History of Wesley Chapel M.E. Church, DeKalb County, Georgia

Wesley Chapel was organized about 1820, by a methodist minister, Rev. Kirby, on what is known as the Patrick White place on old Flat Shoals Road, being west of the Flake place and two miles south of the present location. Later being moved to what is known as the Sally Mitchell place on Flake Mill Road one and one-half miles south of where the church now stands. Being moved here about 1828. It is a known fact that Wesley Chapel was organized before DeKalb County was made off of Henry County, which was done in 1822. My wife’s grandmother, Mrs Lucy Hewey, attended services there with her mother Mrs. Awtry, as a child, when the church was in Henry County.

The building on the Mitchell place was of split pine logs. The first building on the present site was also of split pine logs and stood in what is now a part of the cemetery. The second building was a frame structure and was about 100 feet northwest of the present church which was begun November, 1896, and finished in March 1897.

There was a camp ground organized there in 1832 and was continued annually until 1860. This being the beginning of the war between the states. The arbor and tents stood west of the present church. The writer of this remembers well of the falling down of the old tents and arbor after the close of the war. I have written this from memory, which has remained with me from childhood.

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

Written by C.H. Cobb, April 1941

Charter Members of Wesley Chapel M.E. Church

Rev. Kirby and wife
Rev. Henry Clark and wife
Robt. Hollingsworth and wife
Jessie Jordan and wife
Joll Fowler " "
Mintie Fowler " "
Eligon Bird " "
One Awtry " "
One Jackson " "
One McWilliams " "
Golin Johnson " "
Locklin Johnson " "

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