church property value 5000