Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church was organized about 1820 by Reverend Kirby, Methodist minister, on the Patric White place on Flat Shoals Road west of the Flake place, and 2 miles south of the present location. It was later moved to the Solly Mitchell place on Flake Mill Road, 1½ miles from where our "old" church now stands. This move was made about 1828. This building was made of split pine logs, as was its replacement on what is now part of our cemetery. This was later replaced with a frame building about 100 feet northwest of our "old" church. Work started on our "old" church in November, 1896, and it was completed in March, 1897.

The land on which the "old" church now stands was given by one Sprayberry, he being the father of "Old Uncle Bill Sprayberry", containing six and one-half acres.

A camp ground was organized there in 1832 and was continued annually until 1860, when it was interrupted by the beginning of the Civil War. Mr. C. H. Cobb, who originally wrote most of the foregoing in 1941, stated that he remembered well the falling down of the old tents and arbor after the close of the Civil War.

Mr. Cobb's wife's grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Hewey (Huey), attended services in our original church with her mother, Mrs. Awtry, as a child when the church was in Henry County. This part of Henry County became part of DeKalb County in 1822.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF WESLEY CHAPEL - 1820

Reverend Kirby and Wife
Reverend Henry Clark and Wife
Robert Holingsworth and Wife
Jessie Jordon and Wife
Joll Fowler and Wife

Elijah Bird and Wife
One Awtry and Wife
One McWilliams and Wife
Colin Johnson and Wife
Locklin Johnson and Wife

Oldest legible tombstone in cemetery: William C. Byrd
Born: Feb. 22, 1832
Died: Sept. 12, 1832

Jack Shipley
Church Historian