

HISTORY OF THE STONE MOUNTAIN METHODIST CHURCH

The history of the Stone Mountain Methodist Church, located in Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia, sixteen miles east of Atlanta, is a story of faithful souls working together to spread the teachings of Jesus and to build a better community in which to live.

During the year 1939, the city of Stone Mountain passed its century mark having been chartered December 21, 1839 as New Gibraltar. This name was changed in 1847, by legislative act, to Stone Mountain.

The first years of this little settlement were spent in clearing the wilderness, in building homes, in tilling the soil, and in carrying on those duties necessary for their meager existence.

After these physical needs were met, it is not surprising that these sturdy souls began to think of meeting together for worshiping God and returning thanks for his many blessings to them. Some fifteen years later, or about 1854, a small group banded together in search of the better way of life, and the Stone Mountain Methodist Church was founded. There were seven persons who were charter members of this church. These were: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Waits, Mrs. J. G. Rankin, Mrs. Oliver Winingham and Mrs. Ira Camp. During the intervening years, there have been found on the church rolls the names of many descendants. Upon the roll today are to be found grandchildren, great and even great-great grandchildren of the illustrious men and women who showed fortitude and courage in founding the Methodist Church in Stone Mountain.

It has been difficult to secure too many minute details concerning the church prior to 1894 due to lack of printed or written records and carelessness in preserving those which might have been available at one time. Those available are not continuous, and some much more complete than others. The information given on the church prior to 1894 was taken from the Georgia Conference Minutes at the Emory University Theological Library. Most of the record since that date was found in the Quarterly Conference records of the Church and from some of the older members of today and from past histories of the church.

The first place of worship was in a building which had been a part of what was once "The Fair Grounds." It was here that all who wished gathered each Sunday to worship God -- the Methodist alternating Sundays with those of other faiths. This was later the site used for the former Baptist and then Presbyterian Church.

From minutes of the Georgia Conference (as it was then called, all the state being in one conference) for the years 1867-1869 in the Emory University Theological Library, it was found that the young church was thriving and active. The following report was given:

Members	258 white 40 colored	Financial report was as follows:	
Infants baptized	15	Value of property:	
Adults	10	Buildings	\$2600.00
Sunday School	314 pupils	Settings	875.00
		Paid pastor	275.35
		Home Missions	15.00
		Foreign Missions	6.00

The Stone Mountain Church was in the Atlanta District with Albert Gray, pastor in 1867 and William A. Florence, pastor in charge in 1869. In 1870, a wooden structure was erected on the site of the present building

The records of 1871 through 1874 show Decatur and Stone Mountain as a charge with Francis B. Davis as pastor and W. H. Clark as supply. During this period the following was reported:

Members	367 white
Property	\$4000.00 (the church of 1870 has been built)
Repair to building	\$1500.00 (probably finishing the building)
Settings	800.00
Pastor and Associate	250.00

Other pastors serving this church in its early years were Dr. Davies, father of Miss Daisy Davies; Rev. Elam Dempsey; Rev. Wesley G. Smith in 1878, Rev. W. F. Quillian in 1880 and Rev. Sid Bryant in 1884.

In 1892, it is recorded as Stone Mountain and Clarkston Charge in the Oxford District with W. G. Crawley as pastor.

The 1893-94-95 records show as pastor the Reverend L. W. Rivers, and he reported 315 members. The next pastor was John Spier who served from 1896 through 1898.

In 1898, Rev. B. Sanders, father of the late Rev. Atticus Sanders, was sent by the Conference to serve as pastor 1898-1900. The Rev. B. Sanders chose to superannuate while here, and it was in Stone Mountain that he spent his remaining years. The Rev. John H. Gibson served as pastor 1901-02.

The records of January 10, 1903, show Stone Mountain Methodist Church still in the Oxford District, with the Rev. J. W. Heidt as Presiding Elder. Rev. F. W. McCleskey was pastor. The Stone Mountain Missions and Circuit records included the following churches: Belmont, Clarkston, Wesley Chapel and Stone Mountain. At this Quarterly Conference Rev. McCleskey reported from Stone Mountain, "A Sunday School with I. N. Nash as Superintendent, no Epworth League or Foreign Missionary Societies." At the Second Quarterly Conference, held in Clarkston April 18, 1903, Rev. McCleskey reported "A Juvenile Society with 16 members organized by his wife."

The Reverend W. H. Speer was sent to serve the Circuit in 1904. At the Second Quarterly Conference a Parsonage Committee was elected with instructions to give notes and get bond for the purchase of a parsonage. Until this time the parsonage had evidently been rented, as the records show "Rent paid on Parsonage". The records of the Fourth Quarterly Conference show that an Epworth League was organized with the following officers: President, J. A. Waldrop; Vice-President, Allen Loehr; Secretary and Treasurer, Rufus Sanders.

The Reverend Nath Thompson was the next pastor in charge. The Stone Mountain Circuit was Brother Nath's first charge in Georgia, he and "Miss Sarah" coming here directly from Texas. During his pastorate a thriving Junior League was organized with Mrs. Bert Wood as leader.

At the Third Quarterly Conference of 1905, the following is found: "The Trustees were authorized to repair the church at Stone Mountain or build a new one, as they see fit." In this record we find where 55 (names included) came into the church during a meeting held in a tent pitched at the southwest corner of Mountain Street and First Main, with the Reverend Charles J. Jarrell doing the preaching.

In November of 1906, Mr. Thompson reported no Epworth League.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Stone Mountain Methodist Church was organized in 1906 at the Methodist parsonage, which was at that time located on Mountain Street. It was organized as a Home Missionary Society by Mrs. Nath Thompson, assisted by her husband. Even before this date there was a Ladies Aid or Parsonage Aid Society which functioned in the interest of the Parsonage, but did no connectional work. The charter members of the Home Missionary Society were: Mrs. S. G. Griffin, Mrs. J. H. Griffin, Miss Ella Mae Griffin, Mrs. J. G. Rankin, Mrs. John McClelland, Mrs. Jim Sprayberry, Mrs. Nath Thompson, Miss Hettie McCurdy, Mrs. Leolyn Veal Cleckler, Mrs. B. H. Davis and Mrs. J. A. Waldrop. Mrs. S. G. Griffin was elected President of the new society and served in the capacity intermittently for many years.

The records of 1907 show that the Presiding Elder was C. E. Dowman and W. T. Bell was the Pastor in charge. The Sunday School continues to be reported with "I. N. Nash and J. A. Waldrop" as superintendents. Specific amounts are now reported for missionary work. The records show that money was being raised for a new church.

In 1908 the Reverend Firley Baum came to serve the Stone Mountain Circuit. Mr. Baum reported a Sunday School Institute conducted by Bro. Henry B. Mays of Atlanta during the second quarter.

The records of the First Quarterly Conference in 1909 show the name of the charge changed to Stone Mountain-Clarkston. Wesley Chapel was placed in another charge. At this same Conference the following is recorded:

"Question 31 - Is there any miscellaneous business?"

"Answer - Selected committee on new church at Stone Mountain, to wit: I. N. Nash, J. O. Norris, B. H. Davis, A. P. Griffin, J. S. Rankin, H. L. McElhannon and Firley Baum." Added later, A. J. Baxter and F. A. Doughman. In supplement Bro. Baum writes: "Steps are being taken to build a new church at Stone Mountain and I am sure this enterprise will mean much to our people there. I doubt if there has ever been a better opportunity than the present to build a church there and I hope that it will be carried on to completion."

At a later Conference the Trustees were instructed to sell the Parsonage, adjust the Wesley Chapel interest and build a new parsonage on the church property in Stone Mountain. This was done in 1909, using the lumber from the old church which had been torn down, as the new church was to be erected on the same site.

The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1909. During the months when the Methodists were without a place of worship, the congregation of the Presbyterian Church very graciously offered the use of their church, which the Methodists gratefully accepted.

In 1910, the Tucker Church was added to the two on the Stone Mountain Charge and the Reverend R. F. Hodnett came to the charge as Pastor. At the Second Quarterly Conference Mr. Hodnett wrote: "Not having our own House of Worship works a decided disadvantage to us." He also reported the Epworth League was "planning to put in one of the handsome windows proposed for the new church."

So anxious were the members to get into the new granite (built of our own Stone Mountain granite) edifice, that small inconveniences - like bare rock walls and no windows - did not dampen their spirits. Even the dampness of the dirt floor, which was used for some months, did not keep the faithful souls from coming to worship in the "New Church".

With the help of all, it was possible to place in the church the stained glass windows which today remain beautiful in color and design. And before too long the floor was laid and the bare gray of the granite was covered with snowy white plaster and mission woodwork throughout. The task of finishing, heating and furnishing the church took several years, and we find the following pastors during the years: Rev. D. B. Cantrell in 1912-13; Rev. J. D. Milton in 1914-15; Rev. E. G. Thomason in 1916-18; Rev. J. A. Partridge in 1919-20; Rev. O. M. Blackwell in 1921-22 and Rev. John L. Hall in 1923-26. Each of these loyal gentlemen played a great part in bringing the church building to completion. After the church debt was finished during the pastorate of Rev. Blackwell, pews were installed to complete the furnishings of the interior. The debt on these pews was cleared and in the fall of 1926, with Rev. J. L. Hall, pastor, the church was dedicated by Bishop Warren A. Candler. After many struggles and many heartaches, the long awaited dream had become a reality but the records show that there was no letup in eagerness and enthusiasm in carrying on the Lord's work.

During the years 1914-1926 there was reported at each Quarterly Conference a well organized Sunday School with such men as J. A. Waldrop, E. A. Graham, and J. H. Griffin acting as superintendents.

From the records available, there seems to have been no Epworth League after 1910 until Rev. John D. Milton was pastor. In August 1915, he called a few of the young people to the parsonage and out of prayer in a bedroom, with only three people present, the League came forth. On the following Sunday afternoon, the young people of the church met and Mr. W. R. Simpson was elected President, and under his leadership the League room of the church was finished and lighted. Of course, this was with the help of the members of the church, as is everything in any organization in any church.

From this beginning in 1915, the Epworth League continued to be a very active part of the church. The young people have ever been ready to assume any responsibilities and have helped both spiritually and financially.

The Reverend A. S. Hutchinson was sent by the Conference in November, 1926, to serve as pastor at Stone Mountain and Clarkston. The charge was now in the North Atlanta District. The Rev. Hutchinson served the charge two years. During this time his daughter, Edna, married Henry Kohler and thus became the first to have a wedding in the new church.

The Conference of 1928 sent the Reverend A. J. Sears to Stone Mountain. Bro. Sears served faithfully for the next two years, and some of our faithful members of today were added during his pastorate.

The Rev. J. Foster Young came as pastor in November, 1930. The Presiding Elder was S. P. Wiggins. Bro. Young reported a Sunday School, Epworth League, and Woman's Missionary Society, all active and doing very fine work.

At the First Quarterly Conference of 1931-32, records show the Presiding Elder as Rev. Nath Thompson and the District changed to the Decatur-Oxford District. Uncle Nath seems not to have liked being a Presiding Elder, as we find the First Quarterly Conference of 1932-33 with Rev. R. Z. Tyler as the Presiding Elder.

Rev. Young reports in the Fourth Quarterly Conference of that year: "We have recently closed what the people of Stone Mountain say to be the greatest revival in the history of the city. Ninety-five members were added to the churches of the town, of which the Methodist received sixty nine." Dr. Theodore Copeland of Dallas, Texas, was the evangelist.

In 1934 Dr. Wallace Rogers became the Presiding Elder of the Decatur-Oxford District.

Bro. Young reports at one conference: "Let me add in conclusion, to the credit of both congregations (Stone Mountain and Clarkston) they know how to treat a preacher and his family." This shows the Youngs had many friends, not only in their church families but in the two communities as well.

The Reverend George W. Hamilton followed Mr. Young in 1935. Though he served only one year, his easy Christian manner left him loyal friends in Stone Mountain.

The Rev. Thos. Shackelford came as the next pastor of the Stone Mountain Church in 1936. He and Mrs. Shackelford were faithful workers in the vineyard of the Lord. The church building, which the membership had felt quite adequate only ten short years before, was already lacking in space for the growing church and its increasing activities. The Rev. T. M. Sullivan was Presiding Elder of the District.

In November 1938, the Rev. Henry H. Dillard was assigned to the Stone Mountain-Clarkston Charge. Bro. and Mrs. Dillard labored well for the Lord, and were good shepherds to the church. The church continued to grow and the plea for space grew more urgent. By the end of their four years pastorate there was some definite talk of plans for some type enlargement to the church. During his stay, all electric wiring in the church was replaced and the present lighting fixtures in the auditorium were installed.

The Rev. Henry H. Jones was now District Superintendent of the Decatur-Oxford District.

The next pastor at Stone Mountain was the Rev. E. C. Swetnam. During this time, 1942-44, there was not too much material improvement in the church. Stone Mountain, like all other communities, was too busy in an all-out effort to win the war. The church did make an effort to keep in touch with the boys from our community who were away serving their country, and tried to make those boys who came to the church feel at home. The names of many of our men and women were found on the rolls of the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, and those on the home front were busy with Civilian Defense, Bonds, and entertaining the soldiers who were patients in the hospitals nearby.

In November, 1944, the Rev. John D. Maxwell came to serve as pastor. During Mr. Maxwell's pastorate, the interior of the church was redecorated, and much needed repairs on the roof and windows were made. The parsonage also had some improvements.

By this time, there had been appointed a Building Planning Committee. Though it had not been too active, there was a Treasurer with a growing Building Fund. By July, 1947, there was in this fund over \$4,000.00.

Our District Superintendent at this time was Rev. C. L. Middlebrooks.

In 1947, the North Georgia Conference held its first summer session and it was at this time that the Stone Mountain Methodist Church became a full time station, with the Rev. Jack W. Nichols coming to serve as pastor. Bro. Jack and the church had much

in common, since each was taking on new responsibilities — the church undertaking the financial risk of assuming a full time church and Bro. Jack bringing a bride to share the ups and downs of parsonage life.

Since it had been the dream of the members to add a much needed Educational Building to the church proper, it now became the first aim of all. A Building committee (L. E. Skelton, F. C. Miller, S. W. Ashe, Hubert Morgan, and J. C. Blackwood) was appointed and began making a study of our needs and desires, toward drawing plans to meet them adequately. A Finance Committee (Mrs. J. E. Barnett, Roy Mitchell, Mrs. T. Needham, Mrs. J. M. Norton and Miss Grace McCurdy) was appointed to make plans for raising the money. An Advisory Board (W. S. Smith, J. C. Pounds, E. D. Jordan, and Mrs. D. N. McCurdy) was named to work with the two committees and help decide any questions that might arise. It was decided that the ground for the new building would be broken when the \$10,000.00 mark was reached. In October, 1948, that sum was in hand and the new building was begun.

The plan, as finally drawn, was submitted to contractors and the low bid was \$54,000.00. One year after the ground was broken and the work was begun, the thirteen classrooms, kitchen, recreation room, and rest rooms in the new building were ready to be used. A gas furnace replaced the old furnace in the main church and the same type heat was used in the new annex.

On June 24, 1951, this building was dedicated by Bishop Arthur J. Moore. It cost — not the \$54,000.00 as quoted by the contractor, but around \$25,000.00. This building stands as a tribute to the faithful men and women who joined hands to accomplish this. Through the money donated, the hours of work given, the rock-bottom prices at which the materials were bought, the church stands today as a memorial to all who had a part in making this dream a reality.

Though the building project took much time and money, the spiritual and other financial obligations of the church did not lag but flourished. The advance the church has made during these four years was a credit to our first full time pastor and proof, that where possible, a church should be a station with its own pastor.

During this period many improvements were made on the parsonage. One member gave roofing for the parsonage, another gave a gas heater, and a new stove and refrigerator have been placed in the kitchen.

In July 1950, Rev. E. G. Mackay became our District Superintendent.

In June, 1952, the Rev. Lamar Watkins came to serve the Stone Mountain Methodist Church. Through his leadership the church continued to progress.

Land adjacent to the church was purchased and a parking lot was paved, which added to the safety as well as the beauty of the church. Sidewalks around the church and parsonage were paved and cement walks leading to all church entrances were part of the general improvement of the church grounds.

It may be that the Methodists are a little bias in thinking this, but some feel that the afore mentioned improvement was the beginning of the sidewalk paving movement which gave to the town some much needed paved sidewalks.

In October, 1953, the Stone Mountain Elementary School was destroyed by fire and the Methodist Church, like other groups in the town, offered the DeKalb County Board of Education their facilities for the use of the school. This created a problem in carrying out some of the activities of the church, and no doubt the work of the church did suffer some during the time when all our Educational Building was used by the school.

September, 1954, found a beautiful new school building ready for occupancy and the Educational Building of the church was painted and the grounds prepared for planting grass. These improvements were financed by the DeKalb School System.

From the time of the dedication of the church in 1926 up to the present time, much of the work that has been accomplished can be credited to the faithful and inspiring leadership of the Woman's Missionary Society, the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, and the Sunday School Superintendents.

On October 24, 1954, the Stone Mountain Methodist Church celebrated its centennial. Bishop Wm. T. Watkins, father of our pastor, Lamar Watkins, was the speaker for the occasion. Bishop Watkins joined other great men who have served and helped the church mark milestones through the first hundred years.

As we completed our hundred year mark, we looked back with a sense of pride. The Stone Mountain Methodist Church has been ever ready to take a stand on the side of right. It has not faltered in helping the poor and needy, both physically and spiritually.

There has been much accomplished in a material way, but greater still has been the achievement made in such intangibles as faith, hope, love, trust and understanding as exemplified in the lives of strong, good men and women who have worked to make our church the strong institution it is today.

As we entered the bicentenary, we pledged to be more faithful, work more diligently, give more freely of time and talents, and thus the banner given to us from loyal members of the past will fly long and its brightness will continue to shine through future years.

In June, 1956, the Comer Brownlows -- Mary, Comer, Bruce and Jere, came to serve the Stone Mountain Methodist Church. While here, Mr. Brownlow accomplished (of course with everyone's help) what many believed could not be done, especially so quickly.

The interior of the sanctuary was renovated and redecorated, making quite an impressive and beautiful setting for services of dignity. Before this work was completed, plans were made for a new parsonage.

After making efforts to purchase another site for the parsonage, it was decided best to tear down the old one and build on the same location. The Brownlow family moved to the house rented as a parsonage, and Mary said she was the only pastor's wife who ever lived in three parsonages while on one assignment. The parsonage was finished before they left, and they were able to enjoy living in the new home for some time.

Consecration services for the newly decorated sanctuary and for the new parsonage were held before Mr. Brownlow left for another assignment.

In June, 1961, the Reverend John Lindsey came as our next pastor. Betty, John, Brian and Ben soon found their place in our midst.

The need for more space was very apparent since the Youth Department had been meeting across the street from the church in the basement of a Superannuate Home. Many began to feel that the need had grown to necessity. However, some feared new obligations when the debt for renovation of the sanctuary and construction of the parsonage had not been fully paid. The concern of many for our young people seemed to be uppermost and the congregation got busy and in a short time had repaid the outstanding debt.

Plans were presented and adopted for the addition of the Youth Building. The plans called for a small chapel, parlor, kitchen and nurseries on the first floor. On the second floor were five classrooms, Youth Assembly Room, Pastor's Study and secretary's office. Rest rooms were on both floors.

In May of 1965, the parsonage was dedicated and a service of consecration was held in the Little Chapel for the Youth Building.

During these past ten years, it would seem that the pastors and members were so busy with material growth that the spiritual side might have suffered. This was not true. Many members were added to our church, and all our other commitments and obligations were met.

In the summer of 1965, the Reverend George O. Greene came to fill the pastorate of Stone Mountain Methodist Church. Carol, George, Margie and "little George" soon won the hearts of all. The last three pastors had only boys, so Margie was the first little girl to grace the parsonage.

Many changes took place -- and very quickly, too. The attendance at all church services increased, but "The Finest Hour of the Week" became phenomenal. No matter the weather, the crowds came.

A church secretary, a youth director, and a foreign missionary were added to the church staff for the first time.

During 1965 and 1966, some three hundred members were added to the church membership. Everyone seemed inspired and became more enthusiastic about the work of the church. Many changes were taking place in the policies of the church in general and many new calls came. The officers and members made every effort to accept the challenge and assume their responsibility for carrying out what was asked of the church.

At the Homecoming in October, 1965, the church honored the descendants of the founders and early ministers. There were present two sons and a granddaughter of three ministers who served before and around 1900. Four of the seven founders were represented by descendants, even to the fourth generation.

On this day, a painting of the first church, done by John McClelland, a great great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Camp, founder, was presented to the church.

On Children's Home Day, the offering exceeded, many times over, any in the past. The 1966 gifts showed some increase over 1965, and 1967 reached an all-time high of \$2100.00.

The room in rear of the sanctuary (first known as the League Room, later as the Jim Griffin Classroom) was carpeted and seats, matching those in the sanctuary, were installed. This gave a more impressive setting when the two rooms were used as one.

In the spring of 1967, it was decided to install a new heating and air conditioning system. This has been completed, and is the latest project to date.

One of the most ambitious projects started during this time was in the area of missionary giving. At Christmastime, 1966, the congregation made a contribution for missions, and with this contribution the church assumed part of the support of a missionary, Mrs. Elizabeth Snead of Singapore. Somehow, the church became more and more missionary minded and every year this mission program has grown until the year 1968 it approximates some 30% of the total giving of the church. The church has set a goal to attempt, in days and months to come, to do as much for others as for ourselves, and match the money we spend on ourselves, dollar for dollar, the money we give for missions.

In 1968, the Stone Mountain Methodist Church stands on the threshold of the greatest year in its history. Its budget was over-pledged with "EVERYONE DOING HIS PART". This has become our watchword.

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The years 1970-1974 have been some of the finest years in the history of the Stone Mountain Church. Many accomplishments have been made. The church has completely paid off the building debt, a new allen organ has been purchase for the sanctuary, the pews cushioned and many other physical improvements made to the property. There have been 264 new members added from July 1, 1970 through March 6, 1974. The budget has increased to \$ 74,000 annually. We have even greater years in the future ahead of us.

PASTORS OF STONE MOUNTAIN METHODIST CHURCH

1854	Dr. Davies	1911 - 13	D. B. Cantrell
1867	Albert Gray	1914 - 15	J. D. Milton
1869	Wm. A. Florence	1916 - 18	E. G. Thomason
1871 - 74	Francis R. Davis	1919 - 20	J. A. Partridge
1878	Wesley G. Smith	1921 - 22	O. M. Blackwell
1880	W. F. Quillian	1923 - 26	J. L. Hall
1881	Dr. Boring	1927 - 28	A. S. Hutchinson
1884	Sydney Bryant	1929 - 30	A. J. Sears
1891 - 92	W. G. Crawley	1931 - 35	J. Foster Young
1893 - 95	L. W. Rivers	1936	George Hamilton
1896 - 98	John Speir	1937 - 38	T. H. Shakleford
1899 - 1900	B. Sanders	1939 - 42	H. H. Dillard
1901 - 1902	John H. Gibson	1943 - 45	E. C. Swetnam
1903	F. W. McCleskey	1945 - 47	J. D. Maxwell
1904	W. H. Speer	1947 - 52	Jack W. Nickolls
1905 - 1906	Nath Thompson	1952 - 56	Lamar T. Watkins
1907	W. T. Bell	1956 - 60	Comer L. Brownlow
1908 - 1909	Firley Baum	1961 - 65	John L. Lindsey
1910	R. F. Hodnett	1965 - 70	George O. Greene
			1970- Present William W. Byington

PRESIDING ELDERS OR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

1894	W. D. Anderson W. A. Candler	1925 - 1928 - 30 1931	W. T. Pierce S. P. Wiggins Nath Thompson
1895 - 96	Walker Lewis	1932 - 33	R. L. Tyler
1897 - 99	J. S. Bryan	1934 - 37	Wallace Rogers
1900 - 02	W. R. Foote	1938 - 40	T. M. Sullivan
1903 - 06	J. W. Heidt	1941 - 45	H. H. Jones
1907 - 10	C. E. Downan	1946 - 50	C. M. Middlebrooks, Sr.
1911 - 14	J. W. Quillian	1950 - 55	E. G. Mackey
1915 - 16	B. F. Frazier	1956 - 59	J. Walker Chidsey
1917 - 20	J. H. Eakes	1960 - 64	Delna L. Haygood
1921 - 24	W. H. LaPrade, Jr.	1964 - 70	Nat G. Long
			1970-Present Frank Prince