HISTORY OF WESLEYS CHAPEL given by; J. O. Styles

Prior to the organization of what is now known as Wesleys Chapel, the place was used as a preaching point during the "Gold Rush" of 1830 in Lumpkin and Dawson Counties. A Church was organized in 1837. There is little known of the history until a re-organization of it after the Civil War.

The present Church was built and dedicated in 1871. Moses and Abner Waters were largely responsible for the building of the Church.

The Church has been re-modeled twice. It still has the original hand-hewn and dressed sills, beams, ceiling and flooring. The recent re-modeling took place in 1945. Sunday School rooms were added, the Church was under-pinned, covered, brick steps, landscaped and grassed.

As far as any record the charter members were as follows:

M. A. Waters  Thursy Waters
A. E. Waters  Mary Mincy
G. A. Waters  E. E. Waters
John Berry  Cinthia Gingerfelt
John Mincy  Arcada Waters
William A. Waters  Sarah Cochran
C. P. Waters  Sarah Gingerfelt
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Hannah Bearden  Martha Foster
Mittle Mincy  Mary A. Waters
G. H. Mincy  Elizabeth Mincy

The present Trustees and Stewards are:

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