SHARON METHODIST CHURCH

From the First Book of Minutes of Sharon Church Conferences:

Minutes of the Methodist E. Church of Sharon, Georgia.

After a most interesting protracted meeting held by our beloved Pastor, Rev. Miles W. Arnold, at the Presbyterian Church of this place, the organization of the M. E. Church was formed as follows on the 24th day of September, 1886:

Pastor
Rev. Miles W. Arnold

Stewards
John R. Kendrick
Dr. A. C. Davidson
N. C. Edwards

Class Leaders
N. C. Edwards
John R. Kendrick
John T. Acree

Secretary
Geo. W. Brown

Committee on Funds, Building, and Building Lot
James A. Kendrick
N. C. Edwards
Geo. W. Brown
John T. Acree
N. T. Cannon


List of Female Members:- Mrs. Idis Acree, Mrs. A. E. Brown, Mrs. M. R. Brown, Mrs. F. R. Brown, Mrs. Susie Cannon, Mrs. A. V. Davidson, Mrs. Emmie V. Edwards, Mrs. Eufaula Flynt, Mrs. C. E. Kendrick, Mrs. A. C. Kendrick, Mrs. Annie Moore, Miss Mamie Brown (married M. H. Cannon), Miss Mary A. Davidson, Miss Mary D. Davidson, Miss Nora Kendrick, Miss Lee Kendrick, Miss Susie Overton, Miss Myrttie Lou Perkins, Miss Ella Rhodes.

Note at bottom of page:- Correctin: Minnie and Johnnie Overton.
DEED TO SHARON METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY

GEORGIA
TALIAFERRO COUNTY)

This indenture made this November first, 1890, between N. E. Ware, of Pulaski County, State of Georgia, of the first part, and Dr. A. C. Davidson, J. A. Kendrick, J. R. Kendrick, Dr. L. R. Brown, E. T. Moore, Dr. C. S. Kendrick, and Geo. W. Brown, Trustees of Church Property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, situated at Sharon, Taliaferro County, Georgia, of the Norwood Circuit, Athens District, and of the North Georgia Conference, the said named Trustees all being of Taliaferro County, Georgia, and of the second part, Witnesseth:—That for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars to me in hand paid, the receipt of the same is hereby acknowledged, I have this day bargained, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents doth bargain, sell, and convey unto the above-named Trustees,

All that tract or parcel of land with all buildings and appurtenances thereupon, consisting of FOUR ACRES, MORE OR LESS, situated in the town of Sharon, Taliaferro County, Georgia, and adjoining lands of Edward Crocke on the East and North; L. M. Thompson on the West; and by the Raytown on the South; To have and to hold in fee simple for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

In trust that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of, as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, subject to the discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said Church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and of said Church, and the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. And I, N. E. Ware, do forever warrant and defend unto the said named Trustees, or their successors in office, for said Church, the right and title of said described property, and against any and all person or persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, I have this day set my hand and seal, and delivered in the presence of:

R. L. Partin,
Ola Pipkin, N. P. and Ex. Off. J.P.
92 Dist., G M Pulaski County.

Signed: N. E. Ware (L.S.)


I, Ralph W. Golucke, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the said County of Taliaferro, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of deed to Sharon Methodist Church from N. E. Ware, as the same appears of record in this office, Deed Book J, pages 490-491. the

Given under my hand and seal of said Court hereto affixed, at Crawfordville, Georgia, this November 18th, 1932.

Seal: Taliaferro County
Superior Court
Georgia

Signed: Ralph W. Golucke
Clerk, Superior Court,
Taliaferro County,
Georgia.
Sunday School Superintendents:

The organization of the Sharon Methodist Sunday School was reported by Rev. Myles W. Arnold at the Third Quarterly Conference of 1885, which met at Barnett, June 6th, Norwood Circuit, Augusta District: a Sabbath-school has been established at Sharon which promises to be very fruitful in gracious results!

The first Superintendent must have been John R. Kendrick, of Sharon, whose membership at that time was in the Barnett Church, of which he was a Steward. He was also Recording Steward of the Quarterly Conference. At any rate he was elected Superintendent of the Sharon Sunday School at the 4th Quarterly Conference, Oct. 23, 1886, at Norwood.

John R. Kendrick continued to serve as Superintendent for several years with the exception of one or two years when Leonard M. Thompson was the Superintendent. He, however, moved with his family to Madison in January, 1890 and John R. Kendrick, who had been Assistant, again assumed the Superintendency.

The records are not available for every year, and it seems that there was a period when Sunday School was rather irregular. A note in an old record book tells us that Sunday School was re-organized on the 5th Sunday of January, 1892, with, presumably, J. R. Kendrick, Supt.

In a report made by Superintendent James Austin Mershon on Feb. 27, 1895, he states that the Sharon M. E. Sunday School was re-organized with the following Officers and Teachers: Asst. Supt., Dr. A. A. Davidson (Albert Alonzo); Senior Teacher, Eugene Bismarck Moore; Intermediate, Mrs. Nora Kendrick Jackson; Infant Class, Miss Della Kendrick; Organist, Mrs. J. A. Kendrick; Secretary, Miss Emmie Gilbert; 35 "scholars!"

We have no records to tell us how long the above organization lasted, but the next record is one for 1905. On the fly-leaf we read: "Presented to Sharon Methodist Sunday School by L. Arthur Moore, Supt., and Lloyd Brown, Secretary, July 2, 1905." The title page says that it is simple, sensible, and suitable for Schools of all Churches. Names of teachers and of the members of each class are interesting to us who were part of it all, and, finding my own name enrolled in Class No. 6. Teacher, Miss Flora Sibert, I can feel again the thrill of the award I won for being first to memorize the Ten Commandments! These records end with the 30th of Sept. 1906. Some day they may be used for a real history of our Sunday School. The young Secretary was 13 years old!!

The next S. S. Superintendent we remember was Prof. Grover Bloodworth. We have no records of these years.

When Mr. Bloodworth left to take a better teaching position, Dr. Arthur Chase Davidson, whose name we have found in every place of leadership in our Church from its beginning and as an active member in Raytown before that time, must have taken charge of the Sunday School. It is to be regretted that we do not know the exact dates of his long tenure of office, but from about this time until his death, August 20, 1931, he served. When he became too ill to be carried to Sunday School and Church, his granddaughter, Miss Gladys Brown, served in his place and continued until she went away to work. It should have been said that during many of these years Dr. Davidson was ably assisted by Mr. William R. Moore.

Wyman F. Dozier served and, now, since 1937, Arthur Davidson Brown, grandson of Dr. Arthur Chase Davidson.