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Hopewell Presbyterian Church
Martin, Georgia

now Carnesville, GA

HISTORY OF THE HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Martin, Georgia

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1839 The Hopewell Presbyterian Church was organized on Saturday before the third Sunday, in October 1839, by Rev. James W.H. Freeman. The Church at that time was called Turkey Creek Church.

The building at that time stood about a half mile from where the present building is located, which is 3 miles north of Carnesville.

There were 13 original members. Six were from South Carolina, four from North Carolina, and three were Georgians.

Turkey Creek was a small log building seating approximately 150 people. It was burned in 1865. Prior to this destruction by burning, the membership had been transferred to Carnesville and organized into Carnesville Presbyterian Church. The name was later changed to Hopewell at a meeting of the Augusta Presbytery which met in Madison, Morgan County, Georgia in 1874. Rev. W.P. Grady was pastor at that time.

Rev. Groves H. Cartledge was pastor in 1857, and served the Church until the "War Between the States", in 1861. The record is broken from then until 1866. In that year the Church was visited by Rev. Paul C. Morton, who served the field until the latter part of 1869. In 1870 Rev. Groves H. Cartledge returned and served the Church part time being assisted by Rev. W.P. Grady. A new Co-Pastor came in 1880 and was Rev. W.B. Milner, who was followed by Rev. E.P. Michael. In 1883 Rev. P.C. Morton returned and with Rev. G.H. Cartledge supplied until 1885. From then until 1890 Rev. J.L. Cartledge served. Beginning in July, Rev. Henry Hoyt served with great acceptance and was followed by Rev. R.E. Telford for five years, who in turn was followed by Rev. W.L. Barber, Rev. J.J. Harrell, Rev. J.A. Black and Rev. J.L. McBride. In 1912 Rev. G.M. Howerton was pastor until 1916, followed by Rev. Fritz Rauchenburg, then Rev. J.W. Waddell was pastor through 1921. From that date through 1932 the Church was served by the Superintendent of Home Missions, Rev. J.A. Simpson, assisted by Students from Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. The last pastor was Rev. J.B. Nelson.

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HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1839 - 1939

The beginnings of Presbyterianism in Franklin County go far back to pioneer times and conditions about which we of 1939 know very little. It is hoped that a brief review of the history of Hopewell Church on this centennial occasion may serve to deepen the appreciation of those hardy men and women who braved a wilderness here to lay the foundations for future generations. "A people who forget the noble deeds of their remote ancestors will achieve nothing worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."

By 1796 only four Synods had been organized among the Presbyterian people scattered along the Atlantic Seaboard. These Synods were New York-New Jersey, Philadelphia, Virginia, and the Synod of the Carolinas. The last named embraced all the territory South and West of Virginia as far as the white settlers had gone. This Synod of the Carolinas met in Morganton, North Carolina, in November 1796 and set off the first Presbytery ever organized in Georgia. They called it Hopewell Presbytery and it seems to have embraced all the settlements and churches west of the Savannah River in the territory that has since become the Synods of Georgia, Alabama and Florida. One can only imagine riding horseback in November from Augusta and Savannah to attend Synod meeting in Morganton, North Carolina. (All minutes of this body from the first session are the property of Athens Presbytery and are deposited for safe keeping and reference use in the Historical Foundation at Montreat, North Carolina)

The new Presbytery met for the first time at Liberty Church in Wilkes County near Washington, Georgia on March 16, 1797 and in that very first session we find this minute, "A supplication was presented by a number of people residing in Franklin County, expressing a desire to be placed under the care of this Presbytery, to be known by the name of Hebron; and praying for (pastoral) supplies."

The first meeting of the Presbytery in Franklin County was at old Hebron, March 14, 1799 and from all this vast territory only three ministers and three Ruling Elders were present. All North Georgia was a wilderness of magnificent forests, Indian raids were a constant menace, no roads or bridges worthy of the name existed and public schools had never been dreamed about. Much history of Franklin County which would be of interest here has been published in a series of articles in the Lavonia Times during the recent past. In addition to Mr. Burton's articles in that paper, a very exhaustive history of the Hebron Community has been written by Mr. Alton Glasure and presented as a Thesis for the Masters Degree at the University of Georgia. It is back to pioneer times such as they describe that we must go for the beginnings of Hopewell Church, whose centennial we are celebrating to-day.

It is interesting to note that this church has borne three names during its first hundred years: Turkey Creek, Carnesville and Hopewell. Let us look briefly at its history under each of these three names.

TURKEY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(So called 1839-1859)

Turkey Creek Presbyterian Church was organized on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October 1839 by Rev. J.F.W. Freeman, a young man lately ordained to the Gospel ministry by old Hopewell Presbytery. The church had thirteen charter members, four of whom had moved here from North Carolina, six from South Carolina, and three who seem to have been born in this section. Unfortunately no list of the names of these members has been preserved. From the earliest names appearing in the records, however, one can easily see that they were all Scotch or Scotch Irish people. During this period thousands of these Scotch Presbyterians were entering the country at Philadelphia, crossing the mountains to gain rich lands of Western Pennsylvania and pushing on down the valleys into

northern Virginia, the Piedmont Carolinas and on into upper Georgia and Alabama. They were the builders of Presbyterianism in America. The original building of this church was of logs. It is said to have seated about one hundred fifty people and to have stood some half mile east of the present location. The records give no information as to the exact location of that first building, or the origin of the name Turkey Creek.

It is fitting that tribute should be paid here to-day to James W.F. Freeman, the young itinerating preacher who rode these wilds on horseback to gather this first group into a congregation. His place of birth is unknown, but he had been ordained but a few months when this church was organized and he preached here at intervals for three years before moving to Concord Presbytery in North Carolina. Thirty years later he moved west from North Carolina and died November 10, 1876 at Cotton Plant, Arkansas at the age of 70. An article in the Christian Observer of November 22, 1876 relates that one week before his death Mr. Freeman remarked to a friend at his bedside, "When I look back on my life to see how much I have done purely to serve my Heavenly Father, mighty little can be found. Oh mighty little can be found." Small wonder the editor remarks, "What a sermon in this one sentence spoken by a dying Father in Israel." We owe much to this unsung hero who once so humbly preached the Gospel in this community.

In 1846 Rev. William Postell Gready came here to preach and probably continued to serve the church until 1850. He returned after a twenty-five year intergal and preached from 1875-1880. Here is another remarkable man about whom a word should be said to-day, both because of what he was, and because he was the only Presbyterian minister ever to make his home in this community. Mr. Gready was born in Charleston, South Carolina, was prepared for college at the famous Phillip's Academy in Andover, Mass., graduated from Yale University and three years later from Princeton Seminary. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry by

old Hopewell Presbytery at Thyatira Church in 1847 and thereafter served various congregations in this section of Georgia and upper South Carolina. It was while serving the churches at Retreat, Tugolo and Richland that he came across the river and organized the Presbyterian Church at Toccoa-then known as Toccoa City. In his later years Mr. Gready married the widow of Thomas McDaniel, a former elder of Hopewell Church, and lived here in this community until his death on January 28, 1882. He was buried at Toccoa where he had served a longer period as pastor.

Rev. Groves H. Cartledge, D.D., who was the prince of all our preachers, came to Turkey Creek Church in 1850 while he was engaged as Presbytery's Evangelist. Groves Cartledge was a native of Georgia. Was ordained by Hopewell Presbytery in 1849 and preached within its bounds for fifty years- for forty-seven of which he was pastor of Old Hebron. There occurred a revival under his ministry in the Hebron community which was most unusual and far reaching. Dr. Cartledge was a remarkable man in many respects and there was hardly a church or school house in this half of north Georgia where his voice was not heard at some time during his long and useful life. It will be of interest to the younger people here to know that this Franklin County preacher made it a rule through all his college days to put out his ^{lamp} ~~light~~ at eleven P.M. and relight it at 3 A.M. In later years he was accustomed to read his Bible daily in five languages-English, Latin, Hebrew, Greek and French. He learned French when past middle age and apparently just for the pure intellectual fun of it. From the records it appears that Dr. Cartledge visited this community at frequent intervals from about 1850 till the outbreak of the Civil War, and thereafter on occasions as long as he lived. He died July 5, 1899 and is buried at Hebron Church. To him more than to any other one man, we are indebted for the foundations of Presbyterianism in this section of Georgia. Both sons and grandsons have followed him into the ministry, two of them, Rev. S.J. Cartledge, D.D., a son, ~~Rev. Thomas Cartledge, a son,~~ and Rev. Samuel A. Cartledge, Ph.D., a grandson, are useful members of this Presbytery at the

present time.

CARNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(so called 1859-1874)

In April 1859 Hopewell Presbytery meeting in Milledgeville was requested to change the name Turkey Creek to Carnesville. The membership had become very small and it was decided to move the church to the county seat. This was not the organization of the present Carnesville Church which dates from about 1880, but was a removal of the Turkey Creek congregation as already organized. It was still a very small church even with the additions that came from the new location. The name Turkey Creek is lost at this point and our history goes on under the name of Carnesville Presbyterian Church for the next fifteen years. Dr. Cartledge and Rev. Paul C. Morton seem to have been the only ministers who visited the congregation. The membership during those years ranged from a low of thirteen to a high of forty-three. In 1865 the old log church near this place burned down and it is doubtful if any person now living knows exactly where it stood. The spot ought to be permanently marked if it could be located. Of course during these fifteen years the Presbyterians of the community worshipped at Carnesville whenever preaching services could be had.

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(so called 1874- present)

In October 1874 Presbytery met at Madison in Morgan County and we find the following minute recorded, "On motion, the name of Carnesville Church was changed to that of Hopewell." No confusion would arise in the use of this name as the original Hopewell Presbytery had been divided and Franklin County was then in Augusta Presbytery. It appears that when the name was changed to Hopewell the entire membership came here leaving no congregation at Carnesville for the next ten years. Within a year after that change, this present building was erected and began to be used about 1875. It was unceiled and unpainted at that time and

of course lacked the present front vestibule and the pulpit alcove both of which have been added since the turn of the century.

The membership now reached fifty or more for the first time and the church enjoyed a prosperous period during the residence of Mr. Gready in the community. It was still blessed by occasional services under Dr. Groves Cartledge. By the end of Mr. Gready's second pastorate the membership had grown to fifty-nine, a number that has been exceeded but a few times in the history of the church.

It has been noted already that when the original Presbytery was divided this county was placed in Augusta Presbytery. Now in 1880, just after the congregation moved to this location, Augusta Presbytery was divided and we became a part of the newly organized Athens Presbytery to which court this church has been subject now for almost sixty years. The records show that Hopewell was represented first in the new Presbytery in 1881 when Ruling Elder G.B. Morgan attended the Spring meeting in Elberton and Ruling Elder J.C.C. Miller attended the fall meeting at Jefferson. John C.C. Miller had moved to this community from upper South Carolina in 1870, was elected a Deacon here in 1875 and an Elder in 1880. Therefore, the meeting at Jefferson in 1881 was his first Presbytery and from the record it appears that he represented this church at least once in almost every year until his death in 1913.

In the years since 1880 the church has been served for longer or shorter periods by the following ministers:

R.W. Milner
E.P. Mickle
J.L. Cartledge
H.F. Hoyt, D.D.
R.E. Telford
J.J. Harrell
J.A. Black
J.T. McBride

J.L. Russell

W.L. Barber
G.M. Howerton, D.D.
Fritz Rauchenberg
J.W. Waddell, D.D.
James Bradley
R.A. Forrest
Alton Glasure (Student)
J.B. Nelson

All these men have served faithfully for little or no remuneration, have always carried too large a burden and had to live excessive distances from the

community. We thank God for each one of them but dare not make this paper long enough to refer to their work individually. Only one who is now living can be mentioned further with particulars, if we are to finish our sketch in any reasonable time.

Rev. R.E. Telford, who has been graciously spared to this day, began a five year pastorate at Hopewell in 1891. Those who can remember those days know what a blessing this young man was to all the community. The church was at a low ebb when he came and his faithful and earnest work has had its effect through all the years since. It was under his ministry the present building was finished inside, a Sunday School was first organized and the membership greatly strengthened. We record our gratitude today for the blessing this quiet and consecrated man brought to the homes of our community.

Rev. W.L. Barber preached here one year before completing his education and then returned in 1906 to begin a ministry that lasted till 1911 and is of blessed memory to many of us here today. Under his leadership the old church was greatly strengthened, the building was improved and painted, a Sunday afternoon Prayer Service was begun, an interest in Foreign Missions was fostered among the young people of the congregation and spiritual foundations were laid for the church's period of greatest expansion which came in the years immediately after. Mr. Barber was an interesting man. He was never married, was very thrifty, was rather eccentric in talking to himself upon any and all occasions, loved to tell stories when outside the pulpit, and apparently always enjoyed his visits to our community. His high buggy and seldom curried horse were ^a familiar sight in this church yard and his coming among us was always a welcome occasion.

Rev. G.M. Howerton followed Mr. Barber and preached here until 1916. He will be well remembered as an able preacher with great energy and evangelistic gifts. The record shows that he was serving at the same time, Hartwell, Royston, Sharon, Pleasant Hill, Carnesville, and Hopewell. In four years the membership practically

doubled and in one of those years there were seventeen additions upon profession of faith in a revival that is remembered by many who are here today. In almost every respect Hopewell reached the point of her greatest strength in this hundred years under the ministry of Mr. Howerton. He died within the past year after a succession of fruitful pastorates in other states.

Rev. I.W. Waddell was pastor here from 1920-1925, and is remembered as a scholarly man of great eloquence and genuine humility. For several years Rev. R.A. Forrest served the church with the help of students and teachers from Toccoa Falls Institute. After Dr. Waddell, the longest pastorate has been that of Rev. H.B. Nelson who greatly endeared himself to this congregation from 1932-1937. Rev. J.L. Russell began his service here in 1938 as the twenty first minister in the one hundred years of the old church's history.

The resident Hopewell membership now is approximately thirty-five. We have always been a mission church, with seldom more than fifty members. But the faithfulness of pulpit and pew, have been used of God to bless hundreds of persons who have gone out from this community to serve in other churches of this state and far beyond.

No record of this old church would be complete that did not refer to those faithful men and women who have served as its Officers and have taught in its Sunday School. Among the Elders and Deacons the following incomplete list appears:

G.B. Morgan
J.C.C. Miller
Thomas McDaniel
James McDaniel
Evander Freeman

C.J. Milford
Bernard Carson
Jim Bailey
Postell Miller
H.H. Broome
Clifton Miller

J.C. Miller
Robert Broome
W.G. Miller
Eugene Miller
Mannie Bryant

We record our gratitude to God for all the known and unknown service rendered thru this church in the past hundred years. Whenever our lot may be cast in the years to come, let us resolve anew to be in some small way worthy of those who led

us to the Saviour and taught us first to worship here in this place.

Editors note: This is a copy of the original manuscript prepared by the Rev. Patrick D. Miller, now serving as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio Texas. It was read at the centennial celebration of Hopewell Church in 1939. (August) The following is a quotation from a letter from Dr. Miller: "It is based partly on notes left by my Mother, who passed away that spring (1939), and partly upon data which I worked up in Montreat."

Signed:

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Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy
Historian Athens Presbyterial

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HISTORY OF THE CARNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(Near Carnesville, Georgia)

It would be easy to confuse this church with the present Carnesville Church if the Minutes of Presbytery were not traced through carefully. This church was organized as Turkey Creek Presbyterian Church in October 1839, 3rd Saturday. The name was changed to Carnesville Presbyterian Church in April 1859, and then to that of Hopewell in 1874. See History of this church written by Rev. P.D. Miller, son of this congregation, and filed under the name of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, in the binder of Athens Presbyterial.

Signed:

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Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Historian
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(Calhoun-Miller family continued)

FLORENCE FONTANA McWHORTER MILLER

(wife of J.C.C. Miller)

The McWhorter family is of Scotch-Irish descent. Landed in Pennsylvania and remained there for some time.

John McWhorter I married in Pennsylvania, probably twice, because two names were handed down as being that of his wife, Mary Poston and Mary McWhorter. About 1769 he moved to North Carolina where they reared a family of nine children:

John II born in Pennsylvania October 30, 1768

Robert born in North Carolina, October 22, 1770

~~David~~ David, born in North Carolina

Samuel, born in North Carolina

Solomon, born in North Carolina

Mary, born in North Carolina

William, born in North Carolina

Isaac, born in North Carolina

Sarah, born in North Carolina

Robert McWhorter married Eliza Cherry, (who was born in 1776). They moved to Pickens District, South Carolina in 1805. There Eliza died in 1843. The father, Robert McWhorter, lived with Robert and Eliza in his later years. He died Aug. 22, 1857. These are buried at Liberty Baptist Church, Liberty, South Carolina.

To Robert and Eliza five children were born:

John III

James

Polly

Robert

Betsy

John McWhorter III was born in North Carolina in 1830. He married Dorothy Gant Majors. She was born October 18, 1803, died March 6, 1863. John died October 18, 1857, six years before his wife. They also are buried at Liberty Baptist Church.

To John and Dorothy eleven children were born:

Harriet

Adeline

Eliza

Andrew

Robert

Malinda

Alva

Matilda

Mary

Laura

William Alfred

William Alfred, son of Dorothy and John was born in Pickens District, South Carolina, Feb. 12, 1843. Married Louisa Doyle, November 10, 1865. Louisa Doyle was born in Pickens District November 30, 1844 and died in Franklin County, Georgia Feb. 23, 1879. William Alfred died in Atlanta, Georgia, May 12, 1897. To them nine children were born:

James Lee

FLORENCE FONTANA

Martha Caroline

John Henry

William Alexander

Eva Louisa

Laura Jennie

Alfred Doyle

FLORENCE FONTANA McWHORTER, was born in Acton Texas, March 23, 1868 and was married to John Clarence Calhoun Miller, August 19, 1886. To them ten children were born:

(Seventh generation of Millers')

- 1st child, Oscar Lee, Born July 7, 1887
- 2nd child, Louise Blanche, born August 2, 1888
- 3rd child Martha Henrietta, born Jan 17, 1890
- 4th child Alfred Hoyt, born October 13, 1891
- 5th child, Annie Maude, born March 11, 1893
- 6th child, Mattie May, born April 23, 1895
- 7th child, Esther, born July 20, 1896; died in infancy
- 8th child, Eva Maria, born November 7, 1897; died Jan 18, 1903
- 9th child, Patrick Dwight, born Jan 13, 1900

William Alfred McWhorter, father of Florence, moved to Texas in a covered wagon, stayed only one year, then came back the same way feeling that he could not raise his family out there. Florence was born in a real shack with dirt floor, probably it was such circumstances of early life that made her the strong character she was. Her mother, Louisa Doyle, constantly remanded her children and especially the girls that, "No Doyle woman ever meets a duty too difficult for her." The mother of Florence died when she was only 10. With a burning ambition for an education in her little heart she soon found it necessary to give up even the meager opportunities for study. By the time she was sixteen years old she was teaching the school where she had been a student.

The courtship of John Clarence Calhoun Miller and Florence McWhorter was quite romantic. Florence's father, William Alfred McWhorter objected to "an old widower suitor" who already had a house full of children and an aged father in the home. Her suitor was forbidden to see or write her. They hid her sewing box in the woods and used it for a post office. Finally she climbed out the window one night, ran away and they were married. The grieved father who depended on his daughter so very much did not eat a bite all next day but tramped the fields. Within three months he moved to Atlanta where he would not have to see his daughter. It was eight years before the friendship was restored between the two men who had before been good friends.

People of the community said, with many shakings of the head, "No good can ever come of such a marriage." But it was a real love match that the Lord's hand guided.

A daughter, Miss Louise Miller writes the following: " They lived in such an isolated place where Brother Walter now lives, so far from school and church, with roads as they were then and now. But nothing hindered them from giving us the best things available. Twice they left the farm, moved to Carnesville for a few years to send us to school. Every child's eyes were set on college and most of us graduated from some college, every one had at least one year.

"As for church, staying home from any service there, was unheard of in our family! Night or day we were on the two front seats in the middle row. If one found any thing in the rear of the church more interesting than the sermon it was DISCUSSED later!

"Mother went home April 16, 1939, after years of intense suffering. Hurrying home from Korea I was with her night and day for the last six weeks of her life. Several times she talked of "when we go down to Hopewell"- as to what she would wear. (a dress made of material that I had sent from Korea which one of the other daughters had made), and that she hoped we would sing the Hallelujah chorus. Another time she said not to have a sermon because there was no preacher at Hopewell then and she saw no need of any one else being called. Dr. E.L. Hill, Dr. J.K. Coit, and Oscar's pastor were there for a beautiful service."

SEVENTH GENERATION

(Son of J.C.C. Miller and Susan Bolding)

No 441 WALTER GORDON MILLER. Born Jan 20, 1875. Married Mary Priscilla Freeman, Feb. 23, 1902. Is a farmer and lives in the same house built by his grandfather, Patrick Miller, in the early 1870's. Most of the present Miller family was born in this house. Mary Priscilla died in 1934. She was a tireless home maker. To these two 13 children were born:

- No 448
1. Maurice, born Dec 10, 1902. Married but no children
No 449
2. John Gordon, born March 4, 1904. Married

3. No 450. Mary Sue, born Sept 24, 1905-married
No 541
4. Helman Hansel, born July 13, 1907. Married, one child
No 452
5. Luther Lee, born May 5, 1909. Not married. Eyes kept him from military service during World War II.
No 453
6. Clifford, born April 4, 1911. Married to Sarah Dendy. Two children

7. No 454. Mary Elizabeth, born April 16, 1913. Married

8. No 445. Annie^u uth, born Jan 9, 1915 Married

9. No 456. Ruby Mae--born Sept 17, 1916, Married

10. No 457. Anna Priscilla. Married

11. No 458. Alpha Lois. Born Sept 17, 1932. Married
No 459
12. Lucy Belle- born Feb. 11, 1924

13. Walter George. No 460. born Nov. 20, 1925 U.S. Navy World War II.
Membership still at Hopewell.

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No 442. JAMES POSTELL MILLER, son of J.C.C. Miller and Susan Bolding was born March 20, 1877. Married Laura Milligan Dec. 9, 1900. To them twelve children were born. This family is scattered and have no connection with Hopewell church at the present time

No 443. JULIA EMMA, daughter of J.C.C. Miller and Susan Bolding. Born Feb. 3, 1879; died Feb. 1, 1881

No. 444. ELIZABETH EUGENIA, daughter of J.C.C. Miller and Susan Bolding. Born September 13, 1880. Married to Thomas Henry Stovall. October 22, 1899. They have five children, four of whom are living. As the husband was a Baptist, Elizabeth Eugenia joined that church with him.

No 445. JOHN CLARENCE MILLER, son of J.C.C. Miller and Susan Bolding. Born Feb 8, 1882. Married Christine Baker Dec. 5, 1913. Died with influenza in Gaffney S.S. Oct 16, 1918

No 446. SARAH JERMAN. Daughter of J.C.C. Miller and Susan Bolding. Born June 5, 1883; Died June 10, 1889

No 447. SUSAN GRACE born October 19, 1884, died November 4, 1884

Susan Bolding Miller, Mother of the above children, died October 27, 1884.

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John Clarence Calhoun Miller and Florence Fontana McWhorter were married August 19, 1886. Of this marriage 10 children were born:

SEVENTH GENERATION

1. No 478 OSCAR LEE. Born July 7, 1887, Member of American Medical Association. Member of American Orthopedic Association, Surgeon-in-Chief of the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital. A volunteer in the medical department of the Army during World War I. A major in the Medical Reserve Corps of the U.S.A. An Elder in the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte N.C. President of American Orthopedic Association, 1941-42. Sent by Department of Labor to Latin America 1943 as good will medical ambassador, for five months.

Was married to Rose Evans of Thomasville, Georgia by Rev. J.E. Seals and Rev. J. Edwin Hemphill D.D. There are four children of this marriage.

1. Florence Caroline. Married to Lt. Benjamin Gales McIntosh Nov. 7, 1942
2. Robert Evans- was married to Caroline Darling Spet, 3, 1933.
3. Eddy- is finishing third year at University of Pennsylvania Medical School (1946)
4. Oscar Lee Jr., An Ensign in Navy
5. John Neel-candidate for the ministry- Davidson College

2. No 479 LOUISE BLANCHE. Born Aug 2, 1888. Missionary of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. to Soon chun China since 1920. Graduated from Chicora College, Peabody Teachers College and Assembly's Training School. At present with the Committee of Woman's Work, Pres. Church, U.S. Expects to return to Korea when the way opens. (1946)

3. No 480 MARTHA H ENRIETTA born Jan 17, 1890; married to George Haden Grenshaw by Rev. G.M. Howerton and W.L. Barber, August 27, 1914. To them were born four children of whom three are living.

1. David Grenshaw was married to Josephine in April 16, 1942 on April 18, 1942.
2. Andrew Hoyt, graduated from Emory Medical School Sept 16, 1944. Now a Lieutenant in U.S. Army (Medical)
- 3 Florence Louise; Born May 4th, 1924

4. No 481 ALFRED HOYT: Born October 13, 1891; minister of the Presbyterian Church U.S., Athens Presbytery. to Belgian Congo. Married to Jennie Merle Little July 16, 1919, Rev. Samuel J. Cartledge officiating. They have four children born in Mutoto, Africa.

1. John Knox. Born Feb 7th 1922. Graduated Davidson College 1943. Graduated Tulane University Medical 1946. Married to Aurie Hellingworth Montgomery, (youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J.N. Montgomery of our China Mission)) J.K. and Aurie plan to go to Africa, Belgian Congo after his internship. Aurie's great great grandmother was Malinda McWhorter sister of William Alfred McWhorter, John's great, great, grandfather.

2. Mary Moffat Born Sept 15, 1924. graduate of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia 1945.

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3. Patty Jean. Born April 9, 1926. Student Erskine College

4/ Alfred Hoyt Jr., Born 1928. Enters Darlington School, Rome, Georgia
September 1946.

5. ANNIE MAUDE. DAUGHTER OF J.C.C. MILLER AND FLORENCE MCWHORTER

Born March 11, 1893. Married to Garland Cary Hayes by Rev. W.L. Barber,
October 12, 1920. There are two children. Living in Hartwell, Georgia

1. Garland Cary Jr., born Aug 31, 1921. Married to Nelle Craft Feb. 28, 1943.
Lt Jr Grade U.S. Navy World War II

2. Florence Bartow--born Sept 1, 1924.

6. zNo 483. HATTIE MAE

Born April 23, 1895. Married to Wilber Edward Monts by Rev. A. Hoyt Miller
August 7, 1919. There are two children.

1. Ruth Miller, Born Aug 4, 1921. Married July 1942 to Patt B. Coggin. One child

2. Julia Anne, born November 8, 1934.

7. No 484 ESTHER daughter of J.C.C. Miller and Florence McWhorter. Born July 20,
1896; died in infancy

8. No 485 EVA MARIA daughter of J.C.C. Miller and Florence McWhorter. Born Nov. 7, '97
died Jan 18, 1903.

9. No 486 Patrick Dwight, son of J.C.C. and Florence McWhorter Miller. Born Jan 13, 1900.
graduate Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Hogue Fellowship, 1926-27;
Educational Secretary of Executive Committee of Home Missions 1930-35
Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1935-41
Pastor First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, Texas 1941-
Married to Lila Bonner, M.D. of Due West South Carolina, March 1931. There are
three children.

1. Belle Neel, born May 24, 1932

Patrick Dwight Jr., born October 24, 1935. twin

Mary Bonner, born October 24, 1935. twin

No 487

10. WARREN EDWIN born Jan 22, 1902. graduated Emory University, Medical. married
to Edna Webster of Hamilton Ontario. Has served in National Indian Mission,
Granada, Arizona.; Surgeon in chief, Columbus County Hospital, Whiteville,
North Carolina. There are two children.

1. Bruce Webster, born June 21, 1938

2. Douglas, born 1940

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CALHOUN-MILLER

Scotch-Irish
Miller Family

CHARLES AND JANE CALHOUN HOLMES MILLER

(The genealogy of the Scotch-Irish Miller family is traced through Patrick James Miller and his maternal ancestors, the Calhouns, to the birth of Catherine Montgomery Calhoun in 1684, consequently the generations, as numbered, do not correspond to those of the English family, although with the exception of Patrick James and his brother, Major John Calhoun Miller and his two children, all members of this family, are descendants of John Miller, Printer and belong to the English family.)

"A people who forget the noble deeds of their remote ancestors will achieve nothing worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants!" This quotation is found on the fly leaf of a book written by Mrs. Florence McWhorter Miller in Decatur, Georgia, in 1927, and dedicated to her husband, John Clarence Calhoun Miller, and to her children who have played such an important part in the life of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church near Carnesville, Georgia. The history of the church and that of Athens Presbytery would certainly not be complete without the Miller family. In this book Mrs. Miller has portrayed a most thrilling story of these members of the Miller family who preceded her own immediate family. ~~Small~~ wonder then that this generation of Millers is what it is. It could not be otherwise.

The following facts have been taken from this book and copied accurately, with the permission of two of Mrs. Miller's children, Rev. A. Hoyt, and Mrs. G.C. Hayes, of Hartwell, Georgia, who has loaned me the book. Few of these books are now in existence and readers who are interested in a further study of this family are referred to Mrs. Hayes. It is my intention to trace briefly only the direct ancestors and the present generations of this marvelous family.

Signed: *Emma F. Ivy*

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CHARLES MILLER

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Charles Miller was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, at a date just preceding the Revolutionary War, and married Mrs. ~~Jane~~ Calhoun Holmes early in the nineteenth century. Both were descendants of that fine sturdy race of people known as Scotch-Irish, but who in reality were blueblooded Scots transplanted to Ireland by King James. They soon grew prosperous in their new homes of forced adoption and multiplied in great numbers.

Although the scheme to transplant the canny Scot to Ireland was the King's own, no sooner had they, by frugal management and industry, begun to prosper than the British Parliament began to oppress them by trade restrictions, by taxation and by interference with their religious liberty. They were forbidden to have school teachers of their own, and their ministers were forbidden to perform the marriage ceremony. They had suffered intolerably from religious persecution in Scotland, but in Ireland they had the additional burden of jealousy of the native Irish, for they were ever looked upon as intruders. This condition exists in Ireland to-day.

In the province of Ulster there lives "a nation within a nation," still Scotch to the core. This pressure upon a high spirited people resulted in an exodus to the new world that has been compared to the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. America looked inviting to these liberty loving souls and they came to this country by the hundreds and the thousands. Although the Scotch-Irish have never claimed that they brought literature or art to this country, they did bring loyal patriotism and love of liberty, characteristics which have made them a mighty force in America. They also caught something of the warm hearted wit of the native Irish, which combined with the strong virile, patient character of the Scot, made them a lovable people, and it is with a sense of pardonable pride that we find Charles and Jane Miller among their descendants. With deep regret we learn that the ancestry of Charles Miller can be traced no farther than himself. He had a brother Robert, but nothing more can be learned of his family.

The ancestral record of Jane Calhoun dates back to the birth of her great grand parents in Ireland about 1864. Her great grandfather, James Calhoun, married Catherine Montgomery in Donegal County, Ireland. To them were born five sons and one daughter:

294 William
295 John
296 Ezekiel
297 James

298 Catherine
299 Patrick

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In 1733 James and Catherine Calhoun, with their children, emigrated to America. They landed in Pennsylvania and settled in Lancaster County. Pennsylvania was the great distributing center for the Scotch-Irish, and from there they passed down into and through Virginia to the Carolinas. The Calhouns, moving with the tide, came to Virginia, where they settled in Augusta, County. There James Calhoun Sr., died. Three sons, William, John and Ezekiel married in Virginia. The only daughter, Catherine, had married Alexander Noble, of Pennsylvania. He also died in Virginia.

The Calhoun name has undergone some interesting changes in the course of time. It was originally in Scotland, Colquhoun, In Ireland it was Colhoun, and in America it became Calhoun.

In 1754 the five sons of James Calhoun Sr., three of whom had young families, came with their widowed mother and sister, Catherine Noble, to South Carolina. They were accompanied by the Pickens family and other families, composing quite a concourse of people traveling slowly in wagons. They came down through North Carolina, crossing the upper Catawba River and traversing the northwestern section of South Carolina, they settled on the western border of the state near the Savannah River, in that portion which is now Abbeville County. It was a long journey they made through dense forests and across many streams of water, the women and children in the wagons, the men walking, some with rifles, some with axes. Each night they went into camp and around great campfires they sang Psalms and hymns, and prayed for God's guidance and protection.

Thus the long journey was made, and although weary and worn, they set to work with grim determination to build new homes and clear forests for the cultivation of crops of corn, rice, flax and grain.....

However great the difficulties, the Calhouns and their friends soon formed a settlement not far from Long Cane Creek, known as the Long Creek Settlement. Eager to have as many of their countrymen about them as they could, not only neighbors, but to help defend the settlement against the Indians, these early settlers did all in their power to induce their friends in Ireland to follow them to this country. So Long Cane Settlement soon became a large and prosperous community of God-fearing, peace abiding

industrious people.

The Scotch-Irish who settled in Abbeville District were mostly Presbyterians in faith, with a sprinkling of Baptist. One of the first things they did after building the log houses for their homes was to erect a church and school building, both of which were built of logs. To them education went hand in hand with religion, and they were a deeply pious people, having family worship in their homes.....

The Presbyterian Church to which the Calhouns belonged is still in existence and known as the ^{Old} Long Cane Church. These early settlers found the land near the creeks and smaller streams covered with wild cane from five to thirty feet high, hence the name of the church and community which they bear to this day.

In this new home Catherine Calhoun settled with her sons and widowed daughter, anticipating, no doubt, a peaceful and tranquil old age, after much harrassing travel, settling and moving for many years. But such was not her fortune. This section was the home of another race of people-the Cherokee Indians- a tribe which for centuries had occupied the territory, and naturally they resented the coming of the white man. Trouble was inevitable. A series of wars between this tribe and the white people began in 1759, five years after the settlement of Long Cane Creek, and continued for intervals for more than thirty years. The Indian massacres that occurred in this part of South Carolina were not exceeded in brutality in all America; and the one which took place on February 1, 1760 near Long Cane Creek was the most appalling in the history of the state. Some of her best families, the Hamptons and Calhouns, history especially records, suffered incredible horrors and many deaths.

A party led by Patrick Calhoun, consisting of numerous members of the Calhoun family as well as others, attempting to remove their families and valuables to Augusta Ga., were suddenly attacked and some fifty, mostly women and children, were slain. ... Among the number slain was the old mother of the Calhoun family, Mrs. Catherine Montgomery Calhoun and her son, James.

After the terrible tragedy, Patrick Calhoun returned to bury the dead and found twenty-two dead bodies beside that of his mother, some distance away on a hillside where they had fled.....

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JOHN CALHOUN

John, second son of James and Catherine Montgomery Calhoun, was born in Ireland and married in Virginia, name of his wife unknown. They had two children:

- 313 Patrick, married Sarah McKinley
- 314 Catherine, married Joseph Calhoun

Patrick (called "Little Patrick" to distinguish him from his uncle Patrick) and his wife Sarah McKinley, had five children:

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| 315 Jane | 318 James |
| 316 Mary | 319 Sarah |
| 317 John | |

Jane, the eldest, first married William Holmes, a native of Ireland. After his death she married Charles Miller, and is known as Jane Calhoun Holmes Miller.

Jane Calhoun Holmes Miller was in many ways a most remarkable character. Her life covered

more than a century of time, and not a day of it was wasted. Her pathway lay in the humble walks of life, but every step was glorified by a personality of grace and beauty and a life of willing, loving service to others. In writing of her I fain would dip my pen in liquid gold so great is my admiration and reverence for her name. Born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, a few years after the Indian massacre in which a number of her family lost their lives, Jane Calhoun lived through the horrors of the Revolutionary War and had a vivid memory of it. She also remembered much of the constant Indian warfare between that race and the white people, and she lived through the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the greater part of the Civil War.....

There were almost no books to be had in those days except few Bibles brought from Ireland by the first settlers. Jane had little or no educational advantages. However little her advantages, Jane Calhoun was a great reader and a most remarkable memory, so that in time she almost memorized the Bible, and in her old age could tell on a moments notice, where any passage of Scripture was to be found.....

Jane Calhoun was married to William Holmes the latter part of the eighteenth century and to them were born two sons and three daughters:

- 344 Robert --died in infancy
- 345 Mattie --died in infancy
- 346 William Jr.
- 347 Bettie
- 348 Sallie

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William Holmes, husband of Jane Calhoun was a native of Ireland and died in Abbeville District, South Carolina, 1802. His descendants in Greenville and Anderson counties are among the best and most progressive citizens of upper South Carolina.

In the year 1806 Jane Calhoun Holmes and Charles Miller were married.....

It was about the year 1814 that Charles Miller removed with his family to Old Pickens District, settling near Tomassee, now Oconee County, South Carolina. Later they moved to a farm near Seneca River, where their son Patrick lived.....

Charles Miller died just previous to the Civil War at the age of 99 years. Jane Calhoun Holmes Miller lived a few years longer and died a few months before she would have been one hundred three years of age. They are buried in the cemetery of Bachelors Retreat Presbyterian Church, of which they were members. To Charles and Jane Miller three children were born:

- 389 John Calhoun
- 390 Patrick James
- 391 Jane—a life long invalid

PATRICK JAMES MILLER

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Patrick James Miller, second and youngest son of Charles and Jane Calhoun Miller, was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, January 2, 1811. He was quite young when his parents removed to Old Pickens District and the greater part of his life was spent in that section of the state.....

From his mother he inherited a deeply religious nature, and at the age of eighteen he united with Bethel Presbyterian Church, near Tomassee, in Oconee County, S.C., He was ever a faithful member of the church of his choice and was for many years a Ruling Eldgr. When he united with the church his mother requested him to enter into a covenant with her to pray daily for the conversion of his father. This covenant was faithfully kept until the husband and father united with the church at the age of ninety years.

His educational advantages were only those afforded by the common schools of his day, but he had a vast store of knowledge, such as passes from one generation to another by word of mouth. He was reticent and retiring in disposition but an interesting conversationalist, always ready with some entertaining story or bit of history to relate. Irish wit and Scotch poise were equally blended in his character and altogether he was a most charming man. He loved those of his own blood with a passionate abiding love, and he was in turn a greatly loved man. His tender care and patience with little children were rare and beautiful traits that he possessed to a marked degree.

---He was married to Sarah, Jerman Miller, English, on May 4, 1843, at the home of Lydia Ann and John Miller, near Pendleton, S.C., by Rev. W.G. Mullinix. Theirs was indeed a happy marriage, but the years of happiness were few. On September 22, 1855 the young wife passed away leaving a desolate husband with five small children.....

From then to the day of his death, almost forty years later, he lived for his children and grandchildren, and lovingly cherished the memory of his young wife.

As has been stated, Patrick James Miller united with Bethel Presbyterian Church when a young man. After removing to a home on Seneca River, he became a member of Old Stone Church, and on locating near Westminster united with the Bachelors Retreat Church, of which he was an Elder. His wife, Sarah Jerman, was a member of the Methodist Church. Some of their children united with the Methodist Church and some with the Presbyterian church.

In 1870 He removed to Franklin County, Georgia where he spent many years, loved and honored by all who knew him. He died in CARNESVILLE, GEORGIA, May 25, 1894, and was buried with honors (Masonic) in the cemetery of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, of which he had long been a member and Ruling Elder. Officiating at his burial, were his old pastor, Rev. Henry F. Hoyt, Rev. J.R. Speck, of the Methodist Church and Rev. J.F. Goode, of the Baptist Church, which was as he would have had it, for with broad minded affection he loved all denominations.

To Patrick James and Sarah Jerman Miller were born five children:

- 394 Julia Myrtle--born March 28, 1844
- 395 Eugenia Blanche--born March 3, 1846
- 396 James Carlisle--born April 28, 1848
- 397 John C. Calhoun--born May 15, 1850
- 398 Sarah Elizabeth--born February 25, 1854

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JOHN CLARENCE CALHOUN MILLER

J.C.C. Miller, as he was familiarly known, was born in Old Pickens District, South Carolina, May 15, 1850. The early years of his life were spent in that state. In 1870 he removed with his father and sister, Elizabeth, to Franklin County, Georgia, where he spent the greater part of his life, and honored and loyal citizen of his adopted state.

He spent a few years in teaching, making it his profession, at the same time engaged in agriculture, which he followed more or less through life. For two years, 1893-94, he was editor of the Carnesville Tribune, official organ of Franklin County. He was three times elected to public office and faithfully performed the duties incurred thereby. With great deliberation he always considered every side of a question whether public or private interest, and when he reached a conclusion was firm in his conviction of right and wrong. Faithfulness and prudence were, perhaps, the outstanding traits of his character.

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(Calhoun-Miller family continued)

He was a Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum, also a devoted and loyal member of the Presbyterian Church, the doctrines and worship of which he strongly maintained to be biblical, yet at the same time he was liberal toward all different views. He greatly enjoyed the worship of all evangelic churches. For almost forty years he was an officer of Hopewell Church, Athens Presbytery, serving as a deacon from 1875 to 1880, and as an elder from 1880 to 1913. He had the unusual experience of being Clerk of the Session, while still a deacon. During the years of his eldership he was connected with the church courts from Session to General Assembly, and was a familiar figure on the floor of Athens Presbytery, a faithful and efficient Presbyter to the end of his life

While on a visit to the home of his sister in Decatur, Texas, he died suddenly Aug. 22, 1913. He rests, as is fitting that he should, near the little church by the side of the road where he had toiled so faithfully and so long.

John Clarence Calhoun, son of Patrick James and Sarah Sherman Miller, was married twice, first to Susan A. Bolding, January 22, 1874, by Rev. W.P. Gready. To them seven children were born:

- 441 Walter Gordon--born January 20, 1875
- 442 James Pestell--born March 10, 1877
- 443 Julia Emma--born February 3, 1879; died February 1, 1881.
- 444 Elizabeth Eugenia--born September 13, 1880
- 445 John Clarence--born February 8, 1882; died June 10, 1889
- 446 Sarah Jerman--born June 5, 1883; died June 10, 1889
- 447 Susan Grace--born October 19, 1884; died November 4, 1884

Susan Bolding Miller died October 27, 1884

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John Clarence Calhoun Miller and Florence McWhorter were married August 19, 1886. Of this marriage ten children were born:

- 478 Oscar Lee--born July 7, 1887
- 479 Louise Blanche--born August 2, 1888
- 480 Martha Henrietta--born January 17, 1890
- 481 Alfred Hoyt--born October 13, 1891
- 482 Annie Maude--born March 11, 1893
- 483 Hattie Mae--born April 23, 1895
- 484 Esther Born July 20, 1896; died in infancy
- 485 Eva Maria--born November 7, 1897; died January 18, 1903
- 486 Patrick Dwight--born January 13, 1900
- 487 Warren Edwin--born January 22, 1902

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Woman's Auxiliary

History of the Woman's Auxiliary of Hopewell Church

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church was organized in December 1934 by Mrs. R.A. Forrest, then serving as President of the Athens Presbyterial.

Miss Sarah Miller served as the first President.

In its short ministry money for song books for the Church, and a Communion Service Plate has been contributed. An additional amount was raised to promote a Daily Vacation Bible School. Each year following a Vacation Bible School has been held. Enrollment in the school this year was 139.

Officers last reported:

President, Miss Sarah Miller
Vice President, Mrs. Pearl Adair
Treasurer, Miss Mary Sue Miller

There are nine members now enrolled in the Auxiliary.

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Church History

Miles C. Wood, Jr. served as pastor of the church. Mr. J. L. McBath is pianist. He is also Clerk of Session, serving with him are J. K. Miller, Eugene Miller, Holman Broome. Members of the Diaconate are M. L. Bryant and Lamar Bryant.

Members received by letter were: Clifford Miller, Sara Dendy Miller, James Miller, David Miller and Hall J. Carson. The only death was that of Walter G. Miller, an elder.

There were no other additions to the church during the year, no marriages, and no baptisms.

Sunday School

J. K. Miller, Acting Supt.
Mrs. Jesse Manley, Sec.-Treas.

J. L. McBath, Pianist
Mrs. James McBath, Children's
Work Counselor

Classes
Adult
Pioneer
Junior
Primary
Kindergarten

Teachers
J. K. Miller
Mrs. James McBath
Mrs. Clifford Miller
Mrs. Marvin Buffington
Mrs. Ollie McBath

There are no Bible School or other special activities held during 1954 other than weekly second session meetings. This meeting consists of an Adult Bible Study held by the pastor or an elder for adults; regular classes for all other groups in their classrooms, using second session plans in Graded Series literature for groups through junior ages. Pioneer class has follow through project work, etc. in connection with their own Sunday School class. There were no programs held and the Youth Fellowship was held during second session but no officers were elected.

Social activities are planned for each group with the exception of adults by the Children's Work Counselor and the teachers and are held monthly if possible for the older group. The socials are always well attended and any of the children who come find a welcome regardless of age. The childrens' worker aids the teachers of their classes in their work in any capacity she is needed. She is available also to parents who may want her counsel or advice or who may simply wish to state a need for clothes for their children. Home visitation is a part of her work--also visitation by mail. She is elected by the Session and seeks their approval of whatever she plans.

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Church History

Rev. James Coad, Jr. served as student pastor during 1956. Mrs. Clifford Miller was pianist.

The Session members were J. K. Miller, Holman Broome, Eugene Miller and James L. McBath, Clerk. Clifford Miller was ordained and installed as elder in November.

The Diaconate was composed of M. L. Bryant and Lamar Bryant, with Hall Carson and Harold McGee being ordained and installed as deacons in November of 1956.

The Sunday School officers were: Superintendent, Clifford Miller; Adult Class Teacher, J. K. Miller; Pioneer Teacher, Lamar Bryant; Junior Teacher, Mrs. Hall Carson; Primary Teacher, Mrs. Harold McGee; Kindergarten Teachers, Miss Ollie McBath and Mrs. Lamar Bryant.

There were no additions by letter during this year. Duard Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bryant, by profession of faith, united with the church on Sept. 16, 1956. He was baptized by Rev. Cook Freeman, Executive Secretary of Athens Presbytery.

The Women of the Church met and were organized in January of 1956. Several meetings were held and continued into the summer at which time attendance was so poor that it was decided to discontinue for the present time.

On June 7, 1956 the session accepted the resignation of Mrs. J. L. McBath as Children's Work Counselor and teacher of the Pioneer class.

A Bible School was held in July with around 70 in attendance. Hopewell customarily holds Bible Schools at night which enables many of the rural children in the community to take part and there is always much interest shown and very good attendance. Rev. James Coad directed the school and Mrs. Clifford Miller was music director. Those teaching were: Pioneer Class, Mr. Coad; Junior Class, Mrs. Hall Carson and Mrs. Harold McGee; Primary, Mrs. Marvin Buffington; Kindergarten, Mrs. James Coad and Miss Ollie McBath. Pew Bibles for the church were purchased with the Bible School offering.

A Revival was held the week of August 12 with the Rev. Tombs Kay as visiting minister. Rev. Kay is pastor of the Associate Reform Church of Jamaica, N. Y. As Mr. Kay could not be with us the last two nights Mr. Coad preached these services. All services were very well attended and a great inspiration to the church.

On November 11 the following new officers were ordained and installed, with Rev. Cook Freeman as ordaining minister:

Clifford Miller - Elder
Hall Carson and Harold McGee - Deacons

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During the year the young people held five social occasions. Several Family Night Suppers were held on Thursday evenings. Also the regular Second Session meetings were held on Thursday evenings. During these services the adult class made a study of the Schorter Catechism taking several questions a night and discussing them. On Nov. 11 it was decided to change the Thursday night services to Sunday night.

The following young people attended summer conferences at Rabun Gap school: Jimmie Miller and George Patat to Pioneer Conference and James Miller to Senior Conference.

The Programs put on by the children and young people of the church during the year were:

Easter Program
Rally Day Program
Thanksgiving Program
Christmas Pageant

During the year work has been accomplished in the Sunday School annex and completion of covering the outer walls of the annex with asbestos siding was finished.

Mrs. Clifford Miller, Acting Historian

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