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1835 - Changed to Madison and Covington Circuit, presumably J. A. Hammill.

1836 - W. Choice and A. Pennington.

1837 - Peyton P. Smith and Wingfield W. Robinson (All Georgia Conference paid $90.00 for Sunday School work).

1838 - Samuel Anthony

1839 - (Changed presumably to Covington and Oxford Circuit) Isaac Boring.

47 " John C. Simmons, Duke

48-49 - Oxford to be supplied by Covington C.

49-50 - To meet 5 years Oxford Circuit, M. L. Helwood.

51-52 - Oxford - Covington - Caleb W. Key, James R. Taylor

52-53 - W. A. Florence, W. T. Brown

53-54 - George C. Clarke, Albert Gray

55-56 - Atlanta District

Elder was in Newton County at evidence

56-57 - " Oxford Cl. - John W. Talley, C. M. Mitchell and A. Means, supply.

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Andrew Hammill - First pastor of Y. R. Circuit - Soon took superannuate relations, because the hard work was too much for his strength. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1828.

James Hunter - who served this circuit in 1828, was one of two brothers who did good work for the church. He entered the conference about 1802. He was a pioneer in the new country of Georgia from soon after its settlement until he took superannuate relations. He organized the work in several new counties. He was gentle, meek, patient and brave - Much beloved by all who knew him.

James Bellah - Pastor in 1827, and for five years in all; was a married man and had a home. He was a man of good and very useful, traveling some of the hardest circuits in Georgia. He was tall and slender, quite impressive in looks and manner of preaching. The work was very hard, and there was little or no provision for his support, and he had to support himself. He labored hard and died in the work. This circuit was his last work. It included a large part of Newton County, including Rockdale, all of Henry, Butts, Jasper and one appointment in Monroe.

There were 28 appointments and the preacher, by riding every day, could fill them in one month. After he failed his brother, Morgan, took the work and continued in the ministry for 40 years. During this year on the Yellow River Circuit he received $160.00. Out of this he was compelled to furnish a house, a horse, pay his traveling expenses, and indeed provide for all his wants.

John W. Yarbrough - about 1851. He entered conference in 1833, was a mountain boy of Quaker parentage, who was converted in Hall County. He was unusually gifted, full of humor and strong common sense; fiery temper; unquestioned courage. He was one of the foremost preachers of his day; the father of Dr. George Yarbrough and the grandfather of the Rev. John Yarbrough of this Conference.
Allen Turner - admitted 1812; preached 40 years; late in life preached at Ebenezer. Began as an unlettered boy - deep nature and strong faith; a man of marked peculiarities, bold in asserting his convictions; never allowed himself the luxury of a laugh, but a man of exquisite gentleness. Afraid of no man. If a preacher wore a beard or shaved on Sunday, Uncle Allen never failed to set him straight. When too old to preach, he was always engaged in trying to do good. Wonderfully gifted in prayer. He was well known and as highly respected as any man of his time. Many anecdotes are related of him - how he always required the family where he was a visitor to rise from the table, if they were previously seated, until he had asked a blessing.

Once when threatened with a flogging at Salem, by some wild lads whom he had denounced, he left the stand and defied them to touch him, saying that God would strike them dead if they touched him. Later many of these young men were converted under his preaching.

W. A. Florence - who served this church about 1860. He was a man of real parts, forceful and earnest, a man of striking peculiarities, but commanding the utmost confidence. He was quite portly, and in spite of his difficulty in walking, continued to serve for many years.

A. M. Rowland - who served in 1869, was a faithful man who died early.

D. L. Anderson - went from the Conyers circuit as a missionary to China in 1882.

J. L. Lupo - entered the conference in 1858 and served faithfully for 30 years.

Miles W. Arnold - 1871. A widower with six children; served this circuit with W. R. Branham, Junior Preacher. There were 10 churches, beginning at Shiloh, going up Georgia Road and embracing Lithonia and Rock Chapel. Ten protracted meetings were held that year, a very gracious one at Ebenezer.
SOME OF THE OLD MEMBERS, Dating from -

1831 - Trustees - Ferdinand Duke
Bennett K. Stansell
John W. Stansell
Nicholas Goode
Jeremiah R. Scott
Robert Gaston
Daniel Hardwick

1850 - Trustees - David Murdock
Nicholas Goode
Elijah Plunket
Ferdinand Duke
Robert Plunket

Dates of Admission by Profession and Otherwise

About 1835 - Milton Waldrep & Family
1840 - D. C. Goode - First recorded member in present register
The Neely Turner

1857 - Mrs. Rebecca Marbut

1860 - Mrs. Susan Stanton

1861 - Mrs. Betty Swann

1862 - Mrs. E. C. Thrasher (Mrs. J. J.)

1868 - Mr. T. T. Thrasher

1869 - John W. Almand

The following list contains the names of families up to 1900. It is incomplete.
The Nicholas Goodes - Joe, Jimmie, Mrs. Clarke Goode, Clarke, Elijah and others...