Eatonton was laid out in 1807 and even before that time there appears to have been Methodist worship there, which increased in strength. The leading member at that time was Josiah Flournoy, who originated the prohibition movement in Ga. In 1827 Eatonton and Madison became one church with Lovick Pierce as pastor. December, 1838 the Annual Conf. met in Eatonton with Bishop Andrew, the first native Georgian elected to that office, presiding. Methodists were the first Church to erect its own building. The church was erected in 1857 and it is the church now in use by the Methodists of Eatonton.

Before E. was laid out in 1807 Methodists appear to have been worshipping there. The leading member was Josiah Flournoy who organized the first prohibition movement in Ga. visiting almost every county in the state in that interest.

Even before E. was laid out in 1807 Methodists appear to have been worshipping in that community and continued to grow until a church was organized. Josiah Flournoy was a member of that church the leading member of that church originated the prohibition movement. Josiah F., a leading member of that church organized the first prohibition movement in Ga. and visited almost every county in that interest of that movement. In 1827 Eatonton and Madison became one church with Lovick Pierce as pastor. In 1838 the An. Conf. met in E. with Bishop An., the first of the ten Georgians elected bishop, presiding. The last An. Conf. of the M.E.C. was held in E. in 1844.

V. R. Pierce

A most cordially,

Please express to them my great appreciation.

The Methodists were the first denomination to build a church in E. in 1857, and in that church, on the same lot the Methodists of E. worship today.

In 1827 Eatonton and Madison became one church with Lovick as pastor; in 1829 Eatonton and Clinton became one church—Eatonton.

In 1835 the An. Conf. of Ga. Methodism met in E. with Bishop James O. Andrew, the first of ten Georgians to be elected bishop, presiding. During 1819 and 1819 the Bap., Meth., Pres., and Christian congregation worshiped in a union church, said to be the handsomest church in middle Ga. The Method. Ch. was the first denom. to have its own building erected in 1857. The church now used by the Methodists of E. stands on the same lot and is the original bldg.
It is with regret that I admit my inability to decipher the very old penciled writing on the outside cover of this booklet, but it seems to be "List of Sabbath School Books" besides other wording.

A list of Books does appear on the first 16 pages. These have been copied on other sheets sent with this. On the 17th page, one finds this "Members of Philadelphia Sunday School Society" with the year 1833, and following.

(Quote) (1833) Males

- Wm. E. Adams
- Wm. Turner
- A. D. Gatewood
- G. Johnson
- A. W. McGehee
- Wm. Alexander
- Simon Holt, Jr.
- John F. Adams
- Jas. M. Chambers
- Elisa Reid
- Thomas Flournoy
- Beverly Slaughter
- Zaccheus Butler

Female Members Phil. Sun. Sch. Soc. 1833

- Lucy W. Turner
- Elizabeth Holt
- Elvira Alexander
- Mary Anne Adams
- Martha J. Chambers
- Caroline Flournoy
- Mary Adams
- Martha Johnson
- Rebecca A. Gatewood
- Susan B. Terrell

(1834)

Reuben R. DeJarnette

Males Scholars in Phil. Sunday School 1834

- Wm. E. Adams - withdrawn
- Robert S. Holt
- Wiley Ellis - withdrawn for removal
- James M. Adams
- David Rosser - Left the neighborhood
- Benj. Frank Adams
- Ed. L. Terrell
- Wm. H. Chambers
- Benson W. Adams
- Wm. A. Gatewood
- Warren Jackson - Left neighborhood
- Jos. A. Turner
- A. Davis
- John F. Arnold - Withdrawn.

Female Scholars in Phil. Sun. Sch. 1834

- Mary B. Moreland
- Elizabeth W. Turner
- Elizabeth W. Butler
- Rhoda F. H. Turner
- Susan Slaughter
- Amelia H. Moreland
- Eliz. T. Crafton
- Mary H. T. Crafton
- Frances W. Crafton
- Nancy S. Ellis
- Fr. H. Slaughter
- Fr. M. H. Gatewood
- Mary A. Johnson
- Mary E. Chambers
- Catherine Crafton

1834

- Lewis Hokett - Removed
- James Denham
- Josiah Denham
- George Bachelor
- John C. Henderson
- Wm. Turner
- Wm. H. Flake
- H. Holt
After the List of Sunday School Scholars, there is found the names of those enrolled in the "Bible Class".

(Quote) Bible Class

Robert S. Holt
Mary B. Moreland
Elizabeth W. Turner
Elvira Alexander
Eliz. Holt
Wm. Turner
John F. Arnold
John Henderson

Bible Class No. 2

Questions on Gospels, &c

Jas. M. Chambers
John F. Adams
Ruben R. DeJarnette
Wm. G. Flake

Lucy W. Turner
Martha J. Chambers
Caroline Flournoy
Elizabeth Joiner
Frances R. H. Turner
Caroline S. Marshall

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Mr. Hicks:

I have been glad to copy the information found in the little book and wish I could give more as to just when the Sunday School was organized, etc. I can say this much, though, about the members of the S. S. and Society, and Bible Classes.

William Ellis Adams (son of Thomas Adams, Rev. Soldier) came to Putnam with his father before Putnam County was organized. He married in 1805 in what later became Putnam County. His wife was a daughter of one David Rosser and sister of another. You will find Rossers here now descended from David Rosser. Wm. E. Adams became what was termed a "local Preacher" and is said to have been the first pastor of the Eatonton Methodist Church. Among his children were Rebecca Ann Gatewood (Mrs. A. D. Gatewood), John F. Adams whose wife was Maryan DeJarnette, (Mary Anne Adams), Martha who married Dr. Johnson, Benj. Franklin Adams, James Monroe Adams, Benson W. Adams, all of whom are listed here. Wm. E. Adams's first wife was Mary Adams, also listed. Warren Jackson was I believe his brother-in-law, and Wm. A. Gatewood, his grandson. Descendants are still living here and interested in the Church, of various denominations. The same can be said of the Turners, Flournoys, Terrells, DeJarnettes, Reids, Slaughters, Butlers, Johnsons, while all names listed are of those prominent in the development of this section. Denham, Holt, Alexander, and so on deserve mention in any history of this section as well as in that of Philadelphia Church. I wish I might go into more detail. Not one name listed but deserves mention showing the influence of the Church. John F. Arnold was another preacher.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Julia Adams.
Someone found a very precious little pamphlet in among I suppose other things connected with historic Philadelphia M. E. Church located in Putnam County, Georgia. This valuable booklet came into the possession of one deeply interested for personal reasons through the kindness of an esteemed friend about whom more I trust will be said later with reference to the part she and her family have taken in the development and growth of the religious life of this County in recent times and the part played by her and her husband's ancestors in earlier days. It is with great pleasure I give quotations from the booklet which is such as was in use by the officials as well as individuals in those days before it was so easy to obtain publishers' record books. Measuring about 3" x 5" for the one sheet - not folio - this was made of a type of paper which, evidently, lasted well for dates reaching back well over 100 years are found. The entries are chiefly in ink, but there is one list in pencil still readable. This is quoted below:

(Quote) Amt. Bro't over ------- $6.00
1 Set Ch Magazines ------- 1.25
12 Testaments 12½ ------ 1.50
12 Class Books ----------- 6 1/2 12.75
Dist on $10 5/w ch ------- .50
$10.00
(Unquote)

There then follows this:

(Quote) List of Books.

Union Primers, from 1 to 12 inclusive 1
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Union Spelling & Reading Books, from 13 13
13 to 18, inclusive ----- 18
19 to No. 25, inclusive ----- 25

Part I. ( The foregoing were bought since
the first purchase. )

W. Cat. No. I, continued ---------- 56
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69 through No. 72 on this page.
(Unquote) There follows in similar listing, Wes. Cat. No. 2 - 73.
Wesleyan-Catechism No. 3 numbered from 74 through 79.
Scriptural Catechism numbered from 80 through 91.
Divine Songs, numbered from 92 through 103.
Hymns, numbered from 104 through 115; and "Hymns" (Pocket Comp.) - 116.
Questions on Pentateuch, part 2nd, numbered 127 through 129.
Questions on Selected Portions of Scripture, Part 3rd, No. 130.
Sunday School Manual, 2nd, Nos. 130 through 133.
New Testament, Nos. 139 through 150.

Omitting the numbering, these books, etc. were listed:

1st Vol. Sunday School and Youth's Library,
Commandment with Promise, 2nd Vol. Last Day of Week (or the Week)
Tracts, Tales and Narratives.

| Caroline Campbell                | Mon. Par. Affection                          |
| History of Jesus                | Germs of Thought                             |
| Mrs. Mary Cooper                | Pears and His Family                         |
| Rev. David Storer               | Life of Howard                               |
| Mrs. Hester A. Rogers          | Life of Brainerd                             |
| Life of Rev. J. Wesley          | Life of Elliott                              |
| Rev. J. Fletcher                | Watts' Improvement of Mind, part 1 and part 2,|
| Rev. Thos. Coke                 | Watson A.pol. for Bible                      |
| Rev. Jos. Benson                | Alleine and Baxter                           |
| Happy Death of Orphans, Token for| Sabbath School Teachers                      |
| Children                       | First Book,                                  |
| Paradise Lost                   | Wesleyan Catechism,                          |
| Peter's Evidences               | Doctrinal Tracts                             |
| Sarah Jenkins                   | The Guilty Fugitive                          |
| Pilgrim's Progress              | Introduction to Christianity                 |

Child's Magazine
John Watson and Sister
Cottage Scenes
Life of Africaner
Romanaes, Ignatius, & Polycarp
Life of Buchanan

Ques. and ans. on New Testament, Vol. 1
S.S. Teacher's 2nd Book, and other similar books.

A notation had been made at the beginning of the List of Books which indicated that "Instead of the cards, I have numbered the foregoing books." This page had been loosened and was not noticed at the proper place. Apparently, this was a sort of Sunday School Library, or Class Meeting Library. The total runs up to 260 of books, tracts, etc.