BISHOP’S SURVEY 1974-75

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE – Page One (over)

Name of Church Trinity United Methodist
Any Former Name

Date of Report January 26, 1974
Address Route 1, Royston, GA

By Mrs. Pauline S. Smith
Town Royston
Zip 30662

Position retired (widow)
County Franklin
District Athens

Pastor on Date Rev. R. C. Cook
Dist. Supt. Rev. Lamar Cherry

First Recorded Reference (when, where, by whom)

On April 16, 1870 Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in a log cabin near where it now stands. Trinity, Mt. Arian, and Running’s Chapel formed the Simms Circuit. Rev. Benjamin Greer was the Preaching Elder, Rev. William Hollinger was the first pastor (taken from a diary of Sarah Ann Bronner 1815-1875). On May 9, 1870 a Sunday school was organized with 13 pupils. First quarterly meeting was held the 3rd. of Jun. in November 1874. Four preachers attended, Bros. J. H. Yarbrough, Benjamin Greer, J. W. Tellington and Marvin. Several I can’t recall. They used the school for services until 1874; a church was built. William K. Spruill was first preacher in new church. He was pastor in 1873 an 1874.

Date Entrance into Conference, Pastor Then

1939 - Rev. R. W. Allison

Former Pastors with Dates

Members Who Became Ministers

Please return within month, even if incomplete. Additions can be made.
North Georgia Archives, United Methodist Center, 159 Forrest Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (over)
Location of Earlier Houses and Present Sanctuary. Give details of ownership, fires, new structures, sites, parsonages, etc.

The land was given by Rev. George Crome. The first group 144 acres. Later 100 acres was sold to build a larger church. Some of the money was used on the circuit parsonage at Alton, Il. This was in 1891.

Any Marker or Inscription on Building

Trinity United Methodist.

Availability of Records, Any Gaps

In 1939, three branches of Methodism united to form the Methodist Church. Trinity was placed on the Cornelius charge. Rev. R.W. Alliam was pastor.

In April 17, 1944, the entire building was destroyed by a tornado, and a new church was built using the same foundation.

In 1953, the Bold Springs charge was formed consisting of

Description of Any Formal History, Newspaper Sketches

Trinity, Liberty & Bold Spring Churches.

In 1949 at a conference held in Dallas, Texas, six church groups united together in one group called "United Methodist Church." Today our church is "Trinity United Methodist Church."

Material Enclosed to be Placed in Folder at Archives

Location of Graveyard(s). Earliest dates and some prominent names.

Approximate number of graves.

In 1843 an infant was born dead to George and Sarah Crome. On April 16, 1853 another son was born named John Wesley. He died the same year. They buried Wesley beside the infant grave. These two tiny little graves started the Trinity Cemetery. In the same year they began a church project as a lasting memorial to their babies.