BISHOP'S SURVEY 1974-75

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE — Page One (over)

Name of Church: Varnell United Methodist

Any Former Name: ____________________________

Date of Report: February 1974

Address: ____________________________

By: Rev. Joe E. Young

Town: Varnell, Ga.

Zip: 30756

Position: Pastor

County: Whitfield

District: Dalton

Pastor on Date: Joe E. Young

Dist. Supt.: H. Dan Rice

First Recorded Reference (when, where, by whom):

In 1860, Mitchell P. Varnell deeded an acre of land to erect a Methodist Church. (This information comes from a history of Varnell, Ga.)

Affiliation with Any Earlier Group or Church:

Date Entrance into Conference, Pastor Then:

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
Location of Earlier Houses and Present Sanctuary. Give details of ownership, fires, new structures, sites, parsonages, etc.

The land for the church was deeded by Mitchell P. Varnell to Ch. Rauschenberg, James E. Huff, Ben F. Prater, T. Lawrence and John C. Barrett.

Mrs. Margaret Daniel deeded to the Trustees of the Varnell Methodist Church the property where the parsonage now stands.

According to Mr. Roy Wheeler, the oldest living member of the Varnell Methodist Church, The Varnell Methodist Episcopal Church has been here over a century. The original building was located on the same property as the present building was quite big, about 50X70 feet. Framing and foundation was by hewn logs mortised and pinned together by wood pegs.

The parsonage was built over 56 years ago. It has been renovated over the years.

Any Marker or Inscription on Building

The only marker at the church is a sign standing in front of the church.

Availability of Records, Any Gaps

We believe we have located some papers and other information that was carried away from the church by a Mr. Speer when he moved from the community. Mr. Speer is deceased but we have located some of his relatives and are attempting to secure these papers and records.

Description of Any Formal History, Newspaper Sketches

The only history, so far as we can ascertain, is the history of the town of Varnell as compiled by Mrs. W.M. Kinnamon and others.

Material Enclosed to be Placed in Folder at Archives

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

The only graveyard is a community graveyard located about ½ miles from the church.