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History of Providence Church

By Miss Henry Turnbull

Providence Church was first built by Devereaux Jarrett, owner of the estate which was then in Habersham County, in the year of 1800, as records show. Later, C. H. Jarrett, son of Devereaux Jarrett, inherited the property on which the church was built. In the year 1850, he and his wife sold the property to the Methodist Conference for the sum of one thousand dollars, as the deed states.

In the year of 1857 the Jarrett brothers, sons of Devereaux Jarrett, built a new church. The trustees of the church at that time were L. F. Young, A. Scott, Cicero M. Sharp, Mac Crawford and Littleton Edge.

This church which was built in the

year of 1857, stood on the same lot where the new church now stands.

For sentimental reasons, the old church was torn down with much reluctance and regret as it had stood there for ninety-six years as a memorial to the Jarrett Family.

The members of Providence Church realized the fact that a new church was greatly needed to take the place of the old church which was literally falling down and was beyond repair.

The membership of the church is very small and the prospects for a new church seemed for a time very doubtful.

In answer to prayers, Rev. J. E. Ellis was sent to this charge and it was through his wonderful cooperation and splendid leadership that the present new brick church was built three years ago, 1948.

³ The present preacher at Providence Church is Rev. Eugene Brown who proved himself to be an earnest and untiring leader.

The present trustees of the church are Mr. Sid Jarrett, Mr. W. C. Edge and Miss Henry Turnbull.

Mr. Mcalister Jarrett