Dutchman Creek Church and Eatons Baptist Church

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1997 225 year anniversary celebration

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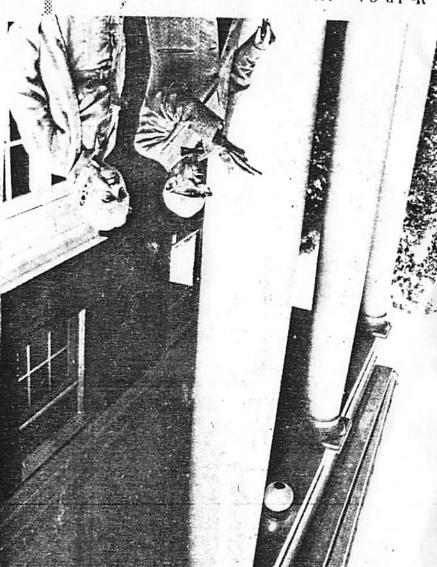
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EATON'S (FORK OF THE YADKIN) TIME LINE

from RootsWeb (printed out on 8/25/2008):

1772: Eaton Church was organized October 5, 1772, with ten members, viz., Elder William Cook, James Tompkins, Ebenezer Fairchild, Abraham Adams, Triphena Adams, Thomas Easteb, Susanna Easteb, David Reavis, Jemima Reavis, and Jesse Reavis.

Eaton Baptist Meeting House Records, November 24, 1772 to April 25, 1812.

The Original is in Wake Forest College Library, Winston-Salem, N.C.

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October 12 Day 1782

Pastors of Eatons Church from 1797 to 1925 Church Organized 1790 Dec. 16

First Pastor- Rev Lazarus Whitehead 1797-1805

Rev. Coker 1805-1814

Rev. William Britian 1816-1824

Elder John Angel 1824-1828

Elder William Dowd 1829-1830

Elder Lowell 1831

Elder John Angel 1832-1833

Rev. William Swanson 1834-1835

Rev. Thomas 1835

Rev. R. Roby 1836-1842

Rev. Paul Phipher 1843

Elder Stephen Horn 1844

Elder Mark May 1845-1848

Elder N.S. Chaffin 1849

Elder Thomas Miller 1850-1852

Elder N.S. Chaffin 1852-1853

Elder R. H. Griffith 1853-1857

Elder William Turner 1857-1867

Elder J.B. Marsh 1868-1872

Elder W.R. Gwaltney 1873-1876

Elder M. Baldwin 1877

Elder R.W. Crews 1878-1881

Rev. S. F. Conrad 1882-1884

Elder W. J. Hopkins 1885-1886

Elder W.G. Brown 1887-1889

Rev. C.S. Cashwell 1890-1893

Rev. J. N. Stallings, D.D. 1894-1897

Rev. S. D. Swain 1898-1904

Rev. C. S. Cashwell 1905-1910

Rev. W. E. Wilson 1911-1914

Rev. D. W. Littleton 1915

Rev. W. H. Dodd 1916-1919

Rev. S.W. Hall 1919-1923

Regv. E.W, Turner 1924-1925

Copy of this list placed in corner stone of Eatons Baptist Church 1925

Barbara Lucas

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EATON'S CHURCH, DAVIE COUNTY

Your committee to investigate certain "old records of the church of Jesus Christ in the forks of the Yadkin, Rowan county, North Carolina" beg leave to submit the following:

1st. What kind of a church existed and when constituted?

2nd. Its locality?

3rd. What relation it bears to the present church at Eaton's.

The first entry is as follows: "Oct'r ye 5th 1772. At the Constitution of the Regular Baptist Church in North Carolina, Rowan county, in the forks of the Yadkin there were ten members; their names are as follows: Wm. Cook, the minister, Jas. Thompkins, Ebenezer Fairchild, Abraham Adams, Thomas Easteb, Susanna Easteb, David Reavis, Jemima Reavis, Jesse Reavis. There has been added since-----," &c.

This church styled itself "A Regular Baptist Church." We find it exercising all the powers and customs according to the usages of a regular Baptist Church. Receiving and dismissing members, exercising discipline, censuring, suspending and expelling members, choosing deacons, elders and clerks, constituting Branches at various places and administering the gospel ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, determining the rules of decorum, and the terms of communion, appointing time and place for church meetings, &c., purchased this Book of Memorandum" and other property, also a deed for land for the use of the church.

On the 3rd of April, 1773, they met to <u>Rectify the Covenant</u> which appears to have had a previous existence.

June 5th, 1773, is the following entry: "It was further agreed that a door should be opened for our <u>Separate</u> Brethren, that they might commune with us, if they saw fit--of those that walk orderly and hold no heretical principles."

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We thus conclude that it was a Regular Baptist Church.

It appears from the Records that the Church held occasional business meetings at <u>any</u> of the <u>Branches</u>. At Deep Creek and other places, and once at least at Reese's in Surry county.

Notwithstanding this somewhat migratory habit, the church had a location, which was known as "our meeting-house," or "the usual place of meeting."

On February 3rd, 1775, "It was agreed that some member from ye body attend at the <u>Bradches</u> at their monthly meeting; and that some from every Branch attend at our monthly meetings."

The Branch at Mulberry fields (Wilksboro) was constituted as such the 22nd of January, 1774--"to administer the gospel ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper," and proceeded to choose a Deacon. The Branch at "Boon's Foard, "also, was constituted about this time. The following entry bears on the point: Aug. 2nd, 1777, "Bro. H---B---being under dealings, by our brethren at Boon's Foard, his crimes being grievous, they saw fit to cite him to the Mother Church." So a Mother body was clearly recognized.

Aug. 7th, 1779. "Appointed the next church meeting at the <u>usual</u> place on'

<u>Dutchman's Creek."</u> This fixes the location of the <u>usual</u> place. "The List of

Members" of the church in question, is entered on record at this place as follows:

"The names of the brethren, in the church at Dutchman's Creek, are underwritten:"

Here follows ninty-six names, and the first ten names of this list are the identical ten members constituted into a Regular Baptist church on the 5th of October, 1772, as above stated. Among the additions we recognize Eaton, Frost, Reavis and others.

The only other churches that might claim to be the original one are "Fork and "Deep Creek." "Fork Meeting House" was located in the "forks of the Yadkin"

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(a name applied to the whole of what is now Davie county) and certainly existed as early as September, 1774. But at this time and afterwards, Boon's Foard, occupying the same territory, and containing families whose names are yet prominent in that community, was a branch of this mother church, and 3 years later we find them sending to the mother church at Dutchman's Creek for discipline.

September 6th, 1777, Boon's Foard petitioned to be constituted a Regular Baptist Church; it was granted. Yet on the 8th of May, next year, "the brethren at Boon's Ford gave up the grant of constitution," and in July the same year "granted a privilege to Boon's Foard to excommunicate members, without laying accusation before the body" (i.e. mother church); furthermore, Fork was not constituted till 1793. (See Benedict, vol. ii, page 529, first edition.)

"May, 1777, agreed to hold next church meeting at Deep Creek. Acted on petitions from several branches, &c. On May, 1778, Bro Cook was chosen Pastor, and agreed that his time should be equally divided between Dutchman's Creek and Boon's Foard, Mulberry Fields having been previously constituted a church, leaves Dutchman Creek the church. "3rd February, 1778, a charge against sister S---R---, she not being able to attend, the brethren thought proper to appoint a meeting near her habitation, which was at Deep Creek Meeting House." The record shows Deep Creek to have been constituted a church the 6th of September, 1777.

Your committee find that the "Mother church was at Dutchman Creek, and was sometimes styled "Eaton's Meeting House."

On 3rd August, 1778 "considered about joining an Association." 13th October, 1787, nine years later, "agreed to join an Association."

About this time, a number of the brethren became disaffected, and were expelled for irregularly rending themselves from the church and signing a protest. These expelled members, it seems, were ministered to by one Mr. Hill,

which was the cause of much trouble and confusion in the church. (Mr. Hill seems to be the pastor at Scrichfield, wherever that place is) The church sent, in August, 1777, delegates to Mr. Hill's church to labor purther with them or to deal with Mr. Hill. They then seemed to grow cold, and finally the records ceased entirely after October, 1778, or are mislaid.

The present organization of Eaton's Baptist Church was had 16th December, 1790, and seems to have been gathered from the old members and 5 of the excluded members above alluded to, and was constituted by a regular prebytery.

From the foregoing facts, your committee concludes:

1st. A regular Baptist church at Dutchman's Creek, Rowan county, N. C. existed from the 5th of October, 1772, till 1778.

2nd. This mother church, though somewhat migratory in its conferences, had a "usual place of meeting at Dutchman's Creek meeting house" and that this and "Eaton's Meeting House" was one and the same place.

3rd. That "Eaton's" was a reorganization of this same old church, on the same land, and is historically the same church.

4th. That these old records are, and of right ought to be, a part of this church; and that the clerk of the same be instructed to file and carefully preserve the original copy of the same.

Alliof which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. WISEMAN, Chairman Committee.

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Laton's Baptist Church, Once Dutchman's Creek Church, Formed In 1772

June 30 Started With Pioneers

OLD RECORDS KEPT

Trials of Congregation Shown

By Mary J. Heitman

In this day of many changes a number of old church sites have been abandoned, the members often uniting with churches nearer their homes. A notable exception to this stands near Cana in Northwest Davie, This is Eaton's Church, first called Dutch man's Creek Baptist Church, which was organized in 1772. Eaton's Church is a fine example of a modernly equipped rural church with a historic background, that is making progress with the years.

The early records of the church have been preserved, and many interesting facts have been gathered from them. J. T. Alderman, of Henderson, who taught for a number of years in Davie County. wrote a fine sketch of the early Baptist churches in the Forks of the Yadkin. Among these grst, places of worship Dutchman's Creek Church, with its three arms, Boone's Ford, Deep Creek and Mulberry Fields (Wilkesboro) occupied a prominent place.

"Regular" Baptists

Dutchman's Creek Church was organized, October 5, 1772, the majority of the members being English, though the Dutch Baptist, who came South from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, united with them. Professor Alderman, says of this church: "It was a Regular Baptist Church, rigid in principles and discip-

A copy of the old church re-Church in North Carolina, Roward 3018 CO. Public Library county, in the Forks of the Yada kin, there were ten mambally the county their new ten mambally the county in the forks of the Yada and their new ten mambally the county in the were ten mambally their new ten mambally the constitution of the county in the constitution of the constitution cords begins with this date: "1772 their names are as follows: William Cook, the minister; James Tompkins, Ebenezer Fairchild, Abraham Adams, Triphena Adams, Thomas Easteb, Susanna. Easteb David Reaves, Jemima

"Nov. the twelfth day, 1772, in New Church to Be Dedicated Rowan County in the Forks of the Yadkin, at a meeting held at our meeting-house. We proceeded that in the first place to choose a deacon, and the person made choice of for that office was James Tompkins; in the next place to appoint a clerk, and the person chosen for that office was Ebenezer Fairchild; in the next place to appoint and prefix a day for our communion season, which was the fourth Sabbath in this instant November for the first, and so to continue onward every fourth Sabbath in every third month."

Another extract from the records read thus: "This book is to be kept for the use of the Church in North Carolina, made in the year one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-two, made by Ebenezer Fairchild, Nov. the 24th day (1772), John McGlamree is appointed to preach at Deep Creek 28th of Sept., at Eaton's the 30th, 29th at Ridge Meeting-House, 30th at Deacon Nicholas White's, the first of Oct. at Jonathan Boone's, the 2nd, at their Fork Meeting-House, the 3rd, at Cutbeand's, the 4th, at Grant's, the 5th, at Eaton's again. There has been added since Mary Eas, teb by letter Nov. 22nd, 1772, Elizabeth Tompkins added by letter, Berry Bray, added by letter, Benjamin Cutheard added by baptism, Ebenezer Frost added by baptism, all on the seventh day, of March, 1773, fifteen members. in the whole."

Pioneer

Ebenezer Fairchild, the first clerk, later moved to Watquga; County, where some of his desendants now live. An interest:

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ing sketen of this pioneer happing appeared in The Journal and Sentine last year. The Ridge Meeting House mentioned above was also called Time ber Ridge, and was a Baptist control of Bethlehem. The present site of Bethlehem. Methodist Church in Davie coun ty. The Wachovia Records of the Unitas Fratrum (Moraylans) for 1778, state that Brother Utley preached to large congregations at Timber Ridge Meeting-House He also preached there on Feb 27, 1775, when the Bantist preache er, Murphy, was present. The diary also says that "On the 21st the Baptists had a big meeting a Evan's School house on Dutch. man's Creek. Taking up again the early re-

cords of Dutchman's Creek church, it reads as follows: "At our meeting held on April 8rd (1773 in the first place proposed to take out a deed for the use bf the church, the man appointed for the purpose was Ebenezer Fairchild . . . in the next place to provide a table for the use of the church by the aforesaid person!!

Limit Discussion

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ren might commune with us, is they walked orderly and held no heretical principles." Under this same date, June 5th, it says: "At our quarterly meeting there, was added by baptism John Eaton and Elizabeth, his wife; there was also added James Reavis and his wife by letter.

"(17/8) At our meeting held the third day of July it was a greed that the church should bear its own expenses, and that on our monthly meetings before our communion season it is agreed that contribution should be made a mong the brethren for to defray the charges. It is also agreed by the brethren that those that do not attend at our monthly meetings must abide by those agree ments made by those that do at tend.

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Good congregations attended Church at Eatons last Sunday, both at the morning and afternoon services. The sermon by Pastor V. M. Swaim, at 11 a. m. was deeply spiritual and one rest member was received into the church at this service. In the afterndon. Rev. W. B. Waff, of Mocksville gave a history of the Baptist of North Carolina which was full of information and in-spiration. The local church history was given by Mrs. J. W. Etchison. An organization known as Church of Christ, or Dutchman Creek Church existed from 1772 to 1788, including the territory from the forks of the Yadkin River to Wilkesboro. There

were meeting houses, as they were then called, at different places in this territory to suit the convehience of the members. ?-... the Fork, Boone's Ford, Timber Ridge, Dutchman's Creek, Deep Creek and Mulberry Fields (now Wilkesboro.) This church confinued in a flourishnig condition until the outbreak of the Reevolutionary war when it was disturb: ed by difference of opinion in regard to the "American Cause" as it is called in the old records. The church existed for a few years after the close of the war. but there is no further record after the end of the year 1787. Three years later, Dec. 16, 1790, it was reorganized and given the name of Eaton's Baptist church. This church has a broken record from

its organization until the present

time. During this period thirtyfour different pastors have served the church and six members have

been ordained to the gospel ministry, viz. Wm. Garner, Edward. IM. Chaffin, Nathan VI Chaffin, Thomas Miller, Wm. Brunt, and Williard F. Booe. Five churches have been organized from Entons as follows: Providence, Surry County, in 1805 (cannot be located) Cross Rosds, Yadkin County in 1885; Union Hill. Corneth County, (near Clemmons) in 1851; Farmington, Davie County, in 1879, Cedar Creek, Davie County, (colored) in 1872. 1209 members have been received into the church during the 140 years of its

existence.

LA/ARUS WHITEHEAD

William Cook as pastor. The records are more or less complete till it was reorganized in 1790 and the name changed to Eatons Church. At the reorganization Rev. Lazarus Whitehead was installed as justor: He served the church for a number of years with signal success. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and planted the seeds of church industry and called the people than ordinary ability and planted the seeds of church industry and called the people than ordinary ability and planted the seeds of church industry and called the people than ordinary ability and planted the seeds of church industry and called the people than ordinary ability and planted the seeds of church industry and called the people than ordinary and called the people than ordinary and called the people than ordinary ability and the seeds of church industry and called the people than ordinary ability and planted the people than ordinary ability and planted the people than the control of the church industry and called the people than ordinary ability and the seeds of church industry and called the people than ordinary ability and the church industry and called the people than ordinary ability and the second than ordinary ability and the called the people th on earth and endeavor to extend His kingdom to observe the commands of the Saviour while Among the oldess original manuscript records of Baptist churches in North Carolina are the records of the Old Dutchmans Creek Baptist Church in Rowan now Davie County. The church was organized October 5, 1772, with Rev.

of the early times in our State, but the records Horn Baptist Church in Indiana. mont section of North Carolina to the new State of Indiana. In 1812 he was pastor of the Elk was a great migration of the people of the Piedare ail too short to learn much about him. More should be written of this faithful minister About the beginning of the last century there

Church that the Baptist State Convention was induced to meet at the Union Camp Ground nearby in 1835. Whitehead had gone, but his influence in this upward trend of affairs was left long the seeds sown ripened into fruit worthy of his efforts. In 1818 a Missionary Society was formed in Eatons Church, which contributed regularly to the State organization for the promotion of missions. It was through the invitation of Eatons resigned the care of the church about 1805, but to assist in the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. His was a working church; they were Collections were frequently taken I chuck do my mente DAVIE CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY

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John Medlamree is appointed to preach at Deep Creek 28 of September at Tatons the 30 29 at the Ridge meeting House 30 at Deacon Nicelos Whites the first of October at Jonathan Boon's the 2 at the Fork Meeting House the 3 at Cutbeard's the 4 at Grants' the 5 at Eaton's again the 6.

July the first year one thousand seven hundred and seventy four these appointments all disappointed the preacher did not come

- November the 12 day 1772 in Roan County in the forks of the Yadkin at a meeting held by the members of the Church of iesus Christ held at our meeting house. We proceeded that in the first place to chuse a deacon and the person maide chois of for that office was James Tempkins and in next place to appoint a slark and the person choise for that office was Epenezer Fairchild in the next place to appoint and perfix a day for our communion season which was the forth Sabbath of this instant November for the first and so to continue onward every forth Sabbath in every third month that is in November and February and May and August and in the next place to appoint and perfix a day for monthly meeting or day of besiness which was the Wednesday Before the forth Sabbath in every month and so closed the meeting at this time.
 - (1773) At our monthly meeting on the twenty forth day of February ye 1773 it was agreed upon as followethe and our communion or quarterly meeting was moved from the forth Sabbath in February to the first Sabbath in March and so to continue on the first Sabbath in every third month which is March June September December in the next place removed our monthly meeting from the fourth Wednesday to the Saturday before the first Sabbath in every month and so closed the meeting
- covenant in the next place to take out a deed for the use of the Church The man appointed for purpores was Ebenezer fairchild---- in the next Place to provide a Table for the use of the Church by the foresaid person---- in the next place it was concluded that if any person should be designed to effer to the Church in public at any of our public meeting have the liberty to speak and if any one of the member is dissatisfied they have the liberty to confer together-----if any person chuse to speak before the Church in perticularly they have the leberty grainted
 - (1773) June the fifth at our meeting it was agreed that there should but one speak at once it was also agreed that none of the brethern should speak but three times to one thing without leberty from brethern and it was also agreed that when a queary was put out it should be decided by the majority of motes it was further agreed that a door should be open for our meaperate bretheren might sommune with us if they saw fit of these that walked orderly and held no heritical principles and so closed the meeting.

Aprep Ass 1nfA 21 Ass negrected. agreements maid by those that does attend our next munich monthly meeting those that do not attend at our monthly meeting must abide by those presthern for to defray the charges it is also agreed by the bretheren that communion season it is agreed that contribution should be made among the should bear the cwn expenses and that on our monthly meeting before our and when he is gone so is they are dissatisfied it is agreed that the Church the minister should examine those that shall herafter offer to our meeting At our meeting held the third day of July it was agreed upon that

querterly meeting and no Church besiness done that day. our next monthly meeting was September the forth at the time of our (1442)

orosed the meeting. and opened the meeting and signed the deeds for the meeting house Land and ent next monthly meeting was october the 2 the brethern met and anglank

(1442) Movember the meeting was neglected

left for enother hearigs. rellowship the next thing an accusation against brother James Revis and offence of brother Adams and the matter settled and he received brother Cook was chose moderateter the next we proceeded upon a matter of Februsky the fifth 1774? at our monthly meeting it was agreed that

James Reavis under sensure till satisation could be given to the bretheren betwen James Resvis and Joseph Murfey the brethern thought it propper to lay (1774)? June the forth upon a further examination of the matter of difference

discorced upon meny thing but come to no perticular conclusion on any thing. inly the second our monthly meeting beeing opened the brethern (よやんんて)

consering receives members and afterwards it fell through. December the third at our monthly meeting it was agreed upon---(1444s)

----nick of seriseb tant sout as Ifew to be read upon said day an that the Bretheren aquaint themselves with it as sponje be the time to receive members on experince siso the Church covenant brethern has an objection they must give thre reason for it or be ladd under suspence themselves it was further agreed upon that at our monthly meeting brethern that when a person offers an experience if there is any one of the December the 31 at our monthly meeting it was agreed upon by the (SPACT) XERRET

suspended till satisfaction could be given Church- It was thought proper by the Brethern that Ebenezer Frost should be was chosen as to go and inquier into the mater and make a Report to the and that some from every Branch atents at our monthly meetings also an all Report against Ebenezer Frost then was Daniel Lewes and Benismine Cutbeard P. 14 member or members from ye body atend the branches at there monthly meetings Feb. ye 3rd 1775 at our monthly meeting we agree it necery that some

removed to the first Sabbath in November and coward once in three manifag (1774?) September the third at our monthly meeting our communion season was further exemined and not satisfaction given but still lays under suspense

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(1445) March the forth at our monthly meeting the case of Ebenezer Frost _୧/ ଏ

- (1775) Tuesday 23 of May at acational meeting there was abraham Adams found gilty of a transgrestion for which the Brethern thought proper to lay him under suspence Also James Reavis was furder examined but no reformation found in him---furthermore it was agreed upon by the Bretheren that the monthly meeting before Sacrement should be held on the friday before the Sacrement
- 1775) July the first at our monthly meeting it was agreed by the Brethern that there should be a Elder ordained It was further by the Brethren that Brother James Reavis should be sited to the next monthly meeting Brother Rutledg was apointed to notify him
- P/8 (1775) August the forth at our monthly meeting an accusation brought making against Sister hannah Steward which was uncleaness which she acknoledge to be guilty of for which the brethern saw proper to lay her under Suspence

 August the fifth the proceeded against hannah Stewart and Excomunicated her out of the Church
- was an accusation brought against Brother Cook which did not amount to a sensure and it was the voice church that Brother Cook should still continue to preach
- p. 20 (1775) Friday November the third at the monthly meeting held by the brethern then met it was agreed upon conserning the American Cause if any of the Brethern sees cause to joyn in it they had the leberty to do it without being called to an acount by the Church for it but wheather joyn or not joyn there should be used with brotherly love and freedom for the futer.
- Reaves furthe examined and filty of a falshood yet the brethern thought to wait upon him till the next monthly meeting
- brethren that the sentence of Excommunication should be put into execution on Saturday the third day of this month against James Reavies furthermore the case of Abraham Adams brought under consideration and altho his crime found hanious yet the brethern thought proper to wait furder upon him the next brought under consideration was Thomas Hagan he was suspected of unsurcumspection.

 Walkthe brethern lays him under suspence till furder froof the next was Ebenezer Frost furder considered
- P. 24 1776) April the fifth at the monthly meeting Brother Thomes Easteb was appointed Deacon in Brother Thompkins Room

May the third at our monthly meeting it was agreed upon by the Brethern that the crime of Abraham Adams did fully amount to Excummunicationand also Thomes hagan the time when to be put in execution was the next Lords day it was further agreed that six of the Brethren should purches the Elements for our communion Season and so to go round six at a time Jonathan Hunt-Andrew Hunt-William Rutlegd-William Brown-Peter Wilams-Ebenezer Fairchild Paid

(1776) June the 7 Ebenezer Frost being further examined by the Brethern and no apperance of Repentence the Brethern thought proper to Excommunicate him out of fellowship the next Lords day Daniel Lews being suspected of erreaguler behaveour by the brethren they apointed Brother Easteb and brother Airvine to go and enquier into it and site him to monthly meeting

evil of his transgrestion and acnoledging the same before God and the Brethern and was Received into fellowship again---Abraham Adams and Thomus Haging continuing ebstinate and no sign of repentance the Church excluded them from there fellowship and communion

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July the 19 day monthly meeting it was agreed Anna Jurden should be sited to the Church Elious Barns to give her notis the mext Hannah Sturt applied for admission it was that she should make manifest her restoration to the favor of the Lord before the whole church at a convenient opportunity the next Dan Luis by confessing his faults was restored to fellowship likewise Elius Barnes being guilty of fiting confessed his fault was restored to fellowship

(1776) August the 2nd at a monthly meeting Ann Jerden being examined was found guilty of disorderly walk the brethren thought fit to lay her under business suspence -- the next Jonathan Hunt and Brother James Wilson their cause being brought before the church the brethren throught them both guilty and thought fit to lay them both under suspence -- Brother Marmon Butner being under dealings by our Brethren at Boons ford His crimes being grievous the thought fitts to site him to the mother Church He failed to come they sent his crimes the Brethren thought him worthy of excomunication he being out with the soldiers the time of execution was not appointed.

Likewise our sister Jean Club being under dealings at Boons Ford her crimes being grievous she was sited to our meeting She appeared remained impenitent being grievous she was sited to our meeting She appeared remained impenitent the Brethren thought her worthy of excommanisation the time appointed and the place where at Boons Ford the second Sabbath in August --

(1777) January the forth year 1777 the monthly meeting then held it was agreed that monthly meeting for the futer should begin at aeleaven a clock further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there should be four Elders chosen in the Church further it was agreed that there is not the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and laid ever till next monthly meeting the consideration and l

(1777) March y 15th 1777 The Church then by apointment convened at y usal place do agree to adhear to y confesion of Faith with the form of Church Government herein comprised and covenant to be ruled and Disipled Church Government herein comprised and covenant to be ruled and Disipled acording thereunto and further we beleave that State Laws and Constitutions are not to be canceled in y Church of Christ wherein they do not concern are not to be canceled in y Church of Christ wherein they do not concern are not to be canceled in y Church of Christ wherein they do not concern are not to be canceled in complience with y above we sate too our names y the worship of God in complience with y above we sate too our names y year and day above writen Thomas Eastwo John Wright James Ranard George Eaton year and day above writen Thomas Eastwo John Wright Andrew Munt

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was agreed upon that the next monthly meeting then held by the Brethern/met it was agreed upon that the next monthly meeting should be held at Deep Creek Meeting House furthermore the Brethren thought proper to suspend Peter Williams

P. 38 (1777) May the 31 1777 the Brethren being met at Deep Creek acording to apointment proceeded on bisness in the first place upon a pitision from the Norrow in order for a constitution not granted but rather admonished by letter John Irvine to rise It was further agreed that a day should be apointed for Mr Cook to have a hearing next Wednesday (Wensday in orig.) apointed to meet at the constitution

P. 3? (1777) July the fifth 1777 the Brethren then meet in way of conference did then agree that Helps in the Church should be sent for James Ranard and Ebenezer Fairchild apointed to rite for or to those helps the letter to lay before Church the next monthly meeting

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(1777) Three lines in the lines of the

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The Church of My residing in Roan County met on Saturday ye 6th Sept 1777 the Covenant being read and Bro Geo. Headpeth being chose Moderator proceeded to business as following (to wit) James Reynird appointed an Elder Geo. Hudgpeth clark -- A petition from the Branch of this Church at ye Mulhery fields craving the liberty to be constituted and helps to be sent for that purpose being laid before y Church is granted e

James Reynird Thos. Estep David Revis appointed to go to Y Mulbery fields to inquire into the principals and standing of that Branch wheather they be quallified for constitution and make report to this church-- A pitition fam. Branch at Boons Ford for constitution the church taking the same into ... consideration appointed John Ervin Isaac Eaton Benj. Martin to go and inquire into y principals and standing of that Branch and mak report to the Church

19.42 October 4th day 1777 the Church of Jesus Christ being met together (1777)and proseeded to do beness(business) chuse Thomas Eastep moderator

The Report from the Mulbery fields being maid their petition granted-Ebenezer Frost being acused of being guilty of a transgression the Brethren thought proper to a pint John Irwin to notify hm to answer the same next thing com before the church was Brother cook and he gave Satisfaction for these accusations- The next thing was a complant by Benjamon Hookins against Jsoph Whightlea and Abraham Hookins was apinted to sight him to answer ther same it was further Concluded to a pint day for Brother Cook to hav hearing 17 44 and Wensday weak was pich apon being 15th day and so concluded

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October 31th 1777 The Brethren then met proced to chase Br. Edward 1777) More Moderator- Benjamin Hawkins apointed to sight Joseph Whiteley to appear at next mont. meeting

(1777) December ye 6 1777- The Brethren then met It was concluded that they would have communion meetin, ght first Sabbath in February next- The Brethren then met together being all in fellowship namely William Rutledge Joseph Bradley Jessy Counsil Edward Moor David Reavis george Eaton-Williams? ?ecourse Abraham, Hawkins James Ranard Wm. Cook John Wright Ame(?) Wright Littlebery Bray Ame Moor- John Jones Jms Doyle Sarah Garmon Hannah Lewis The Brethren then met at Deep Creek according to apointment on February 24(?) Sister Sarah Reavis was suspended for some irregularity Ann Moor- Margaret Williams Mary Raynard Ann Ellet John Moor George Hudspeth Margit William 12- 48 Basseleak Cynes

(1778) February the 3rd 1778 The brethren then met Bery Bray chosen Moderatory Sister Ann Wright having a charge against Sister Sarah Reavis and she not being able to attend the Brethering thought proper to apoint a meeting near her habitation which was at Deep Creek meeting House James Doyle and Joseph Bradly appointed to notify her to attend the 4th Saturday of this Instant

(1778) January 30th day 1778 The brethren being met tagether at the usual place apointed chuse Jame Ranard Moderator and proseed to do bisness- The first thing was a charge brought by William Cook aginst John Arwin which being maid apear with out Dispute and divers other cromes which apeard so grevous tha thought proper t excommunicate him and the next day

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- being apointed Jonathan Hunt being under dealing aftertimes and no show of Repentance but rather grew worse the Brethren thought propper to excommunicate him the next day Thomas Eastept Jonathan Tomkins John Eston Isaack Eston George Eston being Gilty of unregarraly renting themselves for the Church and also for signing a protest that thought proper speedly to excommunacate them on the Morrow-the next thing was William Cook called as an assistance to act in behalf the Church in that bisness The next thing was a charge brought against Peter Sprinkel by Joseph Bradley and David Reavis to notify P. 5 thim It being communion season David Reavis Little Beary Bray James Renard. Edward Moore Jeames Doyle William Ruthledge Benjamon Hakkins John Jones Abraham Hakins George Hudspeth Paid for the Ellements and so concluded meeting
- (1778) February 14th day 1778- The Church of Jesus Christ being met together at the usel place apointed the Church Covenant being red chuse Brother Jeannes Renard moderator proseed to do bisness- The first thing com under our consideration was a difficulty between Benjamin Martin and Peter Eaton and gave satisfaxon to each other, next thing was com under our consideration was hakkins and Whitley and the brethren thought proper to lay him under the Disphessure of the Church and the time of his Excomunation was the next day and called William Cook as an asistant Minnester to act in that ordernance in behalf of the church
 - (1778) February 2222 28th day 1778- The Surch of Jesus Christ being met together at the usal phace apointed chuse Brother Bes. Martan- Moderator praseed to do bisness as follows The first thing was Jeams Doyle to sight Peter Sprinkel to apear at our next monthly meeting The next thing which com under our consideration was a report against Benjamon Cutbeard Little Bray and Jame Renard apointed enquire into matter Littlebeary Bray to sight Farichilds John Jones Sight Andrew Hunt- Zadock Marton to sight John Hunt to our next monthly meeting and so concluded
 - (1778) April 4th day 1778- The Church of Jesus Christ being met togethe at the usel place the first thing com under our consideration was Peter Sprinkela and the Brethren thought proper to Excommunicate him out of fellowship and the time apointed was the third Sabbath
- (1778) The Church of Jesus Christ being met together at the usel place on FSApril 18 and the first thing com under our consideration was our Disafected Brethren and it was thought fit to excommunacate out of fellowship thing Andrew and John Hunt Ebenezer Farchildes and on the third Sabath in the month and the next thing was to call William Cook to act in that and our next thing was to call a church meeting on Friday before the second Sunday in May.
- (1778) May 8th day 1778

 The Church of Jesus Christ being met together chuse John Jones moderator proseed to do besness as follows The Brethren at Boons Ford gave up their grant of constitution
- Benjamon Martain-George Moore- Zadock Martain Benjamon Hakins Elizabeth Martain Mary Rutledge Rebeackah Barns- Marget Hawkins- Suannah Hawkins Peter Williams Elias Barns The next thing was to call a Paster and William Cook being called gave himself up to take the Pasterle care of the church and the Brethren agree that his time shall be esqually devided between Dutchman Creek and Boons Ford

time after admittance was received into full fellowship with the Church and the next thin was Jeames Wilson being under suspenc for sum concluded that the Descons should raise a suport(?) by yo the monthly meeting the first thing was to consider to Raise a bounty for our minister and it was place- chuse Brother John Jones Moderator and proseed to besness as follows (87718)

July 18th day 1778- The Brethren being met together at the useal (84LT)_99 W The next thing was to grant a preveledge to Boons Ford to Excommunicate

August 28th day 1778- The church being meet together at Deep Creek place appling anti-em meeting but open meeting and closed

thing was consider about joining the Asosostion cuse (chuse) Jeames Rennord moderator and present to do bianes and the first

and the also concluded (to) have a communion on first Sabbath in December next Sary Reswis and Jeames Rennard and Joseph Bradley to go and talk with her P 68 sight him to apear to next meeting and the next thing was to consider about a charge sgainst Benjamen Cutbeard and it beeng true George Mudspeth(?) to tnguire into the fact and sight her to meeting- the next was to inquier into peing under suspence it was concluded that sum of the Church Should make Act Sarnont day the next thing was com unde our consideration Anna Juragen she and it being nilected (neglected) it was concluded it should be don the next and as sum members that was to be out off from the fellowship of the church 1778) Movember 19th day 1778- The church of Jesus Christ being met together (844I 797)

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was to apoint a time go down to lay our greef before Mr Hill's church May proseed to do bianess as follow the first thing come under our sonsideration April 10th 1779 the brethren being met together at Deep Creek and Renysrd li Bery Bray and appointed monthly meeting 4 satterday.

concinded to write a letter to know the time constitution but not notne time as thay had apointed could not and so (1446) MEN Sty 1446 Brethren petme tokether at Deep Creek Detition Lrom Present to ab at bassens A 24-W gasht tealt ant

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Yearly meeting and so concluded their apointed meeting it was concluded the Bretnren should attend their A 72 met together on conference we received a letter from William Hills church of May 15th day 1779 alt being a called meeting and the Brethren being (644T)

Jeanes Ranard apointed and se closed p 33 to laber further with them and brother Milliam Cook George(?) Hudapeth Trom Mr Hill's church and it further concluded that Dellegates should be sent proseed as follows the first thing was our Deligates returned their answer is June 12th day 1779 The Church of Jesus Christ being met together

(1779) July 10th day1779-- The Whiteh of Jesus Christ heing uset together the first thing was (Slines marked out) the report from Mr Hills Church by our Delegates they ack nowledge their Elleagal manner in proseeding to giving up their Paster to administer the Gospel ordernances among a people whome we had exemmunicated 214 They withdrew their their assistance that they had given them the next thing was a request from the above Excommunicated party for us to attend a day that they had apointed to fall on sum measure f accommodating our unhappy Deference we sighted them to the confession of Faith page the 21(?)

(1779) August 7 day 1779 the Church of Jesus Christ being met together the first thing was con under our consideration the Brethren apointed their next-church meeting at the usel place on Durchmon Creek they also apointed william Cook George Hudspeth to go and labour Brethoren which had unleagally 7 withdrawn from us they also apointed Deligates to go down to Mr. Hills church to labour further with them or deal with Mr Hill and William Cook George Hudspeth Little Beary Bray to go and so concluded

(1779) September 11th 1779 The Brethren met at Eatons Meeting House the first a report from our Deligates that was appointed to go to Ms Hills church was that through Disappointment they did not attend the next thing was a report from our Deligates that was appointed to labour with those Brethern that hath iregularly went farm us and joined with a number of members that we have excommunicated they being requested to attend at meeting neglected to come the next thing some of the Brethern requested Letters of Dismission to wit George Moor Benjamin Martin Elizabeth Martin Marget Williams At an acational meting at Deep Creek on Friday the 24 of September (correct proof) the first thing was a charge against Edward Moor for Fraud in bargin of a Slave secondly for Slandering of has Reputation—Thirdly for Falshood which was pospened for further hearing and so conclude

- (1779) September the 30ths- at an ocational meeting at Deep Creek Meeting possible. So House the first thing Brother Moors answer to the first charge which for Fraud in bargain of Slave nothing found worthy of Suspence- the second charge for Slander found guilty- Pospand to the next meeting and so concloid.
 - (1779) October the 9 day- the Brethren met at Deep Ceek Meeting House- the first thing Edward Moors answer to the third Charge nothing found against him jog it.

(1780) Febreary 12th 1780 the Brethren being met togethe at Deep Creek and nothing don

1780) March 11th day 1780- The Brethren being met together at Deep Creek and nothing done-----

P82 (1782) July 23 Day 1782 ---- (ceased 2 year 4m 12 days)

The Brethren belonging to the Costatution of William Cook church being met together at Reases meeting Their Eldoa being ded the Brethren chuses Brother Benjamin Martin Elder and Daved Reavis Deacon they both to searve in the Church upon triel The church Meeting appointed the Saturday before second sunday in August

nergy (1782) August 12 day- The Brethren being met together according to apointment the Church concluded to send for two Minsiters for to administer the sacraments of Babtism and the Lords Supper among them- Nothing more done

(1782) September 10th day- Then the Brethren being met together acording to appointment Br. Joseph Bradly appointed to to carry a letter to the ministers 6.84 Brother Benjamin Martin apointed to give notice to the Brethren at Boons Tandanilingininganganijajyayatatadytingilatarikajaningthefallaribayaniyettykaytaxananatan h Ford- Bro. James Dyle apointed to go to Brother Barlow and git hm to come down- no more done Meating apointed the Satarday before the first sunday in December (1782) October 12th (sunday) the Brethren being met together nothing done

(1782) November (sun) 9the the Brethren met together at the usual place but nothing done-

1985-(1782) December (sat) 7the the Brethren met together at the usual place-and nothing done

January 11th(Sun) 1783- The being met together at the usual place (1783) there was nothing done

February (?) - The Brethren being met together at the usual place of (1783?) meeting there was nothing down. done

March 8th The brethren being met togehher Sister Elisabeth Jones .{1783} being charged with unbecoming discorce to her husband and she acknledged the same the Church laid her under Bensure Censure

(1783) April 12the(Sun.) the Brethren together on a request of Brother Cook there wa a meeting appointed the 16 of that instant at which time he gave satisfaction to the church-

P\$6 (17839) (seven lines erased) May 10th (1783)? The Brethren being met at the usual place Sister Elisabeth Jones gave satisfaction to the Church and was rec into fellowship

(1783) June 7th- The Brethren being at the usual place- there was nothing done

July 12th the Brethren being met at the usual place- Brother David Reavis was appointed to write a letter and also to carry the same Brother Heiflan and Ben. Cooker- nothing more done

The Names of the Brethren in the Church at Dutchman Creek are under P. 87 written

> the minister Roman Tux Bet 41776 William Cook James Thompkins Ebenezer Fairchild Abraham Adams T-L 178 (Triphna Adams) Tryfeney Adams T. L. 1778 Thomas Easteb Susannah Easteb ! David Reavis Jemima Reavis Jesse Reavis Mary Easteb by letter Elisabath Thompkins by letter Beary Bray by letter Beniamine Cutbeard Ebenezer Frost 1778 T.L John Eaton Elesabeath Eaton

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 - (1783) September 13th the Brethren met at the usual place therewas a report from the ministers Brother Heiflen and brother Crocker appointed by a letter the first Saturday Sunday and Monday in November to be at Reaves Meeting House- The next thing was a Charge being brought against Brother Beary Bray but under a strict examination nothing found worthy of a sensure by the church(2 lines stuck out)
- of the big meeting brother Bery Bray beeing about to move desired a letter from us the Church concluded to give him a letter the first before the fifth Sunday in November if nothing appears worthy of sensure
- (1784) March 13th 1784 The Brethern beeing met at the usual place of meeting the Brethern took into consideration a report that is in the world concerning brother Benj Martin useing unbecoming discourse and saying he could prove things that doth not yet appear Brother Joseph Bradley appointed sight him to meeting to answer these things the saturday before the fourth Sunday in this instant and so concluded the meeting

 March 29th Brethren met according to their apointment Brother Martin apeard and in answer to the first charge Brother Martin acknowledged and satisfied the Church that the Lord had restord him 26 to the second charge it appeared to the satisfaction of the Church to be as he had said nothing more down but concluded the meeting
 - (1784) April 10th the Brethern beeing met at the usual place concluded to site sister Estub to meeting to give her reson for her not attending meeting Bister Jones appointed to give her word to come on Saturday the 15th May The Brethern beeing met according to appointment Sister Estub fails to may appear the Church took into consideration Brother Cooks not attending with us in our conferences concluded to sight him to come to meeting and give his resons for not attending Brother John Moore and Brother Benj Martin appointed

to request him to attend our next Church meeting and concluded

- (1784) June 12th The Brethern beeing met at the usual place Brother Cook attended according to our request and gave his resons with which the Church rofest themselves satisfied the next thing come under our consideration was charge brought by brother Benj Martin against brother Berry Bray brother David Reavis appointed to sight him to attend our next Church meeting
- (1784) July 10th The brethern beeing met at the usual place Brother David Reavis having not given Brother Bray notice was to give him notice to appear to our next meeting nothing more done.

August 7th The brethern met according to appointment there was nothing done

- (1787) August 18th 1787 (missed three years one month and eight days)

 The Brethern beeing met at Deep Creek Meeting House the first thing that come under our consideration was Sister Judah Revis that beeing laid under sensure for relating a report which she heard concerning Jeanna Reavis to The next thing was to appoint our monthly meeting for business the Friday before the fourth Sabbath in each month and so concluded meeting
 - (1787) September The Brethern met according to appointment under some consideration appointed a meeting the 13th day of October.
 - (1787) October 13th (Sat) The Brethern beeing met according to appointment then took into consideration the nature of adjoining an Association concluded it necessary to adjoin an Association and so concluded meeting
 - '1787) October 26th (Friday) The Brethern met according to appointment eemed to be nothing to go to record and concluded meeting till meeting in course

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(1772) October the fifth ye 1772 At the Constitution of the reagular Baptis Church in North Carolina Roan County in the Forks of the Yadkins there was ten members their names are as followeth William Cook the minister James Tompkins Ebeneser Fairchild Abraham Adams Triphena Adams Thomus Easteb Susanna Easteb David Reavis ENSUREM Jemima Reavis Jesse Reavis, There has been added sence Mary Eastebby letter November the 22 year 1772 Elesabath Tompkins aded by letter Beara Bra aded by letter Beniamine Cutbeard aded by baptism Ebenezer Frost aded by baptism al on the seaventh day of March 1773 fifteen members in the whole

Laton June the fifth at our quarterly meeting there was aded by Baptism John Eaton and Elesabath his wife there was also aded James Reavis and his p. /09 wife by letter September the 17(?) 1773 at a meeting held at Boons Foard, on the Yadkins there was aded unto the Church fore members by baptism these names was Nicolas White Hannah Lews Bahethelem Canady Leah Garrawood 23 nineteen in the whole.

(1773)November 28 year 1773 At a meting held at the Mulbury Fields there was aded to the church eleaven members by Baptism whose names are as followeth- Hohn Prophet Luke Lee Elexander Holtton Samuel Rate John Simson Susannah Prophet Susannah Flacher Elisabeth Bacon Elesabeth Lee Elesabeth Jones Kary Simson Thirty in the whole

P-111 (1774)January the 22 year 1774 At a meting held by the Brethren at the Mulbeary Fields and there constituted a Branch of the Church and at that time to administer the Ordenances of the Gospet as Baptism and the Lords The persons Baptised ware Edward Boon Peter Butner William Rite Supper Quilla Green John Barker Ann Rite Hannah Green Elegabeth Barker Thirty eight members

Further more chose Elexander Holston Deacon

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March the 19 There was aded to the Church tow Members John Jones and Sarah Swinne

(1774) March the 20 There was aded to the Church Fifteen members by Baptism Their names are

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Thomus Brisco Wagstaf Canade Daniel Lewes Isaac Eaton Sarah Turnor

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At Boons Foard April 17 Richard Turner Richard Brown Edward Turner John Adams · William Paterson

There received twelve members by Baptism Elias De Hart Milliard Crane Charity White Jane Clubb in all 777 members

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Rev. Wm. Swanson	1834- 1835
Rev. Thomas	1835
Rev. R. Roby	1836- 1842
Rev. Paul Phipher	1843
Elder Stephen Horn	1844
Elder Mark May	1845- 1848
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Elder Vm. Turner	1857- 1867
Elder J.B. Marsh	1868- 1872
Elder W.R. Gwaltney	1873- 1876
Elder M. Baldwin	1877
Elder R.W. Crews	1878- 1881
	1882- 1884
Rev. S.F. Conrad	1885- 1886
Elder W.J. Hopkins	1887- 1889
Elder W.G. Brown	1890- 1893
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Rev. S.D. Swaim	1898- 1904
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Rev. W.E. Wilson	1911- 1914
Rev. D.W. Littleton	1915
Rev. W.H. Dodd	1916- 1919
Rev. S.W. Hall	1919- 1923
Rev. E.W. Turner	1924-1925

Copy of this list placed in corner stone of Eatons Baptist Church 1925

Dutchman's Creek Church.

In regard to the minutes of Dutchman's Creek Church,
Mrs. J. W. Etchison, of Cana, N.C., wrote to Miss Flossic Martin,
as follows, under date of Jan. 21, 1929.

"I have been told that this copy was made by Dr. J. W. Wiseman, and that much of the handwriting is his and that of his first wife. This, with some other papers, came to us from Dr. Wiseman's sale."

"We have a complete record of Eaton's Church from its organization in 1790 until the present time. x x x As I remember it now there were four of the seven Eatons, members of Dutchman's Creek Church, who were charter members of the reorganized Church when the name was changed to Eaton's."

The accompanying typed copy was made by Miss Flossie Martin, from the copy belonging to Mrs. J. W. Etchison.

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Eaton's Church History.

By F. R. Leagans

A large and appreciative audience distened to the history of Eaton's Baptist church recently in the fellowship meeting held there. The church is located eight miles north of Mockstille and is perhaps the strongest country church in a radias of fifty miles.

Organized as Dutchman Creek church in 1772 it's membership was scattered from the Forks of the Yackin to North Wilkesboro, then known as Mulbery fields and from Salisbury to Winston Salem This organization first had meeting places scattered at vantage points throughout Davidson, Rowan, Davie, Forsyth, Yadkin, Surry, Aredell and Wilkes counties. The work was directed from the central point where the church house was located. The services at these vantage points for the convenience of the membership were held some times in residences of promiment men of the community, in school mouses where available and other places to suit the convenience of the people.

The records show that a meeting house in what is now Lower Davie or Davidson county, was the residence of Jonathan Boone, who it is claimed was the Squire Boone, father of Daniel Boone. Several of these meeting houses were later or-(1) ganized into churches. Timber Ridge Meeting House which is now Bethlehem church, near Mocks ville, was one of the first to organize a church. Fork Baptist Church

which has perhaps sent out more ministers of the gospel than any church of the county was organized about 1790, with the charter members coming from the old Dutchman Creek church. Provi dence, in Surry county; Farming. ton and Cedar Creek, in Davie county; Cross Roads, in Yadkin county and Union Hill, in Davidson county, were all organized by this body after its name was chang. ed in 1790 to Eaton's Church.

The church, after its institution in 1772, flourished until the Revolutionary War when great confusion arose among the membership relative to what stand the church should take. In a church conference it was agreed that/should any member favor the cause of the Colonies he should not be taken into account by the church for his actions.

When the Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830, Eaton's Church joined this group at the first opportunity and perhaps may be termed a character member of the present convention with its 2,-300 church and 400,000 members.

Eaton's was also a pioneer in Sunday School work as the minutes which are well preserved and complete, record the organization of a Sunday school in 1845. No literature was available at that time but the older members of the school were taught from the Bible and the children were taught to read and write. The textbook for part of the time, at least, being the old blue-back spelling book. In 1849 a Sunday School ; library w. s purchased and placed in the church for the convenience of all who were able to read.

William Cook, Lazarnes Whitehead, Rev. Mr. Coker, William Briton, John Angell, William Dowd, Rev. Mr. Lowell, William Swanson, Rev. Thomas R. Roby, Paul Phifer, Stephen Horn, Mark May, N. S. Chaffin, Thomas Chaf fin, R. H. Griffith, William Turner, J. B. Marsh, W. R. Gwaltney, Moses Baldwin, R. W. Crews, S. F. Conrad, W. J. Hopkins, W. G. Brown, C. S. Cashwell, J. N. Stallings, S. D. Swaim, Walter E. Wilson, D. W. Littleton, W. H. Dodd, B. W. Turmer, S. W. Hall, L. R.

Tate and V. M. Swaim. A total of thirty-four pastors, several who have served two or three times, since the organization 158 years a

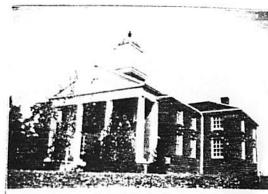
Six ministers of the gospel have been ordained in the church and many have been licensed and given their ordination papers in college or seminary churches and elsewhere. Those ordained and dates of ordination are: W. M. Gardner, 1847; Thomas Miller, 1849; W. M. Brunt, 1863. and M. F. Booe, 1918.

A new house of worship was built and dedicat in 1848. This structure with a few additions and alterations was used until in 1925 when a modern house of worship constructed of brick and electrical. ly lighted, at a cost of about eighteen thousand dollars, was completed in 1925 and dedicated in 1925.

. The old cemetery is a very meresting place and holds the bones of many illustrious American pioueers. Several hand hewn tombstones bear the dates of the years of the war with England and doubtless a number of those patriots who died for the American cause are buried there. One stone is recalled which bears the inscription, "Killed in the Battle of Bunker Hill." A diligent search recently failed to locate this particular stone though. Mrs. J. W. Etchison, the church historion, read the history and Dr. W. B. Waff, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mocksville, delivered an address on "One Hundred" Years of Baptist History in North

Carolina." Rev. V. M. Swaim is

the present pastor.



Eaton's Baptist Church Oct.30,1947.

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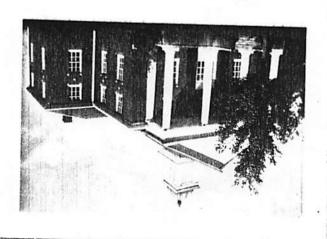
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BY GORDON TOMLINSON Baptist Church As Dutchman Creek Formerly Known

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Dr. G. W. Paschal, Yollow: of beildga threath applied to on the subject.

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Eaton's Baptist Church Dates Back to October 1772

the record says that "The Church and for the quarterly communions. of Jesus Christ" was constituted in 1772 with Rev. William Cook gan Edwards, a leading Baptist as minister and nine additional preacher of that day as an "arm" members,-James Tompkins, Eb- of the Shallowford church, "The enezer Fairchild, Abraham Ad- Church of Jesus Christ" lined up ams, Jemina Reavis, Jessie Rea- with the Regular Baptists. Howvis. Triphena Adams, Thomas Estab, Susanna Easter David Rea- was opened for the Separate

kins was elected deacon, and Ebclerk. Days were also selected under the date of Nov. 3, 1775:

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...But only Time will Tell

(Continued from Page One) | for the monthly business meetings,

This church was listed by Morever, on June 5, 1773, the "door brethren if they walk orderly On Nov. 12, 1772, James Tomp- and hold no heretical principles."

An interesting entry in the enezer Fairchild was elected Dutchman Creek Church book

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the American Cause, if any of the brethren see cause to join in it they had the liberty to do so without being called to account; by the Church for it, but whether join or not join there be used with brotherly love and freedom for the future." This entry was made five months after the action taken by the men of Mecklenburg County, and eight months before the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

Dr. Fries states in the article that this entry indicates that discussion was rife in the forks of the Yadkin between Tories and the Whigs, and suggests that pressure had been brought to bear upon the church to declare discipline for those upon the American side, which was definitely refused, though the Loyalists were also left at liberty, so far as the church was concerned.

On March 15, 1777, the members of the Dutchman Creek Church reaffirmed their allegiance to their confession of faith, their form of church government, their rules and discipline; and further they declared that "we believe that State laws and constitutions are not to be canceled in the Church of Christ wherein they do not concern the worship of God." To that 20 men affixed their signatures.

By Jan. 20, 1778, it seems that the sentiment had grown more tense and five members were excommunicated because they signed a Protest which was being circulated by the Loyalists or Tories.

ings for business were often held at the Deep Creek meeting house, no explanation for this being given. The church book of Dutchman Creek church ends with Oct. 26.

On Dec. 12, 1790, the church was re-constituted on the same site, being known thereafter as Eaton's Church. The records from that date are complete to the present. Eaton's church affiliated itself with the Yadkin Association.

In April 1903 Faton's Church

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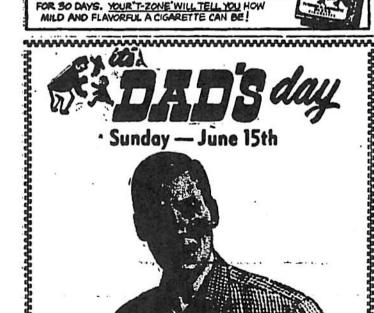
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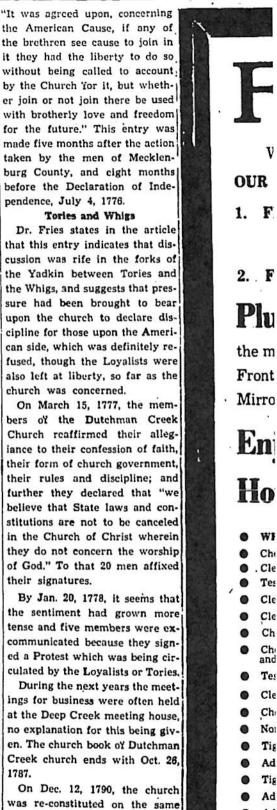
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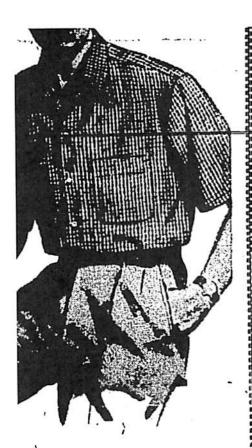


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Picture of church- "Eaton's Baptist Church, near Cana, possessing one of the oldest organizational histories in this section of the state, yet having one of the most modern complete church address.

Eaton's Baptist Church Bates Back to October 1772 Formerly Known as Dutchman Creek Baptist Church. By Gordon Somlinson

I am indebted to Miss Flossie Martin for a collection of articles dealing with rural churches of this section, compiled by the late Dr. Adelaide Fries of Salem College. Most of the data in the following article doncerning the Dutchman Creek Egton Church is the result of Dr. Fries research on the subject.

The titles formerly applied to the Baptists of Marious groups are somewhat confusing to the general reader. The following definitions of the titles as given by Dr. G. W. Paschal follow: General Baptist: Armemian in doctrine, that is believing that in the death of Christ general provision was made for the salvation of all men, and any one may be saved by believing on Jesus Christ.

Particular Baptist: Calvinist, believing in Predestination.

This group later took the name of Regular Baptists.

Separate Baptists: At first called "new Light," were in some respects followers of Whitefield, making much of the work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of men and in the guidence of Christians.

These names were declared obsolete in 1788. The 'Missionary Baptists' of today have characteristics inherited from all three groups.

The Dutchman' Creek Baptist Church was constituted October 5, 1772. The leading members were English. The Dutch Baptists who came down from Langaster County, Pa., united with this church and it became a center of influence in the symmunity. Daniel Boone's family were members of this church.

While the church book bears the name of Dutchman Creek Church, the record says that "The Church of Jesus Christ" was constituted in 1772 with Rev. William Cook as minister and nine additional members - James Tompkins, Ebenezer Fairchild, Abraham Adams, Jemina Reavis, Jessie Reavis, Triphena Adams, Thomas Estab, Susannal Fasted, David Reavis.

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This church was listed by Morgan Edwards, a leading Baptist preacher of that day as an "arm" of the Shallowford church, "The Church of Jesus Christ" lined up with the Regular Baptists. However, on June 5, 1773, the "door was opened for the Separate brethern if they walk orderly and hold no heretical principles."

An interesting entry in the Dutchman Creek Church book under the date of November 3, 1775; "It was agreed upon, concerning the American Cause, if any of the brethern see cause to join in it they had the liberty to do so without being called to account by the Church for it, but whether join or not join there be used with brotherly love and freedom for the future." This entry was made five months after the action taken by the men of Macklen-burg County, and eight months before the Declaration of Independence. July 4, 1776.

Tories and Whigs

Dr. Fries states in the article that this entry indicates that discussion was rife in the forks of the Yadkin between Tories and and Whigs, and suggests that pressure had been brought to bear upon the church to declare discipline for those upon the American side, which was definitely refused, though the Loyalists were also left at liberty, so far as the church was concerned.

On March 15, 1777, the members of the Dutchman Creek Church reaffirmed their allegiance to their confession of faith, their form of church government, their rules and discipline; and further they declared that "we believe that State laws and constitutions are not to be canceled in the Church of Christ wherein they do not concern the worship of God." To that 20 men affixed their signatures.

By Jan. 20, 1778, it seems that the sentiment had grown more tense and five members were excommunicated because they signed a Protest which was being circulated by the Loyalists or Tories.

During the next years the meetings for business were often held at the Deep Creek meeting house, no explanation for this being given. The trunch book of Dutchman Creek church ends with October 26, 1787.

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Daniel Boone's family were members of one or the Arms of this Church, Boone's Ford. Arms of the church covered the territory from the forks of the Yadkin to Wilkesboro, (then known as Mulberry Fields). These arms, or meeting houses as they were called, were situated in different parts of the territory to suit the convenience of the members. These consisted of Boone's Ford, Timber Ridge, Deep Creek, The Fork, and Mulberry Fields.

A menuscript record of this organization was kept and is now among the records of this church. On November 12, 1772 James Thompkins was elected Deacon, and Ebenezer Fairchild, clerk. Days were also selected for the monthly business meetings and for the quarterly communions.

The Dutchman Creek Church continued in a flourishing condition until the outbreak of the Revolutionary War when it was disturbed by differences or opinion as to the American cause. The church assumed neutral ground and on November 3, 1775 passed the following resolution: "It was agreed by the brethren concerning the American causes that if any of the brethren see fit to join in it, they have the liberty to do so the without being called to account by the church, but whether they join or not join, ? " | | they are to be used with brotherly love and freedom for the future". On March 15, 1777 the members reaffirmed their allegiance to their confession of faith, their form of church government, their rules and discipline; and further they declared that, "We believe that state laws and constitutions are not to be canceled in the Church of Christ wehrein they do not concern the worship of God". To that twenty men affixed their signatures. By January 30, 1778 it seems that the sentiment had grown more tense and five members were excommunicated because they signed "The Protest", a paper circulated by the Tories, preferring this as well as other charges against them. Reverend Cook also signed the Tory paper and was called to answer for this before the church. His name is not found among the signers of the resolution passed on March 15, 1777, and some authorities believe he was allowed to continue to preach in the capacity of assistant pastor only.

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Rev. Lazrus Whitehend was the first regular pastor of the church, being called April 29, 1797. No mention is made in the records from 1790-1797 concerning a pastor. This position was possibly filled by supply preachers.

At the time of its organization, the church was in Rowan County. The division of of the county into smaller units, caused the church to be in the new county of Davis. and is located eight miles northwest of Mocksville and one mile northwest of Cana. The church roll is complete from 1790 to the present, with an unbroken record of 164 years.

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Among the first missionary societies, managed largely by the ladies, was organised at Eatons about 1816. The early mission spirit of this and other like-minded churches, resulted in the formation of the State and National Baptist Conventions for mission work. This chuch pledged its loyalty and support to the work of the

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Providence, Surry County, January 1805

Cross Roads, Yadkin County, September 1835

Union Hill, Davidson (now Forsyth County) March 1851

Farmington, Davie County February 1879

Cedar Creek, Davie, April 1872.

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The Womans Missionary Union was organised in the church in 1911 with Mrs. Nama Cain Etchison as president. Rev. W alter E. Wilson served as pastor at this time.

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Other departments of the Womens Missionary Union which are operating at the present time are R.A., G.A., and Sunbeams.

The Baptist Young Peoples Union was first organized in this church in 1927. Since that date the organization has been alternately active and inactive. In later years the name has been changed to Baptist Training Union. This is now a regular department of the church.

The Pastors of the church from its organization until the present time are:

Rev. Williem Cook

1772- (there is no definite date mentioned as to when he left, but his name is in the records

as late as 1784, but does not say whether he was pastor then or not)

Rev. Lazarus Whitehead	1797-1805
Rev. Coker	1805-1814
Rev. William Britian	1816-1824
Elder John Angel	1824-1829
Elder William Dowd	1829-1830
Elder Lowell	1831
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Rev. R. Roby	1836-1842
Rev. Paul Phipher	1843
Elder Stephen Horn	1844
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Elder N. S. Chaffin	1849
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Elder R. H. Griffith	1853-1857
Elder Wm. Turner	1857-1867
Elder J. B. Marsh	1868-1872
Elder W. R. Gwaltney	1873-1876
Elder Moses Baldwin	1877
Elder R. W. Crews	1878-1881
Rev. S. F. Conrad	1882-1884
Elder W. J. Hopkins	1885-1886
Elder W. G. Brown	1887-1889
Rev. C. S. Cashwell	1890-1898
Rev. J. N. Stallings, D.D.	1894-1897
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Rev. C. S. Cashwell	1905-1910
Rev. Walter E. Wilson	1911-1914
Rev. D. W. Littleton	1915
Rev. W. H. Dodd Rev. S. W. Hall	1916-1919
Rev. E. W. Turner	1919-1-23
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Rev. V. M. Swain	1928-1929
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Edward M. Chaffin	1835	
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Thomas Miller	1849	
Wm. Brunt	1863	
Millard F. Boos	1918	
H. Wade Hutchins	1936	

At the present the church is a member of the South Yadkin Association. The departments now active in the church are: Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Womens Missionary Union, R. A., G.A., Sunbeams. The total Church emrollment is 263.

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(Following is the fifth installment of the article on "Eaton's (Dutchman Creek) Baptist Church" chosen from "Colonial Churches in North Carolina", a collection -Ed-) written by J. K. Rouse.

"FROM the old church record book, now in the possesion of the Library of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, we find this information under the date of January 7, 1791: "The church met according to appointment and was found to be in fellowship with each other. Ordered that nothing sufficiently supported by the scripture be left to vote in this church, Ordered that Andrew Hunt, Thomas Estep and Chas Hunt apply to the different sister churches, or either of the three brethren apply, to brethern Petty, Whitehead, and Baker for their Pastoral help. Ordered that the Saturday, before the second Sunday in every month be the stated time of holding our monthly meeting in Eaton's Meeting House."

"HERE is a remarkable reference concerning William Cook, the first pastor of the old Dutchman Creek Church, June 18, 1791: "The church met in conference with certain help from sister churches. The Rev. bro. Cook desired a reconcilation with certain members of the church in respect of several grievances and quarrels subsisting in a former church of which they were formerly members. Witnesseth viz, that they sought and obtained full fellowship with each other.

"THIS entry on July 9, 1791: "Benjamin Cherry joined the church having neglected getting a letter from his former church. Was received by experience." Two weeks later his wife or sister became a member of the church. "Sister Mary Cherry joined the church by experience, having neglected to get a letter from her former church."

"IN this ancient book is a revealing reference to the Rev. John Gano, the first pastor of the Jersey Baptist Church, and the first Baptist minister to Western North Carolina, then temporarily living in the Eaton Community. March 25, 1792: "Bro. Issac Eaton was ordained Deacon of this church by the Revs. John Gano and Lazarus Whitehead." One year and four months later, on July 25, 1793, this statement appears in the record book of the church: "Bro. Gano present. Proceeded to choose brother Andrew Hunt, Isaac Eaton, Daniel Lewis to represent us in our next association to be held in 4th Saturday in August next at our Meeting House." Rev. Gano had confidence in Isaac Eaton and Daniel Lewis as they had been converted and baptized by him in the March revival of 1774."

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By Brenda Summers

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members are still a part of Eaton's Baptist Members have died. Some have moved to other communities, new members and new times and traditions have changed, but the The founders have long since departed. leaders have helped to continue the traditions. The buildings have changed, memories and the dedication of many

together as Eaton's Baptist Church The new and the old will be mingled the annual homecoming Sunday, August celebrates its bicentennial anniversary at

Several activities have been planned for the day to celebrate thoughurch's 200-year

Convention. Dinner will be served on the during the past year will be at 1:30 p.m. Raleigh, secretary of the Baptist State service in honor of members that died Guest speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service will be Dr. W. Perry Crouch of church grounds at noon. A memorial that afternoon. Also included in this ser-

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Wilkesboro."

During this period "there were 'meeting vice will be recognition of the five daughter churches, and a history of the church will be read by . Davie County historian, Jim and other sources, states that "the church A 12-page history of the church prepared The history, written from church records for the occasion recounts the church's past.

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of the Yadkin" refers to all territory between the Yadkin and South Yadkin

rivers which included Davie County).

Edward, George and Jonathan Boone, brothers of Daniel Boone were among the first members of the Dutchmans Creek Growth in the number of church members lead to the erection and dedication of a new building in 1848. The site of the church was "the crest of the hill East of and near the site of the Old Dutchmans Creek Church."

The minutes of a church conference on February 25, 1854, state "that Ben F. Eaton reported that 'On May last; according to the order of the Church', that he had purchased a record book, and had secured the services of J. H. Foote and S. O. Tatum to transcribe the contents of the original church records to this new book, and having done so, he presented said book to the church." The book contains a complete history of activities of the church from 1790 to 1902. The book is now being housed in the Baptist Collection Room at Wake Forest University Library."

In 1872 the church celebrated its one hundreth anniversary. The history

presented at that time was written and given by Dr. J. W. Wiseman. The article discusses the "phillosphies and humanities of that era, and how they were developed through daily living and the importance of the church in the lives of the people in that day."

The church building was remodeled in 1890. Galleries were removed, and the vestibule and bell tower were added.

After some members of the church were told they did not need a bell tower because they had no bell, a drive was begun to raise funds for the bell. This same bell hangs today in the tower of the present building. The history states that "The bell peals have sent forth the call to worship for many years, and it has also rung, or tolled on the occasion of a death in the community. It has served well as a means of communication in this rural country-side."

The present brick building was begun in 1925 and dedicated on the 5th Sunday in June 1930. The building was made possible, largely through a gift from William T. Eaton of Winston-Salem, who was a former resident of Davie County. His ancestors and relatives had worshipped at the church:

The church parsonage was started in 1958 and dedicated in 1963.

In the past few years the sanctuary has been rearranged and folding doors have been put up to make new Sunday School classrooms. An organ has just been purchased with money secured through private donations. Recently, cushions for

the pews were purchased.

The church is presently involved in the planning stages of an education building. A building fund has been started and blue prints have been secured. The church also has plans to remodel the church pulpit area and choir area of the sanctuary.

Three churches in Davie County were organized from Eaton's Baptist Church. Cedar Creek was organized in 1872; Farmington, February 1878; and Ijames Cross Roads in late 1800's. Churches in other counties are Providence in Surry County organized in January, 1805; Cross

Roads in Yadkin County, September, 1835; Union Hill, (which was in Davidson County then, but now in Forsyth County) March, 1851.

Ministers that have been ordained from this church are William Garner, 1834; Edward M. Chaffin, 1835; Nathan S. Chaffin, 1847; Thomas Miller, 1849;

William Brunt, 1863; Millard F. Booe, 1918; and H. Wade Hutchens, 1936. Cecil Ellis Leagans, Jr., was licensed to preach by Eaton's Baptist Church in 1964.

The church is currently without a pastor. The Rev. Bill Bruton, who served about a year, resigned in June to return to radio work.

Many people at Eaton's Baptist Church have worked to make this a successful Bicentennial celebration. Jim Eaton is Chairman of the event. Bill Merrell is Sunday School Superin tendent; Bob Langston,

Training Union Director; and Clyde Hutchens, Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Those on the history committee are Mrs.

Minnie W. Pope, Mrs. Florence F.

Ferebee, Mr. John Boyce Cain, Sr., Mr.

Jim M. Eaton (deceased, 1971), and Miss

Mossa E. Eaton, Chairman.

The history sketch was prepared by Miss Flossie Martin, Mrs. Annie Eaton Brower, Mrs. Faye Cain Rich and Miss Annie Laurie Etchison.

Those on the program committee were Bill Merrell and George Winfrey (died in July, 1972).

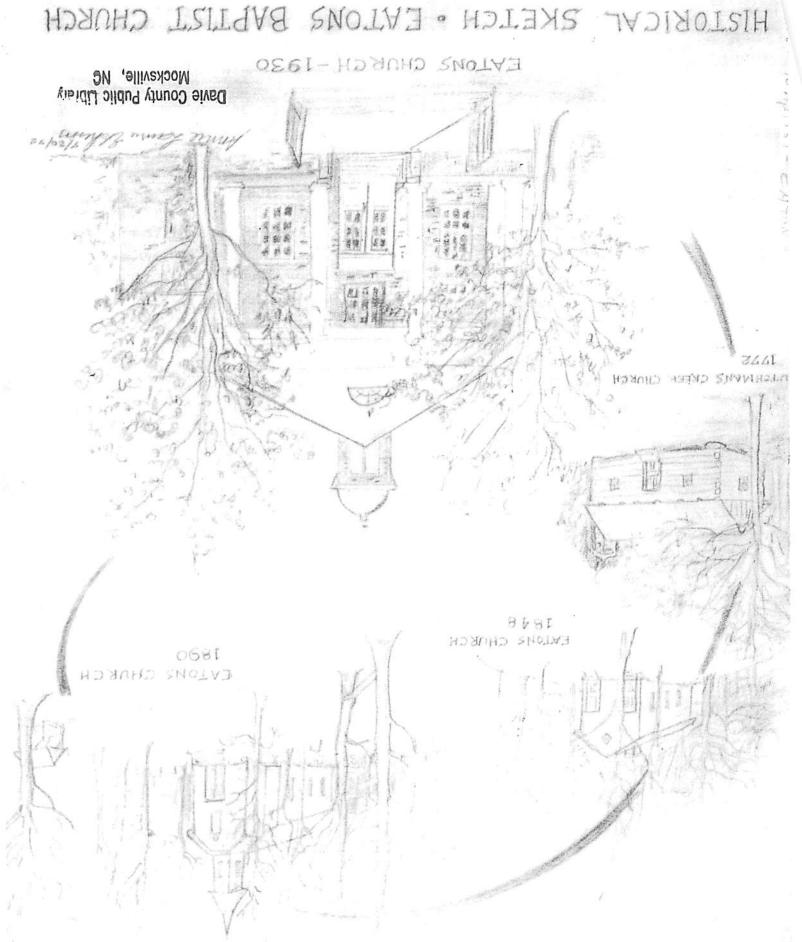
Mrs. Bill Merrell, Mrs. Lester Richie, Sally Richie and Mrs. Bob Langston were in charge of the publicity.

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DAVIE CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY MOCKSVILLE, NC This water glass and pitcher were used by ministers in the old church.

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Historical Sketch of Eatons Baptist Church

1772 - 1972

Today we pause and ponder the historic activities and events that have shaped and etched the history of Eatons Church for 200 years.

Much of the information contained in this article has been covered by former historians, but as we have searched through the available memorabilia we felt it was appropriate to give a resume of past historical highlights, in order to connect the past with the present.

This church is one of the oldest in the upper Yadkin valley, and one of the most historical, in the piedmont section of the state. It was influential in establishing other churches, of the same faith, in this area. It has among the oldest <u>original</u> records of Baptist churches in North Carolina.

It was constituted as a regular Baptist church on October 5, 1772, on the "Banks of Dutchmans Creek," in Rowan County, in the Forks of the Yadkin. (The "Forks of the Yadkin" was a term used loosely to indicate all territory between the Yadkin and South Yadkin rivers which includes Davie County," By Dr. Adelaide Fries.). This settlement was made by a small group of pioneers, largely of English extraction, who had migrated from Pennsylvania. Its territorial boundaries extended from the Forks of the Yadkin to Wilkesboro. There were "meeting places" in various parts of the territory to meet the needs and conveniences of the early settlers. These were: The Forks, Boone's Ford, Deep Creek, Timber Ridge, Dutchmans Creek and Mulberry Fields. Therefore, "our meeting house" or "the usual place of meeting" seems to have been used in reference to the church on "Dutchmans Creek," which identifies its location, and acceptance of the fact that it was the "mother church."

The records at this time contained the names of the ten original members. This included the name of Rev. William Cook, the first Pastor. (He came to this church from Warren County, North Carolina). Others were: James Tompkins, Ebenezer Fairchild, Abraham Adams, Triphena Adams, Thomas Eastep, Susanna Eastep, David Reavis, Jamima Reavis, and Jesse Reavis. The location of the church at that time was in that part of Rowan County, which is now Davie.

Records indicate that this organization made progress from its original beginning until the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. About half of the members were sympathetic toward the American cause, which apparently caused considerable disturbance, or conflict among the members. Of particular interest in this entry in the Dutchman Creek Church record book, under the date of November 3, 1775, *"It was agreed by the brethern conserning the American cause, if any of the brethern see fit to joyn in it they have the leberty to do so without being called to an account by the Church for it but wheather joyn or not joyn they should be used with brotherly love and freedom for the futer." It should be noted that this happened about five months before the action taken by the men in Mecklenberg County, and eight months before the Declaration of Independence. It indicates that discussion was rife in The Forks of the Yadkin, between the Whigs and the Tories, and suggests that pressure had been brought to bear upon the church to declare discipline for those on the American side, which was definitely refused, though the Loyalist were also left at liberty, so far as the church was concerned. By January 30, 1778 sentiment had grown more tense than in 1775, and five members were excommunicated because they signed a protest which was being circulated by Loyalist (Tories)."-Copied from-Churches of the Colonial Period in Rowan County, By Miss Adelaide Fries. (A copy of this is available at the Davie County Public Library.)

^{*&}quot;Original" spelling used in this paragraph.

The above episode caused much trouble and confusion. Looking back from our vantage point, today, we are inclined to feel that the after-math of this disturbance may have produced a disruption in the organization which resulted in a lack of records over a period of approximately three years. Available records do show that Dutchmans Creek Baptist Church continued to function for a short time after the war, but no records exist covering the period from 1787 to December 1790. Existing records at this time (Church minutes) substantiate its re-organization and it was given the name of Eatons. "At the re-organization, Rev. Lazarus Whitehead was installed as pastor...He served the church for a number of years with signal success... He was a man of more than ordinary ability." (From the file in Baptist Collection Room, Wake Forest University). The choice of a name at this time, was probably influenced by the fact that the first land was given by Daniel Eaton. He was the son of John Eaton, who had owned three hundred and sixty acres in the locality. John was buried in the church cemetery after having died in September 1789, age 73 years. This gift of land was on Dutchmans Creek, next to Lazrus Whitehead and Charles Hunt, and proved in August 1799. The deed reads to - "Isaac Estep, trustee of the Baptist Society and congregation at Eaton's Meeting House do freely give and grant and to his successors in office forever." It contains one acre, two rods, and twenty-four poles. (Copied from book 16, page 715, May 25, 1799. Register of Deeds Office, Rowan County, Salisbury, North Carolina.) When Daniel Eaton's estate was divided among his heirs in 1825, the portion laid out for Eatons Meeting House was excepted from Lot #3, the portion assigned to Mary Horn. This extends North from the present cemetery to an iron post at Greasy Branch. Church records show that Ebenezer Fairchild was appointed on April 3, 1773 to secure a deed to this property. On October 2, 1773 the "Church met and the deed was signed," (-from minutes of Dutchmans Creek Baptist Church). The "Old log meeting house" was on this strip of land and it has been established as having stood, approximately, at the North East corner of the lawn at the present parsonage. "It was made of large hand-hewn

logs from the nearby forest. The roof was made of oak shingles, the floor of dirt and the seats from split logs, smoothed down for seating comfort with no backs to the benches. Holes four or five feet wide were left for windows. This building was torn down in 1854 and the material later used for a school building. It was called the Naylor School house and was placed on the site of Mr. Everette Etchison's present Home." (As told by Mrs. Susan Etchison Eaton.)

How Dutchman's Creek got its name - According to Soelle's Diary - "The Deep Creek and adjacent sections were beginning to team with settlers. English speaking more than all others. There were also many Germans...Further south the German settlers were so numerous they had given their name to Dutchman's Creek which flowes into the South Yadkin." (History of North Carolina Baptist, Vol.II, Page 104, by G. W. Paschal.)

The churches at this time were involved in education, and the standards set for schools were high. Fork Academy was an example. The Trustees for the Baptist Church were instructed to secure a lot beside the church to erect a building in order that C. A. Rominger, with an A.B. degree from Wake Forest College could open school in the fall. Following him as a teacher was Professor John T. Alderman, who later became Supt. of the Academy, (from - History of Fork Church by Wilson F. Merrell). Mr. Alderman later became Supt. of Schools in Davie County, from 1885-1891. About 1890 an article written by him appeared in the Biblical Recorder, which states that - "Among the oldest records of Baptist Churches in North Carolina, are the records of Old Dutchmans Creek Baptist Church in Rowan County." The preservation of these valuable records are due primarily to the concern felt by the pioneer membership for same. We find in the minutes of a church conference on February 25, 1854, that Ben F. Eaton reported that "On May last, according to the order of the Church," that he had purchased a record book, and had secured the

services of J. H. Foote and S. O. Tatum to transcribe the contents of the original church records to this new book, and having done so, he presented said book to the church. This book is of legal size, bound in brown leather. It contains a complete history of activities of the church from 1790 to 1902. It is housed in the Baptist Collection Room a Wake Forest University Library. The preparation and keeping of records has been of paramount importance throughout this Church's long history. This topic came up at "Home Coming" a few years past. Mr. J. B. Cain Sr., who has served this church in many capacities, was acting as moderator. He called for speeches, or comments from the floor. Miss Flossie Martin and Miss May Green rose and urged that these valuable records be placed in the hands of Wake Forest University for safe keeping. Today they are housed in the Baptist Collection Room at this University.

According to the research done by Mrs. J. W. Etchison, the first Sabbath School was established at Eatons in April, 1845. An item of historical interest, regarding the status of Sabbath Schools, is an old letter written April 18, 1825 and preserved by Mrs. Susan Etchison Eaton. It was addressed to the "Manager of the Sabbath School at Eaton's Meeting House" which indicates that efforts were being made to establish Sabbath Schools throughout the area at that time. The letter was written by W. T. Watts, Corresponding Secretary, regarding the Olive Branch Sabbath School Union. It states, "There shall be a Sabbath School Union established in the Forks of the Yadkin, the object of which shall be to establish a Sabbath School as far as practicable in every neighborhood for the sole purpose of teaching the rising generation to read the scriptures, and to give them religious instruction, and then to aid in bringing them under the influence of Christian principles and correct moral habits." John Dismukes was the first president of this organization, and it is felt that he was the same John Dismukes who was buried in Eaton's Church Cemetery. He was born May 20, 1773 and died October 25, 1855 at the age of 82 years.

The events of growth and change of historical importance are: the erection and dedication of a new building in 1848. This was placed on the crest of the hill, east of and near the site of the picturesque Old Dutchmans Creek Church. When this building was remodeled in 1890, galleries were removed, vestibule and bell tower were added. When those interested in the addition of a bell tower were told there was no need for such, as they did not have a bell, Mrs. Mary Smith Hunter, (Mrs. John Hunter) volunteered to head the drive to raise funds for that purpose, which they did. This same bell hangs today in the tower of the present building. Its peals have sent forth the call to worship for many years, and it was also rung, or tolled on the occasion of a death in the community. It has served well as a means of communication in this rural country-side.

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary was held with appropriate recognition and the history given at that time was written by Dr. J. W. Wiseman. It is a scholarly article, dealing with the philosophies and humanities of that era, and how they were developed through daily living and the importance of the church in the lives of the people in that day. "In reviewing the past history of this church for a century, the time would be ill spent if we could not find some good that would make this generation the better for such knowledge...It would be well for us to note those beginnings of Piety and Religion in this, the then backwoods of our lovely land."

"The Province of North Carolina was originally settled by a hardy, uneducated, and restless race of liberty-loving men, fleeing from restraints of tyranny and oppression in other lands, choosing rather to brave the wilderness with its wild animals and wilder savages, than to remain under the restraints of the laws administered by an over-bearing aristocracy...

Thus they entered the great school of mankind relieved from all conventional restraints. This school required all men, depending on none other, to take care of themselves...Thus learning well the lesson of self-government..."

We are indebted to Miss Flossie Martin and Miss Mary J. Heitman for the preservation of information on the early gravestones. There are approximately 58 inscriptions copied from stones beginning in 1778. This information is contained in a card file, which is one of the records available in the Baptist Collection Room Library, Wake Forest University, and at the History Room in the Davie County Public Library.

The present brick building, which was begun in 1925, was dedicated on the fifth Sunday in June 1930. This building was made possible, largely, through a generous gift from William T. Eaton of Winston-Salem. He was a former resident of Davie County, and his ancestors and relatives had worshiped at this church for many years. A history of this church, from its earliest days up to this time, was written by Mrs. J. W. Etchison, and placed in the cornerstone. (This same history was read later at a meeting of the South Yadkin Association.)

Committees that served during the construction of this building are as follows:

Building Committee of Eatons Church in the year 1925

S. M. Brewer, Chairman J. B. Cain, Sr., Secretary Charles S. Eaton J. W. Etchison J. D. Collette Rev. E. W. Turner, Honorary Member

W. T. Eaton, Honorary Member

Finance Committee for Church Building Fund

R. W. Collette, Chairman Mrs. A. W. Ferebee, Secretary J. M. Eaton, Treasurer G. Leagans Mrs. Charles S. Eaton Mrs. J. W. Etchison

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An attractive and adequate parsonage was started in 1958 and completed in 1963. In May, 1958 a motion was made to build a pastorium on a site north of the cemetery. Appointed on the Building Committee were:

Herman Brewer
Paul Eaton
Herman Boger
Jo Ann Bowles
Mrs. A. W. Ferebee
Mrs. Lester Richie

Timber cut on the church property was to be used in construction. That which was not needed was to be sold and the money applied to the building fund. Plans for the building were drawn by Rev. J. W. Owen. He was the first full-time pastor to serve Eatons Church. On September 22, 1963, the new building was dedicated. Refreshments for the occasion were furnished by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Church. The pastor at this time was Rev. Edward Laughridge.

The care of the cemetery has been greatly improved under the supervision of Mr. Lester Richie, who is currently Treasurer for the maintenance fund for this purpose. Land for its enlargement has been made possible by Mr. Joab Collette, Mr. Paul Eaton and Mr. Lester Eaton. Grading and drainage for this new extension was made possible by Miss May Green. Many others have contributed generously to a Memorial Fund.

Other evidence of growth and influence are:

Woman's Missionary Union, organized in 1911. Baptist Young Peoples Union, organized in 1918.

Churches organized from Eatons Church:

Providence, Surry County Cross Roads, Yadkin County Union Hill. Forsyth County January, 1805 September, 1935 March, 1851

Farmington, Davie County	February, 1878
Cedar Creek, Davie County (Colored)	1872

Ministers that have been ordained from this church are:

William Garner	1834
Edward M. Chaffin	1835
Nathan S. Chaffin	1847
Thomas Miller	1849
William Brunt	1863
Millard F. Booe	1918
H. Wade Hutchens	1936
Cecil Ellis Leagans, Jr.	1964
(Licensed to preach)	

Pastors who have served the church are:

William Cook	1772-90	J. N. Stallings	1894-97
Lazarus Whitehead	1796-1805	S. D. Swaim	1898-1904
Brumley Coker(Cook	er?)	C. S. Cashwell	1905-10
•	1805-14	Walter E. Wilson	1911-14
William Britton	1816-23	D. W. Littleton	1915
John Angel	1824-28	W. H. Dodd	1916-19
William Dowd	1829-30	S. W. Hall	1919-23
? Lowell	1831	E. W. Turner	1924-25
John Angel	1832-33	C. S. Cashwell	1926-28
William Swanson	1834-35	L. R. Tate	1928-29
Jonathon Thomas	1835	V. M. Swaim	1930-32
Barton Roby	1836-42	E. W. Turner	1932-34
Paul Phifer	1843	H. I. Penry	1934-37
Stephen Horn	18 44	Dallas G. Renegar	1937-46
Mark May	1845-48	No pastor listed	1947
Nathan S. Chaffin	1849	H. W. Hutchens	1948-56
Thomas Miller	1850-52	No pastor listed	1957
Nathan S. Chaffin	1852-53	J. W. Owen	1958-62
R. H. Griffith	1853-57	Edward H. Laughrid	lge
William Turner	1857-67		1962-64
J. B. Marsh	1868-72	B. C. McMurray	1964-68
W. R. Gwaltnery	1873-76	Walter Howell	1968-70
Moses Balwin	1877	Bill Bruton	1971-
R. W. Crews	1878-81		
S. F. Conrad	1882-84	John Boyce Cain, Sr	r. served
W. J. Hopkins	1885-86	several months as a lay minister	
W. G. Brown	1887-89	during a time when	
C. S. Cashwell	1890-93	was without a Pastor.	

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Only a partial list of Church Clerks during the early history, is available. Ebenezer Fairchild was chosen first clerk and James Tompkins was chosen the first deacon. Other clerks are as follows:

James H. Foote	S. V. Furches.	
S. O. Tatum	J. H. Cain	1882
Ben F. Eaton	J. W. Eaton	1883-90
J. W. Clifford	W. A. Langston	1890-95
Dr. J. W. Wiseman	G. L. White	1895-97
L. A. Furches		

Those who served during the nineteen hundreds:

R. L. Booe	Mrs. Bessie E. Ferebee
C. M. Collette	Mrs. Thelma C. Driver
J. B. Cain, Sr.	Herman Brewer
W. S. Collette	Mrs. Ruby C. Leagans
Mrs. Bonnie D. Ferebee	Mrs. Minnie W. Pope
Jo Ann Bowles	Miss Evelyn Sink
Marietta Rummage	Mrs. Brenda Eaton
W. W. Ferebee	Mrs. Kay Latham

Approximately 1443 members have been received into the fellowship of Eatons Church since its organization 200 years ago.

Eatons Church was member of the Association at Strawberry, Virginia, 1772-1790; Yadkin, (As an arm of Strawberry) 1786-89; Yadkin, 1790-1873; South Yadkin, 1873 (Baptist Collection Room, Wake Forest University.) According to Rev. J. F. Fletcher's history, p. 112, there were "thirteen Baptist churches in North Carolina belonging to Strawberry Association in Virginia until 1790, when released to organize the Yadkin Association. They met at Eatons Meeting House August 28-30, 1790 when they organized the Yadkin Association." A list of the churches and their delegates may be found on p. 112, "The Land of Wilkes," by Judge Johnson J. Hayes.

The trustees of Eaton's Church hold the following deeds:

- 1. Daniel Eaton, 1799, Book 16, page 715, May 25, 1799. Register of Deeds Office, Rowan County Court House, Salisbury, North Carolina.
- 2. John Jones, 1845, Book 10, page 529.
- 3. N. S. Chafin, lots 3 and 4, 1845-48, Book 10, pages 531 and 533.
- 4. Charles Collette, 1874, Book 10, page 534.
- 5. Ebenezer Frost, 1874, page 532.

The last four listed may be found in the Register of Deeds Office, Davie County, Mocksville, North Carolina.

Two items of general interest in this area are - "Among the first members of Dutchmans Creek Baptist Church were: Edward, George, and Jonathan Boone, brother of Daniel Boone, pioneer explorer of the Kentucky wilderness. Edward and George Boone joined the Dutchmans Creek Church by baptism on August 7, 1774." The Rev. John Gano, who was an Army Chaplain, during the Revolutionary War, and later Pastor of the Jersey Baptist Church, lived temporarily in Eatons community, and while here on March 25, 1792, "brother Isaac Eaton was ordained deacon of this church by the Revs. John Gano and Lazrus Whitehead," (from Colonial Churches in North Carolina by J. K. Rouse.)

"In 1773-74 a reference is made in the Dutchman Creek Baptist Church record book of a second visit made by Rev. Gano to this region, and while here he met and married Sarah Bryant, widow of Captain Thomas Bryant, and daughter of Colonel Jonathan Hunt," (History of North Carolina Baptists, Vol. 2, pages 168-69, by Dr. G. W. Paschal.)

As the church projects itself into a new century, among plans for its continued growth are; remodeling fund, education building, organ, etc.

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The committee for the preparation of this historical sketch was appointed by Rev. Walter Howell in 1970. The information contained herein, has been searched from church minutes and records, historical writings and other available material.

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Committee:

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Acknowledgement for help in the preparation of this sketch, goes to -

Miss Flossie Martin Mrs. Annie Eaton Brower Mrs. Faye Cain Rich Miss Annie Laurie Etchison

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ADDENDUM

Eatons Baptist Church - Entering It's Third Century

Mar. 1972	Motion to have cushions made for pews. Money to be raised by the Committee.
May 1972	Baldwin Organ installed.
July 1974	The J. B. Cain Memorial Fund was established. Its purpose being to install chimes.
Aug. 1974	The church voted to remodel the pulpit and to construct an educational building with two levels; to include Sunday School rooms, pastor's study and church library, kitchen and fellowship hall.
Nov. 1974	Remodeling of the pulpit to begin immediately.
Dec. 1974	The remodeling of the pulpit delayed for benefit of the Christmas Program. Work to begin after first of year.
Sept. 1975	A dedication service was held for the renovated pulpit and baptistry, carpet installed in vestibule, aisle and pulpit area as well as choir loft.
Oct. 1975	Lester and Virginia Eaton gave land for the educational building and parking lot.
Feb. 1976	The trustees reported the church had received the deed for .846 acres of land donated by Lester and Virginia Eaton.

Mar. 1976

The church voted to begin construction of the educational building as soon as possible. Using monies now available - with action to be taken as needed for additional funds.

April 1979

A ground breaking ceremony was held on Easter Sunday, April 22, 1979. Rev. Bill Bruton conducted the service.

The Building Committee consisted of:

Mrs. Yvonne Sheets-Chairperson

Bill Merrell

Charles Eaton

Bob Langston

Herman Brewer

Lester Richie

Gene Ellis-Contractor

Oct. 1983

The trustees announced the church would receive monies to be placed in a trust fund from the estate of Mrs. Homer (Agnes) Hunter.

Dec. 1986

The dedication service of the educational building and fellowship hall was held on December 7, 1986. Rev. Walter Howell was the speaker for the worship service. It was announced during the service that money had been received to take care of the remaining indebtedness on the building.

Nov. 1988

A dedication service was held for the parking lot which had been paved and for land in the front of the church which was donated by Paul and Helen Eaton.

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A dedication service for the chimes was held following the homecoming meal. The fund for the chimes was begun as a memorial to Mr. J. B. Cain. Over the years donations as memorials to others were received.

Ministers - Full-Time:

Cecil W. Bruton	1971-72
Lewis W. Williams	1973-75
Bennie Gibbs	1976-79
Wayne Hill	1980-82
Johnnie Walker	1983-86
David L. Gilbreath	1987-

Interim Ministers:

James Hyde	1973
Ron King	1975-76
Bryan Kendrick	1979
Wayne Hill	1979-80
W. Eugene Pettit	1983
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Original records of Eatons Baptist
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University Library. These have been
microfilmed by the Family History
Library of the Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints and can be
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such as the one in Winston Salem.

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- 1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- 2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only rule of Faith and practice.
- 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.
- We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
- 5. We believe in man's impotence to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
- 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the _____ righteousness of Christ. (Can't read handwriting)
- 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- 8. We believe that the saints persevere in grace and never fall finally away.
- We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ that true believers the subjects of those ordinances, and we believe the true mode of baptism is by immersion.
- We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement.
- 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
- 12. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition? of hands by the Presbytery.