Zebulon Methodist Church
Zebulon, Georgia

A friendly church on a busy street,
Where people enter to worship and depart to serve.

The Rev. W. O. Lindsey
MINISTER
BOARD OF STEWARDS
R. E. Mitchell, Chairman
C. O. Cannafax
Harold Daniel
R. C. Johnson
C. W. Preston
Marvin Cannafax, Sec.-Treas.
W. J. Barrett, Jr.
W. J. Franklin, Jr.
W. H. Means
J. W. Storey

TRUSTEES OF CHURCH
J. W. Storey, Chairman
C. O. Cannafax
W. J. Franklin, Jr.
R. C. Johnson
R. E. Mitchell

TRUSTEES OF PARSONAGE
Dr. M. M. Head, Chmn.
Paul Cochran
H. M. Clark
Miss Carolyn Gilbert, Church Sec.-Treas.

CHURCH BOARD OF EDUCATION
J. W. Storey, Gen'l Supt.
Mrs. W. J. Barrett, Jr.
Miss Carolyn Gilbert
Harold Daniel
W. H. Means, Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. W. J. Franklin, Jr.
Mrs. J. M. Means
Mrs. Laura Wells

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Mrs. Harold Daniel, President
Circle Chairmen
Mrs. Laura Wells, No. I
Mrs. R. C. Johnson, No. II

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Sara Preston, Pres.
Mary Bond Baker, Treas.
Sammie Baker, Vice Pres.
Miss Margaret Howard, Counselor

PIANISTS
Mrs. F. L. Adams
Mrs. R. C. Johnson

ARTHUR J. MOORE, Bishop
PAUL SCHUMACHER, District Lay Leader
HENRY H. JONES, Dist. Supt.
HAROLD DANIEL, Charge Lay Leader
DEDICATED

to

MRS. MARY WILL JONES FRANKLIN

WHOSE LIFE IS AN EMBODIMENT OF CHRISTIAN
LOVE AND AFFECTION TO HER FELLOWMAN. WITH-
OUT YOUR HELP, INSPIRATION AND YOUR BELIEF
THAT I COULD WRITE THIS LITTLE HISTORY OF
METHODISM IN ZEBULON, I COULD NOT, NOR
WOULD I HAVE ATTEMPTED THE TASK. FOR YOUR
FAITH AND YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT, I THANK YOU.

LOVINGLY,

FRANCES GRESHAM MITCHELL
FOREWORD

When I was asked by our Pastor, Rev. E. W. McDougal to write the History of the Methodist Church of Zebulon, I felt that some member who had been connected with the church longer than I had been should do the work. However, I accepted the task. Suffice to say that I have enjoyed and loved every minute I have devoted to it.

While I have in my own estimation failed to get all the facts relating to the church, I ask that you who read it will not be too critical for material was not too bountiful. Prior to 1867 all information collected has been compiled from various histories of Methodism, newspaper files, courthouse records, private papers, and heresay or traditional stories handed down by word of mouth.

In 1867 the minutes kept by the district conference helped, then at the parsonage minutes kept by the Quarterly Conference of the Zebulon Circuit started in 1888. Consequently this is not just a history of Zebulon Church, but is one of the County as well, while I have been able to delete parts pertaining to the different sections of the county, it has been impossible to keep all churches straight, and you will find many errors.
To say that I am satisfied would not be true, for I am not, for to really write a more complete history would take several years in research, and my time has been limited.

Maybe at some future date, not too far distant someone will be able to devote more time and maybe this little narrative will help to at last get a complete history of the Zebulon Methodist Church.

Frances G. Mitchell
John Wesley said, "The second Methodist Society ever to be organized in the world was organized in Savannah, Georgia."

In Smiths, "History of Methodism", we find the following facts as given by him pertaining to the organization of this society.

"We may say that Methodism, as far as her peculiar doctrines are concerned, was born in Georgia, for here it was that he who was to give them form and to defend them and to propagate them, emerged from the darkness of mystical delusion, broke the shackles of churchly tradition, and became fully convinced of these truths which, as Wesleyan, have had so mighty influence in the world"

John and Charles Wesley came to Savannah in 1736. John was stationed at Savannah and Charles was at Frederica. After two turbulent years in the Georgia Colony John Wesley returned to England, as his brother Charles had already done.

Next came from England George Whitefield, Benjamin Ingrahm, and Charles Delomotte. George Whitefield after being in the Parish for a year, decided to return to
England and secure funds for an orphans home to be founded at Bethesda, near the city of Savannah. He frequently visited Savannah and in 1769 he brought with him a protege Cornelius Winter who was the first missionary to the negroes.

"Georgia in her infancy, had thus the ministry of John and Charles Wesley, Benjamin Ingrahm, Charles Delamotte, George Whitefield, and Cornelius Winter, men whose names are familiar to all students of church history as instruments in the now historic Methodist Reformation."

Georgia as a whole for the next few years had very little guidance in religious matters, the Church of England came into the Colony when the trustees turned it over to the Crown, however the Germans had their preachers and later the Baptists came into the section, that is now known as Wilkes County.

"The first Methodist Society in America was probably organized by Robert Strawbridge in Maryland before 1766. Others were soon organized, and John Wesley made a call for volunteers to come to America. Francis Asbury answered the call and in the autumn of that year sailed from Bristol, England, to Philadelphia. Others came later, but Francis Asbury was the only Englishman to remain in America during the revolution, the others
returned at the beginning of the war.

After the revolution John Wesley saw that something must be done to save methodism in America, so he sent Dr. Thomas Coke to set apart Francis Asbury for the Superintendecy of Methodists in America. They assembled in December 1784, at the Lovely-Lane Meeting House, in Baltimore to organize the Methodist Episcopal Church of America.

The first conference was held in North Carolina in 1784 at the home of Green Hill, who was a local preacher. Here Beverly Allen who had been a traveling preacher was sent to Georgia.

The states of South Carolina and Georgia were thrown together, and called the South Carolina Conference. James Foster was made presiding Elder. Thomas Humphrey, John Major, Matthew Harris and Moses Parks and many others followed in quick succession as the churches multiplied.

The first church building to be built in Georgia was Grants Meeting House, built by Daniel Grant on his land in Wilkes County, Georgia.

Georgia was made a separate district and Richard Ivy was sent as Presiding Elder.
James Andrew entered the conference in 1790 and was the first native Georgian to become a traveling preacher. He lived at old Midway. His son James Osgood Andrew was one of Georgia's famous preachers.

Circuits were formed and Missions were founded as new territory opened to the settlers of the state.

I wish that space and time would permit me to tell of all the wonderful things that the early preachers of Georgia accomplished, but the book History of Methodism by Rev. G. C. Smith tells this story so much more interestingly and fully, I will instead of copying his narrative, advise each Methodist to read his book.

To him I am indebted, with others for what I have written, and what I expect to write about Methodism in Zebulon and Pike County.
HISTORY ZEBULON METHODIST CHURCH

By an Act of the Legislature of Georgia in 1822, Pike County was created out of the boundaries of Monroe County.

The first county site was located at Old Newnan, one of the lost towns of Georgia. In the first minutes of the Inferior Court, Lot #12 in square letter G in the town of Newnan was set aside for the Methodist Society. There is no record that a church was ever built on this lot. The southern part of the county was incorporated into Upson County in 1823, this made the County site of Newnan too far from the center of the county, so another lot was purchased and the town of Zebulon was founded. (From History of Pike County, by Miss E. R. Mitchell).

The first record that we find in the courthouse at Zebulon, relative to the founding of the Methodist Church is a deed executed in 1833. Here is the deed.

GEORGIA: PIKE COUNTY-

This indenture made this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord 1833 between John C. Mangham, Andrew Battle, Lewis Daniel and Isaac B. Williamson, Justices of the Inferior Court in and for said county of the one part, and Sampson Duggar, Foster Freeman, John Marshall, Hugh G. Johnson, John Simmons, Francis Lewis and Samuel
Leake, trustees in trust for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned, all of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said Justices of the Inferior Court as above named for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to them in hand paid, at and upon the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained, sold, released, confirmed and conveyed and by the said trustees as above named and their successors in office (trustees in trust for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned and declared) all the right, title, intent, property, claim and demand whatsoever either in law or equity which they the said Justices above mentioned and their successors hath into or upon all and singular a certain lot or piece of land, situate and lying and being in the town of Zebulon and county and State aforesaid and known and distinguished in the plan of said town by #21 in square letter D, together with all and singular the lands, woods, water, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any way pertaining:– To have and to hold and singular the above mentioned lot or piece of ground as aforesaid, unto them the said trustees and their successors in office forever in trust, that they erect and build or shall cause to be erected and build thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of
America, according to the rules and discipline which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the ministers and preachers of the said church at their General Conference in the United States of America; and in further trust and confidence that they shall at all times, forever hereafter permit such ministers and preachers belonging to said church, as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the General Conference of the ministers and preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church or by the annual conference authorized by the said general conference to preach and expound Gods Holy Word therein: And in further trust and confidence that as often as anyone or more of the trustees herein before mentioned shall die or cease to be a member or members of the said church according to the rules and discipline as aforesaid, then and in such case and shall be the duty of the stationed preacher or minister (authorized as aforesaid) also shall have pastoral charge of the members of said church, to call a meeting of the remaining trustees as soon as conveniently may be; and when so met, the said minister or preacher shall proceed to nominate one or more persons to fill the place or places of him or them whose office or offices has or have been vacated as aforesaid, provided the person or persons so nominated shall have been one year a member or members of the said church immediately preceding such nomination and be at least 21 years of age, and the said trustees so assembled shall proceed to elect by a major-
ity of vote appoint the person or persons so nominated to fill such vacancy or vacancies in order to keep up the number of the trustees forever and in case of a tie all the number of votes for or against the said nomination, the station minister or preacher shall have the casting vote. Provided nevertheless that if the said trustees or any of them or their successors have advances or shall advance any sum or sums of money on account of the said premises and they the said trustees or their successors be obliged to pay the said sums of money they or a majority of them shall be authorized to raise the said sum of money by mortage on the said premises or by buying the said premises after notice is given to the pastor or preacher also has the consent of the congregation attending divine worship on the said premises, if the money due be not paid the said trustee or their successors within one year after such notice given; And if such sale take place the said trustees or their successors after paying the debt and other expenses which are due from the money arising from such sale, shall deposit the remainder of the money produced from the sale in the hands of the stewards or steward of the society belonging to or attending divine service on said premises, which surplus of the proceeds of such sale so deposited in the hands of the said steward or stewards, shall be at the disposition of the next annual conference shall dispose of the said money according to the best of their judgment for the use of the Society. And the said Justices of the Inferior Court as above named doth by these presents,
warrant and forever defend all and singular the before mentioned and described lot or piece of land, with the appurtenances thereto belonging unto them the above named trustees and their successors chosen and appointed as aforesaid, from the claim or claims of them the said Justices as aforesaid and their successors in office and from the claim or claims of other persons whatever. In testimony whereof the aforesaid Justices a covenant hath given to sett their hand and seal this day and year written. Signed - Sealed and delivered in the presence of -. (The above deed was never signed by the Justices of the Inferior Court, though a copy is of record in the Courthouse).

The Methodist Society being confident that they now had a lot, upon which they could build a church, set about doing this, and it was not until later that they realized, that, though they had the church, and the deed had been written and on record that it was not signed, and in order to legalize their claim it was necessary to go before the Judges of the Inferior Court and have a new deed executed in their favor, this was done and the following deed was executed.

The Inferior Court to the Trustees of the Methodist Church.

This indenture made this 6th day of June in the year of our Lord 1842, between David M. Bloodworth, Samuel Mitchell and James Eppinger, Justices of the Inferior Court
for the County and State, aforesaid of the one part and James Beckham, James Neal, Josiah E. Nunnally, Robert M. Stegar, William M. Barrett Sr., Solomon G. Beckham and Andrew I. Beckham, Trustees in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church and their successors in office of the same place, of the other part; witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to David M. Bloodworth, Samuel Mitchell and James Eppinger Justices as aforesaid in hand, paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained, sold and convey unto the said Trustees and their successors in office a certain piece of land in the Town Of Zebulon, County and State aforesaid, WHEREON THE METHODIST CHURCH NOW STANDS, Known and distinguished in the plan of said town in square letter D and lot #21, together with all and singular the above mentioned premises for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and we the aforesaid Justices for ourselves and our successors in office will warrant and forever defend the title of said premises, unto the aforesaid trustees and their successors against the claim of any person or persons whatever. In testimony, whereof we, David M. Bloodworth, Samuel Mitchell and James Eppinger have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, this day and year written.

Signed: David M. Bloodworth, J. I. C.  
Samuel Mitchell, J. I. C.  
James Eppinger, J. I. C.
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us: -
D. A. Allen and J. N. Mangham, J. P.
Recorded June 10th 1842, by John M. Ready, Deputy Clerk,
Deed Book F - Pages 560-561 --

Thus Zebulon Methodist Church came into its own 9 years after the first Society was organized in the County.

There is a plat in the Ordinary's office at the courthouse showing the jail bounds and the surrounding lots in the town of Zebulon, and after careful examination of this plat, we find that the present church still stands on lot #21 as was designated in both the 1833 and 1842 deed.

Evidently a church was not built prior to the first deed in 1833, but records and history show that the Methodist were active in the county before Pike County was formed. These pioneers were served by traveling preachers, and meetings were held in the most convenient place to the preacher, and often on very short notice.

I would like to pause here in our narrative to give you a brief history of the first Trustees of our church.

Sampson Duggan, from the records in the County Courthouse was evidently a land dealer, as we find many records of where he bought land in the early years, we also find where he served on juries, but no record is found regarding his family, it is thought that he moved from the
County about 1840 as no record is found of him after this time.

Foster Freeman, an early resident of Pike County and one of the first trustees of the Zebulon Methodist Church, died early in the year of 1847, his burial place is not known. His wife was Nancy Freeman and the names of two of his sons were Francis and James D. Freeman.

Hugh G. Johnson was perhaps the earliest settler of Pike County, for he travelled through the county several years before the 1821 treaty with the Indians. He accompanied General David Adams, who was sent by General Floyd after the close of the war of 1812 to quell a disturbance in the Indian nation. He built the first house in Zebulon, it was on the corner where the Maples house stood on. He was Clerk of the Inferior Court for many years and held this office until 1830. His wife was Anne Johnson and he is buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery.

Robert M. Stegar, one of the first trustees of the Zebulon Church, moved to Zebulon in 1826. His wife was named Lucy and he had the following sons and daughters who were members of our church. William M. Stegar, James C. Stegar, David R. Stegar, Susan Stegar (Jordan). A daughter who married a Hudson, and whose children were James J. and Cordelia Hudson, a daughter who married a Hartsfield and whose sons were Thomas and James Hartsfield. He died in 1847 but his burial place is not known.
Practically no record is found of John Marshall, Francis Lewis or Samuel Leake, just where they bought and sold land.

James Beckham, son of Solomon Beckham, R. S., who lived in Jones County, Georgia, was one of the early settlers of Pike County. He was a devout Methodist. He died in 1868 and his will is on record in the Courthouse. He left his wife Mather and the following children - Susan R., who married Dr. John J. Caldwell, Andrew J. Beckham, Dr. Joseph C. Beckham, whose wife was Mary A. C. Beckham and whose daughters Mary married Dr. Yarborough, Salomon G. Beckham who married Mardulla Culpepper and James M. Beckham, William C. Beckham, Matthew R. Beckham, Eliza Beckham Heath, Sarah J. Beckham who first married Dr. Josiah Nunnally and second a Mr. Pye, and Martha F. Beckham Slaton.

James Neal was the son of David and Joyce McCormick Neal.

Dr. Josiah E. Nunnally was born May 9, 1796 and died June 29, 1861 and was one of the early Doctors of Zebulon. He was married three times, his first wife was Nancy, born September 10, 1802 and died November 17, 1827. He then married Tabitha Weems and married a third time to Sarah J. Beckham. Dr. Nunnally and his first wife are buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery.

William M. Barrett one of the first men to move into Pike county, helped to select the site of Old Newnan, first County Seat.
Salomon G. Beckham son of James and Martha Beckham is listed above.

Andrew J. Beckham was also a son of James and Martha Beckham.

Some of the earliest members of the Methodist Church in Zebulon were Sampson Duggar, Foster Freeman and his family, Hugh G. Johnson and Family, James Beckham and Family, James Neal and wife, Dr. Josiah E. Nunnally and family, Robert M. Stegar and Family, William M. Barrett and family, Rev. John Simmons and family, John Marshall, Samuel Leake, Francis Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, widow of General David Adams and their children, Col. George Adams, Nancy Adams, Dr. Jefferson Adams, Jr. Jonathan and wife, Mary Gray Adams, Caleb Adams, R. S. & Jane Adams Walker, James and Mary Gray and family, James R. and Elizabeth Snead Adams, Seaborn and Archebald and John Gray, Susannah Gray Howe, Elizabeth Gray Daniel, Cynthia Gray Mangham, John and Mary Reid, Andrew, Ralph M. John W., Alexander V., and William Crawford Reid, Mary A. Reid, Anna Reid, George and Margaret Reid Wilson, John J. and Susan Beckham Caldwell, Dr. John and Louisa Beckham Westmoreland, Dr. Willis and Rev. Mark Westmoreland, S. K. and S. G. Reeves, The Cunningham families and probably many others.

Many of these earlier members moved away into other states while others moved to different section of the county and moved their membership to other churches as they were organized.
As new territories opened up to the settlers, missions were founded and were served by traveling preachers; these preachers did not receive much pay, they for the most part being single men. In the beginning the preachers were paid $60.00 per year, this was later raised to $80.00 then to $100.00 per year, with a like sum going to his wife, if the preacher happened to be married. Some of the older preachers objected to and even offered a motion in General Conference forbidding preachers to marry, but this was quickly overruled. However when a traveling preacher married, he was hard put to look after a family on $200.00 per year, so most of them located and went into other business that was more remunerative, and only preached in their local communities when the traveling preacher could not be there. These preachers traveled for the most part by horseback, usually when they were ordained and given a charge someone gave them a horse or pony, thus starting them on their way to their mission.

In a small history of Pike County by Rev. Richard W. Rogers, we find a list of preachers that were in Pike County from 1823 to 1922 covering a period of 100 years, I have checked these names in the county records, and other books and find most of them in the county, and with the aid of Rev. C. C. Smiths History will add a few to the list. These are as follows: - George Hill 1822; Andrew Hamil 1823; Morgan C. Turrentine 1824; John Simmons had moved
into the county in 1824 and located; John Hunter 1825; Benjamin Bell 1827; Tilman Douglas and William Stegall 1828; Matthew Rhodes and Zebe Brown 1829-30; Willis D. Matthews and William Crawford 1831; Willis D. Matthews and Isaac Boring 1832; William M. Stegall and Thomas Coleman 1833; James Hunter and Elijah Hearn 1834; John W. Starr and Daniel Dailey 1835; John Weathersby 1836; Alfred Dorman 1837; James Dunwoody and J. J. Tabor 1838; Harris Stearns 1839; Jesse W. Carroll 1840; A. Pennington and John W. Farley 1841; A. Pennington and Jamison Sciafe 1842; Claiborne Trussell and William Vestall 1843; J. B. Wardlaw 1844; Miller H. White and William A Smith 1845; Samuel J. Bellah 1846; Noah H. White and S. J. Bellah 1847; McCarroll Purifoy and Nathaniel Allen 1848; Robert Stripling and Charles W. Thomas 1849; William B. Mchan, Jr. and Morgan Bellah 1850; Morgan Bellah and James Smith 1851; Lemuel Quinton Allen 1852; Noah Smith 1853-54; Jesse V. Canve 1854; Warren Baggerly and John C. Simmons 1855; James Jones 1856; Smith C. Quillian 1857; Noah Palmer 1859; Charles W. Howard 1860; John W. Knight 1861; James M. Armstrong 1862; David Holmes and W. C. Rowland 1863; R. A. Seale 1865-66.

Little is known of these traveling preachers, but with the help of county records, Smith's "History of Methodism", and other reference books, we can give you a short history of some of the men, even if we can't give much information regarding their work in Pike County and Zebulon.
Conference met in Augusta in 1822 with Bishops McKendree and George presiding.

George Hill was the first traveling preacher to be sent to the Monroe Mission. This Mission included what is now Monroe, Upson, Crawford, Pike, Butts, Lamar and parts of Bibb and Spalding counties, however at that time it was part of Bibb, Monroe, Pike and Crawford counties. Many Methodists came from the older counties and states into this section of Georgia, and when George Hill came into the work here he found many Methodists, but no churches had been built. He was admirably suited to this type of work. He had twenty four appointments, which he filled in one month. The first preaching in Pike County was at a little log church near Josiah Holmes, a few miles from Barnesville. (Smith's History)

George Hill was a junior preacher on the Warren Circuit when he was sent to the Monroe Mission. He was born in Charleston, S. C., son of Paul Hill, Esq., and started to preach when he was 20 years old. He lived only nine years after being ordained, but in that time he was placed in the most important charges.

Even as early as 1822 many preachers had located in Pike County, some of these were Benjamin Blanton, Moses Matthews, Thomas Battle, Osborne Rogers. We remained the Monroe Mission only one year, and in a few years the Monroe Circuit was one of the best in the state.
Conference met in Savannah February 20, 1823, with Bishop Roberts presiding.

Andrew Hamil had been in this section before George Hill came as a traveling preacher. He, Andrew Hamil, had been appointed to assist Isaac Smith in establishing the Creek Mission at Fort Mitchell near Columbus, but for some cause after going out to it, he had been recalled and returned to this section and in the latter part of 1823 he had gone into Monroe County to establish a church there. Hamil established churches while he was on the Monroe Circuit. One of the first was established near where the present church, Mt. Zion, now stands. He was later sent to the Yellow River Mission, of which that part of Fayette County was a part. He was superannuated in 1825. He married late in life to Miss Marie Torrance of Baldwin County. After his death in 1836, his widow married Judge William Cobb of Upson County.

Conference met in Charleston, S. C. February 19, 1824, with Bishop Enoch George in charge. Morgan C. Turrentine was in the county, having come into the work when he was a very young man. He came to Pike County from the lower part of the state, having been a traveling preacher in the wilds of upper Florida. Having a long way to travel, and not receiving his appointment very early, he was late in moving into the county, however, until he did arrive Rev. John Simmons who had located in the county carried on the work until the new pastor arrived.
Just a word about Rev. John Simmons. He was born in Virginia, and fought in the Revolutionary War. After the War he was converted and became a traveling preacher. He moved into Pike County from the Appalachee Circuit. He was zealous, simple hearted and devotedly pious. It is thought that his home was just beyond where M. L. Dunn now lives, but we find another place near Williamson that is called the Simmons Place. Among his children were Dr. James P. Simmons who was a very useful layman in the church, Rev. John C. Simmons who was converted in Pike County and preached here for a while, later moving west and joined the Pacific Conference, and Rev. William A. Simmons of the North Georgia Conference. A number of daughters married in the county and their descendents are scattered over the state and the south.

Conference met in Wilmington, N. C. on January 25, 1825, with Bishop Roberts presiding. Rev. John Hunter was sent to Pike County where he remained two years. He was the brother of Rev. James Hunter who later preached in the county. Rev. John Hunter later moved into Alabama and continued his services to Christ in that state.

Conference was held in Milledgeville, Ga., on January 12, 1826, with Bishop Soule presiding.

The next Conference was held in Augusta on January 11, 1827, with Bishop William McKendree, Bishop Joshua Soule and Bishop R. R. Roberts presiding. Benjamin Bell was sent to this charge and no other record is found of him.
Conference convened in Camden, S. C. in 1828 with Bishop Soule presiding. Tillman Douglass and William Steagall were sent to Pike County. Evidently the work had progressed so that it was necessary to give this section two preachers. Tillman Douglass later studied medicine and located in Alexander, Burke County, Georgia.

The next conference was held in Charleston, S. C. January 28, 1829, and Matthew Rhodes and Zebe Brown were sent to Pike County. Bishop William McKendree presided.

The Conference met in Columbia, S. C. January 30, 1830. This was the last session in which Georgia received her appointments from the South Carolina Conference. South Carolina and Georgia had been in the same Conference since 1795, and the territory had become too wide in area, and the preachers too numerous for one body, so the Savannah River being a natural boundary, was adopted and thenceforward there were the South Carolina and the Georgia Conferences. Georgia took Georgia and Florida; South Carolina took North and South Carolina.

Matthew Rhodes and Zebe Brown remained in Pike County.

The first Georgia Conference met in Macon January 5, 1831. The Bishop was not present and Rev. Lewis Myers opened conference. There were 33 preachers present. Isaac Smith who had been at the first assemblege of Methodist preachers in Georgia over 40 years before opened the Conference with prayer. Rev. John Howard was elected
secretary. There was preaching at 11 A. M., 3 P. M. and at night.

Reverends William Crawford and Willis D. Matthews were given the Pike charge. Willis D. Matthews later was sent into Griffin when that city was made a station.

Reverend William Crawford was the son of Alice Crawford who was born in Virginia, moved into Upson County where her son William later located. He belonged to the Order of Masons in Upson County.

Conference met in Augusta January 5, 1832, with Bishop Elijah Hedding presiding. This was his first and last visit to Georgia. Reverends Willis D. Matthews and Isaac Boring were sent to us.

Isaac and Jesse Boring were brothers and were sons of excellent Methodist parents. They moved from Jackson County into the new county of Gwinnett when it was created. The educational advantages of the two boys were such as could be secured in a frontier county. They were inspired and received their first instructions in the art of preaching from William J. Parks, who had charge of the missionary work in Gwinnett. Both William Parks and Jesse Boring were later presiding elders.

Isaac Boring began to preach when he was 20 years old and continued in the work until 1850 when he died suddenly while attending General Conference in St. Louis. He married Lettice Simms in Pike County Dec. 20, 1832. Rev. John
Simmons performed the ceremony.

James Osgood Andrew was selected to go to the General Conference to be held in Philadelphia in May. At this conference both he and John Emory were elected Bishops. J. O. Andrew was the first Georgian to be elevated to this position.

James Osgood Andrew presided at his first conference held in LaGrange in 1833. Rev. William M. Stgall who had been in Pike County was returned and Thomas Coleman came with him.

Washington, Ga., was the site of the 1834 Conference with Bishops Emory and Andrew jointly presiding. Rev. James Hunter and Rev. Elijah Hearn came to Pike.

Rev. James Hunter, of whom we have previously written, traveled for nine years in South Carolina, married and settled in Jasper County, Georgia, after establishing his home there. He re-entered the work and was sent into this circuit. He died Dec. 10, 1862, after having been a preacher for nearly sixty years.

Rev. E. Hearn was not sent into Pike County to preach, but came to collect money for LaGrange College, Alabama, and while in this section made his home in Pike County, and assisted Rev. Hunter in his pastorate.

The conference of 1835 met in Savannah, Georgia, with Bishop Andrew presiding. Reverends John W. Starr and
Daniel Dailey were sent to this charge.

In 1836 the Conference returned to Macon for its meeting, with Bishop Andrew presiding, and Rev. John Weathersby was sent to us.

This year each preacher was required to keep a record of the members and church minutes. Alas, we do not know where the records of Zebulon are, evidently buried in some attic, or burned, at least we do not have them in Zebulon.

Rev. Weathersby seemed by the court records to have located in this county, for we find where he performed many of the marriages in Pike County over a period of years.

Conference convened Dec. 13, 1837, in Athens, Georgia, with Bishop Morris in the chair. Rev. Aldred Dorman of whom we can find no record, was sent to take charge of the Zebulon church. This year Zebulon sent $1.25 to the Conference. This is the first time we find where Zebulon contributed to the upkeep of the Conference, but feel sure they had sent contributions before. Probably the Conference books at Emory would show just what had been sent previously.

The village of Eatonton was the place of the next Conference with Bishop Andrew presiding, meeting there December 11, 1838.

Rev. James Dunwoody was sent to the Zebulon circuit. He was the younger of two brothers, Samuel Dunwoody who
was one of the first preachers in the work, and James Dunwoody who entered the work later. James was a very forceful preacher. While in the county he performed the marriage of Shilldrake Brown and Sarah Shruptrine. Brown was later licensed to preach in the County. He lived near Williamson. James Dunwoody was living in 1875 when Rev. C. G. Smith wrote his "History of Methodism".

Bishop Morris substituted for Bishop Roberts who was ill when the Conference met in Augusta Dec. 11, 1839. Rev. Harris Stearns was appointed to the Zebulon work. We find where he performed the marriages of J. W. Jordan and Ann Nunnally; T. Goodman Hunt and Mary Ann Simmons; and Joel Rivers and Rebecca Harper. Goodman Hunt later moved his membership to Mt. Zion where he was a strong church leader.

Jesse W. Carroll was sent to Zebulon in 1840.

January 20, 1841, Bishop Andrew presided at the Conference which met in Macon, Ga. Rev. A. Pennington and Rev. John W. Farley were pastors in the Zebulon Circuit. Of A. Pennington we find no record, but I am of the opinion that he was the nephew of John Howard of whom we have previously written. John W. Farley moved from Jasper County into Pike at an early date. He was the son of James and Martha Farley and was one of the first trustees of Mt. Zion Church in upper Pike County. We think he later moved into Alabama and possibly on to
the Mississippi, as his brother-in-law James R. Callaway did.

Rev. A. Pennington was sent back to Zebulon and Jamison Scaife was sent to assist him. Their appointment being made at the Conference held in Milledgeville with Bishop Waugh presiding.

Conference met in Savannah, Georgia, January 18, 1843. Bishop Andrew was to preside, but did not reach the Conference in time and William J. Parks was president pro-tem. This year Claiborne Trussell and William V. Vestall were appointed pastors of the Zebulon Circuit.

The Georgia Conference which embraced Georgia and Florida was very large. There were nine large Districts from the Blue Ridge to Key West, and from the Savannah River to the Chattahoochee, with 135 active preachers, besides eighteen who were superannuated. It was evident that the conference was too large for effective work, and at this session a resolution was carried to petition the General Conference to divide the Georgia Conference in two parts, the southern part to be known as Florida. This was later done.

At the General Conference that met in New York in May, the usual question on ministers owning slaves was brought up as had been done before, but this question had always been dealt with in a general way, and while the ministers of the south did not own slaves as a whole, and
did not buy and sell slaves, one southern Bishop had been left a slave with the express direction that she could be given her freedom to be sent to Liberia if she so desired, or to remain in this country with the Bishop as her guardian. This last she decided to do and the Bishop was asked to resign, but to this suggestion the southern delegation objected. This slave controversy caused the southern churches to withdraw from the General Conference of America and to become the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Rev. Smith gives a very complete report on this in his History.

The Georgia Conference met at Eatonton in December, 1844, with Bishop Soule presiding. Rev. Jack B. Wardlaw was sent to Zebulon. Rev. Wardlaw after he was superannuated married Mrs. Margaret Musgrove of Jasper County (she was his second wife) and lived his last days in that county. He was the father of a large family by his first wife of whom we have no record. These children lived near Winder, Georgia. He was a Confederate veteran and lost a leg in this war.

The provision of the new General Conference made at Louisville in 1858, and the withdrawal of the southern churches, threw the Georgia Conference, as it did all the Southern Conferences, upon its own resources both for missionary and conference funds. How it was met will be found in Smith's History.

Miller H. White and William A. Smythe were sent to Zebulon.
Benjamin Blanton, who was a presiding elder as early as 1798, moved to Pike County and lived here until his death in 1846.

Samuel J. Bellah whose health had failed in 1832, and had been forced to resign from traveling, lived in Pike County and was pastor in that county in 1846. His brother, Morgan Bellah, was received into the Conference in 1833. He had traveled and was in the work in Pike County in 1850. These two men were sons of Samuel and Jane Morgan Bellah, who died in Morgan County, Georgia. Samuel J. was born in North Carolina and Morgan was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. Both men died in Pike County.

Noah White was sent to assist Samuel J. Bellah in 1847.

Dr. McCarrol Purifoy was the brother of Stanley Purifoy of Yatesville, Georgia. Stanley gave the land for the church in Yatesville. Dr. Tillman Douglas Purifoy was another brother who was a traveling preacher. Dr. McCarrol Purifoy was pastor in Pike County with Nathaniel Allen in 1848. He later became President of Monroe Female College at Forsyth, Georgia, which was at that time a Methodist School, and was later President of Charleston Female College until his death. He settled in Jasper County at one time.

Rev. Lemuel Quenton Allen, who was the son of Josiah and Sarah Atkinson Allen was a native of Pike County, so it is safe to assume that he was converted and started on his
preaching career in this county. Where he finally moved is not known, but his father and mother lived in this county until their death.

Noah Smith, a native of Upson County preached in the county in 1853.

In 1854, Jesse W. Canve was junior pastor. It is not known who had the pastorate in charge.

In 1855 we find that another native son was pastor in the circuit. Rev. John C. Simmons whom we have already mentioned and Rev. Warren Baggerly. Mrs. Franklin states that Rev. Baggerly performed the marriage ceremony of her mother and father, S. O. Jones and Georgia Pope.

Smith C. Quillian was in charge in 1847. He entered the traveling ministry in 1847. He was one of the large family of that name who from the beginning of Methodism in Georgia, have been devoted to it. He died in the early years of his ministry.

Columbus W. Howard came into Zebulon in 1860. He married Jane Hamil of Upson County. He entered the Confederate army and was killed at the battle of Manassas. The Hamil and Howard families have long been identified with Methodism.

Rev. John W. Knight who came to Zebulon in 1861 lived in Jones County in 1835, and Rev. John Payne was pastor of the circuit. John Knight was an infidel tailor, a man of
fine intellect, but was as reckless in life as he was skeptical in his religious views. The preacher became attached to him and used to go sit on his bench and talk. At last he persuaded Knight to go to church. He did so, became converted, and began to work for his Master and was for thirty years a traveling preacher. (Smith's "History of Methodism".)

David T. Holmes and C. W. Parker were pastors in 1864, and it was during that year that a home was purchased for the pastor. We find the following deed in the Zebulon Court house:

Book 1, Page 733, Pike County, Georgia.

This indenture made the 23rd day of February, 1864, between John T. Banks of the County of Spalding of the one part and W. M. Blanton, Cadesman Pope, T. J. Hunt, Zachariah Sims, T. M. McCarty, John W. Reed and James B. Henson as trustees and their successors in office of the County Pike of the other part. Witnesseth that the said John T. Banks for and in consideration of $700.00 to him in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained and sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain and sell and convey unto the said trustees and their successors in office all of two town lots located in the town of Zebulon as lots # 8 and # 12 in square letter D, together with all the buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging. To have and
to hold the said bargained premises with all and singular the right, members and appurtenances as thereof unto the said trustees and their successors to them for the use, benefit and behoof forever in fee simple of the Methodist Episcopal Church South as a Parsonage. And the said John T. Banks for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, the said bargained premises unto the said trustees and their successors and assigns will warrant and forever defend the rights and title thereof against themselves and against the claims of all other persons whatever.

In testimony whereof the said John T. Banks hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year written.

Signed -- John T. Banks

Witnesses: F. M. Hunt and Hartford Green, J. P.

Small space should be given to three churches that were organized early in the county, but are no longer in existence. These were near Zebulon - one was Powder Creek Methodist Church organized Dec. 9, 1843, when William C. Beckham gave two acres off of lot #72 in the Ninth District of Pike County to the commissioners and agents, Thomas N. Pitts, Lewis P. Culpepper, Joshua Grace, James Beckham, Solomon Beckham and Sterling Goodman. This church was later sold.

Smith's Chapel - this one and one-half acres was bought from Michael Roberts by James P. Cone, A. S. Allen, R. Murphy, William Cone and A. Simmons, trustees in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church South. This church was
later sold to the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and it is still used by the Negroes. It is located just in back of the M. L. Dunn place on the road to Jolly.

Mt. Hope Methodist Episcopal Church South, located below Lifsey Springs near the Upson County line. Thomas J. Barrett, Sr. sold one acre of land November 16, 1885, to J. J. Foster, W. A. Gibson and J. H. Morris, Jr, to establish the above Mt. Hope Methodist Episcopal Church South. This church was later abandoned and no record found of its disposition.

In 1865 the Griffin District was created and the Zebulon Circuit was placed in this district. It will probably be of interest to know that Griffin had been host to the Annual North Georgia Conference five times. In 1868 with Bishop Payne presiding, 1875 with Bishop Keener, 1903 with Bishop Key, 1916 with Bishop Warren A. Candler, and in 1925 with Bishop Darlington.

Rev. R. A. Scale was in charge of the Zebulon Circuit in 1865-66.

In 1866 the Georgia Conference was divided into the North and South Georgia Conference.

In 1867 the Zebulon charge was composed of six churches. These were Zebulon, Salem (near Concord), Red Oak (near Williamson, Mt. Zion (near Zetella), Flat Rock (near Hollonville), Smith's Chapel and Anthony's Chapel (near Line Creek).
At this time, 1867, George E. Pierce was Bishop, Rev. G. E. Clark was Presiding Elder and Rev. Francis Marion Davies was pastor in charge. Rev. Davies reported very favorably on the spiritual condition of the church, several revivals were held and quite a few members were added. The Sabbath School was in good condition. Rev. Cadesman Pope was given a leave of absence, and John Foxworth was named delegate from the Zebulon charge to attend Annual Conference.

1868, Rev. James Osgood Andrew was Sr. Bishop with Rev. John P. Duncan Presiding Elder and Rev. W. P. Rivers was pastor in charge. Rev. Rivers does not report very favorably on the condition of the charge, "It being in tolerably good condition".

This year at the Annual Conference which met in Griffin with Bishop Keene presiding was in all probability attended by a great many people from the Zebulon Charge.

Rev. Walter R. Branham was Presiding Elder and Rev. David Stripling was Pastor in Charge in 1869. Dr. C. F. Redding was named delegate to the Annual Conference.

In 1870 Rev. J. W. Reynolds the Pastor in Charge died and Rev. John P. Duncan who had charge of the Mission work in the Griffin District was sent to Zebulon to assume the pastorate and being sick himself was unable
to meet with the churches, they not having a full time leader the churches in the charge were not in a very flourishing condition.

This condition continued into the year of 1871, the church was not doing well, class meetings had virtually ceased, Sunday Schools were in poor condition, Church attendance was very poor. It is no wonder that the new pastor Rev. William T. Smith was discouraged and willing to turn the job of rehabilitation over to a new pastor.

Rev. Joseph Carr assumed the pastorate in 1872 and his report is still discouraging. Rev. George Pierce was Bishop and Josiah Lewis was Presiding Elder.

Rev. Wesley G. Hansen made no report in 1873.

In 1874 Rev. J. M. White was Pastor in Charge. The years 1870-71-72-73-74 were sad years for the Zebulon church. No doubt each pastor worked to bring about unity and salvation to the membership of the church, and in failing to do so, relinquished the job to another minister with hopes that they would succeed in bringing about the unification of the people in the church. This situation was probably caused by the reconstruction of the south after the war, and each person was striving to save and make ends meet for their individual families, not realizing that "In Unity there is Strength".
At the tenth annual session of the Griffin District Conference in 1875, Rev. David Nolan, called "Uncle Nolan" by the majority of the children in his congregations (this was a common practice up until about 1900), gives the following report: Six churches in the Charge, Four Sunday Schools organized but very poor. There is a considerable territory near in which there is no Methodist Church and one that needs organizing. This was in the Pine Mountain section. Later on in that year Pine Mountain Mission was founded.

Bishop Pierce with Rev. George Yarborough Presiding Elder in charge of conference.

In 1876 the Pastor was absent and no report was made. Brother J. S. Pope attended district conference in Griffin. Rev. Yarborough was still Presiding Elder.

Rev. T. S. L. Harwell was pastor in charge in the Zebulon Circuit in 1877. Came back into the work with great enthusiasm and gave the following report: The Churches have shown great improvement over the preceding years. There are six churches in the circuit and 445 members, having baptized quite a few this year. The spiritual state of the church is steadily improving, although there is still too much liquor being drunk. Four Sunday Schools with 16 officers and teachers with about 283 scholars attending. The church buildings are passable, needing repairs and painting. All two story
pulpits have been cut down. Five prayer meetings are held weekly, but no class meetings are held. The collections for foreign and domestic missions $2300. Other collections are in proportion. No three o'clock service has been initiated."

When churches were first built all pulpits were two story affairs, this was in adoption of the style of the Episcopal churches, as can be seen that this practice was gradually abandoned. Most churches had no stoves, nor windows, the openings being shuttered. The churches were not ceiled or painted, but as time passed the people and the preachers found that when a few comforts were added the attendance was improved, so gradual improvements to the churches were added.

Quoting Mrs. Franklin, "Uncle Harwell was a man well over six feet tall and had a very good voice, but his brother, Dick Harwell, had a wonderful voice and led Camp Meeting singing". She joined the church at Flat Rock while Rev. Harwell was pastor.

Rev. Harwell did not live in the parsonage at Zebulon, but lived at Turin and came to his charges on horseback. He remained in the pastorate in 1878 and reported that the spiritual state of the church was still improving though the finances of the church were "behind as yet". Dr. Jesse Boring was Presiding Elder.
Rev. Cadesman Pope returned from the Mississippi Conference and was given the pastorate of the Zebulon charge in 1879. Rev. J. E. Evans was Presiding Elder. Dr. Charles F. Redding was delegate to the District Conference, James Beckham was delegate to the Annual Conference. Brother Robert H. Rogers was licensed to preach.

A new system for reporting and keeping data of each quarterly conference was instituted by the General Conference in 1878. The books were published in 1879 and each charge started records in 1880. These records are on file at the parsonage here in Zebulon.

We find in the first book that there were 435 members in the six churches, 78 adults were baptized, 79 infants baptized, number of sittings 1,400. Value of churches $2,200.00, and the value of the Camp Ground lot was $2,000.00. This was in 1879.

The Camp Ground for the Zebulon Charge was then located at Mt. Zion. The deed to this Camp Ground was given in 1834 and it was then in the Fayette Circuit, but Camp Meeting had been held there first in 1823 by Rev. Andrew Hamil. The Mt. Zion Church and Camp Ground was later placed in the Zebulon Circuit. This was prior to 1864 because we find that W. M. Blanton, who was a staunch supporter of the Mt. Zion Church, is also named on the deed to the Methodist parsonage in Zebulon.
Also we find for the first time what the salary for the preacher was. He received $735.00, the Presiding Elder received $100.00, the Bishop received $12.50. The collection for conference claims was $85.87, foreign missions $66.28, domestic missions $42.17.

The stewards for the Zebulon church were Dr. C. F. Redding, Joseph W. Ford and T. G. Hunt.

Rev. Cadesman Pope was the son of Cadesman Pope and Anna Hunt Pope. He was converted in Zebulon and licensed to preach at the Annual Conference when he was 21 years old. He was sent to the Arkansas Conference where he met and married Miss Sallie Cooper. He then joined the Mississippi Conference, after which he returned to Georgia and then moved to Kentucky where he died. His body was brought back to Georgia and was buried at LaGrange, Georgia. His children were Lida, Russell, Georgia, Edwin, Olin, Elam and George Pope. Rev. Pope had one full sister who was Georgia Pope and who married Oren S. Jones. These are the parents of Mrs. Mary Will Jones Franklin. His half brothers and sisters were Lutie, who married Dr. J. M. Head, J. S. Pope, who married Susan Martin, Anna Pope, and others.

Dr. Charles Frederick Redding was born August 27, 1825, and died April 18, 1898. He is buried in East View Cemetery, Zebulon, Georgia. He married Miss Mary Jane Mangham. They had two children, Dozier Redding (Aunt Dodie), and Wiley Mangham Redding. Dr. Redding practiced medicine in Zebulon.
until his death. He was ever a staunch Methodist and held offices in the church practically all his life. He was probably one of the earliest members of the Zebulon church.

In 1880 Rev. Cadesman Pope was returned to the Zebulon Charge, much to the delight of its members. Membership had increased to 458, showing a gradual increase and Rev. Pope reports, "the spiritual condition of the church is still not up to the standard of the New Testament". No regular class meetings were held and prayer meetings had dropped from four to one. The attendance at worship was good and general improvement was noted, though still having a great battle to lessen the influence of intemperance. The money for building expenses raised was $187.00. There were five Sunday Schools with 243 attending. $23.00 was spent on Sunday Schools. The Bishops fund was $12.80, the pastor received $800.00 (a small increase). The Presiding Elder was Rev. W. F. Cook, received $117.00. Conference claims was $80.00 and foreign missions $66.00. Domestic missions $42.70, making a total of $1,118.70, of which Zebulon contributed about $350.00.

As we have seen that a parsonage was bought in 1864, just what became of this parsonage, we do not know, nor have we been able to trace its sale, but in 1880 Zebulon did not have a parsonage and a committee had been appointed and authorized to purchase a parsonage on assurance that
cash and guaranteed subscriptions be raised to pay the full price of the property. Zebulon pledged $150.00 towards the parsonage.

Deed Book Q, Page 222:

This indenture made and entered into this 7th day of March, 1880, between William H. Pritchard of the County of Fayette and State of Georgia, of the one part, and H. E. Williamson, William Blanton, W. N. Coppedge, Cadesman Pope, C. F. Redding and James Beckham, Trustees of Zebulon Circuit of the Methodist Church South and their successors in office, of the other part, Wm. H. Pritchard for and in consideration of the sum of $850.00 sells to the above trustees and their successors in office all that tract or parcel of land being in the County of Pike and town of Zebulon, known and distinguished in plan of said town as lots # 9-10-11-12-13 in square letter E containing 6 acres, more or less, for the use of a parsonage of said Zebulon Circuit. (This deed is not copied fully, but just enough to tell what was bought and the purchase price.) To further identify this property to the church today, it consisted of practically all the land on the right of Meansville Street going towards the church and the present lots can be identified as the G. B. Ridley home, the L. H. Rawls home, the present parsonage, the Harrison house, the Merrell Means home, the Corley home and the home of Mrs. Isham Harrison, and the land behind those houses. The parsonage at that time was where the Ridleys lived and
before the Ridleys remodelled it, was very much like the Wells home across the street.

Rev. Pope was asked to write Mr. John Neal of Atlanta a letter of thanks for his contribution to the parsonage. Also a letter to the Presiding Elder, Rev. W. F. Cook, expressing regret of his absence at Camp Meeting and Quarterly Conference on account of illness, and wish for him a speedy recovery.

Dr. C. F. Redding, brothers J. S. Pope and Robert Y. Beckham, were authorized to make deeds of Smith's Chapel to the African Methodist Church, and proceeds realized from the sale of the church to be applied to the parsonage fund.

M. M. Westbrook, local elder was examined and passed, and Shilldrake Brown examined and license renewed.


The trustees for the Zebulon church were Dr. C. F. Redding, J. W. Ford, J. H. Howell, D. D. Malier, J. S. Pope and R. Y. Beckham.
In 1881 George H. Pierce was Bishop, Rev. W. F. Cook was Presiding Elder and Rev. J. T. Lowe was pastor in charge of the Zebulon Circuit. J. H. Howell was Sunday School Superintendant.

The Saturday before the first Sunday in May was set aside as Children's Day to be celebrated at Red Oak.

A committee of the ladies from each church was appointed to see to the furnishing of the parsonage with such articles as are necessary to the comfort and necessity of the pastor and his family.

A parsonage for the Presiding Elder was bought in the City of Griffin this year (1881).

A Missionary Society had been previously organized, but had not flourished and had ceased to function, but was reorganized this year. Funds raised for Mt. Zion Camp Ground were $1,327.00. Zebulon contributed $150.00 for current expenses this year.

Rev. Robert W. Bigham was appointed Presiding Elder and Rev. Lowe was returned to Zebulon in 1882. Dr. Redding, Mr. Ford and R. Y. Beckham were trustees. Rev. Lowe reported that three of the churches had been ceiled and four churches had installed stoves. All churches had previously been unheated. Several members were received into the church by application of certificate, unfortunately their names were not given. We find that two persons were
excluded from the church. Prayer meeting was held and quite a few baptized. This year Flat Rock was moved to Hollonville.

In 1883, Rev. George H. Patillo was Presiding Elder and Rev. Lowe continued to serve as pastor. A local man, J. S. Askew, son of Uriah and Elizabeth Askew, had been licensed to preach in Zebulon, and he was added as junior pastor. All church property was valued at $8,300.00. $600.00 was spent on repairs. Salaries amounted to $932.00 of which Zebulon paid $150.00.

In 1884 Rev. Patillo, Rev. Lowe and Rev. Askew were returned to the district and charge. Brothers Askew and Brown were examined and their license renewed. The statistical report showed that there was a general increase in membership this year, but another church had been added, making seven churches in the circuit with 625 members. 38 adults and 31 infants were baptized, 9 admitted by certificate, 95 by profession. There were eight Sunday Schools with 455 pupils. The value of the parsonage was $1,000.00. $180.00 was collected for missions, $75.00 for conference claims, $35.00 for the poor, $25.00 for church extension, $60.75 for expenses, $15.00 for Bishops fund, $746.00 for pastor, $115.00 for Presiding Elder. Zebulon was assessed $150.00 for the pastor and Presiding Elder. This was paid. It is unfortunate that the report does not show what part of each of the above items each church contributed, but these sums were reported from the circuit as a whole.
In 1885, Rev. Patillo continued as Presiding Elder and Rev. L. P. Neese was pastor. Rev. Neese has visited the Sunday School at Zebulon twice and considers it in fine shape. J. H. Howell still superintendent. Received by certificate were L. G. Malair, A. C. Malair, P. O. Malair, Sue and Jimmy Neese, J. S. Pope, Mrs. Susan Pope, Charles Driver and wife, Mamie and Caleb Caldwell, R. F. Malair, Marvin Neese, W. F. Childs, Jimmie Ballard, Sallie Banks and Anne Howell. Mrs. Virginia Caldwell, W. B. Ballard and Mary Ann Sealy died. Mrs. Caldwell was Virginia Redding, sister of Dr. C. F. Redding. The new steward added was J. L. Smith. Zebulon paid $117.75 toward the salaries this year.

In 1886 we find that Rev. George H. Patillo was Presiding Elder and Zebulon had three pastors this year. We have not been able to find out why this came about, but Rev. Feliz Brown served the first and second quarters, and Rev. W. R. Stilwell and Rev. W. H. Graham, J. P. served the third and fourth quarters. The general state of the church was improved and steps were being taken to repair the church. Brothers Ford, Howell and Driver were appointed to rent the parsonage if the pastor did not wish to occupy it. A committee was appointed to sell part of the parsonage lot. Three acres were sold to Brother J. S. Pope, this was the lower part. Lavinna Harris, T. J. Hunt, Mary J. Hunt, and John Caldwell and wife were dismissed by certificate. Martha Banks and Georgia Reaves were received by baptism. W. F. and Fannie Brannon and
John Waller were received by certificate. Isham Harrison died this year.

For the year of 1887 Rev. H. H. Parks was Presiding Elder and Rev. Jeremiah J. Singleton was pastor in charge. Ellison R. Cook was assistant pastor. Brother W. R. Stillwell was local elder. Dr. C. F. Redding, J. S. Pope and James Ford were stewards. R. Y. Beckham, J. L. Smith, J. H. Howell, J. L. Driver, W. T. Fincher were trustees of the Zebulon church. Received by certificate were Rev. W. R. Stillwell and wife, Otelia Stillwell, Callie R., Julia R., Annie L, and Mamie Stillwell; James W., Mattie T., and Fannie R. Singleton. Received by certificate from Congregational Church #4 were B. F. Johnson, Lula Johnson and Mary E. Williams. Certificates of membership were given to Jimmie P. Neese, Marvin N. Neese and Sister Sue Neese, M. E. Dozier, H. L. Caldwell, Emma Wells and Bessie Beckham. Received by profession of faith were Miss Willie Dupree, Iver Harrison, Charles M., George P., and Mary Bell Ballard, Sadie Ford, Annie Lou Foster, Robert O. Foster, Trudie Caldwell and Robert Caldwell. Received by certificate were Edmund F. Cook and Susan E. Pope. Edmund F. Cook, a local preacher was recommended for admission on trial. Trustees of Powder Creek Church, Judge Pope, R. Y. Beckham and James L. Driver, were authorized to make deed to old Powder Creek Church. Attendance at Saturday services was very poor. The Stillwells removed from the church the latter part of the year.
Jeremiah J. Singleton was a native of Pike County, son of Wyatt and Nancy Ann Chrisman Singleton who died in 1847. His brothers and sisters were Lucretia Sanders, Nancy Patrick, Martha Waller, Wyatt Singleton, Jr., Eliza Gunnels, Polly Isreal, Sarah and William W. Singleton. His children were James W., F. R., Mary E., Mattie T. Cook, Fannie and Joseph.

Both Rev. H. H. Parks, Presiding Elder and Rev. J. J. Singleton returned to the charge in 1888. Dr. C. F. Redding, J. W. Ford, R. Y. Beckham, and J. L. Driver were stewards and J. S. Pope was trustee, with J. H. Howell Sunday School Superintendent. This year there were only four churches in the charge. These were Zebulon, Red Oak, Mt. Zion and Anthony's Chapel. Salem, Mt. Hope and Hollowville having been removed to another circuit. Brother J. S. Pope was appointed to represent the circuit between the churches growing out of a division of the circuit on the parsonage which was property of the original circuit. A great improvement was seen in the Sunday School at Zebulon. Members received this year were Brother G. B. Merritt, Sisters Pearl and Kate Pope, Minnie Merritt and Millie Sullivan, Mrs. Mary E. Rucker, Alma Rucker and Pinie Rucker. Certificates of membership were given to Miss Ella Means and brothers J. R. Williams and Aquilla Hardy, Mrs. William Nunnally and Brother M. F. Leak died. Brother Ed. A. Jackson was called, examined and license renewed. Zebulon contributed $117.10 to the pastors salary. This salary was supposed to
be $600.00 but the pastor only received $401.00

Beginning with the year of 1889, the Conference gave
a charge to a preacher for the term of four years. In
1889 Rev. H. H. Parks was Presiding Elder and Rev. S. R.
England was pastor in charge of the Zebulon circuit.

In 1890 Rev. S. P. Richardson was sent to the District
as Presiding Elder.

In 1891 Rev. C. E. Evans was Presiding Elder and in
1892 Rev. J. S. Bryan was Presiding Elder. Rev. England
was pastor in charge for the four years. During these four
years the stewards were Dr. C. F. Redding, W. T. Fincher,
J. S. Pope, J. W. Ford, R. Y. Beckham, J. H. Howell and
J. L. Smith. J. H. Howell was Sunday School Superintendent.
R. Y. Beckham was sent to District Conference in 1891 and
Dr. C. F. Redding was delegate in 1892. During the year
1889 T. P. Graham was licensed to preach. A. B. Pope was
granted a license to preach and was recommended to be
admitted to the conference on trial. Arthur Bothwell Pope
was the son of J. S. and Susan Pope. Brother Eddie
Jackson was examined and license renewed. In 1889 the
Zebulon church and the Sunday School was in very good con-
dition. The weekly prayer meeting had been well attended.
Many family altars had been erected during the year.

In the year of 1890 the weather was very bad and the
churches were at low ebb. The pastor was sick during the
year, and lacking a leader, the people did not attend church.
With the coming of the summer months, the attendance in all the church meetings greatly improved. Members received by certificate in 1889 were W. J. Franklin, F. G. Starling, Col. W. G. Iverson, Julia R. England, Mrs. Nell Merritt, W. A. O. Hunnally, Mrs. Jennie Rogers, Edgar Rogers, W. B. Berry, J. B. Shipp, Mrs. Mary Ansley, and Joseph, infant son of J. J. and Florrie Singleton. Brothers J. S. Pope and R. Y. Beckham were appointed to prepare a memorial and resolution of sympathy in memory of deceased brother, G. B. Merritt.

Members received into the church in 1890, 1891 and 1892 were W. B. Merritt, Robert Harper and Mrs. Florence Holmes, J. M. Aiken, H. H. Nelms, Mrs. E. M. Green, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Quincy Pierce, Willie Slade, L. D. Beckham, Owen Ridley, Carry Ridley, Alice Wright, Ora Brannen, Mary W. Ballard, M. J. Hammond, Herman D. Fincher, A. D. Reeves, Andrew B. McCarter, Sallie Seats; Ella B. Driver, Professor E. F. Brown, E. A. Brown, Ethel and Harold Brown. Removed by certificate for these years were Mrs. Nell Pope, Mrs. Ella Ellis, Mary Mary L. Graham, Mrs. Jennie Rogers, Paul and Eddie Rogers, Tunis Caldwell, Elbert and Alice Purifoy. P. J. Slade and Mrs. Mary Jane Lifsey died. Mrs. J. W. Ford, Mrs. R. Y. Beckham, Mrs. W. J. Franklin and Mrs. Wilbur Jones were appointed to the parsonage committee. In the circuit there were four churches with 680 members. 50 joined by profession of faith, 30 by certificate, 12 infants were baptized, 32 adults baptized, 50 lost by death and removals.
The value of the churches was $4,000.00. The parsonage was valued at $1,200.00 and other church property valued at $3,000.00.

Rev. Eldridge Kaigler Aiken was sent to the Zebulon Circuit for the years 1893-94-95 and 96. Rev. J. S. Bryan was presiding Elder in 1893, 1894 and 1895. Rev. W. W. Wadsworth in 1896. The preacher’s salary was set at $700.00 but in all four years, the amount collected for all purposes did not come up to the assessments. Rev. Aiken during his pastorate endeavored to establish an Epworth League, but due to the fact that there were so few young people in the church, this was impossible. He reports that the church attendance was good, but that there were no class meetings, and no League, and good Sunday Schools. The same men were stewards in the church with the exception of Dr. C. F. Redding who resigned from stewardship and J. H. Howell was elected in his place. J. H. Howell resigned from the superintendency of the Sunday School and Dr. Redding was elected in his place.

An excursion from Atlanta to Mt. Zion Camp Ground was sponsored by the Zebulon Church in 1893.

Zebulon had a good Missionary Society as well as a Juvenile and a Young Peoples Society.

In 1894 the church adopted the plan suggested by the Annual Conference to assess the membership and appoint collectors to raise the pastor’s salary. The parsonage was
insured for the first time during these years. There were 8 boys and girls attending our church schools. Brother J. S. Pope was delegate to District Conference in 1894.

"We the trustees of the Zebulon church property report that the church property is in normal condition, but a new church building would add to the appearance of the property and to the comfort of the congregation. Value of the property is $800.00". Signed J. W. Ford, C. F. Redding and J. H. Howell.

Evidently in 1895 it was decided to build a new church, for the building was started in 1896, and though no report is made, I am sure that subscriptions and plans were made during the year 1895.

Members received into the church were Mrs. Mattie Green, and others. Members removed by certificate were Mrs. Nancy Slade, Mamie and Will Slade, Mr. & Mrs. P. F. Brown and family and W. B. Ridley. Members who died during these years were Mrs. Milly Beckham, Benjamin Reeves and Thomas Gulpepper. We find in the record book this notation by Rev. Aiken "For convenient reference this record is made".

Consecutive list of trustees of the Mt. Zion Camp Ground from original deed which is dated the 22nd day of January, 1834 viz: John Simmons, James R. Callaway, W. H. Simmons, Robert H. Bonner and George P. Parker. At Second quarterly conference held May 7, 1870, the following were elected as successors of the above: H. E. Williamson,
W. N. Coppedge, G. W. Parker, J. H. Rivers, R. P. Crowder, J. H. Norton and Wm. M. Blanton. Dr. C. F. Redding was elected trustee third quarterly conference in 1881.

At third quarterly conference in 1883, the following were elected and added to the survivors of those elected in 1870: C. H. Dickinson, J. D. Williams, J. W. Williams and W. P. Blanton.

At the second quarterly conference held June 8, 1890, B. N. Miller, W. B. Griffin, Charles P. Daniel and F. M. Scott were elected to fill vacancies in the board of trustees for Mt. Zion Camp Ground property.

At the first quarterly conference held March 3, 1894, J. S. Thompson was elected in place of Isaac W. Williamson.

Rev. E. K. Aiken was born in Jasper County, Georgia, July 7, 1843, son of Charles Patterson and Louisa Elizabeth Geiger Aiken. He was the oldest of twelve children. He was a soldier of the Confederacy, and after returning from the war he studied for the ministry at Oxford and started his preaching career in Jasper County. He was sent by conference to Coweta County where he met and married Melissa Elizabeth Walker, daughter of Samuel and Mary Carmichael Walker. He, as all ministers belonging to the North Georgia Conference, held many charges in the conference. His children were Grace Lee Aiken, Garnett Quillian Aiken, Samuel Patterson Aiken and Lottie Cook Aiken. Grace Aiken met and married William Harris Mitchell in Zebulon. Their children were Lottie E. Mitchell, Robert E. Mitchell, and
William Harris Mitchell, Jr.

Rev. Aiken was superannuated by the conference and lived his remaining days at his home in Kirkwood, Georgia, where he died Sept. 29, 1920. His wife died May 20, 1929.

In 1897 W. W. Wadsworth was Presiding Elder and Rev. James J. Ansley was pastor in charge. The committee on Anthony's Chapel continued work, and the church was finally sold in 1897 for $50,000. This money was deposited to the parsonage fund. J. H. Howell was elected delegate to the district conference. The Women's Missionary Society was reorganized with quite a few new members added. We find that an Epworth League had been organized at Zebulon with fifty members. The foreign missionary society of the Griffin District held their rally at Zebulon church the first Sunday in July.

Zebulon church was built anew during 1896-97, at a cost of about $1,200.00. The Conference Board of Extension paid $267.00 of this amount. It was dedicated clear of debt on Sunday morning, June 13, 1897 by Rev. Warren A. Candler, D. D. - L. L. D., President of Emory University. His text was, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away", Matthew XXIV - 35. Members to join the church were E. W. Dozier, Mary E. Dozier, Mr. & Mrs. G. J. McCoy, J. S. Ford, Maude Head, Walter Beckham and Clifford Foster. Dismissed by letter were J. C. Fincher and Will Slade.
Beginning with the year of 1898 we have the minutes of the Zebulon church, though they were not well kept. We will try to give you just information on our church, and trust that it will be more accurate than the other has been.

Rev. Willard W. Wadsworth continued as Presiding Elder and Rev. M. M. Walraven was sent as pastor in charge. R. Y. Beckham was elected church secretary. C. F. Redding, J. W. Ford and W. F. Jones were elected class leaders. Zebulon had a good Sunday School with 65 members. The Epworth League was reorganized with Alice Purifoy recording secretary. The Missionary Society had 30 members. They helped to support a Bible missionary and helped on the education of a young lady in training school for missionary work. Only one new member was added according to the minutes. This was Etta Vanlandingham.

Rev. W. W. Wadsworth was Presiding Elder and Rev. M. M. Walraven was pastor in 1898. Epworth League sent two delegates to the state conference. One young man was at Emory College this year. Received by certificate were Rev. A. B. Pope, Nell Pope, Neva Walraven, Rev. R. C. Manley, Virginia Manley, Annie Manley, and received from the Congregational church were R. W. Hale, J. A. Hale, W. A. Whatley, J. T. Jones, Ella Jones, H. M. Dunn, M. Dunn, J. H. Dunn, P. H. Graham, W. D. Thurmond, J. W. Means, Ella Means, Fannie Means, A. A. Howell, Mamie Howell, Joseph J. Howard, Mollie Howard and G. B. Ridley. Elijah M. Pope joined on profession of faith. Mrs. L. T. Malair was dis-
missed by letter. Robert Y. Beckham was Sunday School Superintendent.

Rev. Wadsworth remained Presiding Elder and Rev. Walraven was returned to Zebulon charge in 1899. R. Y. Beckham was elected secretary in 1899. Rev. A. B. Pope's paper was read and character passed. The pastor's salary has not been paid in full for a score of years, and the stewards were given lists to collect the amount owing to him. From all accounts, this was paid up. William J. Franklin was elected trustee in place of C. F. Redding.

Dr. C. F. Redding died May 12, 1899. Dr. Redding was one of the staunch members of the church, having been a steward and trustee since joining the church. The pastor states that "the Lord has taken dear Brother Dr. Redding to his own loving embrace". We feel that this was true, for in reading the minutes of the quarterly conferences, we readily see the influence and the good he had done.

In 1899 the Epworth League and the Missionary Societies were not doing well. The League elected R. Y. Beckham, President, Alice Purifoy, First Vice President, Esther Moreland, Second Vice President, Susie Beckham, Third Vice President, and Fannie Means and Harry Martin as Secretaries.

Beginning the year of 1900, Rev. J. E. Bryan was sent to the Griffin District as Presiding Elder and Rev. J. P. Burgess was sent to the Zebulon charge as pastor.
Rev. A. B. Pope was local elder. Rev. Burgess reported that he filled all of his appointments, visited the sick and circulated church literature as much as possible. Rev. A. B. Pope reports that he has two appointments that he has filled regularly. The Sunday School condition is good with about 75 members. J. H. Howell was elected delegate to the District Conference to be held at Thomaston. W. H. Brazier was the alternate. A. B. Pope was elected to the board of trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. S. Pope. Epworth League officers were A. B. Pope, President, Sadie Ford, First Vice President, Kate Purifoy, Second Vice President, Martin Pope, Third Vice President, Emma Fincher Secretary, and Paul Purifoy, Treasurer. Part of the parsonage property was advertised for sale. Rev. Burgess became very sick before quarterly conference June 16, 1900. He never regained his health and died that year. He is buried in the Methodist cemetery. Rev. A. B. Pope supplied as pastor of the Zebulon church. Rev. Pope, W. J. Franklin and J.W. Ford were appointed a committee to draw resolutions upon the death of Rev. Burgess. Received by letter were Eliza Barrett, R. P. Malair and A. H. Reid. Dismissed by letter were P. F. Foster, Robert P., Wiley P., James J., and Clifford Foster. Mrs. J. L. Smith died.

In 1901 Rev. John B. Robins was Presiding Elder of the Griffin District. Rev. C. V. Weathers was pastor. A. B. Pope was local elder and trustee. R. Y. Beckham
was Sunday School Superintendent, church secretary and trustee; J. H. Howell, J. W. Ford, W. J. Franklin, W. T. Fincher, J. W. Means and W. H. Brazier were stewards. Zebulon was assessed $190.00 toward the salaries of the Presiding elder, Bishop and pastor. This was paid. Church extension, American Bible Society, and other church activities seem to play a small part in the pastors reports. Boards were appointed to collect money for general claims of the church. Many members are taking the Advocate. A committee was appointed from the church to assist the Epworth Leagus in the beautification of the church grounds. Members received into the church were Mrs. Fannie B., George P. and Charles V. Weathers, Mrs. L. E. Faris, Miss Sue M. Norman, Marshall A. Norman, Miss Corrie Dozier, Mrs. Gertrude Howell, Nellie and Willard Burgess, James and Loranzo Smith and Jeff D. Williams. Removed by certificate were R. P. Malair, W. D. Berry, Mrs. Linda Berry, T. T. Williams, O. B. Beasley, Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Wells, Rufus H. Green, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Jones, Florence Jones, Cadesman and Earnest Pope and Mrs. Leila Thomas. David and Alice Kendall, Parthenia Green and J. A. Wells died this year.

In the year of 1902 Presiding Elder Robins and Rev. Weathers were returned to the district. G. B. Ridley and W. L. Beckham were added to the trustees and stewards lists. During this year the churches in the charge tried to establish a school at Mt. Zion Camp Ground. A building
committee was appointed to raise money to establish a charter for this school. After they had raised a fair sum of money, the idea was abandoned and the committee was ordered to return the money to the subscribers. Children's Day was planned for May. Members received were Mrs. E. W. Bennett, John Driver, Alvin W. Williams, Martha L. Williams and Herman M. Johnson. Removed by certificate were B. P. Edwards, Mrs. C. D. Edwards, Bussy Conner, J. S. Ford, Mrs. J. P. Burgess, Nellis and Willie Burgess, John W. Reid, Mrs. Martha Wilson, Syrus Wilson, Quincy Pierce, Azman Howell, Mamie Howell, Mrs. Lucy Smith and children, Frank Pierce, H. G. Bowen, Mrs. Mamie Bowen, Lena Bowen, Mrs. Ella Starr. Removed by death were Mrs. Sarah Jane Kendall, W. O. Maddox, J. L. Plummer. Rev. A. B. Pope very ill and died Nov. 21, 1902.

In 1902 the parsonage committee made the following report: "The parsonage is a house of seven rooms. It is a very antiquated establishment. The building has served its day and should be replaced by a new one, excepting the dining and stove rooms which have been built the past few years. The lot upon which the parsonage is built contains two acres and is very convenient. The property is valued at $1,000.00.

In 1903 Rev. W. F. Glenn was Presiding Elder and Rev. C. V. Weathers was returned to Zebulon charge. Rev. Meacham was assistant pastor of the sharge. J. H. Howell, J. W. Ford, W. T. Fincher, E. M. Pope and W. L. Beckham were stewards.
and trustees. G. B. Ridley was Sunday School superintendent. E. M. Pope was Epworth League President. R. Y. Beckham, J. W. Means, W. H. Beckham, G. B. Ridley, M. C. Harrison and W. D. Thurmond were elected class leaders. W. D. Howell was elected delegate to District conference. J. H. Howell was authorized to employ Jack Blasingame as janitor at the price of $2.50 for the winter months and $2.00 for the summer months. Dr. W. F. Glenn, the Presiding Elder conducted services on Feb. 1, 1903.
The Sunday School had a membership of 50 with an average attendance of 30 each Sunday. Henry O. Farr was received by certificate. Those removed by certificate were: Marshall A. Norman, Mrs. Mattie Norman, Mrs. A. B. Pope, Helen Pope, R. J. Pirkle and Paul Purifoy.

On June 23, 1903, the Board of Trustees of the Jeff Davis Institute (now Zebulon High School*) sold to the trustees of the Griffin District of the North Georgia Conference the school known as the Jeff Davis Institute to maintain a Methodist Church School in Zebulon, known as the Griffin District Institute. This was to be patterned after other schools that had sprung up over the state under the Methodist Conference.

Dr. Glenn returned to the District as Presiding Elder in 1904, and the conference sent to the Zebulon charge Rev. E. A. Gray. Rev. Gray did not keep a very good set of books for our records, so we do not have much information regarding this year.
The parsonage committee reported that the parsonage was in need of repairs and suggested that part of the parsonage lot be sold and the proceeds be used for much needed repair. This report was signed by J. W. Ford, E. M. Pope and H. L. Green. W. J. Franklin was elected delegate to the District Conference. There were two students in college from the church. George Weathers was attending Georgia Tech and Mary Sue Beckham was at Wesleyan in Macon.

Examination of the records of the Zebulon church book showed them neatly kept, but not a single record of infant baptism or marriage recorded in the book. Members removed by certificates were Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Elliott, Misses Willie and Trumie Elliott, Brother and Sister Pennington, W. J. Cook, Fannie Cook, Florrie Elliott and Herman Fincher. Members received were Rev. D. W. Smith; Henry G., N. R., Lena, Ella and Willie Bowen; Rev. C. W. Clegg and wife. Mrs. W. T. Fincher died Jan. 29, 1904.

Dr. W. F. Glenn was still Presiding Elder in 1905. Rev. T. S. Edwards was pastor of the Zebulon charge. H. L. Green was added to the board of stewards. Rev. D. W. Smith and Rev. C. W. Clegg were local preachers. The Sunday School was not well attended at the first of the year, but membership and attendance increased toward the last of the year. The Epworth League had ceased to function. Special services were conducted at Zebulon for ten days. Several
were reclaimed and there was one conversion. Members received on application were: Wilbur Harrison, Laurence Dozier, Sara Howard. Received by certificate were Mrs. M. V. Edwards, Brittian O. Kate, Lora Edwards, Mrs. Minerva Pope, Robert Allums, W. J. Cook, Frances Cook. Members withdrawn were Jennie Lou Bowen and J. L. Smith. Sara Allen died during the year. Robert Allums was recommended for license to exhort by the church conference. This was granted. This year Mt. Zion was removed from the Zebulon Circuit and placed on the Griffin Circuit. This of course caused a division of property. Mt. Zion had a claim on the parsonage in Zebulon, and the Zebulon circuit had a claim on the Mt. Zion Camp Ground. Both had helped to support the two places. However, Dr. J. C. Beauchamp was named arbiter by the conference to adjust the claim of the Mt. Zion church, now of the Griffin circuit, formerly of the Zebulon circuit, for their portion of the parsonage property. The amount of claim agreed to was $66.00. This was apportioned to each church in the present Zebulon circuit. Rev. C. V. Weathers remained in the county a few years after he was pastor of the Zebulon circuit.

In 1906 Dr. W. F. Glenn was Presiding Elder and Rev. F. W. McClesky was pastor. Rev. D. W. Smith and Rev. C. W. Clegg were local pastors. Professor W. G. Brown was Sunday School Superintendent. He was also one of the professors at the Griffin District Institute. The same board of stewards were elected.
Quoting Rev. McClesky:

"My Dear Brethren:

In the mercy of God, my family and myself arrived here safely. We are delighted with Zebulon and we are so anxious for a bright peaceful and successful year. To consummate this grand end, do help us. I found the circuit somewhat cold spiritually, but thank God! I found on the other hand some of the most gentle and cultured, some of the most pious people I have ever met in my life." This is part of his report in the quarterly conference record. If you wish to finish reading what he has to say, you will find the book at the parsonage.

Rev. McClesky conducted a spring revival, and to quote him again, "I preached nothing but the old time unchangeable, eternal gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ". 21 persons joined on profession of faith.

Received into the church during the year were:
Mrs. Mattie L. Means, Mrs. W. S. Slade, Mattie Lou Slade, Essie and Estelle Ballard, Lida Franklin, Clara Dozier, Mary Lou Dozier, Ernest Sullivan, Mrs. George Simmons, Jr., Plumie Williams, Ruth Howard, Lizzie Williams, Joseph H. Means, Henry Williams, Pearl Means, Thurmond Harrison, Otis Buchanan, Lucille Harrison, Joseph Buchanan, Myrtis and Nell Harrison, Mrs. S. E. McClesky, Nellie B. McClesky, Pleasant Johnson, Kate B. Johnson, Lois K. Johnson, Julia C. Johnson, Douglas W. Johnson, Mrs. Mary P. Moreland, Miss S. E. Moreland, Maude George, Frank Wells, Kate Bowen
and Nina Bowen. Removed by certificate were Mrs. Ella Jones, Rev. C. V. Weathers, Mrs. Fannie B. Weathers, George P. Weathers, R. H. Foreman, R. L. Foreman, Mrs. A. M. Foreman, R. A. Allums, Rev. D. W. Smith, Mrs. Grace Mitchell. Miss Mary Lou Beckham graduated at Wesleyan this year and Walter Beckham is attending Emory University. Wilbur L. Harrison was recommended to District conference to be licensed to preach. Professor Brown and Mrs. Mollie Howard died during the year. Zebulon church had 131 members in 1906. Rev. R. A. Edmondson preached at the second quarterly conference. Rev. J. O. Watts conducted services at the third quarterly conference. Resolutions expressing regret over the removing by the conference of Dr. W. F. Glenn, Presiding Elder of the Griffin District were written and presented to Dr. Glenn.

Rev. W. H. Speer was pastor for the four years 1907-08-09-10. Rev. Joel T. Daves was Presiding Elder in 1907 and Rev. J. H. Eakes in 1908-09-10. Rev. C. W. Clegg was local pastor. J. H. Howell was delegate to District Conference in 1907; M. G. Harrison was delegate to District Conference held at Fayetteville in 1908; W. J. Franklin was delegate in 1909, and he and J. H. Howell were delegates to Senoia in 1910. Dr. Daves, the Presiding Elder preached at Zebulon on Jan. 26, 1907. This year a church conference was called and a committee appointed composed of M. G. Harrison, E. M. Pope, G. B. Ridley, W. J. Franklin and J. H. Howell to take steps and raise money to repaint the church on the outside and whitewash it on the inside.
R. Y. Beckham was secretary and W. H. Brazier was treasurer of the church. There were about 150 pupils attending the Griffin District Institute. Church meeting days were changed from the 2nd and 4th Sundays to the 1st and 3rd Sundays to accommodate our brethren of the Baptist Church. All of the old lamps that had been set aside in the church were sold to Smith's Chapel for $10.00.

Members received into the church during Rev. W. H. Speer's pastorate were: Mrs. W. H. Speer, Miss Dora Speer, Dr. A. M. Jameson, Mrs. Nettie Jameson, Carrie Lou Jameson, Ralph Jameson, Lou Kendall, Mrs. Julia Matthews, Mrs. Sallie T. Waller, J. T. Waller, W. E. Waller, Mrs. W. T. Lifsey, Mrs. Willie Lifsey Hancock, Misses Hancock, C. P. Hancock, Mrs. Mary Childs, Miss Mignon Lundquest, Miss Mabry Arnold, Wm. J. Slade, Mrs. Nannie Slade, Wm. B. Merritt, Mrs. Kate Merritt, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Edgeworth, Mary E. Harrison, Robert Trice, Merrell Means, Rev. & Mrs. George Rosser, A. A. Howell, Mrs. Mamie Howell, W. L. Beckham, Mrs. W. L. Beckham, William Anderson, Mrs. Mary N. Anderson, Inez Anderson. Members dismissed by certificate were: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bowen, Lena, Ella, Maude, Grady, Olin and Florence Bowen, Mrs. W. F. McClesky and Nellie Bird McClesky. Mrs. Fox, the mother of Rev. William C. Fox, died.

A revival was held in Zebulon in 1910 and 13 members were received. These were not named, but others who joined by certificate were Mrs. Lenora Massey, Mrs. Fannie Jones Banks, W. O. Miller and Mrs. Annie Miller. Dismissed were Mrs. Ida Wells and Frank Wells. Brother Andrews Post was recommended to the District Conference in 1908.

During these years the reports on the church and prayer meetings were very favorable, and it seems that all obligations were paid from our church. In 1910 Rev. G. E. Rosser resigned as Sunday School Superintendent and E. M. Pope was elected. Mrs. Mary Childs died after 70 years of membership in the Methodist Church. Miss Mary Annie Howell was received into the church. Dismissed by certificate were Rev. W. L. Harrison and Wm. T. Fincher.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas:, Under the law of our church, it is necessary that Brother Speer be sent to other fields of labor at the coming Annual Conference: Be it resolved: That we express our sincere appreciation of his labor for four years among us. We cheerfully testify to his faithfulness as a preacher and pastor, to his consecration to the work of the Master and that our prayers and best wishes go with him wherever he may go. Signed by Dr. J. C. Beauchamp, G. B. Ridley, J. F. Nipper and J. T. Fossett.
Dr. James H. Eakes was Presiding Elder in 1911, and Dr. C. P. Marchman was pastor in charge. Rev. J. R. Speer was assistant pastor, E. M. Pope was Sunday School superintendent and stewards were J. H. Howell, G. B. Ridley, W. J. Franklin, E. M. Pope, A. A. Howell, M. G. Harrison, R. Y. Beckham was church secretary and G. B. Ridley was class leader. The pastor's salary was $800.00 and $70.00 was paid the assistant pastor. During the year Eugene Callaway was elected steward. Rev. J. H. Eakes preached at Zebulon on March 6, 1911.

A resolution was offered and passed that the following committee: J. W. Means, W. J. Franklin, A. A. Howell, E. M. Pope, G. B. Ridley and Rev. Marchman, were authorized to sell 220 feet from the front of the parsonage property, including the house, at such a price as they would deem fair and reasonable, and proceeds to go toward building a new parsonage.

Members received this year were F. L. Adams, Mr. & Mrs. O. C. Bell, Eula Reid, Mrs. J. R. Bennett and Carrie Bennett, and Jere A. Wells. Dismissed was Mrs. Julia Matthews. Miss Essie Ballard died.

Rev. Fletcher Walter, D. D., was Presiding Elder in 1912 and Rev. John R. Jones was pastor in charge. Jere A. Wells was local pastor. A. A. Howell was church leader and W. J. Franklin was delegate to District Conference. Rev. Walton, Presiding Elder, preached March 4, 1912.
Rev. Jones reports that there is no Epworth League in Zebulon, but that the Sunday School is doing a fine work under the leadership of E. M. Pope. A Cradle Roll had been started, and the married men were taking quite an interest in the Sunday School. Children's Day was observed, and the young people and children have been organized into Missionary Societies and are doing well.

The following resolution was offered and passed:
Whereas, the parsonage on the Zebulon Charge is not a desirable habitation for a preacher and his family,
Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the committee elected at the quarterly conference of the first quarter in 1911 be dissolved and a new committee be elected consisting of the local board, J. W. Means, W. J. Franklin, G. B. Ridley, and A. A. Howell, to secure bids and make sale of such parsonage property as needed and to rebuild the parsonage.

Lida Franklin, Irma Means and Bertilie Jones are attending Wesleyan College in Macon, and Walter Beckham is attending Harvard University. There are 27 children attending the Griffin District Institute.

Members received by letter were Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Means, Lucy Means and Irma Means, Mrs. Minnie Garrett and Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Adams. Removed to other churches: Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Carrie Bennett, Eugene Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Trice, Ralph Trice, Mrs. A. E. Green and J. T. Waller.
Rev. W. S. Branham was sent to Zebulon in 1913 and Rev. Fletcher Walton remained as Presiding Elder of the Griffin District. Rev. Branham with the aid of the Sunday School Superintendent E. M. Pope, organized a teacher training class in Zebulon with 12 members. This did good work during the year and helped teachers of the Sunday School give greater instructions to the children in their charge.

The revival held in Zebulon with Professor Charles Lane of Rheinhart College assisting was a great success and Rev. Branham states that 6 out of 8 children joining the church were from the Sunday Schools, and that the Sunday Schools were directly responsible for the conversion of children, and trained them in the way of life of the church. $50.00 was raised at Zebulon while Brother Lane was here, to help Rheinhart College.

The committee appointed in 1912 to dispose of the parsonage property had not been idle for they sold to G. B. Ridley the old parsonage with 220 foot front for $1,600.00, and proposed to sell him 20 feet more on Church Street (now Meansville Street), with 28 ft. front on Thomaston Street for $100.00, and that this sum was to be used to finish the new parsonage that had cost $2,000.00 to build.

Rev. Branham states that there is NO CHURCH ROLL. Members received into the church by baptism were Isham Clark
Harrison, James Harris Howell, William Dean Howell, Douglas Head, Horace Wells, Walter Redding Green. By vows were William Jesse Franklin, Jr., Herman Alonza Achord, Mrs. M. M. Head and Mrs. F. B. Brown. By certificate Brodie Milam, M. M. Head, Holland Hammond, H. O. Farr. Dismissed by certificate were Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Merritt, J. T. Fincher, Mrs. Claudia Fincher, Miss May Fincher, Mrs. Sarah F. Waller, Mrs. Pearl E. Smith. Lost by death, H. P. Wells. Merrell Means and William Bell are attending Gordon Institute and Walter Beckham is still at Harvard.

The Missionary Society, led by their able President, Mrs. W. J. Franklin, is doing as well as any in the conference. This was attributed to the diligent work of Mrs. Franklin who had been President for several years.

Of the year 1914 we find no record whatsoever, but we do know that Rev. Fletcher Walton was still Presiding Elder and Rev. J. W. King was pastor. The board of stewards was composed of W. J. Franklin, J. M. Means, E. M. Pope, A. A. Howell and M. M. Head.

During the year 1915, Rev. Fletcher Walton was again Presiding Elder and Rev. J. W. King was pastor. J. M. Means was delegate to District Conference. E. M. Pope was Sunday School Superintendent. Rev. Richard W. Rogers was a local pastor. He preached at two churches once a month which helped out very much be giving the congregations more pastoral instruction.
The Sunday School has 9 officers and teachers, 80 members, 24 in the home department and 19 in the cradle roll. Graded literature was put in the school this year. Children's Day has been observed and the Sunday School Advisory Board appointed consisted of F. L. Adams, W. D. Howell and M. G. Harrison. Zebulon had a revival starting April 26, 1915, with Rev. J. E. England of Jonesboro, conducting the services. G. B. Ridley was elected charge lay leader and M. G. Harrison was elected lay leader of the Zebulon Church.

Members transferring from the Fincher Church were Sam A. Howell, Annie Howell, Jessie Howell. Received from the Baptist church, Mrs. G. B. Ridley. Received by certificate, Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Edwards, and by infant baptism, Frank L. Adams, Jr.

Miss Annie Howell and Miss Lida Franklin are attending Wesleyan College.

Members lost by death this year were Mrs. Frances Howell, Mrs. H. L. Green, Mrs. Mary F. Beckham and J. S. Rucker. Resolutions of appreciation and love for Rev. Fletcher Walton, Presiding Elder, for his work with us for the past four years were adopted and inscribed into the minutes.

Rev. J. W. King was returned to the Zebulon circuit in 1916 and Dr. W. L. Pierce was Presiding Elder. Dr. Pierce preached at the church services Jan. 30, 1916.
Visiting preachers were Dr. Cadesman Pope of the Arkansas Conference, Rev. R. W. Rogers of the Milner church, and Rev. T. L. Bussey, a local pastor who did most of his preaching at Hollowville. Rev. W. T. Irwin of the Griffin church visited with the quarterly conference when they met at Fincher's. J. M. Means was a delegate to District Conference. The Sunday School had increased their membership during the year until they had 155 members. A workers council had been organized and the teacher training class was still functioning. The church enrollment was 145.

The Zebulon revival started April 26th with Rev. H. S. Smith conducting the services.

During this year four Sunday School rooms were built on to the Methodist church, which helped the classes very much.

Received by certificate were Mrs. Mattie Scott, Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick, J. F. Howard and Mrs. Mamie Howard. Sarah M. Ridley (infant) was baptized. Members dismissed were Mr. & Mrs. O. C. Bell and William Bell. Members who have gone to their heavenly reward were R. Y. Beckham, E. M. Slade, W. J. Barrett and J. H. Means. While some of these were members of other churches, I deem it proper to include their names in this history.

The trustees of the church were J. W. Means, J. W. Ford and M. G. Harrison. They report that $450.00 had been
spent on the church and the value of the church was $2,500.00, there was no insurance and no indebtedness. The trustees of the parsonage were the same with others from other churches in the charge added to them. They report the value of the property to be $2,500.00, indebtedness $67.20, and insurance $1,000.00.

W. J. Franklin, J. W. Ford and J. M. Means were among the trustees of the Bluff Springs Camp Ground. They report 56 acres of land, one large arbor, about 15 tents, $50.00 spent, and value of property $3,000.00, with no insurance, no indebtedness, and the deed is in fee simple.

The following is a report from the committee on the church register at Zebulon: We, your committee appointed to examine the church register and church conference records for the Zebulon church beg leave to submit the following report: We find two registers of names dating back to 1897, but find no names of ones who died before that date. So from this date the register is well kept so far as getting the names, but dates of reception or disposals are for the most part blank. There is a record of church conference and it had been well kept until the health of the secretary, R. Y. Beckham, failed so that he could no longer perform the duties, and this reporter would here and now pay a tribute to this good man gone from us. In as much as it is a desirable thing to be able to trace for generations back, the church history of families, and
is as much as our record is so incomplete, we recommend that a committee of three or five men be appointed from the church with instructions to secure a book of sufficient size, and getting the information from any source possible, write or re-write a church register, going back to the organization of the Zebulon Church.

Respectfully submitted,

August 5, 1916

M. G. Harrison, Com.

In 1917, D. W. L. Pierce was Presiding Elder and Rev. E. P. Eubanks was the pastor of the circuit. Rev. Eubanks states that the general state of the church was above the average. During the year Rev. Eubanks was very sick and Rev. R. W. Rogers supplied for him. W. J. Franklin was elected delegate to the District Conference. J. M. Means was elected trustee of the church and W. D. Howell elected trustee of the parsonage and Camp Ground in place of J. W. Means, deceased.

Mr. J. W. Ford died this year and E. M. Pope and M. G. Harrison were elected as trustee and steward to succeed him. During the revival there were six additions to the church: J. W. McGourick, Frances Green, Catherine Pope, Martha Slade, Nina Mae Dunbar and Spencer Means. Other additions were Mrs. E. P. Eubanks, Ruth Eubanks, Marvin Dunbar, Laura Chapman, Mary Franklin, Martha Fincher and the following transferred to the church: Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Pierce, Earl Franklin Pierce, Willie Pearl Pierce, Charles Alexander Pierce and Ewell Stroud Pierce. Two infants were baptized: John Neal and Frank Harp. Several of the above members transferred later in the year.
These were Martha Fincher, Laura Chapman, Mary Franklin and Mary Green. Mary Harrison and Ella Howell were attending Wesleyan and Thurman Harrison was at the State University. E. M. Pope was Sunday School Superintendent; W. J. Franklin was charge lay leader and W. M. Caldwell was church lay leader. Dr. W. L. Pierce was again Presiding Elder in 1918, but the Conference sent to our charge Rev. Arthur Maness.

The preachers salary was increased to $1,000.00 per year. A collection was taken for the two Y. M. C. A. workers of our own conference who were working in army camps. These two men were Rev. Nath Thompson and Charlie Bass, and they were entirely supported by our own conference. The ladies of the church met each week and attended Red Cross Sewing Room.

There was no Epworth League this year, but the Sunday School under the supervision of E. M. Pope was doing splendid work, and the average prayer meeting attendance was 25.

All assessments were paid on both foreign and domestic missions. The church was assessed for all benevolences $318.25, but paid $368.15.

Rev. Maness was to ask Bro. W. D. Dillard, our field worker, to come and hold Sunday Institute probably in July. No record is found as to whether this Institute was held. W. M. Caldwell was delegate to the District Conference.

Members received this year were: Mrs. Arthur Maness, J. G. Shehee, Mrs. J. A. Smith, E. W. Elder, Mrs. J. N. Mangham, John Hapr, R. L. Culbreth, Marvin N. Head, John Buchanan, Fred Franklin and Lorena Weaver.
Members removed by certificate: Mrs. Fannie Pearl Eubanks, Ruth Eubanks, A. A. Howell, Mrs. A. A. Howell, Miss Annie and Ila Howell, Fred Franklin, Mildred Howell, Lillian Thurman, Mrs. C. B. Schell and Kate Ward. Howard C. Harrison was lost by death.

Both Rev. Pierce and Rev. Maness were returned to Zebulon in 1919. The stewards were W. J. Franklin, J. M. Means, M. G. Harrison, W. D. Howell and E. M. Pope. W. M. Caldwell was Sunday School Superintendent.

Rev. Maness reports that due to the inclement weather, the Sunday Schools were not well attended the first part of the year, but that as spring opened up the attendance improved and that the interest in Sunday School was increased. Mr. Caldwell, the superintendent reports 100 members, that they held during the year Promotion Day, Rally Day and Orphans Home Day. A Sunday School Convention was held at Finchers on April 16-17.

The ladies Missionary Society and the Junior Missionary Society were doing very well. L. H. Rawls and W. D. Howell were elected to go to District Conference. Zebulon was assessed $705.00 for salaries, $425.58 for benevolences and the Centenary Fund was $88.00. All of these were paid and the Centenary Fund was increased to $120.00.

Members attending our church schools were Walter Green, Thurman Harrison, Mary Harrison, Leah Hartley and Madde Beckham.

In his report Bro. Maness praised the Zebulon people for
their help and kindness to him and his family during their siege of sickness. Also included in the minutes of Quarterly Conference was a Resolution thanking Dr. Pierce for his work and leadership in the charge during his four years as Presiding Elder.

Received into the church were: Anna Cathryn and Elizabeth L. Maness, W. M. Caldwell, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Pierce, Abe, Marvin and Thad Ballard, William Howard Means, Mary Ballard, Allie Mangham, Willie May Mangham, Evelyn Slade, Walter Allen, Sarah Anice Beckham, Frank Adams. Infant Charles Lee Adams was baptized. Members removed by certificate were Mrs. S. R. Green and Frances Green and Quillian Brown.

Rev. Luke G. Johnson was Presiding Elder in 1920 with Rev. J. D. Milton pastor of the church. W. J. Franklin was elected Sunday School Superintendent. W. M. Caldwell was lay leader of the Zebulon charge and E. M. Pope was delegate to District Conference.

Camp meeting started the Second Sunday in August at Bluff Springs Camp Ground.

From the pastors report, the church, Sunday school, missionary societies and prayer meetings were doing well and all assessments were paid.

Members received into the church: Mrs. J. D. Milton; Mattie, Mabel, John D, and Charlie Milton; Mrs. Eunice Allen; W. M. Marsh; Mrs. Pauline Marsh; Venie Corley; Mrs. Mildred Harrison; W. F. Harrison; Burrel Banks; R. O. Brannen; Mrs B. W. Ware; B. W. Ware.
One infant, James Marvin Cannafax, was baptized. Removed by certificate: Mrs. Arthur Maness; Kathryn and Elizabeth Maness; Mrs. Sallie Holmes; M. I. Moreland and Glenn Shehee. J. W. Harrison removed by death.

In 1921 Rev. D. S. Patterson was pastor and Rev. Johnson was Presiding Elder. E. M. Pope was Sunday School Superintendent and delegate to District Conference.

At the first Quarterly Conference Rev. Cadesman Pope addressed the conference.

Mrs. W. J. Franklin, the President of the Missionary Society, reports 31 members that are doing excellent work, all assessments have been raised and the society sent a delegate to the District Meeting held at Jackson, Ga., and the Parsonage Aid Society had 33 members this year.

W. J. Franklin resigned as trustee of the parsonage and W. S. Slade was elected in his place.

Members received into the church were Mrs. D. S. Patterson; Milton and Beatrice Patterson; Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Wood; Mr. & Mrs. J. W. King; Theresa Stubbs; George Jackson Banks; Annie Garrett; Mary E. Rawls; E. M. Pope, Jr.; James J. Cannafax; and Fannie Lizzie Adams. Removed by certificate: H. O. Farr; Mrs. Mary L. Buchanan; Edna Louise Kimbal and HArris Kimbal.

Rev. Adrian Warwick came to Zebulon in 1922 as pastor in charge of the circuit. He could not get around very early in the year due to inclement weather, but managed to make all his
churches. He reports that the churches were in good spiritual
ccondition, though the members could attend prayer meeting more
regularly. Attendance at church was gratifying. Sunday Schhol
membership increased from 163 to 172 and Sunday Schhol Day
was observed.

M. G. Harrison died and J. S. Slade was elected as trustee
of the Camp Ground and J. W. Storey was elected trustee of the
church in place of Mr. Harrison. M. M. Head and H. L. Green
were elected stewards.

Members received into the church were Mrs. Adrian Warwick;
Jewel, Adrian, Jr., Marion and Margaret Warwick; Thomas Storey;
Thelma Slade; Billy Beckham and Jack Beckham. Removed by
certificate: Mr. & Mrs. J. W. King; Miss Theresa Stubbs; W. R.
Green; W. M. Caldwell; Mrs. J. M. Means and Mrs. McGhee.

Mrs. W. J. Franklin reports that one of the best Missionary
Society members, Mrs. R. W. Rogers, with two other good ladies,
had removed from the city and would be missed very much in all
activities of the church and town.

Rev. Luke G. Johnson, presiding elder of the Griffin District,
preached at Quarterly Conference held at Zebulon on Feb. 3, 1923.
Rev. R. E. Rutland was pastor, E. M. Pope was Sunday School
Superintendent, J. M. Means was District Steward and Frank L.
Adams was Lay Leader. Stewards were: E. M. Pope, Mrs. S. G. Pope,

More stress was laid upon the collection of the Centenary Bund
than any other church assessment this year. The amount assessed
was raised, as well as all other claims. The pastors salary was $1,300.00 of which Zebulon paid $779.00.

Received into the church were Mrs. E. E. Rutland; Mrs. W. B. Merritt; Professor and Mrs. H. A. Maxey; Miss Alice Shiler; Walter Lee Dunbar; Jones Elliott and Joel Beckham. Removed by certificate were Mrs. Mary E. Harrison; Thurman Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael. Mrs. Eliza Means; Jim Gordy and J. W. Ballard died this year.

Rev. J. H. Eakes was sent to the Griffin District as Presiding Elder in 1924 and Rev. R. E. Rutland was returned to Zebulon. The same board of Stewards were elected and E. M. Pope was Sunday School Superintendent. Membership of the school was 156. Ganelle Corley was president of the Senior League.

Received into the church were: D. S. Allen; Joe Cannafax; Willie Lou Corley; Elwood Corley; Elwood Culbreth; Mary Ruth Mangham; J. R. Mangham; Walton Mangham; Myrle Rawls; Eloise Harrison; Margaret Howard; Sarah Ridley; Roy Ben Ridley. Removed by certificate were Miss Alice Shider and Mrs. Nell Harrison Williams.

During the years 1925, 1926 and 1927, Rev. J. S. Thrailkill was pastor. E. M. Pope was District Steward, F. L. Adams was District Lay Leader and Charge Lay Leader. T. C. Ballard was added to the Board of Stewards. The Epworth League that had been organized in 1924 was doing splendid work under the guidance of their capable leader, Ganelle Corley. All four departments were well organized and there were 37 active members and 12 honorary members. Misses Elizabeth and Venie Corley in 1926-27
assisted by Mrs. J. M. Means helped increase the membership of the League to 38 active members and 18 honorary members.

The Sunday School was also progressing. The Mens Bible Class had 30 members and the school had 147 members with 8 officers and teachers.

Received into the church in 1925 were Mr. & Mrs. C. O. Cannafax; Lorice and Lucile Cannafax; J. E. Rivers; Mrs. Mary Kersey; Mrs. Willie Ballard and Florence Ridley. Received in 1926 were Edith and William Howell; Carl and Talmadge Allen; Mrs. Birdie Grant; Ralph Melton; Charles and Mary Lou Adams; Perla Lifsey Hall; Louise and Neal Garrett; Hazel Storey; Henrietta Green; Candler Williamson; Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Battle; Buford D. Battle; William C. Battle, and received in 1927 were Betty Jean Pieratt and Annie Sue Milner. Miss Lida Franklin transferred her membership to a mission in Mexico where she had gone to teach.

Rev. Thrailkill reports; "The spiritual condition of the church as fairly good, but they do not seem to be bubbling over with religious fervor."

Rev. Twiggs remained as Presiding Elder in 1928, 1929, and 1930, being succeeded by Rev. W. L. Durin in 1931. Rev. G. H. Bailey was pastor during the years 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1931. During his tenure the following served as Stewards: E. M. Pope; J. M. Means; M. M. Head; H. L. Green; B. H. Hale; R. C. Johnson; W. D. Howell; C. O. Cannafax; L. H. Rawls; J. W. Storey; W. J. Franklin; L. H. Battle, and Miss Kathryn Pope was recording secretary.
Misses Venie Corley, Mary Rawls and Edna Buchanan served as Epworth League Presidents. Miss Lida Franklin was Director of the Golden Cross Society. Mrs. F. L. Adams and Mrs. C. O. Cannafax were presidents of the Missionary Societies. E. M. Pope was Sunday School Superintendent. B. H. Hale was elected Camp Ground trustee in place of J. H. Holsey, deceased.

The Griffin District Epworth League met in September and was sponsored by the Zebulon League. Zebulon had won the Efficiency Banner five times in 1928. Three delegates were sent to Oxford to League Assembly and the Zebulon League sponsored a League at Williamson.

A Board of Lay Activities was organized in 1929 and a religious survey was planned.

Received into the church during these years were: Mrs. R. A. Yeager; Preston Yeager; Mrs. G. H. Bailey; Wesley and David Bailey; Gussie Mae Howell; Elizabeth Mangham; Grace Hartley; Mrs. J. E. Bowen; Edna and Willie Bowen; Helen Dunbar; Hazel Ballard; Edna and William Buchanan; Mrs. Julius McGee; Rebecca and Dorothy Corley; Betty, Virginia and Hugh Williams; Miriam Rogers; Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Fargason; Mr. & Mrs. Olie Buchanan; Mrs. W. C. Campbell; Elma Howard; Frank Yeager; Carolyn Gilbert; Eugenia Bailey; William Allen; Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Marsh; Mrs. Grover Hooten; W. J. Barrett; Edith Harrison; Kathryn Milner; Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Sullivan; Erma and Annie Sullivan; Jack Majors; Mrs. Fannie Majors; William Majors; Marguerite Caldwell; Florine Watson; Ruth Pierce and Vera Mae Rawlins. Dismissed by death: Mrs. J. J. Harrison; Mrs. Mary Moreland; Mrs. M. R. Green; Mrs. Annie Dumbar;
Rev. Bailey reports: "We are living below our privilege in spiritual things and not as far up the way as we should be; yet we believe that there is an upward look."

Rev. W. T. Hunnicut was Presiding Elder and Rev. G. C. Burtz was pastor of the Zebulon church for the years 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1935. The official roll is missing in the record books, but as near as can be ascertained, the following were among the church officers for these years:


A revival was held each year with good results. The pastors assisting with these revivals were C. L. Middlebrooks and R. P. Etheridge. Rev. P. H. Stokes was a visitor at one of the Quarterly conferences.

The Epworth League was not doing so well, so it was reorganized with Leo Burta as President.
Roy Ben Ridley who is one of our members feels that he is called to preach and at present time he is attending Bob Jones College.

All departments of the church are doing a very good work and it is hoped they will continue.

The following united with the church during these years:
Mr. & Mrs. Roy A. Lifsey; Martha Lifsey; Mrs. Laura Wells; Lula Grant Mangham; Frank and Nathan Harrison; Càaire Harrison; E. R. Mangham; Ellen Means; Elizabeth and Sarah Buchanan; Roy Lifsey; Pope Banks; Jeanette Rawlins; Louise Smith; J. W. Smith; Mrs. V. J. Grubbs; Mrs. D. B. Rawlins; Milton Hale; W. F. Childs; Willie Harp; Sara Ellis; Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Porter; W. P. Lovett; Mrs. Weyman Slade; Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Colwell; J. C. Colwell, Jr.; Charles Colwell; Mrs. W. P. Lovett; Mrs. G. C. Burtz, Bessie Ruth, Leo and Ollie Burtz; Mr. & Mrs. Pearl Boyer; Irving Battle; Mildred Dozier; E. L. Dozier; Hartford and Rufus Green; Helen Majors; Ethel Mangham; Fay Mangham; Ruth Storey; Pierre Sullivan; Mollie Thompson; O. J. Cannafax; Mrs. Evelyn B. Cannafax; Rosalind Bransford; J. M. Bransford; John Neil Harp; Calvin Williams; Mr. & Mrs. M. N. Head.

Dismissed by certificate: Mr. & Mrs. G. H. Bailey and family; Lyndon and Any Becklema; Kathryn Pope Mitchell; Joel Beckham; May Sims; Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Battle; Buford, William and Irving Battle; Mrs. T. A. J. Majors; Jack, William, Helen and Virginia Majors, Lorice Cannafax, Elma Howard, Ruth Pierce Haisten.

Dismissed by death: Mrs. W. D. Berry, Mrs. Sadie Beckham,

Camp Meeting held at Bluff Springs each year and very inspiring messages were heard.

Bessie Ruth Burtz attending LaGrange College.


Camp meeting was held at Bluff Springs Camp Ground each year with good attendance and several conversions. These years the Daily Vacation Bible School was held in conjunction with the Baptist church with about 100 attending and much progress made in Christian education. Roy Ben Ridley was recommended to the District Conference to preach. He was accepted and he is continuing his studies at Asbury College.

A choir loft has been built in the Zebulon Church which has added materially to the attractiveness of the interior of the church. This was done through the Missionary Society which has been active and has 21 regular members.
Received into the church were: Mrs. J. J. M. Mize; Sara Gray Mize; James Means; Gene Carter; Mrs. Julius McGee; Mary Pauline McGee; Mrs. W. J. Franklin, Jr.; Thomas Storey; Mary Banks; Mrs. J. E. Manoe; Edward Manoe; Joseph Manoe; Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Preston; Marvin Cannafax; Nell Moorehead; Elma Howard; M. M. Head.

Dismissed by certificate: Rev. & Mrs. G. C. Burtz and family; Sara Ellis, Sara Ridley; Thomas Storey; Mr. & Mrs. W. O. Buchanan; Mary Rawls Ivy; Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Lovett; Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Porter; Mrs. W. H. Brazier; John A. Corley; W. M. Hartley, Jr.; W. D. Howell.

The parsonage was repaired in 1937.

J. W. Storey was Sunday School Superintendent and E. M. Pope was head of the adult division. Mrs. J. W. Slade and Mrs. J. M. Means were head of the young peoples division and Mrs. Mize and Miss Lida Franklin were head of the childrens division.

Rev. C. B. Drake was pastor in 1938 and Rev. Twiggs was Presiding Elder. C. W. Preston and Howard Means were added to the board of stewards. Camp Meeting, Vacation Bible School, Revival Meeting were all well attended. Epworth League was reorganized in Jan. 9, 1938, with Miss Carolyn Gilbert as President. Zebulon church has never had a great many young people and this has made it very hard to maintain interest in the League. Prayer Meetings have not been mentioned to a great extent and it seems that the majority of the pastors did not stress weekly prayer meetings, or at least we do not find records of activity in this field.

Received into the church: Mrs. C. B. Drake; Mrs. J. M. Bush; Mr. & Mrs. Glen Smith; Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Barrett, Jr.
and Beverly Drake. Dismissed by death, R. W. Hale.

Rev. Wilson J. Culpepper came into the pastorate in 1939 with a new presiding elder, Rev. R. L. Russell. Rev. John F. Yarbrough acted as presiding elder for the third quarter in place of Dr. Russell. The same board of Stewards, trustees and church officers were retained. However some new boards were created. These were Auditing committee: C. W. Preston; Chairman of Missionary committee: Miss Lida Franklin; Chairman Board of Christian Education: J. W. Storey. Charles Adams and W. M. Caldwell were elected as additional stewards. A Circle Number Two of the Womans Society of Christian Service was organized by the women of the church.

The parsonage was painted inside which helped very much as it had been some time since any painting had been done.

Received into the church, Mrs. R. C. Johnson and her daughters, Misses Celeste and Virginia Johnson. Removed by death, Mrs. E. M. Pope, William D. Berry and Joe Cannafax.

The following Missionary Committee was appointed: Mrs. J. W. Storey, Mrs. Howard Means, Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Miss Carolyn Gilbert, Mrs. W. J. Franklin, Jr., and Mrs. Ruth Bush. Mrs. W. J. Barrett, Jr. was Golden Cross Director.

The people of the church and community were very sorry that Mr. & Mrs. Culpepper could not remain as pastor any longer.

The books at the parsonage have been the source of a great deal of this history and I find that they have been fairly well
kept and it is with regret that I do not find any records of the pastorate of the following pastors: Rev. D. H. Maxey who was pastor 1942, 1943, 1944; Rev. T. H. Maxwell, and Rev. Crumb, who was supply while Mr. Maxwell was ill. There is very little of the years 1945 and 1946 when Rev. A. W. Williams was pastor. However, I have been told that practically the same church officers functioned during this time and a record of the persons received into the church will be found on the membership roll. In 1945, 1946, Mrs. F. L. Adams was President of the W. S. C. S. For the first time women were added to the Board of Stewards, and the board at this time was: Mrs. W. J. Barrett, Jr., C. O. Cannafax, W. J. Franklin, Jr., Miss Carolyn Gilbert, Mrs. J. M. Means, W. H. Means, E. M. Pope, C. W. Preston, L. H. Rawls and J. W. Storey, who was chairman.

In 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950 Rev. Sam A. Dailey was pastor and Rev. Paul Turner was District Superintendent. Church officers were: H. T. Daniel, Lay Leader; F. L. Adams, Mrs. W. J. Barrett, Jr., C. O. Cannafax, W. J. Franklin, Jr., W. J. Franklin, Miss Carolyn Gilbert, M. M. Head, Mrs. R. C. Johnson, W. H. Means, C. W. Preston, J. W. Storey, Miss Jane Preston, and honorary stewards, L. H. Rawls and W. J. Franklin, Sr. The Youth Fellowship was reorganized with Miss Jane Preston as President. The adult counselors were Rev. S. A. Dailey, H. T. Daniel, Mrs. C. W. Preston, Mrs. W. J. Barrett, Jr., and Miss Carolyn Gilbert. Rev. and Mrs. Dailey were very interested in the young people of the church and with such good leadership the Youth Fellowship prospered, even though there were not so many young people in the church.
Church Loyalty Week was observed and the following pastors assisted in the preaching: Rev. George W. Davis, Rev. J. C. Grilhe, Rev. J. E. Holbrook, Rev. V. L. Bray and Rev. W. B. Hughes. Much good was reported by Rev. Dailey from this meeting.

The two circles of the Womans Society of Christian Service give very good reports during Rev. Dailey's pastorate. Mrs. Dailey was a very energetic worker and helped Rev. Dailey very much while here. Circle Two presented their President, Mrs. R. C. Johnson, a Life Membership in the W. S. C. S. as a token of their appreciation of her faithful and beautiful service to them and to the church. Circle Number One also presented a Life Membership to Mrs. W. D. Howell, who has been their Treasurer for 37 years. The two circles with a combined membership of 32 contributed to the support of a Missionary to Africa.

There were many new subscribers to the Christian Advocate, and the Upper Room has been widely distributed during the past several years.

Vacation Bible School was held each year as it has been in the past, in conjunction with the Baptist Church, with an average attendance of 80 and 19 workers assisting the two pastors.

Members received into the church were: Mrs. S. A. Dailey, Robert and Hilda Dailey; Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Hurst; John Pope Cannafax; Larry Cannafax; Jim Bush; Charles Noble; Lamar Taylor; Mary Jean Cannafax; Carol Taylor; Elsie Sell; Hohn MacMahon; Tom Barrett; Charles Means; Mr. & Mrs. Fred McMahon; Mr. & Mrs.
John E. Suffridge; Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Mitchell; Mrs. Annie Bell Harvey; Miss Marjorie Harvey; Mr. & Mrs. Gray Brannen; Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Noble; Kenneth Noble; Dell Bottoms; Ann Allen. Dismissed by certificate: Mrs. A. W. Williams, and Mrs. A. H. Rawls dismissed by death.

Rev. Dailey renewed the Sunrise Easter Service, which was very beautiful and was received with great reverence.

Rev. H. H. Jones had been sent to the Griffin District as Superintendent. Zebulon church joined a group of churches in the Griffin District in paying the salary of Rev. & Mrs. Charlie Chappel, missionaries to the Belgian Congo.

Mrs. R. C. Johnson was named District Supply Chairman.

Other members received into the church were Mr. & Mrs. G. I. Whitman; Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Craig; Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Padgett. Removed by certificate: Mrs. Mildred Harrison; D. B. Rawlins and Mrs. Jeanette Bennett. Withdrawn by death, Mrs. C. O. Cannafax and J. H. Brazier.

Rev. H. H. Jones remained as District Superintendent and Rev. E. W. McDougal came to the charge as pastor. The ladies on the Board of Stewards asked to be relieved the second year Mr. McDougal was pastor and the following board was elected to succeed them: J. W. Storey, W. J. Franklin, Jr., W. J. Barrett, Jr., R. C. Johnson, W. H. Means, C. W. Preston, R. E. Mitchell, Marvin Cannafax, and later H. T. Daniel. Mr. Daniel was District Lay Leader. Miss Carolyn Gilbert was Church Secretary, Mrs. R. C. Johnson was President of the W. S. C. S. and Miss Carolyn McDougal
was President of the Youth Fellowship. Mrs. R. C. Johnson was elected delegate to North Georgia Conference, and special delegates to the conference were Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Miss Carolyn Gilbert, J. W. Storey, Misses Carolyn McDougal and Sarah Preston. In 1951 Rev. McDougal reports that the state of the church seems to be on the upgrade, good attendance, and the W. S. C. S. doing a splendid work. The Sunday School is increasing in attendance. The Youth Fellowship, though it has only 10 members is doing a very good work and sending $5.00 per quarter to the Methodist Youth Fund.

A Cemetery Committee has been formed with Miss Vallie Brazier as chairman, and under her guidance a wall was built around the front and one side with spaces for gates. This has improved the appearance of both the cemetery and the church. Miss Brazier has kept the cemetery clean and all rubbish and rocks have been removed. She has the thanks and praise of all the citizens of Zebulon, as well as members of the church, for her untiring work.

The Sunday School under the leadership of J. W. Storey has a membership of 98 and an effort is being made to raise this to 100.

The parsonage was painted on the outside this year and improvements were made on the interior.

Mrs. Hugh Turner taught a class of ladies from the Finchers and Zebulon W. S. C. S. "We seek Him Together". Circle Two is sponsoring the Childrens Extra Sessions under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Banks. Support was given to two missionaries,
Miss Annie Mae White of the Belgian Congo, and Miss Agnes Malloy, Cuba. This was an outgrowth of a Mission Study Class. Four members of the W. S. C. S. had 100% attendance in 1951. These were Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. W. J. Barrett, Jr., and Misses Bill Corley and Carolyn Gilbert.

A special conference was called for the two churches, Zebulon and Finchers, relative to the selling of the Bluff Springs Camp Ground Property. This Camp Ground has been inactive for several years and there had been discussions of the feasibility of selling, and at this conference with Rev. H. H. Jones presiding, it was decided to sell and divide the money between the two churches to improve their church property. This was done with the approval of the conference.

Members received: Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Riggins, Betty Anne Riggins, Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Casey, Mrs. J. J. Edwards, Harold T. Daniel, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Holmes, Jr., Mrs. Marvin Cannafax, Raye Anne Doke, Ellis Dunbar, Martha Lee Means, Gail Shaw. Dismissed by certificate: Mrs. Claire Goldstein, Mrs. John Armentrout, Mrs. Manning Duffey, John Pope Cannafax, Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Suffridge, Mrs. Sallie P. Holmes, Mrs. S. A. Dailey, Robert & Hilda Dailey, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Padgett, Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Puckett, Mrs. E. W. McDougal, Miss Carolyn McDougal, Miss Martha Ann McDougal and Walter McDougal. Lost by death: W. C. Ballard, Miss Vallie Brazier, W. J. Franklin, Sr., Mrs. W. J. Franklin, Sr., J. N. Harp, I. C. Harrison, Mrs. C. B. Howard, L. H. Rawls, Mrs. Alice Rucker, W. T. Callahan.

On June 18, 1951, W. J. Franklin, Sr. passed away after
several years of bad health. He was one of the stalwart members of the church and will be greatly missed. Another member who held a dear place in the hearts of his friends and the church was Miller Harrison, and who passed away in March, 1952. L. H. Rawls was also called home and he will long be remembered as a faithful and devout member. Col. Frank L. Adams was a devoted member of our church who passed away during these years. All of these men, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Rawls and Mr. Adams have at all times served their church and their people with heart, strength and love, and have held many offices in the church, giving their support to the pastor and the needy alike. They will long be remembered and will go down in the annals of time as true Christian men, who will get their just rewards.

Mrs. C. B. Howard was dismissed from her church and loved ones by death. Miss Vallie Brazier was dismissed by death very suddenly. This was a great shock to her host of friends. She had served her church long and faithfully.

W. T. Callahan, husband of Myrl Rawls, was lost at sea on the HOBSOn in April 1952.

Mrs. W. J. Franklin, Sr., was called to her heavenly home almost one year from the day that her husband was. Mrs. Franklin had served her church and had worked her entire life for her church and her God. Her untiring efforts in her work for the Missionary Society will long be remembered. She helped to organize the first Society that we have any record of in Zebulon, and until bad health prevented her, she was faithful. The W. S. C. S.
(Circle Number Two) has honored her by naming their circle the Mary Will Franklin Circle for her. This lovely tribute was paid her while she was alive, thus she received the honor and the gratitude of knowing that she was loved and had not worked in vain. Many boys and girls will cherish her memory for what she has meant to them, and the example that she set will help many to lead a better, more humble life.

As I have said before, without her encouragement, I would not have undertaken this task, and only wish that I could have had her help to the finish.

Rev. McDougal started reviving interest in remodeling the church, which has long since become inadequate for Sunday School and other activities, but he left the task to the incoming pastor who came to us in July, 1952, Rev. W. O. Lindsey.

Rev. H. H. Jones is District Superintendent of the Griffin District. W. O. Lindsey is pastor of the Zebulon church, and officers of the church are: Stewards: R. E. Mitchell, Marvin Cannafax, C. O. Cannafax, W. J. Franklin, Jr., W. J. Barrett, Jr., R. C. Johnson, W. H. Means, C. W. Preston, J. W. Storey, H. T. Daniel. Other officers are: M. M. Head, Miss Carolyn Gilbert, Mrs. H. T. Daniel, Mrs. Laura Wells, Miss Sara Preston and Mrs. J. M. Means. The Parsonage committee is R. E. Mitchell, W. J. Franklin, Jr., and J. W. Storey. W. H. Means is chairman of good literature. Zebulon contributes $1,500.00 to the pastors salary, the other $1,500.00 being contributed by Fincher Church. Other assessments have been paid in full. There are approximately 200 members of the Zebulon Methodist Church.
The parsonage has been re-floored, painted inside as needed, new furniture added and generally it has been made a very desirable place to live, of this we are very proud. The parsonage trustees did the repair work with money received from sale of the car that had been furnished Rev. McDougal. The trustees also gave to the Zebulon and Finchers W. S. C. S. $100.00 each to be used in the parsonage for furnishings. Mrs. Ruth Bush, Mrs. J. W. Storey, Mrs. J. S. Blade and Mrs. Fred McGahee are the parsonage committee from the two churches.

Plans are still in the formative stage for remodeling the front of the church, the old steeple having been blown off several years ago. It has not been replaced due to structural damage that needs repairing. We hope to get underway before long. Some money has already been subscribed to do this work. Also as previously stated, the church has out grown its bounds. We need Sunday School Rooms, recreation and study rooms - in fact we need an up to date church, and plans are underway to get this done. A church conference was called for the purpose of electing a building committee for consideration of plans and the authorization of the building of a church school annex for the church. This committee was composed of R. E. Mitchell, Chairman, W. J. Franklin, Jr., C. O. Cannafax, J. W. Storey, M. M. Head, and R. C. Johnson.

The Sunday School under the leadership of J. W. Storey has increased its membership to 102 - though the attendance has been off during the winter due to sickness and inclement
weather. We expect it to increase shortly.

We now have 46 members in the W. S. C. S. Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. H. T. Daniel and Mrs. Laura Wells are the leaders. All activities are supported and many local needs are taken care of by the Society.

We have 53 subscribers to the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, and 12 to the Chicago Christian Advocate.

A church survey was made in February, after which our membership roll will be revised and brought up to date.

Methodist Expansion day was observed March 1st and the quota which was set at $200.00 was met.

Plans are being made for the SouthEastern Jurisdictional Evangelistic Mission to be held in April.

Membership changes: William Watters Franklin on profession of faith, Mrs. W. O. Lindsey from Hepzibah. Lost by death, J. M. Means.
In view of the fact that in all heathen countries, women are only accessible to teachers of their own sex, two devout women of the Methodist Church were impressed by the Spirit of God, to make an effort to organize a Womans Foreign Missionary Society. They went to work, and worked with faith and prayer to God, that they might succeed. So in 1881 during the pastorate of Rev. J. T. Lowe, our Womans Foreign Missionary Society was organized. A meeting at the parsonage was called, and we had just enough there to organize, for which we were very thankful. Mrs. Lowe, our pastor's wife, was made President and a juvenile department was added then and there, with five names enrolled. I want to say these five children have been interested in the missionary cause ever since, and one wanted to go as a Missionary, but her health would not permit.

Our Society prospered some, as we would get a new member occasionally, and I have in my possession a Womans Missionary Advocate printed in June, 1882. Sometimes the Society would nearly die out, as some of the old members would move away, but it seemed the Lord would always send some woman with enough missionary zeal to fan the little spark into a flame again.

In looking back over those thirty two years, as far as I know, there are only two of those ladies that were present at the parsonage that first afternoon who are alive today, Mrs. Mary Beckham of Williamson, Ga., and Mrs. R. Y. Beckham of Zebulon, Ga.
From 1881 to 1889 we have no official record, only this that Mrs. Beckham has given from memory.

In February, 1889, during the second year of Brother Englands pastorate, the Society was reorganized with the following officers: Mrs. Minnie Merritt, President; Mrs. Will Howard, Vice President; Mrs. England, Recording Secretary; Miss Mattie Green, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. L. Driver, Treasurer.

In looking over the old record book, I find that the life of the Society was very varied. Sometime for a few months they would do good work, and then slip for some time.

In 1898, nine years after its reorganization with Mrs. A. D. Pope as President and Miss Gertie Bussey (now Mrs. W. D. Howell, and one of our most faithful workers) as Recording Secretary, the work took on new life.

In January, 1899, I was elected President, with Miss Sadie Ford, who as Mrs. Glenn Beckham, is still doing good service, Recording Secretary. We still worked but spasmodically for four years, but all that time we were growing in the grace of missions. In 1902 Mrs. Harrison was elected Recording Secretary and still has the office. Her faithfulness is attested by the time she has served. Just at this time, Mrs. Faris, our beloved District Secretary, was living near here, and was a member of our Society. She was such a help to us, and inspired us to attempt greater works by her zeal and knowledge. She urged us that year to give at least $5.00 on the Extension fund. Our membership then was about what it is now,
but we thought that a big amount, and it was just about as serious a matter to collect that $5.00 as it is to get $50.00 now, the amount we have been giving the last several years. We have paid during the last year in our missionary work $100.85. This does not include any of our work here at home. We have grown in the grace of giving, not so much because we have more money, but because we know more of the work and its needs. Knowledge is an inspiration, and will, with the love of God in our hearts and a zeal for souls, will make a missionary worker of any woman it seems to me.

For the last ten years, Mrs. Harrison and I have held our offices together, but the others have changed. In this time, there are no blank pages on our minutes unless from providential causes. We have grown, not so much in numbers, but in knowledge of the work and in giving our time and money to the cause.

This is our second year as a unified society. We are no longer a Foreign Missionary Society, but a Missionary Society beginning our work at home and going to the remotest little hut on our Fathers Plantation. It is all His, and we of whatever race or color are His children. We had done no home mission work up to this time, but now we feel that we have missed much in not doing both since the organization of the Home Department.

The fields are so white to the harvest. Our mountain boys and girls, our neglected ones in the cities, the foreigners coming by thousands to our shores, all need someone to show them, not only the way of salvation, but how to live and care for their minds
and bodies rightly. But even greater is the need in the foreign fields. 40,000,000 is our part, the part of the Methodist Church to evangelize in the next generation.

The doors are wide open, but the workers are not ready. The Master said to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few, Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into His harvest". This friends, is the great need of the church today -Prayers, fervent Prayer - that asks great things of God, and a faith that will take no denial.

Mrs. W. J. Franklin
Zebulon, Georgia

October 5, 1913
This History of the Methodist Church of Zebulon is long, and in trying to condense it, we may have left out some of the names of people, but due to the insufficient records that have been kept by the church, it was impossible to give a complete and accurate resume of all members and activities.

What I have done, I have enjoyed, for studying history and folklore is a hobby of mine that I thoroughly enjoy.

To Miss Carolyn Gilbert my many thanks and appreciation for her patience with me, for without her help, without her encouragement and her nimble fingers on a typewriter I am afraid that this job would have been impossible.

Thank you Carolyn-

Frances Gresham Mitchell
(Mrs Robert Eldridge Mitchell)