This church was first located at Hampton, Ga. which is 5 miles north of Pomona on Highway # 41. Rev. C. B. McDaniels family were members at Hampton. There is no way now to find out why it was moved to Pomona, but a group consisting of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hand, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Darsey & Children consisting which consisted of Laurence, Hinton, Lula, Ida and Ava Darsey, Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Manley & son W. F. Manley were instrumental in moving it to its present location. One acre of land was donated by Mr. Philip Smith whose sons later became well known nurserymen of Concord, Ga. (Smith Brothers Nursery). Messers Lawrence & Hinton Darsey and Mrs. Ida Darsey Minter are all living members. In the earliest days of the church at the present location the church was referred to as Jack's Chapel because of its enthusiastic member Jack Hand. The church was started on the initiative of the above members and was not sponsored by any other church. It was moved in the year 1888. Mrs. Eva Kilgore was the first person to join the church at a meeting held in the District Court House on the grounds where the church now stands. Mrs. Kilgore's seven children joined the church. Three children and a daughter-in-law are now faithful members, others having died or moved away. Other original members were Mrs. Sallie Gray, Mrs. Emma Brewster, Mrs. Alice Redwine, the latter is still an active member.

Rev. Foster D. Smith served for 10 years which is longer than any pastor ever served. He was loved not only by the church members but by the community as a whole as much as any man could be. He is now preaching around Atlanta and comes back to preach for revivals on several occasions.

This church does not own a parsonage but together with the Highland Methodist Church, which is in the same charge with this church, rents a house at Highland Mills for the parsonage. The church deed does not contain a Trust clause. The Church building is valued at $7,500.00. It owns no other property.

The first Sunday School was organized in 1891. Mr. W. P. Manley was Superintendent. Mr. S. M. Wayman and Mr. Mark Riegel were Superintendents shortly thereafter. The Sunday School was reorganized in 1938 with Mr. Merrill L. Yates as Superintendent. When Mr. Yates was called to Army duty his younger brother John was elected to the post. John Yates served until a change of residence and Army duty compelled him to give it up.

Mrs. Thornton & Mr. Jack Brown served during World War II and were followed by Mr. John Yates after the war. Mr. Yates is the present Superintendent. The Secretary-Treasurer for the original Sunday School were Mr. W. P. Manley for several years and Mr. A. Sutherland for 25 years. In looking back over the records kept by Mr. Sutherland at about the turn of the century it is interesting to note that the attendance would be from 25 to 35 persons present with a collection of from .10 to 25 cents. It is easy to see the change in trends by looking at this. Mr. Sutherland would also add such statements to the record as the following: "It is a nice warm morning but looks a little like it might rain. A fine day for church." Mr. Sutherland was born in Canada.

The following were early members: Mrs. S. M. Wayman, Miss Clara Wayman who later became Mrs. Mark Reigel, Mr. J. Y. Patterson, Miss Ava Darsey, Miss Anna Nichols, Mr. Mark Reigel, S. D. Reigel, George Reigel, Jesse Griffin, Mrs. Will Cook and Mr. S. M. Wayman. These members were Sunday School Teachers in the early days of the church.

In 1933 a W.S.C.S. was organized & worked for only 2 years. It was reorganized in 1950 with a good membership of 15 with Mrs. Frank Griffin as the leader.
In the early days Rev. Henderson always carried a red flannel blanket in his suitcase during the winter months for fear he would go some place where they didn't have enough cover. Rev. Patrick was a typical Irishman & always said "childring" when speaking of children.

One of the most well known and best loved member of any church in the county belongs to Pomona. She has probably influenced more people to become Christians than any member because of the family she has reared and because of the Christian life she has lived. She is Mrs. Jesse Griffin, better known to everybody as "Granny", who is 88 years old on June 12, 1950. All nine of her children were members of Pomona Church. Five of them are still alive and active members. Many of her Grand Children and their wives are members of the church and several Great Grand Children are members of the Sunday School. One of her son-in-laws, Mr. Otto Reigel, has been an outstanding member of the church since it's earliest days. Two of her sons are Stewarts, one grand son is a steward and Sunday school superintendent and another grandson is a Sunday school teacher. It is very easy to see the influence Christ has had on her life.

The church has produced one preacher. Mr. Paul Reigel went from Pomona to Westminster Theological School in Maryland and became a minister. He served in West Virginia. He is deceased.

There are now 41 members of the Sunday School with an average attendance of 26. There are 60 active church members with an average attendance of 50.

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This history was obtained from old records and from conversations with old members.