Among the childhood memories there lingers one—very distinct and far distant—of hearing my father relate the organization of the Senoia Methodist Church.

In the year 1861, the church was founded by the Rev. F.W. Baggarly, with Dr. Fambrough, Judge W.W. Sibley, the Rev. F.B. Hunnicutt, Iverson W. Sims, Richard Bridges and James Stallings among the charter members.

For some time this little group held services under a brush abbor. Moving from the abbor, they occupied the second story of a newly erected rock warehouse (which now stands) until 1871 when the church house was built. In 1897 this building was sold and a new one erected on the same spot, with the Rev. L.M. Lyle as pastor.

In 1920 the Rev. S.B. Strout, pastor, made changes in the interior of this building which added much to its beauty. During 1948 the Rev. J.H. Hearn, pastor, repaired and re-decorated the church, and built an annex consisting of an auditorium and five Sunday School rooms, a kitchen with running water and all conveniences.

The lovely shrubery adorning the church grounds was planted during the time the Rev. N.O.L. Powell was pastor.

On Easter Sunday 1951, Miss Annie Lou Hardy, of Atlanta and Mr. Harry Hardy of Charlotte, N.C. members of this church, presented a Hammond Organ in memory of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Hardy, who were devoted members for many years. The dedication service was conducted by the Rev. J.H. Hearn.

Searching through old Conference records, the following names of pastors who served the church through the years will be revealed. (Note: This list was incomplete and has not been included here. See complete list of pastors in another section—Notes from Quarterly Conference records.)

Local ministers connected with the church were J.B. Hunnicutt, Dr. Fambrough, David Nolan, James Nolan, and W.A. Sears, all of whom have long since passed into the great beyond.

Members who went out from the church as preachers were: Emory Daniel, James Couch, Walter Carmichael, Harry Mitcham and James Welden.

June 1951.
1871 February 4th.
The first Quarterly Conference was held at Senoia. H.J. Adams was Presiding Elder and F.W. Baggarly, pastor. W.A. Fowough was elected secretary. Six local preachers and three class leaders were present, besides stewards and Sunday School superintendents.

July 11th (From Sunday School Secretary’s Record book)
The Senoia Sunday School Superintendent and teachers met and after discussion ten rules were made for progress in the Sunday School (Sabbath School was the word used). J.E. Stallings was Superintendent. Some of the teachers were: J.E. Baugh, Mrs. E.C. Reed, Miss Mary Bull, W.F. Nolan, Miss Maggie Stallings. Evidently each teacher or pupil subscribed for his or her own Sunday School quarterly. A complete list is given.

1878 Nov. 12.
The Fourth Quarterly Conference for the Senoia Circuit, LaGrange District, was held at Bethel. J.W. Huidt Presiding Elder, L. Rush was pastor. L.E. Aykinson was elected secretary. Senoia, Haralson, Mt. Carmel, Bethel, Tranquill, Cokes, and Gilead were the churches on the charge and they paid the pastor $199.45 that quarter. There were four Sunday Schools, 32 teachers and 200 scholars. 260 books in the library. 43 persons were received on profession of faith which made a total of 93 received for the quarter.

1873 Miscellaneous business of the Quarterly Conference:
The conference decided that the churches should require the members to attend meetings on Saturday or give the reason why.

1899 Feb. 18.


The pastor received $63.45 this quarter.

1901 June 15.
Second Quarterly Conference at Haralson. John B. Robinson P.E. W.T. Caldwell P.C. R.K. Brandenburg Sec’y. There were three churches on the charge at this time, Senoia, Mt. Carmel and Haralson.

Nov. 17 4th Quarterly Conference at Senoia. During the Quarter Willie Shell, Ruth Shell, Marion Peak, Walter Carmichael, Thomas Burdett and Daisy Nixon joined the church on profession of faith.

Report “D” Missionary Societies: Adult members 8, Juvenile members 17. Total amount collected. (Adults $97.70, Juveniles $9.71) $20.61

1906 Third Quarterly Conference for Senoia, Haralson and Mt. Carmel held at Mt. Carmel. W.F. Glenn was P.E. and G.W. Farr P.C. J.C. Elmore was secretary and B.P. Daniel was recording Steward. Members of church deceased: George W. Meshburn, Miss Rebecca Freeman.


(Not from pastor's report) The meeting at Haralson came at a time when politics were at their highest pitch and it seemed to be impossible to get our people to talk religion and pray and so we were defeated to some extent. We had a very good meeting at Senoia though some of our leading members did not think that they had time to give God a few days..... Twenty three members were received on profession of faith from all the churches.


1936 4th Quarterly Conference at Standing Rock October 18. L.M. Twiggs P.E. N.O.L. Powell P.C. Superintendents of Sunday School elected for next year: W.H. Addy, Senoia; E.M. Summers; Standing Rock; W.J. Estes, Haralson; Delos Caldwell, Carmel. Hattie Shell was secretary of the conference. ...Twenty Advocates were taken and thirty Upper Rooms were sold.

1942 Quarterly Conference (3rd) at Mt. Carmel. R.L. Russell D.S., R.W. Allison, P.C. Mrs. W.J. Estes, Secretary. F.P. Daniel was elected delegate to the Annual Conference with L.O. Hutchinson Alternate. The next Quarterly Conference to be held at Standing Rock. W.S.C.S. reports 30 members.

1951 First Quarterly Conference at Senoia, August 19th. H.H.Jones D.S.,
Jack Lamb P.C.
(4th Q.C.) New folding chairs have purchased for the annex at Senoia.

1952. First Quarterly Conference at Haralson Aug. 10. H.H.Jones D.S.
Sam A.Dailey P.C. the official Roll: Senoia: P.Daniel St. L.L.
R.W.Freeman St. A.B.Duke St.; B.A.Molan St., L.C.McGee St.; J.H.Baggarly
St.; J.A.Nations St.; St. A.L.Crook, St.; Hugh Crook, St. Treas.;
A.D.Pope, Julian Roberts, Mrs. H.S. Williams, Mrs. W.J. Estes. Supt. S.S.
Wilbur Lewis Johnson. Carmel: H.D.Caldwell, Frank Pope, James Caldwell,
Albert Caldwell, Carter Caldwell.
(Second Quarterly Conference at Senoia) Gas heat has been installed
in the parsonage. It has been underpinned with concrete blocks. The
Church at Carmel has been re-roofed and the annex at Senoia re-decorated.

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Pastors serving the charge with their date of service.
Founded 1861 by F.W. Baggarly
Early 1870's R.W. Foot
and Robert F. Jones
(The above names were found
on a pencil written list of
Pastors.
1871 -72 F.W. Baggarly
1873-74-75  R.F. Jones
' 75-76 Léonard Rush
'79-'80 T.S.L. Harwell
'81,82'83 M.L. Underwood
'84-'87 J.W. Cofer
'88-'89 J.W. Stipe
'90-'91 J.M. Bowden
'92 T.H. Timmons
'93-'96 W.W. Wynn
'97-'98 L.M. Lyle
'99-'100 W.H. Spear
1901-'02 W.T. Caldwell
'103-'04 W.A. Harris
'05 J.W. Bailey
'06-'07 G.W. Farr
'08-'11 E.W. Jones
'12-'14 J.A. Quillian
'15-'18 W.A. Maxwell
'19 O.M. Ponder
'20-'22 S.B. Stout
'23-'26 J.O. Pettis
'27 C.D. Reed
'28 J.S. Hill
'29,'30 J.J.M. Mize
'31 A.B. Sanders

'32 W.D. Spence
'33-'34 J.B. Gresham
'36-'39 N.O.L. Powell
'39-'40 A.E. Scott
'42-'43 R.W. Allison
'44-'47 J.H. Hearn
'48-'49 J.B. Holbrook
'50 J.A. Langford
'51 W.J. Lamb
'52 S.A. Dailey

(Some of above dates may not be accurate
because of conference dates)

Some Presiding Elders and District Superintendents have been:
J.H. Adams
J.W. Heidt
W.W. Wadsworth
J.S. Bryant
J.B. Robinson
W.F. Glenn
J.T. Dave
J.H. Eakes

Fletcher Walton
W.L. Pierse
E.P. Allen (Lagrange)

R.C. Checkler
1871 July 11th. The Superintendent, J.E.Stallings and teachers of the Sunday School met and organized ... (This must have been beginning of the Worker's Council)

1872 - '3 Sabbath School association meets regularly each first Sunday afternoon. Dues 10¢ per member.....President May in chair. ....prayer by Brother I W.Sims. ....Thomas Humphry gave us his name to be a member of the association. ....proceeds for sale of emeralds, $3.30. Other names... W.A.Harwell, E.T.Harwell.


1890 Feb. 9. Teachers: Mrs. E.A.Green, Mrs. J.M.Bowden, F.P.Bowden, J.A.Z. Shell, Miss Jimma Sims, Miss B.Branman, Miss Kate Cooper, G.P.Smith, Mrs. N.E.Turnipseed. ...Nine classes...68 present. J.A.Sassar Supt.

1897 June 27. J.A.Sassar Supt. Teachers: Miss Alice Wilson, R.M.North, A.P.Carmichael, Miss Lula Hudnut, P.T.Carmichael, Miss Nan Sims, Mrs. H.B.Sassar, Miss Bessie Summer, Miss Jimma Sims. 54 present.

1905 W.B.Sassar Sec'y (Note; his record was very complete through 1906)

1908 Teachers: H.J.Reed, A.P.Carmichael, W.A.Addy, B.P.Daniel, Mrs. R.M.North, Miss Nan Sims, Miss Della Nolan, Miss Hollis, R.M.North Supt. ... 60 present. Sunday School set aside a Sunday for missions.

1913 Officers and Teachers(some not designated) W.N.Wynn, W.I.Caldwell, B.P.Daniel, Miss Nan Sims, Miss C.M.Qillian, E.J.Daniel, Mrs. R.M.North, Mrs. W.B.Baggarly, Miss C.M.Hamilton, Miss Sallie Thomaston, Mrs. H.B.Sassar,... H.G.Hutchinson Sec'y and Treas. Robert Fuller, Asst. Miss Jamie Travis, organist, Miss C.M.Qillian, Asst.; W.W.Sassar, chorister, R.M.North (office uncertain)

Supervisors in more recent years: 1919 H.G.Hutchinson (Served a number of years.) W.H.Addy, Marvin Duke and Paul McKnight, Jr.

Methodist Men.

The Methodist Men's Club for the Senoia charge was organized Dec. 4 1951. Rev. W.J.Lamb was pastor. Paul McKnight Jr. was the first president. Ray Sewell was the next president and Marvin Duke is now (Mar. 1953) president. It is a charge organization with members from Senoia, Carmel and Haralson. The meeting date is Thursday after each First Sunday.
Notes on Woman's Society of Christian Service Senoia.

The Pastor's Report to the Quarterly Conference Oct. 1, 1899 is that there is a Woman's Missionary and a Juvenile Society at Senoia. We have Missionary Prayer Meetings at Senoia once a month. W.H. Speer made this report. (This was "Foreign" Missionary Society.)

W.A. Harris reports to the Quarterly Conference Oct. 1, 1899, "A good Missionary Society has been organized at Senoia, collections (missionary) are in full and the missionary spirit is alive."

W.A. Harris also reports May 29, 1903, "There has been a general awakening in the missionary question this quarter. Full assessments have been raised on subscription and about $60 in cash. Sunday School missionary societies have been organized.

E.W. Jones reports to the Quarterly Conference Aug. 29, 1908 "We have a layman's Missionary organization at Senoia."

Oct. 20, 1919. S.B. Strout reports:

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Presidents of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Woman's Society of Christian Service through the years have been, Miss Nan Sims, Mrs. H.P. Sassar, Mrs. A.P. Carmichael, Mrs. M.H. Haisten, Mrs. P.R. McKnight, Sr., Mrs. A.J. Nations, Jr. and Mrs. J.H. Baggarly who is now president.