

Daniel Walker McMillan

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The April Meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 3:00 p. m. The Thomas E. McMillan Museum

The Program:

“The W. D. McMillan Memorial Hospital: Past, Present, and Future.”

Hospital Administrator

Chris B. Griffin will use narration and slides for his presentation.

Jason Daniel, Public Relation/Community

Relations Director for the hospital, will join Chris Griffin.

The History of D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital

The following article and all pictures related to the hospital are taken from the website DW McMillan Memorial Hospital: People You Know. Health Care You Trust at <<http://www.dwmmh.org/>>.

D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital opened its doors in 1954 at a cost of \$625,000. The opening, signaled a new era of health care services for residents of Brewton and Escambia County. Prior to its opening, health care services in the immediate area were limited to those provided by the old Escambia Hospital.

Escambia Hospital encompassed remarkably limited technology for the time and there was a clear need for a higher level of care.

D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital is named for the late, Dr. Daniel Walter McMillan. As a general practitioner, Dr. McMillan played a crucial role in medical research while extending a profound sympathy for the needy ill. It is said that it was his guiding spirit that led to the construction of D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital. Dr. McMillan also contributed financially to the building of

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The May Meeting

Tuesday 27, 2014, 3:00 p. m.

The Program: Guest Speaker Wesley Odom of Pensacola will present a program on the Creek Indian War with emphasis on Burnt Corn, Fort Mims, and the role of Andrew Jackson.

A Correction

We had listed this program for the April Meeting but it will be the presentation for May.

The History of D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital



D. W. McMillan Hospital from 1952

D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital is governed by the Escambia County Healthcare Authority Board of Directors. The hospital is an acute care hospital and has been a part of the Brewton, Alabama community for over sixty years (from <http://www.dwmmh.org/>).



D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital officially kicked off their \$11 million emergency room expansion project with a groundbreaking event on December 30, 2013 Picture and text from <http://www.dwmmh.org/>.



D. W. McMillan Hospital in the 1960's.

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the hospital, along with many other local individuals, businesses and civic organizations interested in making the dreams of the hospital a reality.

When completed, the hospital included 35 beds and 16 bassinets. The building was completely air conditioned and oxygen outlets were included in all patient rooms, the nursery and surgical suites. The surgical suite was furnished with the best and latest equipment offered by manufacturers. Included were one major room, one minor room, a recovery room with an adjoining delivery room two labor rooms, a cast room and a doctor's lounge. A clinical laborato-

ry and x-ray room were attached and supervised by laboratory and x-ray technicians.

Since the original construction of D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital, an additional wing was added in 1964, completion of the second floor over this wing brought the total beds to 74. A combination Intensive Care Unit and Coronary Care Unit was later constructed, which upon completion added eight beds, increasing the total number of beds to 55.

In 1969, the completion of the second floor over this wing brought the total beds to 74. A combination Intensive Care Unit and Coronary Care Unit was later constructed, which upon completion added eight providing a total of 92 patient beds. €

News and Announcements

Annual Confederate Memorial Day Service (April 28, 2014, 10:00 a. m.) will be held at the State Capital in Montgomery.

The UDC (United Daughters of the Confederacy) will host the event. ECHS member Donald Keiron McGowin notified the Society by email of the event with a reminder that April has been declared Confederate History month by Alabama's Governor Bentley.



Donald also sent a photo of the "refreshed" grave of his great, great grandfather Jacob Lewis McGowin, who is buried in Old Mason's Cemetery, which is located on HWY 29 halfway between Brewton and Andalusia.

ECHS received an invitation to the Re-enactors Ceremony held in 2012 for placing a CSA Marker on the grave (see ECHOES for October 23, 2012 for coverage of the ceremony).

Donald also mentioned a current project, to scrape and paint the McGowin Cemetery entrance arch across from the Brooklyn Rd. at McGowin's Bridge.



**Atmore's Chamber
of Commerce**

Two Upcoming Events for Atmore First, Saturday, April 26, 2014, Atmore Walking Tour of Historic District

The hour long tour begins at 10:00 a. m. from Heritage Park. Atmore has participated in the statewide program of walking tours for several years.

This year more than 30 towns across Alabama participated. The Alabama Tourism Department coordinates the tours, which include historic districts and

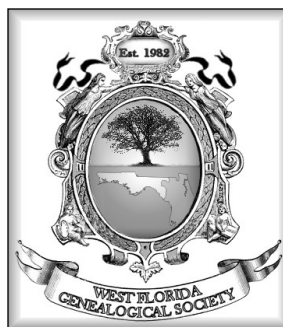
courthouse squares.

Second, Mayfest on May 3, 2014

Mayfest will be located at Tom Byrne Park in Atmore. It will include sports events, arts and crafts, a variety of food, and entertainment on the Gazebo Stage.

West Florida

Genealogical Society Meeting



Meeting Date: Saturday,
May 3, 2014
Place: West Florida
Genealogy Library, 5740
N. 9th Ave, Pensacola,
FL [850-494-7373](tel:850-494-7373)

Time: 10:00 AM

Speaker: Kay Rudolph

Topic: Building Your Genealogy Research Skills

Kay will present some of the research skills she is using to prepare herself for becoming a Certified Genealogist.

Ms. Rudolph got hooked on genealogy on 9 April 2009 when she discovered that you could "Google" dead people — and rediscovered a family that she thought had been lost to time. She is retired and lives in Navarre where she spends her time studying history and teaching genealogy at the local Family History Center.

In addition, Bert Outlaw, WFGS President, will present the second session of "Genealogy Schoolhouse." This month's topic will be "Organizing Genealogy Information With Free Computer Software." The Genealogy Schoolhouse session will follow the regular WFGS meeting and program after a short break. It is designed primarily for beginners in genealogy, but everyone can benefit from the presentation.

For more information, contact Charlotte Schipman [850-477-7166](tel:850-477-7166) <cschipman@mac.com>.

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ECHS Lost Two Members Recently



**Mary Kathryn
Luker**

Mary Kathryn was a charter member and Trustee of ECHS. Her achievements for preserving the history of Escambia County were many.

She was influential in achieving recognition for Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Alco as an historical landmark.

In 2013,

she worked with Georgia Pacific and the Alabama Historical Society to relocate Franklin Cemetery from Georgia Pacific's campus to a special site at Union Cemetery. Her detailed records of those

buried in Franklin were a valuable aid for the disinterment of those buried in Franklin.

Her skills and interests in history included family genealogy. She kept detailed family records.

Members of ECHS remember her also as a gracious and skillful hostess. Her chicken salad sandwiches served at ECHS meetings were always the best.

In a special tribute in the Brewton Standard describes her hospitality: "She loved to entertain to entertain guests on her back porch. No visit occurred without an offer of home-baked treats and coffee.

Mary Kathryn is shown at the 2014 ECHS Christmas Party. She told hostess ally Finlay that the party was the first time in three years that she had felt like it was Christmas.

At ninety-seven, she was the "Belle of the Ball."

To be welcomed into was to be treated as family."

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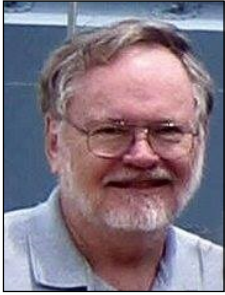
Virginia is shown with a "Get Well" Card sent to Treasurer Susan Crawford by the Society. In this role, she did an excellent job of sending appropriate cards to offer get well wishes, congratulations or sympathy .

ginia Clark

Born in the state of New York, Virginia became a member of ECHS after she moved to Pensacola. She had worked as a journalist and shows her skill and sense of humor in an article she wrote for ECHOES.

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entitled "...A' One and A' Two and A' Three ...," she used the article to humorously offer a solution to the issue of unpopular State Song.

She says that growing up as a "Virginia," she envied the romantic songs about other girls, "Goodnight Irene" or "For It was

Mary." Her namesake song was "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny" and she felt about it like some feel about the Alabama's State Song written by Julie Tutweiler.

Virginia adds that Alabama is like her home state of New York which has an official song that most people have never heard. She writes she would like to replace it with "New York! New York!"

Her clever solution to Alabama and New York is "Don't replace, add on." Have as many state songs as you want,"

Welcome Back Jerry

Jerry, who is recovering from heart surgery, has returned to work in the Museum and Alabama Room for a few hours this week.

He posted on his Facebook page this announcement for an upcoming Alger-Sullivan event.

May 3, 2014

4th Annual Sawmill Day and Car Show

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All classes from Model T to late models, modified, restored and stock
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- People's Choice -
- 50-50 drawing -
- Giveaways -

Car show participants, once you are parked you cannot move your vehicle until the show is over

- Live music, dancers
- Free tours of all museums
- See Old 100 restoration
- Crafts and displays
- Food and drinks
- History books, cookbooks, toys and more

Alger-Sullivan Historical Society
610 4th St., Century, FL 32535
In the Historic District

Vendors welcome
No charge for space
contact Jerry Fischer at
850-256-3980 for reservations



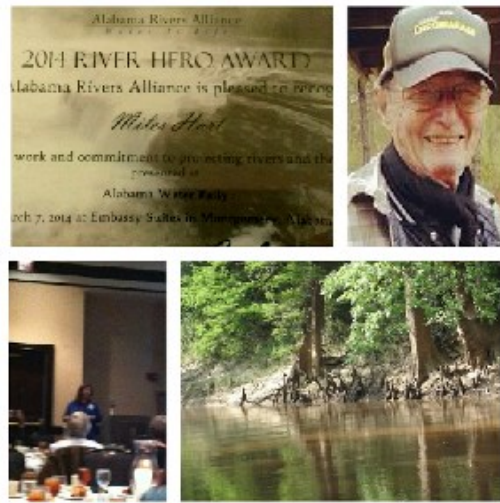
No alcohol will be allowed on show site. By your participation, you agree to abide by all show rules and understand that you are solely responsible for car and property. You agree to release from liability the Alger-Sullivan Historical Society, Inc., all sponsors and vendors from any and all claims of injury, damage to property or lost or stolen property arising from this event.

Miles Hart River Hero for 2014



River clean-up Crew.

Collage for River Alliance showing Miles Hart at upper right as recipient of the 2014 River Hero Award.



Miles Hart with garbage bag.

By Ann Biggs-Williams

Alabama Rivers Alliance, which is a statewide non-profit river protection organization, announced its annual River Celebration Awards at their annual Water Rally at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery, Alabama on March 7, 2014. One evening of each water rally, there is a banquet to honor organizations and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to river protection in Alabama. Nominations are submitted by members of Alabama Rivers Alliance. The highest of the River Celebration Awards is the River Hero Award. It is a lifetime achievement award to passionate individuals who exemplify river stewardship and have a rich history of advocating for the protection of Alabama's waterways.

This year, in addition to a River Hero Award being presented to Dr. Doug Phillips of Alabama Public Television, a local Escambia County resident, Miles Hart was recognized for his efforts to protect and

preserve the Sepulga River. Miles Hart served as President of the Conecuh/Sepulga Watershed Alliance (CSWA) from its inception in 1999 until his death on October 6, 2013 after a short illness. Since 1999, Miles has led a small group of volunteers to clean several boat landings on the Sepulga River each year as part of the Coastal Cleanup, held the third Saturday of September.

On hand to accept the award that honored their father, was Anna Hart Whitehead and Valerie Jo Hart. Dannie Hart, another daughter, was unable to attend.

Escambia County Historical Society members will recall that Miles Hart hosted one of the four historic home visits that ECHS made on the Teddy Centennial Tour of Historical Homes in 2000. Mr. Hart showed us the old Reuben Hart Home and shared some of the history associated with that house.

ECHS member Susan Blair, a Board member of CSWA, also attended the banquet at the 2014 Alabama Water Rally. €

Snapshot from the April 2014 ECHS Meeting



ECHS Librarian Barbara McCoy



A Refreshment Table



**William Luker escorting
Beverly Stark into the Elvira
McMillan room for
Refreshments.**

**ECHS Vice-
President Carolyn
Jennings enjoying a
conversation**



**One of the refresh-
ment tables in the
Elvira McMillan
Parlor.**



Snapshots from the April 2014 ECHS Meeting



To the left, Ronnie Herrington presenting the program on the Elim Church in Roberts, Alabama.

To the Right, from left to right, Carolyn Jennings, Sally Finlay, Susan Crawford, and Sammie McGlotheran



To the left, Ronnie Herrington talks to a guest after the his presentation on the Elim Church.



Above, Sally Finlay, in the center, enjoying the refreshments with guests ECHS members.

To the left, the refreshment table.



Possible Future Articles



Exterior of the Lennox Store

Sunday, April 13, 2014 was a sad day in that the Lenox General Store ceased business. There had been a store on that site for the past 100 years. The Lenox community is in south Conecuh County



Interior of the Lennox Store



Charles Ware

We were honored at our March meeting with the attendance of noted aviation historian and much accomplished pilot Charles Ware from Atmore. In the past we have reprinted in this newsletter some of Charles' work and we will soon reprint an article about several Royal Air Force student pilots who were killed at Atmore in 1942. We hope Charles will attend future meetings.

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The “Bethany” Baptist Church of Burnt Corn Or is it The “Beth-anna” Missionary Baptist Church of Burnt Corn

By Darryl Searcy

The black and white photograph is of the original Bethany Baptist Church, which was organized in 1821. The second location was on property where the present day African-American Bethany Missionary Baptist Church is located. The old Bethany Baptist Church in Burnt Corn was torn down in 1960 and replaced with the present day Bethany Baptist Church. Prior to 1874 both black and white people worshiped at the old church. For 125 years there have been two Bethany Baptist Churches in Burnt Corn.

The Bethany Baptist Church at Burnt Corn is located between Monroeville and Evergreen on the historic Federal Road. The community began as a trading post settlement at an intersection of Indian trails on the “Old Wolf Path” when this area was still Creek Indian territory. In 1798, the United States formed the Mississippi Territory which included a large portion of present day Alabama and Mississippi. When the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803, an access route was needed to the new territory, so in 1805, the U.S. Government persuaded the Creek Nation to give permission for a “horse path” through the Creek Nation. This “horse path” followed two well known Indian trails, the “Chiaha Alibamo Trail” (near present day Montgomery) and the famous “Old Wolf Trail” that led to Pensacola and ran through the Burnt Corn community. The Wolf Trail was known for many natural springs making it a good stopping place for travelers and settlers. Thus, in good time the “horse path” became the Old Federal Road which served as a major thoroughfare for the western migration of settlers.

Having settled in the new territory, a thriving community began to establish itself -- the folks raised a



The Original Bethany Church

church building and named it Bethany Baptist. The Bethany Baptist church has become an integral part of the community since 1821 and for many years was attended by both black and white folks, all living and working in harmony for the betterment of their small community. Of course, it cannot be denied that the blacks in these parts were slaves or the

descendents of slaves who had managed to work and buy their freedom at the encouragement of Frederick Douglas and the writings of Olaudah Equiano.

The original Bethany Baptist Church was built along the Old Federal Road in Burnt Corn, one of Monroe County’s most picturesque and historic communities. Today its old post office, country store, a few houses, churches and doctor’s office appear frozen in time and are maintained by the J.F.B. Lowrey Trust. Burnt Corn is one of the oldest settlements in Monroe County and in Alabama. Today the oldest of these churches is open only on special occasions and is available for group tours, church homecomings, weddings and family reunions.

The U.S. postal service to the area of Burnt Corn began in 1817 when the Alabama Territory was established. A school, called the “Students’ Retreat,” was organized in 1820, followed by a Baptist church in 1821. Burnt Corn was a thriving community in the early twentieth century, but today, while many of the buildings are still intact, the community is primarily a residential area for people who continue to farm, or to work in more industrial cities like Monroeville and Evergreen.

The Bethany Baptist Church was first established in Burnt Corn in 1821 and was later moved to

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Puryearville on Camp Ground Creek just outside Burnt Corn in 1846 and a large area was set aside as a burial ground for all members of its congregation. Monroe County was established in 1823, so the community of Burnt Corn was split in half with most homesteads being caught on the Conecuh County side of the line. The “business” district ended up on the Monroe County side. In 1861 a Civil War came about and a terrible plague was set upon the land until it ended in 1865, at which time all things began to change, especially attitudes. And so it was that in 1874 the white population decided it could no longer share nor tolerate the white/black arrangement in its church, so a new building was constructed in the town of Burnt Corn, which is the church's present-day site. It is worthwhile to note that when the new church was built in Burnt Corn it remained on the Monroe County side of the county line.

While building a new church in Burnt Corn, the white congregation also set aside a parcel of land for



**Bethany Baptist Church, Burnt Corn
Church is now only used for Special Events.**



Picnic at Bethany

a cemetery in which white folks only would be buried. In so doing, a few members of the congregation decided to remove their departed from the Camp Ground Creek site to the new cemetery site and many of the dead that had been buried behind the old church at Camp Ground Creek were exhumed and re-buried at the new location. To this day a few patches of the ground across the cemetery are uneven as evidence of the removal of burial boxes and bones having been removed.

Let us not forget, however, that the Camp Ground Creek location is where today stands the African-American Bethany

Missionary Baptist Church, which they pronounce “Beth-anna.” As times changed and the division between white and black deepened, the congregation divided and the white folks moved back to the Burnt Corn area. The black congregation bought the

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Camp Ground Creek site and it remains active today, serving the black people of Burnt Corn, Peterman, Perryville, Ramah, Puryearville and Bermuda. When the white congregation moved back up the road to Burnt Corn and built a new church, they chose to call themselves the Bethany Baptist Church in hopes that the black church would change its name. That did not happen and today there are two churches known by the same name in the community of Burnt Corn.

One of the bodies that was exhumed and reburied behind the new church was Dr. John Watkins. Dr. Watkins was the first physician in this area, having come to the Tombigbee settlement in 1813, moved to Claiborne in 1817, and then to Burnt Corn about 1825. In 1996 the last remaining members donated the church to the Monroe County Heritage Museums.

The Covenant of the original Bethany Baptist Church of Burnt Corn has served the two community churches well, whether it be the Bethany Baptist Church or the Bethany Missionary Baptist Church. With permission the Covenant is transcribed here in the same language as written in 1821 --

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline,

and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportments; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

This is the African American Bethany Baptist Church that was built in the 1980s (See top of next page). Rev. John O. Malone has been the pastor of this church for the past 30 years. This location might also be determined to have been organized in 1821 as the land already belonged to the original congregation, although the first church building was not constructed until 1840.

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The Burnt Corn Baptist Church is the original Historic Bethany Baptist Church (referred to as Burnt Corn Baptist here to distinguish between the current African American Bethany Baptist Church). Where it sits today is the third location.

Rev. J. O. Malone is the current pastor of the African-American church, a prestigious post that the Reverend has held for the past 30 years.

Following are just a few of the Minutes from Church records between 1821 and 1827, as transcribed from microfilm by Lisa Franklin, Bethany Baptist Church, Burnt Corn, Monroe County, Alabama 1821-1856, located at the Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana --

August 15th, 1821

We the scattered Baptist about Burnt Corn to be known by the name of Bethany Church agree to be constituted on the following principals:

1st we believe in one only true and living God, that this glorious being possesses all possible perfection in his nature and that he is omnipresent and that he exists in or is known by the name of father, son and Holy Ghost in the plan of redemption, three distinct persons but one God

2nd we believe in the free and unconditional election? love of God in Christ predicated on his own Glory and not on anything seen or known in or _etiting? to the sinner

3rd we believe in the fall of man and the impossibility of reinstating himself in the favor of God by anything he can do

4th we believe in effectual calling by the Holy Ghost

5th we believe in free justification by the imputation Christ's righteousness alone

6th we believe in the final perseverance of the saints through Grace to glory

7th we believe in the general resurrection of the dead both of the just and unjust and that the righteous shall be received into everlasting life and the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.

And finally we whose names are here unto subscribed do give ourselves to the Lord and to one another in covenant contract to be for the Lord, to be governed by his word obligating ourselves to watch over one another in love, to bear one another burdens and to fulfill the law of Christ. In witness hereof we do hereunto subscribe our names:

Garrett Longmire---Henrietta Longmire
Charles P. Salter---Susana Hudson
Enoch Riley---Sarah Salter
Thomas Shelton/Skelton---Salley Carter
Jesse Carter---Jinsey Riley
Charles Waldrum---Mary Waldrum

The above church constituted the day and year above

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written by us.

William Jones---bishop
Dempsy Winborn---James Salter, Deacon

At the first conference begun and held on Saturday before the 1st Lord's day in Sept. 1821 Brother Longmire Moderator--

1st Received sister Ann Andrews by letter
2nd The church received the name of Bethany and ordered to be inserted in the fall of the constitution

At a conference held on the 8th day of Oct. 1821 Brother Jones Moderator--

1st Received brother James Salter and sister Nancy Salter by letter.

2nd Received brother Joel Lee by baptism
3rd Received brother John Salter by baptism
4th Received brother Jesse Lee by baptism
5th Received sister Dorcas Salter by baptism
6th Received sister Martha Ingram by baptism
7th Received sister Doby/Poly/Doly? Salter by baptism
8th William Fuller came forward and related an Experience which was believed to be an Experience of grace and at the same time expeted? an embarassment? which he was labouring under the church misunderstood his meaning as appeared afterwards and gave him the right hand of fellowship without hesitation his baptism was postponed for the present.
Conference concluded.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in Nov 1821, Brother Jones Moderator

1st The case of William Fuller being taken up, it was agreed that it should be postponed until the next meeting.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in December 1821, Brother Jones d T Moderator.

1st Received sister Midea Lee by letter
2nd The case of William Fuller was taken up again and was postponed until next meeting

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in January 1822, brother Longmire Moderator.

1st Received Sister Polley Shelton by baptism
2nd The case of William Fuller was taken up again and laid over for further consideration

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in February 1822 Brother Longmire Moderator.

1st Received brother Charles Partain and sister Sarah Partain by letter.

2nd The case of William Fuller was taken up again and after being fully investigated it was decided that he could not be admitted unto the church

March 1822 No conference

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's Day in April 1822 brother Longmire Moderator

1st Received brother Drury Deese and Sister Sarah Deese by letter

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in May 1822 brother Longmire Moderator.

1st Received brother William Dozier and Sister Elizabeth Dozier by letter

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At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in June 1822, brother Longmire Moderator--no business done

July 1822 no conference

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in August 1822 brother Longmire Moderator.

1st brother Garrett Longmire and brother James Salter was appointed delegates to the next becke? association and brother Charles Waldrum in case of failure.

2nd resolved that Friday before the first Lord's day in Sept. next be (appointed is lined through) observed by the church as a day of fasting and prayer.

3rd brother Joel Lee is appointed to write a letter from the church to the becke? association.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in Sept 1822 Brother Jones Moderator.

1st resolved that in future that all sums of money that shall be paid into the church fund shall be entered in the church book and that the donors be annexed thereto.

2nd resolved that brother Joel Lee be appointed Treasurer of the church fund and all expenditures which may hereafter occur shall be regularly entered in said book.

3rd Received a request from the Olive Branch church for helps to aid in conference. The brothers Garrett Longmire, Joel Lee, Charles Waldrum and Drury Dees was appointed for the purpose.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in Oct 1822.

No business done.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in Nov. 1822

1st Received brother Edward Brooks and sister Sussanna Brooks by letter

2nd Received sister Elizabeth Johnson by letter

No conference held in December, January, February, and March

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in April 1823 Brother William Jones Moderator.

1st Received sister Jocy Tarver by letter

2nd Received a petition from Mars Hill church from the brethren Mosley and Carter praying that the Church of Bethany would unite with said church at some convenient place whereupon the Brethren Salter, Longmire, Carter and lee was appointed by the church a committee to meet a committee appointed by the church of Mars Hill for the purpose of locating a spot for the Meeting House and report to the next conference at Bethany.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in May 1823 Brother Longmire Moderator.

1st Received Brother James Ray by letter.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in June 1823.

No business done

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in August 1823 Brother Charles Salter Moderator

1st The church deemed it necessary to appoint the Saturday before the third Lord's day in the present

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month for the purpose of making arrangements for the next association.

The church met agreeable to appointment the Brethren Longmire, Lee and Shelton was appointed delegates and Lee to write the letter in order to be read at the next conference.

No business in September 1823.

No meeting in October 1823

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in November 1823 Brother Jones Moderator.

1st Brother Longmire made the following motion which was agreed to: Whereas it appeared to him that difficulties existed in the church and being desirous to try the fellowship of her members on Friday before the first Lord's day in January next.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in December 1823 Brother Jones Moderator.

1st The church took up the resolution which was passed at the last conference in which the fellowship of the church was to be ??? and on consideration Brother Longmire agreed to withdraw his motion.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in January 1824 Brother Jones Moderator.

1st The church unanimously agreed to give Brother William Jones a call to take the Pastoral charge of the church the ensuing year. Brother Joel Lee to write a letter to Brother Jones on the subject and Brother Salter and Brother Lee to bear the same ____ the Olive Branch Meeting house for the purpose of meeting Brother Jones there.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in April 1824 Brother Longmire Moderator

1st The Brethren Salter and Lee ??? that agreeable to the order of the church in January last they attended with the _____ at the Olive branch meeting house and Brother Jones failed to meet them at that place.

2 The church agreed that the said brethren Lee and Salter should attend at Mars Hill Meeting house on the second Saturday this instant for the purpose of delivering the letter above mentioned to Brother Jones at that place.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in May 1824 Brother John Ellis Moderator.

1st Received Sister Emelia Partin by letter.

2 Brother Lee one of the bearers of the above mentioned letter reported as follows that he delivered the letter to brother Jones at Mars Hill and that brother Jones observed that he was not prepared to give a final answer to the call but would try to attend on the first Lord's day in July next and at that time give answer.

3rd On motion made by brother Longmire the Brethren Lee and Salter was appointed to cite brother Thomas Shelton to attend at the next conference or to inform said messengers the reason why he has been so long absent from the church.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in July 1824 Brother Ellis Moderator.

1st Received black sister Violet by baptism

2nd the case of brother Shelton was taken up and laid over until next meeting by reason of his having to attend a meister? at the time of his citation here.

3rd Received a request from the Olive branch church for three helps to sit in conference with said church on the first Friday in August next in compliance with said request the brethren Longmire, Lee and Waldrum was

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appointed.

4th Brother Longmire moved that the member listing in the neighborhood of Flat Creek should form an arm of the church of Bethany to do and transact their own business to receive and dismiss members but in difficult cases to apply to the mother church for aid and council.

5th The church unanimously agreed to call Brother Ellis to take the pastoral care of said church and on giving information to Brother Ellis of the wish of the church Brother Ellis agreed to accept the call and attend in the capacity of pastor until the first of January next.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in August 1824 Brother Ellis Moderator.

1st The case of brother Shelton taken up again brother Shelton being present made such acknowledgements as gave church satisfaction

2nd The Brethren Longmire, Lee and Waldrum was appointed delegates to the next Beckbe association and Brother Lee to write the letter

3rd Received Black sister Vincy by baptism

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in September 1824 Brother Ellis Moderator.

1st Resolved that a contribution be made up to pay for the printing of the minutes of the next association for which there were the sum of \$3 subscribed

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in December 1824 Brother Ellis Moderator.

1st Sister Dolly Shelton applied for a letter of dismission for brother Thomas Shelton and herself which was granted.

2nd a petition was presented by the brethren Rogers

and Duke from Bethel church praying this church to unite with them on equal grounds the brethren Longmire, Salter and Waldrum were appointed to meet at brother Carter's on the 22nd instant being for the purpose of joining a committee from the Bethel church to locate a place for the meeting house.

3rd Sister Tocy Tarver applied for a letter of dismission which was granted also for a letter for her black woman Vincy.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in January 1825 Brother Ellis Moderator.

1st Brother Longmire reported that the committee appointed by this church met the committee from the Bethel church and that they could not agree on a place for the union of the two churches

2nd Brother Jesse Lee applied for a letter of dismission which was granted

3rd Sister Martha Ingram applied for a letter of dismission which was granted

4th Resolved that the Saturday before the fifth Lord's day of this instant be the day for the purpose of holding the next conference.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in March 1825

1st The church took into consideration the conduct of brother Thomas Shelton for secretly absconding himself and not paying his just debts. It was thought advisable to deal with Shelton believing he had not had time to join to any other church he was therefore excluded and brother Lee was directed to write a letter as quick as possible to the place where it was said that said Shelton stopped.

2nd Brother Ray presented a petition from sundry of the members near Flat Creek praying letter of dismission in order that a church might be constituted more convenient to them which was granted.

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The church met on the 29th of January agreeable to the resolution passed on Saturday before the first Lord's day in January 1825 Brother Jones Moderator

1st brother Jones was unanimously chosen by the church and congregation to be their pastor for the ensuing year.

April, May and June no conference or the papers misplaced

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in July 1825 Brother Kitrel Warren Moderator

1st Sister Susan Brooks applied for a letter of dismission which was granted

2nd A petition was presented by Isaac Carter from Mars Hill church requesting the church of Bethany to meet at Forbuses school house on Saturday before the fourth Sunday of this instant in order to consider whether it would be expedient to unite with the church of Mars Hill

3rd the church appointed the Brethren Longmire, Salter, Waldrum, Dozier, Partin, and Riley to meet at the time

August and September no conference

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October 1825 on motion of Brother Riley

1st Resolved in future that if any male member should be absent from the church on two conference days in succession that on the third he shall attend and render the reason why he has failed and on his refusal shall be cited to attend the fourth by a written citation delivered to him or left at his house by some member appointed

for that purpose.

At a conference held on Saturday before the first Lord's day in November 1825

1st The church appointed brother Lee to attend at the Pond Meeting House on the Saturday before the fourth Lord's day of the instant to invite Brother Travis in the name of the church to visit us at sometime when most convenient

2nd Received a request from Mars Hill church for three helps to assist in settling some difficulty existing in said church.

Here appears to be a paper mislaid which contains the proceedings of the church from November until March.

At a conference held on Saturday before the third Lord's day in March 1826 Brother Travis Moderator.

1st The church being desirous to unite with Mars Hill church at a place known by the name of Carter's Spring.

2nd The Brethren Longmire, Lee and Salter was appointed delegates to visit Mars Hill church for the purpose of ascertaining whether that church will unite with this church at said Spring.

3rd The said delegates was also to know if said church would alter the time of holding their meetings from the second to the first Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

At a conference held on Saturday before the second Lord's day in May 1826 Brother Travis Moderator.

1st Received Basdel M. Burns by Baptism

2nd Received Brother Martin B. East/Oast? by Baptism

3rd Received Sister Fanny Salter by Baptism

4th Received a black woman by the name of (blank space here where name was omitted) by baptism

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5th The brethren Longmire and Salter two of the delegates appointed in March last to visit Mars Hill Church reported that in consequence of several of that body being absent it was not advisable to give a positive answer therefore brother Longmire was appointed to make such enquiry as might enable him to report more fully to this church in July next.

At a conference held on Saturday before the second Lord's day in July 1826 Brother Travis Moderator.

1st on motion of brother Travis it was agreed that a house should be built for worship on the lands of John and Joseph George near the former residence of Mr. Herrin if the land can be had gratis.

2nd The Brethren Longmire, Lee, Salter, Riley and John Green Esquire was appointed a committee to locate the spot for the house and superintend the building and the brethren Longmire and Salter was to see the Mr. Georges to know if the land can be had and Brother Longmire to draw a subscription.

3rd Received brother John Boman by baptism

At a conference held on Saturday before the second Lord's day in February 1827 brother Travis Moderator.

1st Brother Salter moved that communion shall be held in March next and kept up once every three months hereafter which was agreed to

2nd Sister Gincy Riley applied for a letter of dismission for herself and a black sister by the name of Violet which was granted.

At a conference held on Saturday before the second Lord's day in March 1827 Brother Travis Moderator.

No business before the church.

At a conference held on Saturday before the second

Lord's day in April 1827 Brother Travis Moderator.

1st Received brother Charles Dekel (Dickel?) and wife _____

2nd Received Sister Polley Wells by letter

3rd Sister Ann Anders applied for a letter of dismission which was granted

4th Received Sister Mary Snowden by baptism

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