A partial History of Union Hill Methodist Church.

We first want to explain that all records of the church were misplaced a number of years and we have been unable to find any trace of them. In the event we fail to include any Charter member of the church this will be an oversight. We do know that those listed were all Charter members. E.I.

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

In August of 1893 a revival was held under a bush harbor by the one room school house, Matilda Chapel School. It was then we organized the church with the following charter members:

Bloodworth, A.R.
" " Susan Elizabeth
" " Perry Franklin
" " Grover Cleveland
Kraswell James E.
" " Mrs. Ophelia
Carpenter Mrs. Katie Cooper (Mother of George Carpenter)

Cooper Miss Mayme (now Mrs. Pratt Wood)
Ethroidge Miss Ida
Ivey Mrs. James Furnie (Sallie Belle)
" " Mrs. Richard (Martha Bloodworth)
Minter Floyd
" " Mrs. Floyd (Martha Chambers)
" " Charles Richard
" " William Thomas
Torrance Miss Emmie (now Mrs. James Woodall)
" " Miss Eva (now Mrs. Garner)
Souther Mrs. Martha S.

We begun having regular services each first Saturday and Sunday and the church grew in membership until it was at that time one of the strongest churches in any rural section.

The church was built at the sight where Matilda Chapel was first located and the name Union Hill was suggested by Mr. A.R. Bloodworth who contributed four acres of ground for the church and cemetery.

Every one in the section contributed toward building the church either in money, material or labor and we had our first service in the church on first Sunday in March 1894.

Mrs. A.R. Bloodworth with the assistance of a negro girl went to the church, got on her knees cleaned the floor and the seats and windows ready for our first service. It was a bitter cold day, she attended the service on Sunday and immediately after this developed pneumonia and died, she was the first to have her funeral in the church and it has always been thought that it was scrubbing the floors of the church on a bitter cold day that caused her to develop pneumonia.
The pastors of the church would visit all families in the section and everyone in the section whether Methodist or Baptist attended our services.

We united with the Methodist Episcopal church many years before the Protestant Methodist came in with them. We do not have the date of this.

I am not sure when all indebtedness was paid and the church was dedicated but I think it was possibly about 1895.

It is still our dream to be able to have a morning hour for services again and that our church may if not build the membership to the original number when the church was completed to be able to once again have a strong church.