



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: Ramah Baptist Church
and/or Common Name: Ramah Baptist Church

2. LOCATION

Street & Number: 863 Bear Creek Road
City: Midway
State: Alabama County: Barbour Zip: 36053
Is the property located within the city limits? Yes No
Township: 13 Range: 26 Section: 14 USGS Quad Map: Attachment 1 exhibit I

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category: Building(s) District Structure Site Object Church
Ownership: Public Private Both
Status: Occupied Unoccupied Work in progress used once yearly
Public Acquisition: In process Being considered
Accessible: No Yes: restricted Yes: unrestricted

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Ramah Church Memorial Association
Address: 863 Bear Creek Rd.
City: Midway State: AL Zip: 36053
Telephone: Contact person - Elizabeth H. Cochran 334-687-2099
Email: ecochran48@gmail.com

5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

Attachment 2

6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION See Instructions for more information.

Construction date:	Prior to 1843	Source:	Ramah Book - recorded ALH #11/1/1851
Alteration date:	July 2, 1871 -	Source:	Ramah History Book
Architect/Builder:	unknown	Contractor:	unknown
Physical condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruinous)	Excellent	Remaining historic fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	High
No. of stories:	one		
Historic use of property:	architecture		
Current use of property:	church		
Architectural style category:	mid-19th Century	Architectural style sub-category:	?
Basic typology:	?	Basic shape:	rectangle
Basic floor plan:	Single room	Historic Construction material(s):	wood
Current exterior wall material(s):	Wood Frame	Roof finish material(s):	asbestos shingles
Main roof configuration:	Gable	Foundation material:	wood
Porch type:	none		
Window type and materials:	wood frame (9 pane) double hung sash		
Describe alterations:			
Number and type of all outbuildings: (if significant, fill out separate survey form)	originally had a 1 room schoolhouse, pool, and 2 privies		
Exterior Architectural Description:	See Attachment 3 - from Susan Enzweiler pictures + facts		
Description of Setting:	Attachment p. 85 also attachment from Susan Enzweiler		

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria (check all that apply and explain below). See Instructions for more information.

Criterion A: Associated with historical events and activities relating to the property that are important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion B: Person or group with whom the property is associated is important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion C: Type, period, or method of construction represents architectural features that are significant in the development of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion D: Property has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in Alabama's history or prehistory (archaeological component).

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary art | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

See Attachments

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: (dead) 2A +/- See Attachment II
dead

Attach a map showing the location of the property.

10. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

Name: Ramah Church Memorial Assn. Ch. Elizabeth H. Cochran
Address: 746 Bear Creek Rd. 746 Midway AL 36053
City: Midway State: AL Zip: 36053
Telephone: 334-687-2099
Email: ecochran48@gmail.com

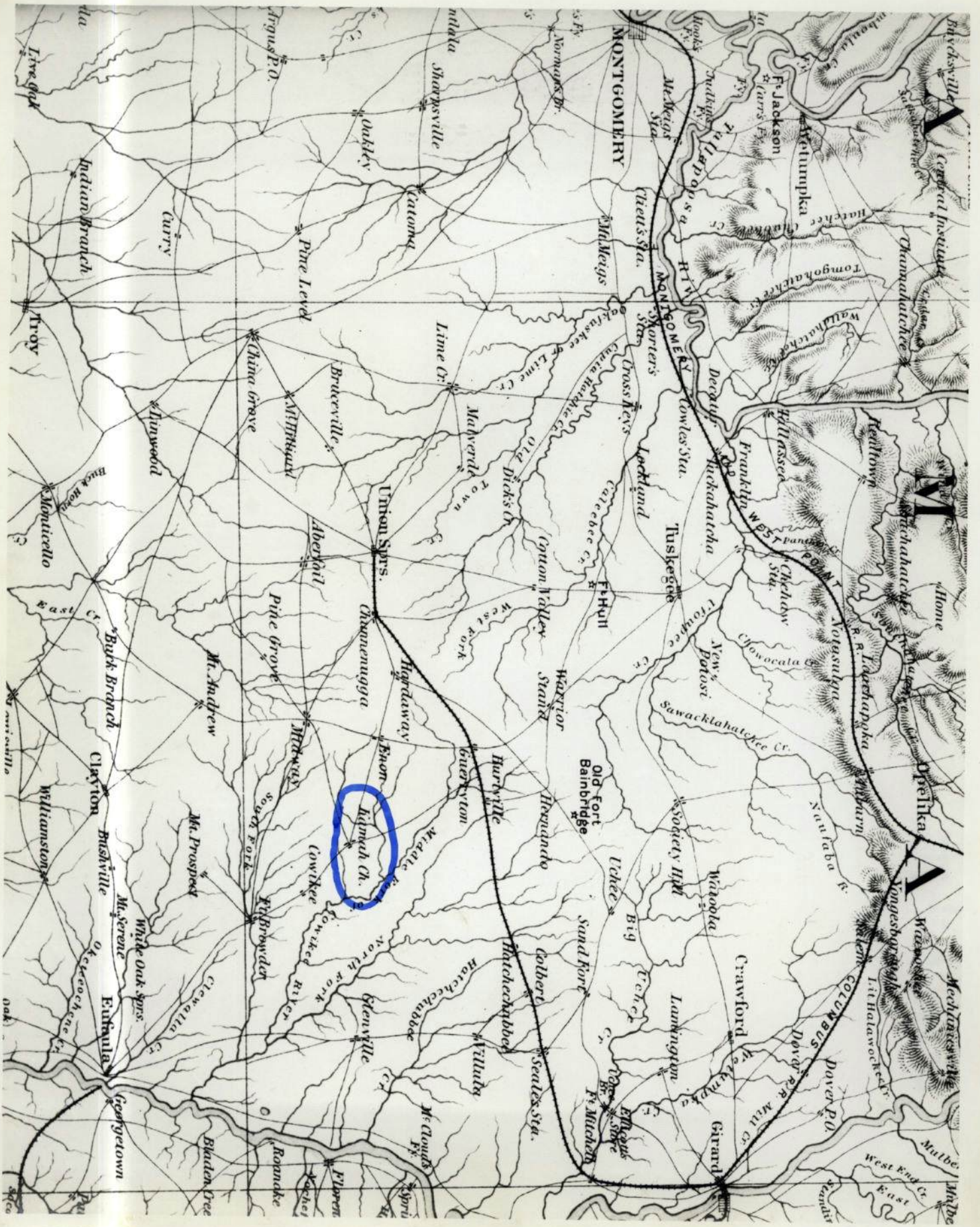
11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. They can be 4x6 color prints or digital images on a CD/DVD. All photographs will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

12. REMINDER:

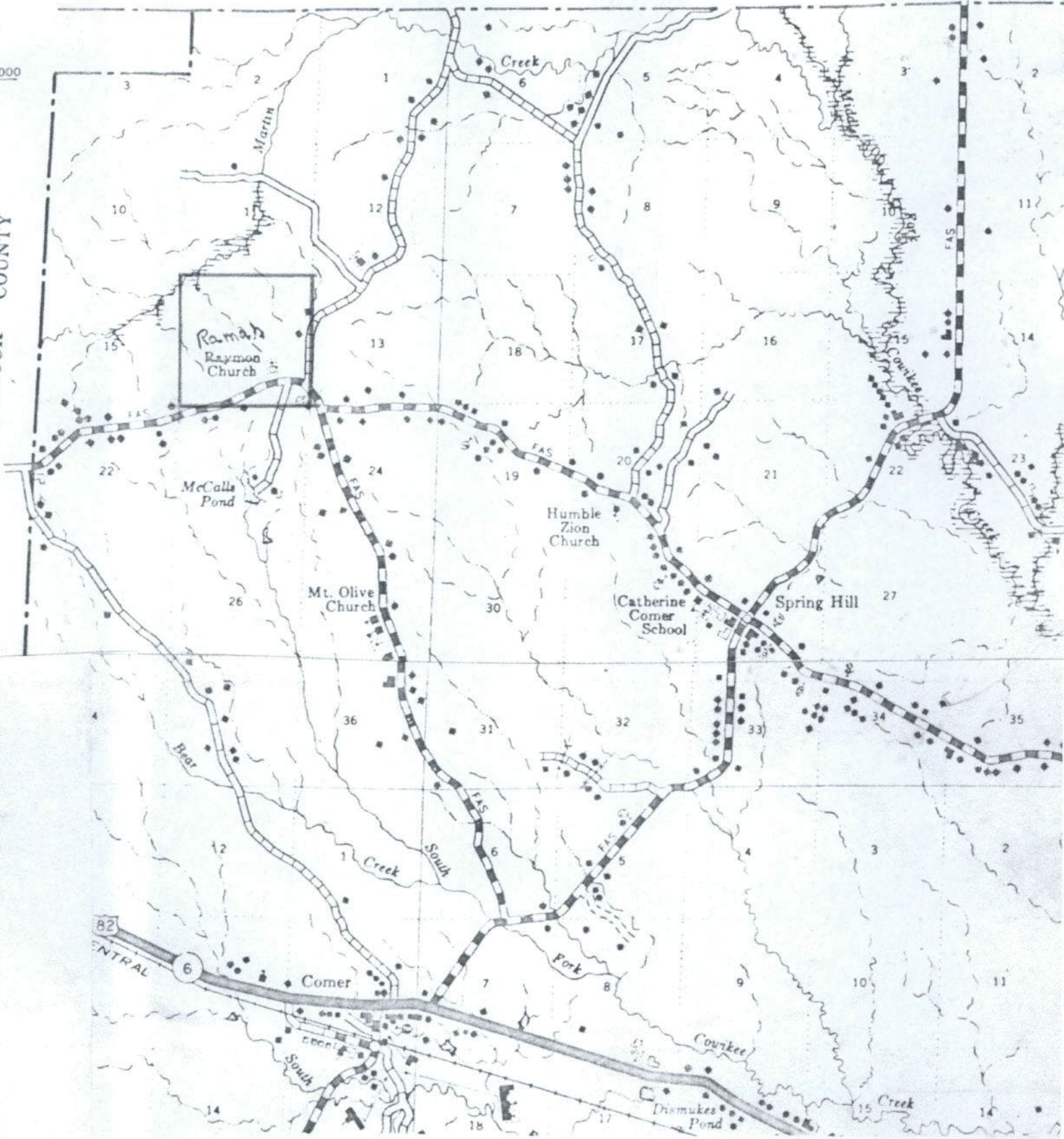
Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 5, 9 and 11 and send them to:

Alabama Historical Commission
Attn: Lee Anne
468 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900



RUSSELL COUNTY

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MULLUCK COUNTY

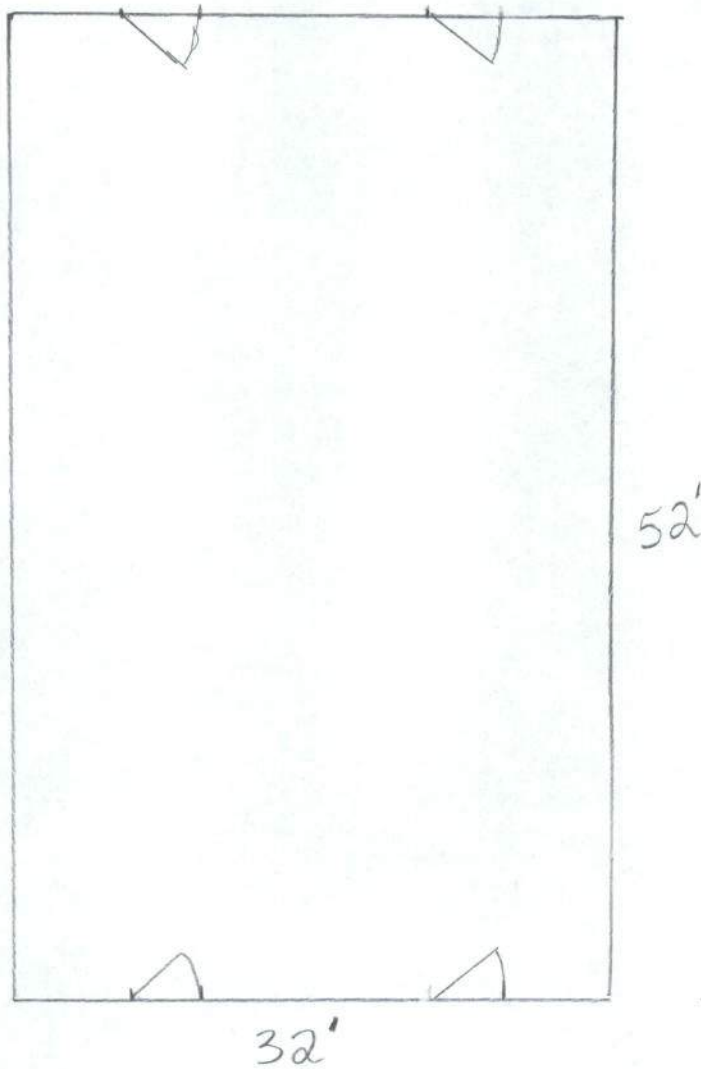


Taken from Highway map, Barbour County, issued by the Alabama State Highway Department, 1959.

RAMAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Attachment 2

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REAR



FRONT

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32' WIDE
52' DEEP

Letter: Frances Hall Grant

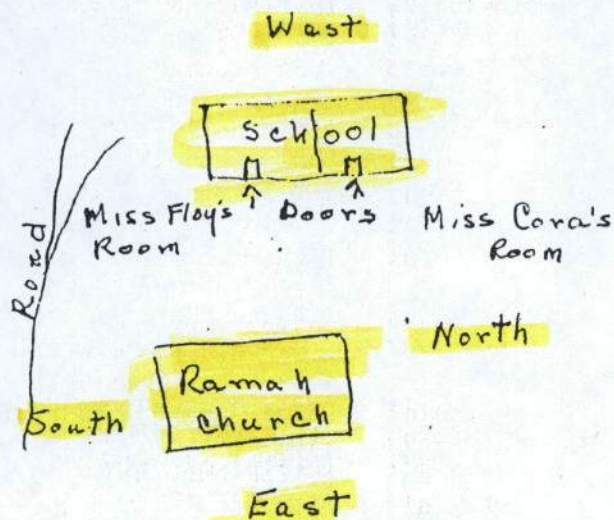
May 11, 1980

I've just talked to Mary C. Allen, a first cousin of mine in LaGrange, Ga. to ask if she knew about Aunt Cora Hall (S.T. Hall's sister) teaching at Ramah. She knew nothing. Mary was reared after age 6 (when her Mother died) by two of Papa's sisters who never married and the sisters taught school. I was hoping Mary had heard them talk about Aunt Cora Hall.

Miss Cora Hall married Robert Fussell. They never had children. After they married, they lived in Midway next door to her parents, S.T. Hall I. I'm sure your Mother visited Aunt Cora Hall before she married and in the family home which is still standing but out of the family. When my Mother moved to Midway in the fall of 1927, she lived in the home (formerly lived in by Aunt Cora) and next door to the S.T. Hall's (my grandfather) home. Cora Florence Hall was born in 1872 - died 1912. I expect she might have taught school at Ramah as the Florence family lived in the Ramah - Spring Hill area. One Florence family lived on a hill across from the old Weaver - Charlie Mack Gary place. Another Florence family lived in Spring Hill. My G. Grandfather, John Florence and wife Margaret Honsberger (sp), also a 26 yr. son, Adam, are buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Their daughter, Alice Estelle Florence married Samuel Thomas Hall I, (my grandfather). Their oldest daughter was Cora Florence Hall, the one you are speaking of.

My father, S.T. Hall II moved from Midway, Al. (Bul. Co.) to Ramah in Barbour County in 1911 or 1912 because Papa inherited 280 acres of land which was part of the Florence land from his Mother. Papa was killed by the dipping vat caving in on him March 22, 1916.

Sam T. Hall III (my oldest brother) born 3/1905 started to school his first year that fall at the Ramah School beside the church. Howard Epperson, your brother was one grade ahead of him. Miss Floy Gary was Sam's first grade teacher. Mrs. Cora Epperson was teaching in the other room. Sam described the school as I'll try to draw:



Sam doesn't remember how school was heated

Children entered each class room separately - from outside

After Sam's first (app. 7 months) year of school was over, Mama and Papa carried him to Midway to stay with Grandma and Grandpa Adams so he could walk to school with George Adams and have two months to attend school. By doing this, he was put in the grade with Howard Epperson, the second year. Sam's second grade teacher was Miss Sara Orum.

Mattie Griffin says Miss Gussie Akins taught in the school house beside the church.

Attachment 344

#6 Architectural Description

Ramah Baptist Church

Architectural Description

The Ramah Baptist Church, constructed c. 1840, is a two by five bay, front-gabled, wood-frame building that is clad in clapboard and rests on brick piers which have been stuccoed with concrete. The front and rear gables display simple bargeboards. The front façade features two single-leaf, double-paneled, wooden doors (an entrance for each gender) flanking a window opening that is now boarded up with clapboard. The wooden steps leading up to each door are replacements but are similar in design to the original stairs. A shed-roofed canopy supported by plain braces is above each entrance. These are twentieth century alterations, but do not detract from the historic character of the church. Each side elevation has five 9/9 double hung sash, wood-frame windows with plain, wooden surrounds. The rear elevation also has a 9/9 window that is flanked by two single-leaf, plank doors. Above each door is the same type of canopy seen on the front elevation. Wooden steps provide access to one of these entrances while the other has a wooden ramp. The roof is clad in asbestos shingles.

The interior of the church is one large room. Its wall treatment consists of vertical board wainscoting which comes up to the bottom sill of the windows with wide flushboards above that. Such flushboards also comprise the ceiling. Wide wooden boards form the flooring. The original, wooden pews occupy the center of this space. A wooden bar runs down the middle of the pews dividing the seating between the female and the male congregants. Two columns are located in the pew area. The pews face a dais upon which are a freestanding, paneled, wooden pulpit, two chairs and two square, wooden towers approximately four feet high. These towers probably hold flower arrangements during services. The dais is flanked by the rear plank doors and flooded by natural light from the window behind it. In front of the dais are a small table and a small organ.

7. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

We are seeking to have Ramah Baptist Church placed on the Alabama Register because of its architectural significance and the history of its beginning. The Church was built prior to 1843. Deeds are documented and enclosed to show this fact. All are recorded in Barbour County, Alabama. A copy of a history of Ramah is enclosed also. This building has significant historical features that lend to its importance in history. Documents, pictures, maps and much more history is enclosed to verify its early 19th century establishment.

Attachment 5

7. DATA FOR NOMINATION

- a. Prior to 1843
- b. Ramah Church was built in the Ramah Community to serve its members and guests.
- c. The Church is now under the care and control of the Ramah Church Memorial Association.
- d. NA
- e. Built prior to 1843—See attachment #3
- f. NA
- g. See attachment #5
- h. The Ramah Church Memorial Association plans to maintain the Church and cemetery as presented.

8. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- (1) History of Ramah Church by Rev. T.E. Swearingen filed in the Library of Howard College, now Samford University, Birmingham, AL under Special Collections, October 10, 1945
- (2) Two collection plates and communion service set also in The Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL, May 1972
- (3) US Postal Record, National Archives, Washington, DC- Ramah Church was established as a post office in Barbour County, AL, July 2, 1860 and discontinued February 23, 1861.
- (4) "Ramah Church Book" filed in Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL, March 25, 1965; The "Minutes" of the Eufaula Baptist Association (organized November 13, 1853), filed in the Alabama Archives and History; a microfilm of the "Minutes" are on file at the Historical Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, TN.

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATE

Two acres in the SW ¼ of the SE ½ of Sec. 14 R 26 T 13 See attachment #6 (Deed)

10. Elizabeth H. Cochran, 746 Bear Creek Road, Midway, AL 36053, 1:334-687-2099, ecochran48@gmail.com

11. Pictures transferred to Lee Anne Wofford from Susan Enzweiler who visited the Ramah Church and made these necessary pictures.

Howard College

500 LAKESHORE DRIVE

Birmingham 9, Alabama



March 22, 1963

Mrs. Leonard Cobb, Librarian
Department of Archives and History
Montgomery 5, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Cobb:

Following your request, our Microfilm Department has prepared a Xerox copy of the typewritten history of Ramah Church by T. E. Swearingen. You should receive this copy in the same mail with this letter.

I felt that you would prefer this type of copy rather than the microfilm.

The Historical Commission at Nashville, Tennessee has on film and will sell a positive of the 1869 and 1876-1935 minutes virtually complete. I would be glad to inquire into the cost of this for you or you may address them directly: Dr. Davis Woolley, 127 9th Avenue North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

I will be interested to hear more about the formation of a Memorial Association at Ramah Church. It is always good to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

F. Wilbur Helmbold
F. Wilbur Helmbold
Librarian

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DAVIS C. WOOLLEY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

LYNN E. MAY, JR., RESEARCH DIRECTOR



April 2, 1963

Mrs. Leonard Cobb
State of Alabama
Department of Archives and History
Montgomery 5, Alabama

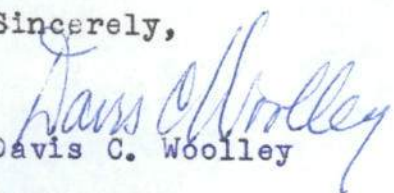
Dear Mrs. Cobb:

Thank you for the order of Eufaula Baptist Association for 1869. The \$1.00 check will cover the cost.

We have on microfilm the dates you inquire about with the 1918 and 1919 lacking. If you are planning to order these dates on film it would be much cheaper for you to order them all at one time. You are paying the minimum price for the one year and if you order the other years you will pay only \$5.00 for the years you lack in your files. If you do not desire these years we will be glad to send you only the 1869.

Thank you for the privilege to serve you and we will fill your order as soon as we have word from you.

Sincerely,


Davis C. Woolley

DCW:rm



Howard College

600 LAKESHORE DRIVE

Birmingham 9, Alabama



April 7, 1961

Mrs. Jessie E. Cobb, Librarian
State of Alabama
Department of Archives and History
Montgomery 5, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Cobb:

Mr. Helmbold has asked that I see what we have that might help you with establishing the date of organization of Ramah Baptist Church.

Our first copy of Eufaula Baptist Association is for 1869. It gives the following information for Ramah.

T. J. Florence, M. Cody, J. A. Cobb,
Frank Davis - Delegates; J. S. Paullin -
pastor; W. E. L. Davis - Church Clerk;
Received by baptism - 19; received by
letter - 2; dismissed by letter - 171.
(Naturally we believe the dismissed to be
in error but could find no explanation for it.)

We have a typewritten history of Ramah in our files which is credited to T. E. Swearingen. The opening sentence is:

"The first available recorded minute of Ramah Baptist Church, Barbour County, Alabama, is of June 25, 1860. E. Y. Van Hoose was pastor and R. S. Kendrick, clerk."

There is a foot note following this which says, "A resolution concerning the death of Deacon Jas. A. Cobb, Sr., June 1898, indicated he united with Ramah church in 1843; ordained deac. 1856."

We will keep this request on file in the event that other information on Ramah Church comes to us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eugene S. Bee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs. Eugene S. Bee
Special Collection Librarian



OLD CHURCH IS LOCATED IN BARBOUR COUNTY NEAR COMER
The Membership And Friends Will Meet Next Sunday At Church

Ramah Church Schedules Its Second Annual Homecoming

Mont. Adv.
6-20-1964

The Ramah Baptist Church, Barbour County will have its second annual Homecoming Day June 28 at 11 a.m.

The Rev. R. W. Stuckey will deliver the sermon at the old church which is near Comer; the service is under the direction of the Ramah Church Memorial Association, headed by George H. Adams of Union Springs.

The church has an interesting history which goes to the beginning of the 19th century. It is related by Jesse Epperson Cobb.

"Soon after Barbour County was created from the Creek Indian Cession in 1832, settlers from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and other states moved into this section. Although the early records of this church have been lost, it was recorded in the minutes of the church at the death of Deacon James A. Cobb Sr., in 1898, that he united with Ramah Baptist Church in 1843. The records show that the land for the present building and cemetery was given by Solomon G. Burke in 1857. The church has divided pews, with two separate doors, front and back, allowing the men and women to enter and leave separately. The discipline of this church was strict and rigid, excluding those who disobeyed the rules.

The records of the Post Office Department in the National Archives, Washington, D.C. show that a post office by the name of Ramah Church, Alabama was established in Bar-

bour County, Alabama taken Aug. 13, 1860 shows that William A. Mayes, physician, age 39, born in Georgia and his wife Martha were living among the early members of this church. Ramah Church, Alabama is shown on a map of the "Official Records of The Union and Confederate Armies," 1681-1865. Ramah Church was the focal point for military roads leading to Midway, Enon, Hurtville (Hurtsboro) and Ft. Browder (near Batesville).

The church members were active during the War Between the States with certain days of fasting and praying that the mighty God would bless the army, particularly the sons of the neighbors of this community and that peace and happiness would be restored to the nation. On June 24, 1865 a committee was appointed to secure the names of the servants who had left their homes and gone to the enemy and on July 22 the committee made its report and 17 servants were excluded from the church membership on the charge of deserting their owners and joining the enemy.

At the request of the colored membership of the church a special conference was held on July 27, 1869. The colored membership voted unanimously to be dismissed from the church in order that they might build a church of their own with the help of Ramah Church. Nero

the minutes of the Eufaula Baptist Association for 1869 show that 171 members were dismissed that year by letter from Ramah Church. On July 22, 1871 a committee was appointed to remove the pulpit and erect a rostrum in the back end of the church building.

From the records available, it is noted that the Eufaula Baptist Association met in this church in 1862, 1872, 1886, 1896 and 1904. Ramah Church reported in 1888 that there were 66 members on its roll.

The Ramah Church Memorial Association was organized April 28, 1963 for the purpose of preserving Ramah Baptist Church and cemetery and creating a fund for its maintenance forever. This association now has 101 members. Members of this association, former members of the church, descendants of the people buried in the cemetery and friends are invited. The morning service will be followed immediately with a business meeting and a picnic lunch.

Ramah Plans Church Meet On June 30

RAMAH — Plans have been completed for homecoming day at a Barbour County church at least 120 years old formerly known for its strict discipline and which practiced segregation by sex.

The Memorial Association of the church, Ramah Baptist has set the date of the event as June 30. The church is located in the Ramah community near Comer and Old Spring Hill.

Fellowship will begin at 10 a.m. and preaching service at 11 a.m., with George H. Adams of Union Springs, association president, presiding. Dr. Charlie Mack Gary of Jacksonville will give the welcome and the sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Edward Holloway, Baptist pastor at Morris, Ga. Dinner on the church grounds will follow.

A business meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. for presentation of a constitution of the newly organized association and discussion on means of establishing a perpetual fund for care of the church and cemetery.

The Ramah community in northern Barbour County had a post-office known as Vaughn from 1893 to 1906 served by Moses L. Vaughn, William A. Livingston, Calvin A. Jordan and Lonnie Gary.

Records of the church before 1860 have been lost but when James A. Cobb, a deacon, died in 1898 resolutions were drawn which stated he "united" with this church in 1843.

June 30th, 1963

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RAMAH CHURCH MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

July 2, 1871

Committee was appointed to employ workmen to remove the pulpit and build rostrum in the back end of the church. (A closed up window may be seen on the south wall)

December 22, 1872

Committee appointed to inquire the cost of repairing the church reported that several bids had been made.

February 22, 1879

The house by the church could be repaired for \$200.00. The 9 inch ceiling could not be used. The church authorized the committee to allow for 12 inch ceiling to be used.

October 12, 1879

The cost of house repairs was reported to be \$300.00 and value of church property was \$1000.00.

January 25, 1880

Arrangements were made to build a pool and a house for the convenience of lady candidates for baptism.

March 25, 1882

Committee appointed to contract for benches to fill the vacated part of the church.

June 25, 1887

Thank you note sent to Ladies Aid Society for the donation of the chandeliers.

June 21, 1889

Funds were raised to enclose the cemetery.

July 30, 1892

Request made to build a school house on the church grounds. Request granted.

May 22, 1897

One side of the church roof was covered.

April 24, 1903

Committee appointed to purchase and install blinds.

November 27, 1904

Committee appointed to raise money and paint church.

March 31, 1963

About 20-25 people interested in the preservation of Ramah Church and cemetery met on March 31, 1963 at Ramah Church.

Motion was made to repair benches, replace rail down the center of the middle rows, construct privies out back, spray and straighten cemetery fence and enlarge the cemetery to its original size where some unmarked graves had been left out of the previous fence.

April 28, 1963

The inside and the outside of the church was repaired and restored. The carpet on the podium was discussed and it was decided to use rubber runners down the aisle and carpet on the pulpit and on the floor in front of the pulpit.

Two new collection plates were presented to the association. An organ was given to the church also.

June 30, 1963

Constitution and By-laws were studied. The name of Ramah Baptist Memorial Association was changed to Ramah Church Memorial Association.

June 20, 1964

Although the early records of the church have been lost, it was recorded in the minutes of the church at the death of Deacon James A. Cobb, Sr., in 1898, that he united with Ramah Baptist Church in 1843. The deeds show that the land for the present building and cemetery was given by Solomon G. and Frances T. Burke in 1857.

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April 25, 1965

The sign in front of the church was erected by Ollie Johnson.

June 26, 1966

Two chairs were presented for the pulpit by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cheney.

June 30, 1969

The marble top communion table and two hanging chandeliers were stolen from the church.

April 23, 1989

Repainted the inside and outside of the church and windows were repaired and puttied.

June 25, 2000

The church was reroofed, new steps and ramp installed and new canopy over doors were replaced.

The two old Bibles were rebound.

August 2003

All markers and headstones in the cemetery were cleaned.

The church was repainted inside and outside.

June 27, 2004

Chairs were purchased for extra seating and the large sign out front was repaired and painted.

An 18x20 ft. pavilion was erected for dinner on the grounds

August 2006

Two scrapbooks were completed using documents and minutes from the early days of Ramah Church by Cathy Childree. Kim Graham typed and printed minutes and notes to update the Ramah History Book from 1980-2006. Jeff Mira donated and installed shades for the inside on all windows. Don Johnson purchased and donated 6 fans to be used each Ramah Meeting.

May 2010

Six tables were purchased to be used for our dinner on the grounds.

New rubber mats were installed down each aisle.

New carpet was installed on the podium and in front of the podium.

Attachment for # 9

Chancel stamp

The State of Alabama,

COUNTY

District No.

TO

The State of Alabama.

WARRANTY DEED.

Received this

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Judge of Probate.

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Mr H. S. Taylor
PO Box 337.

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STATE OF ALABAMA.

Know all Men by These Presents:

Barbours COUNTY.

THAT me Jos. O. Humphreys and his wife Annie M. Humphreys and J. J. Drayton and his wife for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to us in hand paid by the State of Alabama the receipt whereof me do hereby acknowledge, and for the further consideration of the aid to be extended by the State of Alabama in the erection or repair of a rural school on the Land hereinafter described under the Act of the Legislature of Alabama, approved March 2nd, 1907, have Granted, Bargained and Sold, and by these presents do hereby grant, bargain sell and convey unto the State of Alabama, for the benefit of school district No.

of Barbours County, Alabama, the following described Real Estate, situated in the County of Barbours and State of Alabama, to-wit:

2 Acres in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/2 of Sec 14 R 26 T 13 commencing at stake on the dirt road - that leads to Midway & Spring Hill 70 yds west of where the center of the SE 1/4 line runs North & South thence West with road 4 chains + 47 1/4 links thence North 4 chains + 47 1/4 links thence East 4 chains + 47 1/4 links to church lot thence South 4 chains + 47 1/4 links with church lot to starting point -

2 Acres more or less. It being understood that this in no way touches the residence on premises owned the residence on the Gary place

To Have and to Hold. The aforegranted premises to the said State of Alabama for the benefit of said school district No. of Barbours County, Alabama, forever

And me do covenant with the said state of Alabama for the benefit of said school district No. of Barbours County, Alabama, that we lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises; that they are

24 Cents purchase money notes - free from all encumbrance; that me have a good right to sell and convey the same to the said State of Alabama for the benefit of said school district No. _____ of Barbour County, Alabama, and that me will warrant and defend the said premises to the said State of Alabama for the benefit of said school district No. _____, of Barbour County, Alabama, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof, me have hereunto set an hands and seal this the 6th day of April in the year of our Lord One

Thousand Nine Hundred and fourteen
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in
Presence of

J. B. Lewis
B. L. Griffin
witness J. J. Fretwell and
M. C. Fretwell

Jos. O. Thompson L. S.
Amie M. Thompson L. S.
Jos. J. Fretwell L. S.
M. C. Fretwell L. S.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Jefferson COUNTY.

I, Mary C. Hawkins, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Joe W. Thompson and his wife, Annie M. Thompson, whose names are signed to the foregoing Conveyance, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the Conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily, on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand, this the 7th day of April A. D. 1914.

Mary C. Hawkins
Notary Public

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Jefferson COUNTY.

I, Mary C. Hawkins, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify, that on the 7th day of April, 1914, came before me the within named Annie M. Thompson known to me to be the wife of the within named Joe W. Thompson who, being examined separate and apart from the husband, touching her signature to the within Deed acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and accord, and without fear, constraint, or threats on the part of the husband

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of April A. D. 1914

Mary C. Hawkins
Notary Public

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

COUNTY.

I, in and for the State and County, aforesaid do hereby certify that a subscribing witness to the foregoing Conveyance, known to me, appeared before me this day, and being sworn stated that the grantor voluntarily executed the same in his presence, and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, on the day the same bears date; that he attested the same in the presence of the grantor, and of the other witness, and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence.

..... hand this day of A. D. 190.....

9/23/64

Mr Foster, Atty
Paid for recording
as a donation
Ramah Church

Dorothy Louise Vaughn

36101

July 8, 1964

Mrs. E. C. Taylor
4019 Norwood Drive
Kenwood Heights
Columbus, Georgia 31907

Ramah Church deed
recorded Barbour Co
July 10, 1964 at 8:30 a.m.
Lunch like Deed Book
NY Ord J Page 680
By George E. Little, Probate

My dear Katie Mae:

I received the Deeds to the Ramah Church property and the Warranty Deed with the two names, James J. Fretwell & his wife, M. C. Fretwell's signatures were notarized on a separate paper (sheet) on April 9, 1961/1914 by J. B. Lewis, Notary Public County of Anderson, State of South Carolina deeding two acres of land to the State of Alabama for School purposes.

I gave the Deed dated June 27th 1857 to Mr. Foster to send registered to Probate Court, Barbour County to record it. He told me not to record the one deeding two acres of land to the State of Alabama for School purposes as it may confuse people. I will hold this in the Ramah Church file in T. R. Sanderson Company's safe until the Deed to the church and the incorporation papers are returned from the Probate Office in Barbour County then I can send all of them back to you at one time.

I instructed Mr. Foster to be sure and register them and when he sends it to the Probate Court in Barbour to write a letter and instruct him to register it back to Mr. Foster. The one we sent to register is signed by the Burkes.

I did not answer your last letter as I was busy and thought that the letter that I had just written to you the day before answered your questions about giving the incorporation papers to the bank as we need to wait until the original papers comes back so we can get the Book and page number for you to write on the copy you want to show or give to the bank.

I am at work and must stop right now.

Love, *Dorothy Louise Vaughn*

Dorothy Louise Vaughn

36101

August 24, 1964

Mrs. E. C. Taylor
4019 Norwood Drive
Kenwood Heights
Columbus, Georgia 31907

My dear Katie Mae:

I enclose my check #316 (61-36/621) dated 8/24/64 in the amount of \$5.00 which was the amount I was going to pay Jessie Cobb on the traveling expense to the Vaughn reunion and she instructed me to send it to you to apply on the church cemetery fence.

I am sending by registered mail under separate cover the following:

1. DECLARATION OF INCORPORATION OF THE RAMAH CHURCH MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORDED IN AT 8:30 A.M. JULY 1, 1964 IN BOOK 5 OF CORPORATIONS, PAGE 429
2. DEED TO CHURCH AT (Ramah Church) IN BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA RECORDED ON DEED BOOK YY PAGE 680 ON JULY 10, 1964 AT 8:30A.M.
3. UNRECORDED DEED FOR THE SCHOOL HOUSE AND LAND NEXT TO RAMAH CHURCH WITH AN EXTRA SHEET WITH NOTARY FOR THE SIGNATURE OF TWO SIGNERS.

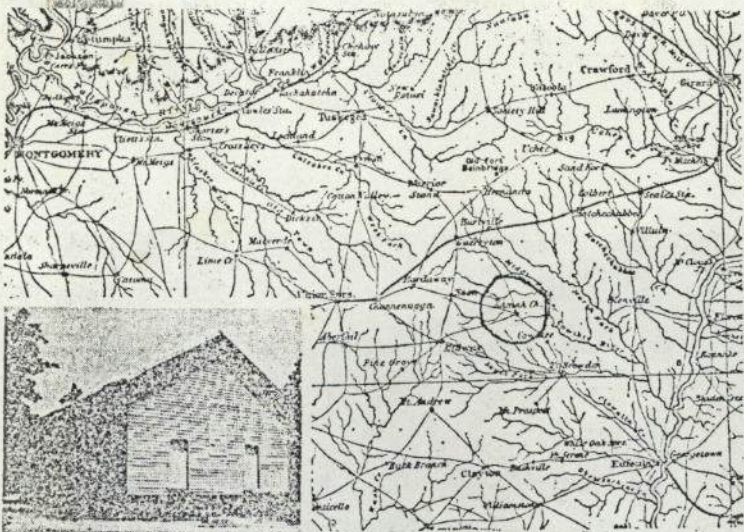
I am ready to go to lunch and hope you both are feeling well.

Love,

DOROTHY LOUISE VAUGHN

ONE ENCLOSURE

*PS. see if the Book copy of or
or see note at top of
page of copy of letter
with. In 1964 (D.L.)*



OLD CHURCH IS LOCATED IN BARBOUR COUNTY NEAR COMER
The Membership And Friends Will Meet Next Sunday At Church

Ramah Church Schedules Its Mont. Adv. Second Annual Homecoming 6-20-1964

The Ramah Baptist Church in Barbour County will have its second annual Homecoming Day June 28 at 11 a.m.

The Rev. R. W. Stuckey will deliver the sermon at the old church which is near Comer; his service is under the direction of the Ramah Church Memorial Association, headed by George H. Adams of Union Springs.

The church has an interesting history which goes to the beginning of the 19th century. It is related by Jesse Epperson Cobb.

"Soon after Barbour County was created from the Creek Indian Cession in 1832, settlers from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and their states moved into this section. Although the early records of this church have been lost, it was recorded in the minutes of the church at the death of Isaac James A. Cobb Sr., in 1838, that he united with Ramah Baptist Church in 1843. The records show that the land for the present building and cemetery was given by Solomon G. and Frances T. Burke in 1857. The church has divided pews, with two separate doors, front and back, allowing the men and women to enter and leave separately. The discipline of this church was strict and rigid, excluding those who disobeyed the rules.

The records of the Post Office Department in the National Archives, Washington, D.C. show that a post office by the

William A. Mayes appointed as the only Postmaster. It was discontinued on Feb. 23, 1851. The U.S. Federal census for Barbour County, Alabama taken Aug. 13, 1860 shows that William A. Mayes, physician, age 39, born in Georgia and his wife Martha were living among the early members of this church. Ramah Church, Alabama is shown on a map of the "Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies," 1681-1865. Ramah Church was the focal point for military roads leading to Midway, Enon, Hurtville (Hurtsboro) and Ft. Browder (near Batesville).

The church members were active during the War Between the States with certain days of fasting and praying that Almighty God would bless the army, particularly the sons of the neighbors of this community and that peace and happiness would be restored to the nation. On June 24, 1865 a committee was appointed to secure the names of the servants who had left their homes and gone to the enemy and on July 22 the committee made its report and 17 servants were excluded from the church membership on the charge of deserting their owners and joining the enemy.

At the request of the colored membership of the church a special conference was held on July 27, 1869. The colored membership voted unanimously to be dismissed from the church in order that they might build

the minutes of the Eufaula Baptist Association for 1869 show that 171 members were dismissed that year by letter from Ramah Church. On July 22, 1871 a committee was appointed to remove the pulpit and erect a rostrum in the back end of the church building.

From the records available, it is noted that the Eufaula Baptist Association met in this church in 1862, 1872, 1886, 1896 and 1904. Ramah Church reported in 1838 that there were 96 members on its roll.

The Ramah Church Memorial Association was organized April 28, 1963 for the purpose of preserving Ramah Baptist Church and cemetery and creating a fund for its maintenance forever. This association now has 101 members. Members of this association, former members of the church, descendants of the people buried in the cemetery and friends are invited. The morning service will be followed immediately with a business meeting and a picnic lunch.

The State of Alabama

Barbour County.

Know all men by these presents that we Solomon G. Burke & Frances S. Burke wife of the said Solomon G. Burke have given and granted to the Baptist church at Ramoth in the state and county aforesaid a certain tract or parcel of land containing two acres or which the meeting house now stands known as Ramoth meeting house said lot of land being one half acre wide and two acres long in South East quarter of Section fourteen Township Thirteen Range Twenty six of Barbour County to have and to hold said land forever for church purposes if said church should ever go down or be dissolved then said lot of land to revert back to the settlement of land to which it belongs and we do hereby warrant the right and title to be good against us and our heirs forever in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 27th June 1857

S. G. Burke

Francis S. Burke

Seal

The State of Alabama }
Barbour County }

J. James Gary a Justice of
the Peace for the county of Barbour
hereby certifies that Solomon G. Burke
whose names are signed to this conveyance

Francis S. Burke known to me personally
appeared before ^{me on this day} and acknowledged before me that
being informed of the contents of the foregoing
conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on
the day the same bears date

Given under my hand at ^{the County Seat} ~~the County Seat~~
James Gary J.P.

Dec. 11
Meeting Howard Co.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)
COUNTY OF ANDERSON.)

School

1914

I, J. B. Lewis ----- a Notary Public in and for
said County, in said State, hereby certify that Jos. J.
Fretwell his wife M. C. Fretwell ----- whose
names are signed to the foregoing Conveyance, and who are known
to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed
of the contents of the Conveyance, they executed the same
voluntarily, on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand, this the 7th day of April ----- A. D. 1914

J. B. Lewis

Notary Public.

for So Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)
COUNTY OF ANDERSON.)

I, J. B. Lewis -----, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, do hereby certify, that on the 7th day of
April ----- 1914, came before me the within named Mrs
M. C. Fretwell, known to me to be the wife of the within
named Jos. J. Fretwell ----- who, being examined
separate and apart from the husband, touching her signature to the
within Deed acknowledged that she signed the same of her own
free will and accord, and without fear, constraint, or threats
on the part of the husband.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this
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HISTORY OF RAMAH CHURCH

Ramah Baptist Church



*Barbour County, Alabama
(Near Comer)*

Established Before 1843

JESSIE E. COBB. 1980
by



RAMAH BAPTIST CHURCH
BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA

Compiled by
Jessie E. Cobb
1980

Dedicated to all the people
who have been to Ramah Church
and felt the presence of God

Sent to Martha Dean
by
Mrs. Leary Dorman
P.O. Box 275
Huntsboro, Ala. 36860

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INTRODUCTION

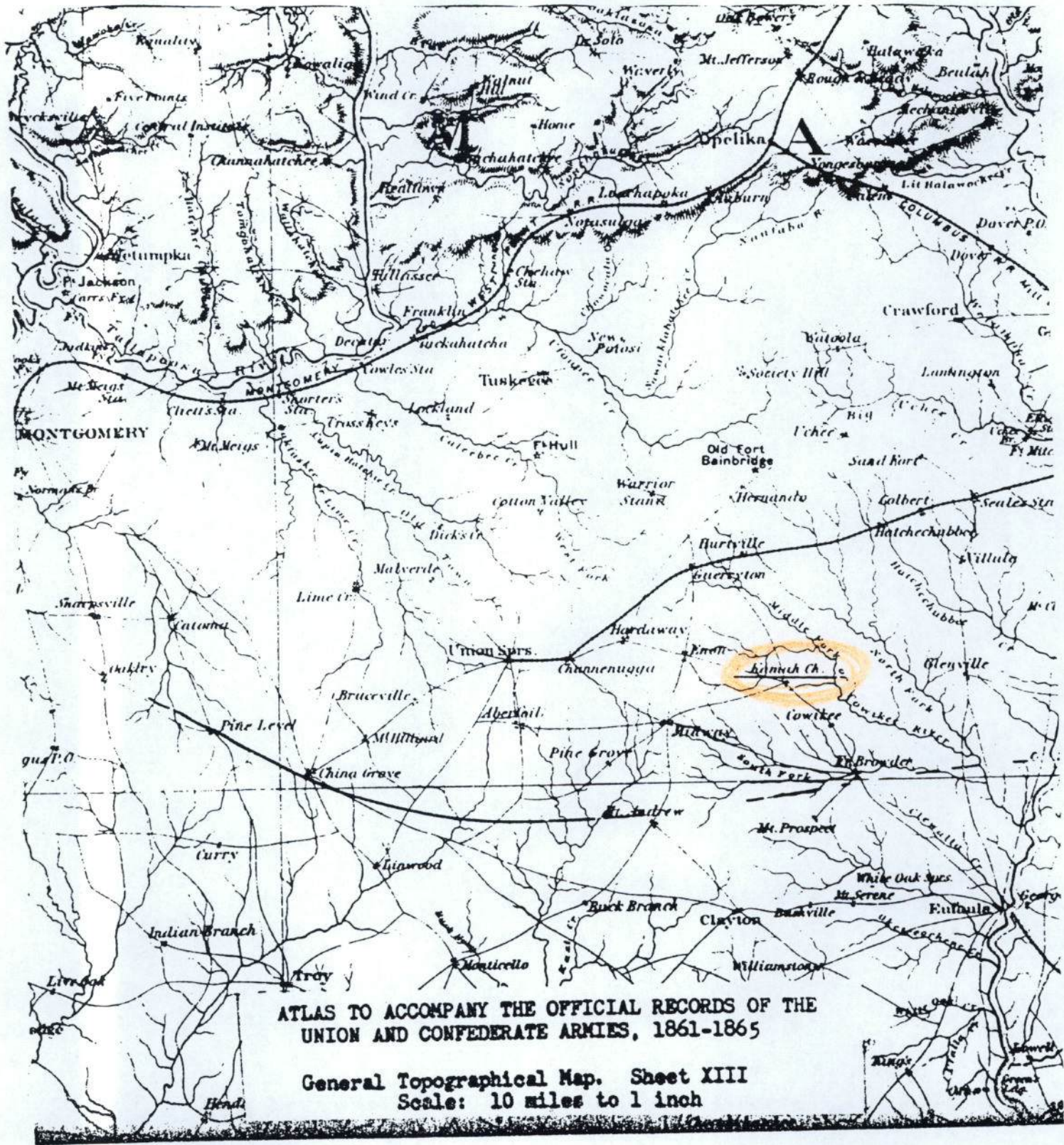
The compiling of this information on Ramah Church and community has been a labor of love and I want to thank Alex Hall, Anniston, Ala. for asking me to get it together and share it with you.

It was in this Church that I gave my heart to God, and it was here that so many of our loved ones decided to follow in His way. Since I can remember, this Church has had a struggle, financially and with number of members, but it was here that Emma Ruth Willingham Epperson made the statement "Christ began with twelve, we should not be discouraged."

I want to thank Charlie Mack Gary (now deceased), Katie Mae Taylor (now deceased), Mr. Peter A. Krannon, Director, Dept. of Archives and History, Montgomery (now deceased), Mr. Milo E. Howard, Director, Dept. of Archives and History, and Mr. Floyd Watson, Military Archivist, Dept. of Archives and History for encouraging me to gather this material.

I also wish to thank all the others who have so graciously contributed by relating their memories of this church and community.

Rev. T.E. Swearingen wrote a History of Ramah Church, which he filed in the Library of Howard College, now Samford University, Birmingham. His History and the organization of the Ramah Church Memorial Association inspired me and led me to gather other material.



Map showing Ramah Church, Alabama

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 against us and our heirs forever in
 witness whereof we have hereunto set our
 hands and seals this 27th June 1857

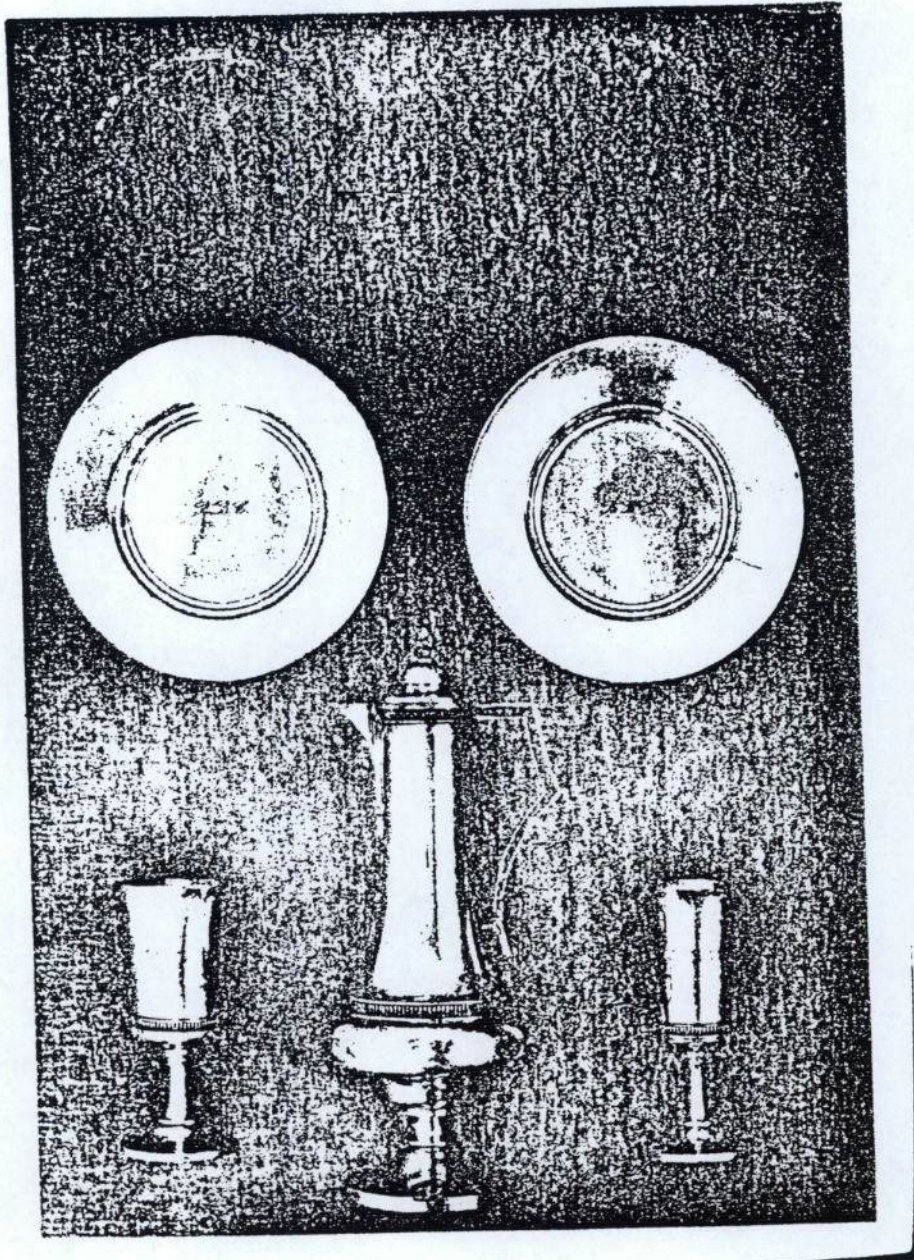
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 Francis S. Burke

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 ... before me that
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 the day the same were made

Given under my hand and seal of office this 27th day of June 1857
 James G. ...

Original in ...
 ...
 ...

Recorded Probate Court, Barbour Co., Ala. July 10, 1964 at 8:30 A.M.
 Looks like Deed Book YY or JJ page 680, by George Little, Judge of
 Probate.



Communion Service, consisting of ewer, two goblets and two plates placed in the Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Ala. by Mazie Taylor, May 1972 after the death of her Mother, Mrs. E.C. Taylor.

Two collection plates placed in the Dept. of Archives and History by Jessie E. Cobb, May, 1972.

Ramah Church book

The clerk was authorized on June 25, 1860 to purchase a new book for the purpose of keeping the minutes from this date. It appears that the names of 25 men and 43 women were transferred to the Roll of Members in the new book. The old book has never been found.

On a page in the back of the Church Book is a Memorial to James A. Cobb, Sr. in which it states that he joined this church in 1843.

On March 25, 1969 Mrs. W.M. Hollingsworth told me that Mr. Paul Whittington, Midway, Ala. told her that Mr. Jabez Marshall, Baptist Preacher, born Georgia, was pastor of Ramah Baptist Church before the War between the States. His daughter, Eliza Marshall married ---- Norton and is buried in Midway Cemetery. Her husband ---- Norton is buried at Center Ridge, Mount Andrew, Ala.

The Troy Messenger, Nov. 7, 1889 states that Mr. E.Y. Van Hoose served as pastor of Ramah Church for 21 years in succession. This would have been from 1857 to 1878.

Miscellaneous Items From Church Book

This church observed strict discipline. Members were excluded from the Church for dancing, unchristian conduct, theft, profane language, intoxication, fornication, retailing spirituous liquors, falsehoods, concealing stolen goods, adultery and violence on the overseer. The men were excluded if they missed Conference several times and did not have a reasonable excuse. A Committee was appointed to visit the accused several times, and if he or she did not have a good excuse or repent, they were excluded and the information for both men and women was "spread on the minutes of the Church Book."

Among the names of members on the "investigation committees" were J.A. Cobb, H.S. Kendrick, John Florence, T.J. Florence, T.H. Davis, D.L. Kendrick, M. Cody, John Davis, D. Paschal, Lewis Long, Reuben Long, A. Vaughn, R.B. Brooks, G.W. Sims, W.W. Vaughn and William Cato.

July 27, 1861

The church agreed to meet on each Wednesday at 3:00 P.M. to spend time in prayer to Almighty God for his blessings on our army and especially our sons and neighbors. On motion the church agreed to spend the Sabbath in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the great victory given our army on the 21 inst. in the defense of our liberties.

July 20, 1862

Committee appointed to confer with S.G. Burke in relation to our lot on which the church stands, either to change or enlarge the lot.

Aug. 23, 1862

Committee reported that Mr. Burke was unwilling to make any change in the line of the church lot.

March 25, 1866

The church agreed to extend an arm of the church to the plantation of Dr. C. Fattle.

Committee consisting of Denis Paschal, J.A. Cobb, T.J. Florence, W.H. Owen and John Davis to get names of all servants who had left their homes and gone to the enemy.

Minutes show slaves by the names of Long, Fattle, Upshaw, Wright, Florence, Sims, Drewry, Weaver, McNabb, Thornton, Rodgers, Maddox, Hargreaves, Shorter, Greags and Streater.

June 26, 1869

Church contributed funds to purchase Hymn books.

June 27, 1869

Special Conference to grant colored membership hearing on the subject of their withdrawal from this church and organize a church of their own with this church's assistance. Clerk was ordered to write letters of dismissal for all in good standing. (The Minutes of the Eufaula Baptist Asso. show that 171 members were dismissed by letter this year.)

Oct. 2nd Sunday

House of Worship was withdrawn from colored people.

July 2, 1871

Committee was appointed to employ workmen to remove the pulpit and build a rostrum in the back end of the church. (A closed-up window may still be seen on the south wall.)

Jan. 24, 1874

The men volunteered to keep the house in order for services, one man for each month.

May 28, 1876

Letter was read from Nero (colored) church asking help to assist in matters of difficulty.

July 22, 1876

Committee appointed to assist Nero Church reported that the difficulty of the church had been settled.

August 26, 1876

The church ordered 20 pounds of candles through W. Cody at 15 cents per pound which had been delivered to the church.

Sept. 22, 1877

Subscription was taken up for shingles to cover the house. T.J. Florence, W. Cody, A. Vaughn, R.R. Gary, Dr. M.S. Davie, W.P. Gary, H.B. Florence, M.Y. Van Hoose, A.B. Stark and E.F. Long contributed.

Jan. 25, 1878

Jas. Spear was employed to cover church for \$25.00.

Dec. 22, 1878

Committee appointed July 22, 1871 to inquire the cost of repairing the church reported that several bids had been made. It was suggested that they have a slight of hand show and supper, proceeds to apply to cost of repairing house. The committee asked for further time to make a full report which was granted. Bro. Jones Gary, Jerry Vaughn, C.H. Owens were appointed to assist committee in arranging for the show.

Jan. 11, 1879

\$64.00 was raised for repairs on church building and committee was appointed to raise further funds. Work contracted for \$200.00 with Mr. Willhelm. Mrs. Pruett was instructed to purchase a new Bible and Hymn book for the pulpit.

Feb. 22, 1879

A letter was read from Mr. Willhelm, saying he would repair the house for \$200.00, saying 9 inch ceiling could not be used. The church then authorized the committee to allow for 12 inch ceiling to be used.

Oct. 12, 1879

The cost of house repairs was reported to be \$300.00 and value of church property \$1000.00.

A committee of Bro. E.L. Graves, W.W. Vaughn and W.F. Gary were appointed to find someone to act as sexton, whose duty it would be to scour the house twice a year, keep it swept, take care of the books and carry the keys to the church and bookcase.

Jan. 25, 1880

\$25.00 was raised on church debt.

Mrs. M.C. Pruett, Miss Leila Stark and Miss Julia Gary were appointed to make arrangements to build a pool and house for the convenience of lady candidates for baptism.

Feb. 25, 1882

E.L. Graves and R.R. Gary were elected deacons.

April 25, 1882

Committee of 3 were appointed to look after and prevent horses from being hitched on the church yard during Convention.

March 25, 1882

E.L. Graves, H.B. Florence and W.W. Vaughn were appointed to contract for benches to fill the vacated part of the church. Committee was appointed and \$19.00 raised to buy two stoves.

April 23, 1887

H.B. Florence and W.W. Vaughn were appointed to employ a sexton for \$1.00 per month.

June 25, 1887

A vote of thanks was tendered by the church to the Ladies Aid Society for the chandeliers given by them to the church. The old lamps and fixtures were given by the church to the society to dispose of and use the proceeds as they thought best.

August 25, 1888

The old table, cover and communion set was turned over to the Ladies Aid Society to dispose of as they saw fit, as a new communion set had been given.

* June 21, 1889

A committee of R.R. Gary and W.W. Vaughn were appointed to raise funds to enclose the cemetery.

June 30, 1892

W.W. Vaughn was elected deacon.

* July 30, 1892

Request was made by R.R. Gary to build a school house on church grounds. Request was granted.

Jan. 25, 1896

M.L. Vaughn, R.A. Brown and J.B. Dismukes were requested to set out shade trees around the church.

May 22, 1897

Committee was appointed to have one side of church covered.

Apr. 24, 1903

H.B. Florence, R.R. Gary, Mrs. J.B. Dismuke and Mrs. E.C. Marshall were appointed to purchase and install blinds.

Nov. 27, 1904

Committee was appointed to raise money and paint church.

August 28, 1910

W.W. Vaughn, R.R. Gary and F.F. Gary were appointed to draft resolutions on deaths of Bro. W.A. Culpepper and Capt. E.L. Graves.

April 8, 1934

Mrs. A.D. Trammell, Mrs. E.C. Taylor and G.W. Griffin were appointed to collect funds to repair the church.

The State of Alabama The Baptist Church of Cahoon
 Cherokee County) at Cedar Bluff in said County
 To all whom these presents shall come
 Greeting

That we do hereby certify that our much esteemed Bro.
 Wm. A. Mayes and Sister Martha Mayes are members
 in full fellowship with us, and they are hereby dis-
 missed from us whenever connected with another
 Church of the same faith and order.

Done in Conference on Saturday before the
 3^d Lords day in March 1860 - and signed by order
 of the same -

J. Lawrence,
 Ch. Clk.

A. P. Chambers,
 Mod.

U.S. Census, Harbour County, Ala. taken Aug, 13, 1860 shows
 William A. Mayes, 39, physician, wife Martha.

U.S. Postal Records, National Archives, Washington, D.C. show that
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 on July 2, 1860 and discontinued Feb. 23, 1861. William A. Mayes was the
 only postmaster.

After 5 days, return to

M. R. Hall
JAMES, ALA.

VILLEVA
MAR
1882



Mr. S. T. Hall
Corner
Ala

Barbour Co. R. F. D. No. 1.

Midway Baptist Church Feb 16-12

This certifies that Bro. S. T. Hall
and wife, Sister Rebecca Hall,
are members with us in good
standing and full fellowship,
and that they are now by their
own request dismissed from
us, when united to another
church of like faith and order.
Done by order of the church this day
in conference.

M. T. Foster - Mod.
M. R. Hall clerk

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
W. A. BOYETT
DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE
CENTURY, FLA.



Miss Katie May Woods
Midway Ala,

Katie Mae (Wood) Taylor (Mrs. E.C. Taylor), Treasurer of Ramah Church Memorial Association, 1968-1972.

Letter of Dismission...

The Century Baptist Church.

To Any Missionary Baptist Church.
(PLACE) Century Fla Nov. 11 1913

This is to Certify, That Miss Katie May Woods
is a Member in good standing of the Century BAPTIST
CHURCH of Century Fla and in compliance with her request, is hereby
dismissed therefrom and cordially recommended to your fellowship.

If, within Six MONTHS from this date, we receive the accompanying Notice of Reception, showing that she has been received by another Church of the same faith and order, or a Certificate equivalent thereto, we shall consider her relation to us as discontinued; otherwise, this letter shall be null and void.

On behalf of the Church, W. A. Boyett CLERK.

RAMAH BAPTIST CHURCH

This information was taken from the Minutes of the Ramah Church Book, filed in the Ala. Dept of Archives and History, Montgomery by Charlie Mack Gary, March 25, 1965; the Minutes of the Eufaula Baptist Association (organized Nov. 13, 1853) filed in the Ala. Dept. of Archives and History; and a microfilm of the Minutes of the Eufaula Baptist Association on file at the Historical Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

Sess. Year	Pastor & Address	Clerk & Address	S.S. Supt & Address	Membership Bapt. Letter	Present Where Asso. met
1	1854				Eufaula
2	1855				Clayton
3	1856				Mt. Zion
4	1857				Pleasant Hill
5	1858				Cowikee
6	1859				Midway
7	1860	E.Y. Van Hoose Messengers to Association: T.J. Florence, John Florence, H.J. Kendrick, Denis Paschal, Jas. A. Cobb, W.M. Burton, R.S. Kendrick	R.S. Kendrick		Glennville
8	1861	E.Y. Van Hoose Messengers to Association: R.R. Brooks, T.J. Florence, John Florence, G.W. Sims, W.A. Mayes, T.H. Davis	R.S. Kendrick		Bethlehem
9	1862	E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: T.J. Florence, Sr., T.J. Florence, Jr., J.A. Cobb, W.A. Mayes, D. Pascal, T.H. Davis, W.M. Burton, R.R. Brooks	R.S. Kendrick		Ramah
10	1863	E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: R.B. Brooks, J.A. Cobb, John Florence, W.M. Burton, R.S. Kendrick, J.P. Simpson	R.S. Kendrick		Centre Ridge

Sess. Year	Pastor & Address	Clerk & Address	S.S. Supp. & Address	Membership Rpt. Letter	Present Where Asso. met
11	1864 E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: R.P. Brooks, T.J. Florence, John Florence, J.W. Davis, J.E. Simpson, R.S. Kendrick, J.A. Cobb	R.S. Kendrick			Eufaula
12	1865 E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: R.S. Kendrick, T.L. Florence, J.A. Cobb, T.H. Davis, R.F. Procks, M. Cody, W.F. Gary	R.S. Kendrick			Clayton
13	1866 E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: W.P. Gary, M.W. Vaughn, J.C. Brown, J.A. Cobb, John Davis, R.S. Kendrick, T.J. Florence	R.S. Kendrick			Mt. Zion
14	1867 Wm. M. Davis Delegates: N.M. Long, T.J. Florence, T.L. Gregory, W.P. Gary, E.F. Davis, W.L. Davis, M. Cody	W.L. Davis			Mt. Pleasant
15	1868 Wm. M. Davis Delegates: W.M. Davis, T.J. Florence, J.A. Cobb, W.P. Gary, M.W. Vaughn, W.L. Davis	W.L. Davis			Cowikee
16	1869 J.S. Paullin Delegates: T.J. Florence, M. Cody, J.A. Cobb, Frank Davis, also licentiate Benjamin F. Cody	W.L. Davis	Dismissed by letter 171	19 2	Midway
17	1870 Jas. Stratton Paullin Delegates: M. Cody, Jas. A. Cobb, F.F. Davis, Also Licentiate Benjamin F. Cody				Pleasant Hill
18	1871 Jas. S. Paullin Delegates: M. Cody, Jas. A. Cobb, W.P. Gary, Frank Davis				Bethlehem
19	1872 E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: T.L. Florence, Charlton Thompson, W.S. Rogers, Z.T. Weaver				Ramah

Sess. Year	Pastor & Address	Clerk & Address	S.S. Hunt. & Address	Members in Cant. letter	Present where Asso. met
20	E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: Jas. A. Cobb, M. Cody, C. Thompson, W.F. Gary, H.P. Florence				Midway
21	E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: C. Thompson, W.D. Leonard, Z.T. Weaver, R.R. Gary				Eufaula
22	E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: T.J. Florence, M. Cody, C. Thompson, R.R. Gary			7	Mt. Zion
23	E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: Jas. A. Cobb, T.J. Florence, M. Cody, R.R. Gary	W.P. Gary			Enon
24	E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: A.E. Starke, C. Thompson, T.L. Florence, M. Cody, Dr. M.S. Davie, W.F. Gary, J.A. Cobb, Doll Gary, J.S. Cobb	W.P. Gary, Harris		2	Pine Grove
25	E.Y. Van Hoose Delegates: A.P. Starke, Z.T. Weaver, B.F. Gary, E.L. Graves, W.W. Vaughn, J.A. Cobb, E.L. Vaughn				Clayton
26	W.H. Patterson Delegates: A.E. Starke, M. Cody, Jr., W.W. Vaughn, H.V. Robson, T.J. Florence, E.L. Graves, F.F. Gary	W.P. Gary, Harris		8	Pleasant Hill
27	W.H. Patterson Delegates: T.J. Florence, M. Cody, Jas. A. Cobb, E.L. Graves, Z.T. Weaver, R.R. Gary, T.J. Hudgens	W.P. Gary		14	Midway
28	W.H. Patterson Delegates: Mike Cody, E.L. Graves, Z.T. Weaver, J.A. Cobb, W.W. Vaughn, Henry B. Florence, R.R. Gary	W.P. Gary, Harris		11	Bethlehem
29	W.S. Rogers Delegates: A.B. Stark, C.J. Jones, J.H. Pruette, M. Cody, R.R. Gary	W.P. Gary, Harris		2	Cowikee

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30	1883 W.S. Rogers Delegates: J.A. Cobb, F.O. Robson, C. J. Jones, Z.T. Weaver, A.B. Starke, J.R. Powell, H.P. Florence	W.F. Gary, Harris		2	73 Eufaula
31	1884 A. H. Borders Delegates: A.F. Starke, W.W. Vaughn, J.A. Cobb, F.O. Robson, H.F. Florence, C.J. Jones, B.G. Gary	W.P. Gary, Harris		3	66 Prospect
32	1885 A.H. Borders Delegates: J.A. Cobb, R.R. Gary, W.W. Vaughn, A.B. Starke, E.L. Graves J.T. Eperson was a delegate from Hurtsboro	W.P. Gary, Harris		5	68 Hurtsboro
33	1886 Z.T. Weaver Delegates: J.B. Davie, William Johnson, N.L. Vaughn, C.J. Jones, W.P. Gary, R.R. Gary J.T. Eperson was a delegate from Hurtsboro	W.F. Gary, Harris		9	78 Ramah
34	1887 Z.T. Weaver Delegates: J.A. Cobb, R.R. Gary, B.F. Gary, W.W. Vaughn, H.P. Florence, F.O. Robson, Buck Dismuke J.E. Eperson was a delegate from Hurtsboro	H.B. Florence, Harris		6	96 Midway
35	1888 Z.T. Weaver Delegates: Will Pruett, A.H. Pruett, Z.T. Weaver, J.A. Cobb, Sr., C.J. Jones, F.O. Robson	H.B. Florence, Harris		6	96 Center Ridge
36	1889 W.H. Norton Delegates: J.A. Cobb, C.J. Jones, W.W. Vaughn, B.F. Gary	H.B. Florence, Harris			70 Clayton
37	1890 J.N. Waller Delegates: Jas. A. Cobb, H.P. Florence, R.P. Phillips, C.J. Jones, F.O. Robson	H.R. Florence, Harris		6	71 Bethlehem
38	1891 F.C. Plaster Delegates: R.R. Gary, C.J. Jones, W.W. Vaughn, E.L. Graves, R.P. Phillips	R.R. Gary, C.J. Jones, W.W. Vaughn, E.L. Graves, R.P. Phillips			

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39	1892 T.H. Stout & W.J. Elliot Delegates: W.W. Vaughn, B.F. Gary, A.H. Pruett	H.F. Florence	E.L. Graves, Harris	1 5	Midway
40	1893 M.R. Reynolds Delegates: J.A. Cobb, J.R. Dismuke, R.M. Loman	H.B. Florence, Harris	M.L. Vaughn, Vaughn	2	Ramah
41	1894 M.P. Reynolds Delegates: F.F. Gary, W.W. Vaughn, J.F. Mills	H.B. Florence, Harris	M.J. Vaughn, Vaughn	3 1	Clayton
42	1895 H.R. Schramm Delegates: E.L. Graves, R.R. Gary, J.T. Epperson	E.L. Graves, R.R. Gary, J.T. Epperson	E.L. Graves, Harris	3 1	Old Mt. Zion
43	1896 H.R. Schramm Delegates: E.L. Graves, J.C. Culpepper, R.R. Gary	E.L. Graves, J.C. Culpepper, R.R. Gary	E.L. Graves, Harris	8 7	Eufaula
44	1897 S.O.Y. Ray Delegates: J.C. Culpepper, W.W. Vaughn, E.L. Graves	E.F. Gary, Harris	E.L. Graves, Harris	1	Midway
45	1898 S.O.Y. Ray Delegates: R.R. Gary, J.C. Culpepper, H.B. Florence, C.C. Jordan Delegate from Midway: A.A. Adams	R.R. Gary, Harris	R.R. Gary, Vaughn	3 2	Clayton
46	1899 S.O.Y. Ray Delegates: F.F. Gary, R.R. Gary, E.L. Graves Delegate from Midway: A.A. Adams	F.F. Gary, Harris	E.L. Graves, Harris	3 2	Clayton

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47	1900 J.A. Jenkins Delegates: E.L. Graves, W.W. Vaughn, Lonnie Gary Delegate from Midway: A.A. Adams	E.F. Gary, Midway	E.L. Graves, Harris	2	58 Louisville
48	1901 W.A. Simmons Delegates: E.L. Graves, R.R. Gary, R.P. Phillips	E.F. Gary, Harris	E.L. Graves, Harris	2	50 Clio
49	1902 J.H. Rush Delegates: W.W. Vaughn, J.C. Culpepper, Lonnie Gary	R.F. Gary, Harris	W.W. Vaughn, Vaughn	47	Eufaula
50	1903 J.H. Bush, Heard Delegates: R.R. Gary, Wallace Vaughn, Renfro Gary, H.P. Florence	B.F. Gary, Vaughn	W.W. Vaughn, Vaughn	6	54 Fleasant Grove
51	1904 J. Henry Bush, Clayton Delegates: W.W. Vaughn, E.L. Graves, Lonnie Gary	B.F. Gary, Vaughn	M.L. Vaughn, Vaughn	2	45 Ramah
52	1905 J.H. Bush, Clayton Delegates: R.R. Gary, C.J. Jones, M.L. Vaughn Delegate from Midway: A.A. Adams	B.F. Gary, Vaughn	M.L. Vaughn, Vaughn	3	52 Midway
53	1906 _____ Delegates: B.F. Gary, C.M. Gary, Mrs. E.C. Marshall, R.R. Gary, W.W. Vaughn	B.F. Gary, Vaughn	R.R. Gary, Vaughn	1	52 Louisville
54	1907 J.E. White Delegates: B.F. Gary, M.L. Vaughn, Charlie Mack Gary	B.F. Gary, Harris	R.R. Gary, Harris	2	56 Clayton

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55	1908	C.J. White, Eufaula Delegates: Lonnie Garry, Charlie Mack Garry, C.J. Jones	B.F. Garry, Comer R.R. Garry, Comer	1	46 Cljo
56	1909	M.T. Foster, Midway Delegates: R.R. Garry, B.F. Garry, W.M. Vaughn	A.B. Garry, Comer		45 Mt. Zion
57	1910	J.C. Gilmer, Alexander City Delegates: C.J. Jones, W.W. Vaughn, B.F. Garry, R.R. Garry	R.R. Garry, Comer		37 Midway
59	1911	J.A. Seay, Louisville Delegates: R.R. Garry, Mary Garry, B.F. Garry Delegate from Midway: A.A. Adams	R.R. Garry, Comer		43 Eufaula
60	1912	J.A. Seay, Louisville	B.F. Garry, Comer R.R. Garry, Comer	3	48 Prospect
61	1913	J.A. Seay, Louisville Delegates: R.R. Garry, R.F. Garry, Janie Taylor, Mary Garry	R.F. Garry, Comer R.R. Garry, Comer		
	1915	C.I. Matthews			
63	1916	E.P. Smith, Midway Delegates: W.M. Vaughn, B.F. Garry, S.J. Dismuke	B.F. Garry, Midway R.R. Garry, Comer	1 3	47 Louisville

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	1917	A.G. Spinks Delegates:	R.R. Gary, George Taylor			Clayton
	1918	R.C. Deal Delegates:	B.F. Gary, Ebbie Taylor			
	1919	R.C. Deal				
	1920	R.C. Deal				
	1922	J.L. Marlow - Revival held				
	1923	T.W. Swearingen - Revival held				
	1924	G.E. Franks - Glover Johnson - Revival held				
	1925	G.E. Franks - Fro. Holladay - Revival held				
	1926	G.E. Franks - Fro. Holladay - Revival held				
73	1927	C.C. Pugh, Eufaula Obitularies report deaths of Miss Matt Gary and Mr. Tobe Gregory from Ramah	L. Gary, Comer			37 Clio
74	1928	C.C. Pugh, Eufaula				30 Pine Level
79	1933	T.W. Swearingen, Midway 1845 is given as the date the church was constituted	L. Gary, Comer		11	55 Clayton

Church Book showed a renewed interest. Revival began with Homecoming Day. E.C. Taylor, S.J. Dismuke, G.W. Griffin, Howard H. Epperson and Lonnie Gary were elected and ordained deacons. E.C. Taylor was elected Sunday School Superintendent, L. Gary was elected Clerk-Treasurer.

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Mrs. Cora V. Epperson was elected W.M.U. President, H.H. Epperson was elected Training Union Director. Messengers to the Association elected were: E.C. Taylor, Mrs. A.D. Trammell, Mrs. Cora V. Epperson and L. Gary.

Minutes for May 13, 1934 show that the fifth Sunday in July would be set aside for Homecoming Day. The Lord's Supper was to be observed each Quarter on the first preaching day.

81	1935	T.W. Swearingen	L. Gary, Corner			45	Old Mt. Zion
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1852 is given at the date the church was constituted

1936-1939 A.H. Mahaffey

Nov. 17, 1940 28 members of this church were transferred to Midway Baptist Church. See Roll of Members.

Minutes of 1901 report deaths of W.S. Rogers and W.H. Patterson

ROLL OF MEMBERS OF RAMAH BAPTIST CHURCH

This roll of members (with additional information from minutes) was taken from the Church Book beginning June 25, 1860. The minutes of this meeting state "read and adopted the minutes of the last conference. On Motion the clerke was authorised to Purchase a new Book for the purpose of Keeping the minutes from this date." On a page in the back of the book is a memorial to James A. Cobb, Sr. in which it is stated that he joined this church in 1843. In 1940 twenty-eight members of this church were transferred to Midway Baptist Church, Midway, Alabama.

Name of male members 1861	
1. James A. Cobb	Dead June 17, 1898
2. P. F. Mims	
3. John T. Ivy	Dismissed
4. William Cato	Dismissed by letter Mar. 24/67 (also wife Caroline)
5. W.M. Hurton	Dismissed by letter 1864
6. R. Samuel Kendrick	Dismissed by letter Dec. 22/ 66
7. Dennis Paschal	Dismissed by letter (Feb. 24) 1867 (also wife Jane and two sons, Thomas and G.D.)
8. Martin V. Seay	Dead 1861
9. R.S. Kendrick	Dismissed by letter (June 21, 1873)
10. H.J. Kendrick	Died Oct. 30th, 1862
11. B.E. Kendrick	Killed at Gettysburg July 2d, 1863
12. D.L. Kendrick	Dismissed by letter Nov. 21/68 (also his wife Sister E.L. Kendrick)
13. John Davis	Died Mch 31st, 1871
14. Thomas H. Davis	Dismissed Oct. 1865
✓ 15. N.W. Long	Dismissed by letter Feb. 27/69 (also wife Amanda M. Long)
✓ 16. F.B. Long	
17. Thomas Paschal	Dismissed by letter (Feb. 24) 1867
18. James P. Davidson	Dismissed by letter
19. John Florraine	Dead 1866
20. Thomas J. Florraine, Sen.	Dismissed Feb. 26th/85
21. Thomas J. Florraine, Jun.	Dismissed by letter June 23/61. Dead 1862

- 22. Franklin Cobb Dismissed by letter July/81
- 23. N.E. Furton
- 24. Jas. E. Simpson Dismissed by letter (Dec. 22) 1866
- 25. Webster W. Vaughn

(The above list appears to have been transferred from the old church book to the "new book.")

- 26. W.B. Vaughn (Joined by experience June 25, 1860) Dismissed by letter (Nov. 24, 1860)
- 27. W(illiam) A. Mayes (Joined by letter Aug. 30, 1860) Dismissed by letter (Feb. 22)1863
- 28. Littleton Gregory (Joined by experience Aug. 30, 1860)
- 29. Henry P. Florraine (Joined by experience Aug. 31, 1860) Dismissed by letter Sept. 25, 1865
- 30. Isaac W. Singleton (Joined by experience Aug. 31, 1860) Dismissed by letter
- 31. James H. Gary (Joined by experience Sept. 2, 1860, dismissed by letter June 22, 1861) Dead 1864
- 32. E.M. Cody (Joined by experience Sept. 3, 1860) Dismissed by letter Jan. 25/83)
- 33. George D. Paschal (Joined by experience Sept. 3, 1860) Dismissed by letter (Feb. 24) 1867
- 34. W.L. Davis (Joined by experience Sept, 3, 1860) Dismissed by letter 1870. (also wife Malinda Davis)
- 35. G.W. Sims (Received by letter June 22, 1861) Dead 1865
- 36. L(arkin) Weaver (Received by certificate June 27, 1863) Died 1863
- 37. Thomas Cato (Received by letter Aug. 25, 1863) Dismissed (Oct. 21) 1865
- 38. M.J. Florence (Received by letter Nov. 23, 1863) Dismissed by letter Oct (21st) 1865
- 39. William N.M. Roberson (Received by letter Nov. 22/1862) Dismissed by letter 1864
- 40. W.F. Gary (Received by certificate Oct. 24, 1864) Dismissed by letter (Nov. 25) 1868
- 41. Florence Cato Dismissed by letter Oct. 1864

42. Rev. R.F. Brooks (Received by letter July 27, 1861. Dismissed by letter June 25, 1871)
43. M. Cody Received by letter July 27, 1861) Dismissed by letter Jan. 24th/83
44. B.F. Coleman (Joined by letter July 21, 1866) Dismissed by letter Mar/67
45. Jno. C. Brown (Joined by letter July 21, 1866) Dismissed by letter
46. B.F. Davis (Joined by experience July 21, 1866) Dismissed by letter Nov. 1874
- 47-48 (Omitted)
49. M. Hall (Received by experience July 21, 1866 Dismissed by letter Dec. (22) 1866
50. C.W. Thompson (Taken under watch care of Church July 22, 1866) Dead
51. Asa Vaughn (Received in full fellowship Mar. 24, 1867) Died 1888
52. W.H. Owen (Received by letter Aug. 27, 1864) Dismissed by letter (Jan. 27) 1866
53. S.W. Davis (Received by experience July 21, 1866. Sam W. Davis and wife Sarah M. received by letter from Elkanatchie Church, Tallapoosa Co. Sept. 26, 1868) Dismissed by letter Dec. (22) 1869
54. Henry Richardson (And wife Rebecca received by letter from Tallassee Church, Elmore Co. Sept. 26, 1868) Dismissed by letter 1869
55. G.W. Fuller (Received by letter from Union Church, Stewart Co., Ga. Feb. 27, 1870) Dismissed by letter (Feb. 22) 1873
56. A.G. Harris (And his wife Sister Fanny received by letter from Ewens Church, Moscogee Co., Ga. May 21, 1870) Dismissed Feb 24, 1871
57. W.S. Rogers (Received on certificate from Society Hill, Russell Co. July 23, 1870) Dismissed by letter
58. Jonathan Frightwell (And wife Sister Sarah Frightwell received by letter from Dawson Baptist Church, Terrell County, Ga., Mar. 26, 1871) Dismissed by letter 1877
59. Dr. M(ercer)Davie (Received by experience July 7, 1872) Dismissed by letter Mar. 25, 1878
60. Julias Brown (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Dismissed by letter 1877
61. Lafayette Vaughn (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872

62. B.F. Gary (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Died July 19, 1937
63. R.R. Gary (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
64. George Wright (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872. Dismissed by letter (Feb. 26) 1875)
65. Melton Bishop (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
66. Robert Davis (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872. Dismissed by letter 1874)
67. Julius Lary (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872. Dismissed by letter Apr. 25, 1877)
68. Columbus Gregory (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Dismissed by letter July 1878
69. Rev. Z.T. Weaver (Bro. Z. F. Weaver was received by letter from Marion Baptist Church, Feb. 24, 1872) Dismissed by letter (Feb. 22) 1873 (Also Z.T. Weaver and wife dismissed by letter Nov. 11, 1888)
- ✓ 70. Charlton Thompson (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Dismissed by letter 1878
71. R.E. Frown (Received by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
72. Jefferson C. Townsend (Received under watchcare of church April 26, 1873. Received by letter from Mt. Zion Church, Bullock Co., Apr. 26, 1873)
73. Andrew Townsend (Received by letter from Mt. Zion Church Bullock Co., Apr. 26, 1873)
74. William Townsend (Received by letter from Mt. Zion Church, Bullock Co., Apr. 26, 1873)
75. W.E. Gregory (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1873) Died Spet. 1886
76. F.L. Gregory Dismissed by letter (Apr. 21) 1877
77. Rubin Gregory (Young Rubin Gregory was received by experience Aug. 27, 1873) Dismissed by letter Feb. 22, 1879
78. W.D. Leonard (Received by letter Aug. 28, 1873 (Dismissed by letter (Dec. 25) 1875)
79. S.T. Cotter (Bro. C.T. Cotter and wife M.F. Cotter received from Ebanazar Church, Coffee Co. Mar. 27, 1875) Dismissed by letter (Mar. 26, 1887, also wife M.F. Cotter)
80. Eld. Z.T. Weaver Dismissed by letter 1888

81. M.C. Davie (Bro. M.C. Davie and wife Jane Davie received by letter from Liberty Hill Church, Talbot, Ga. July 22, 1875) Dead 1876
82. Marion Robertson (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1875) Dismissed by letter 1877
83. Romulous Traylor (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1875) Dismissed by letter Sept. 24, 1882 (also wife Fettie Traylor)
84. J.B. Stark Joined the church Aug. 27, 1875. Dismissed by letter April 21, 1883
85. J(ames) H. Cody Joined the church Aug. 27, 1875. Dismissed by letter July 1883
86. Michael Cody, Jr. Joined the church Aug. 27, 1875. Dismissed by letter March 1880
87. F.H. Cobb (Joined the Church Aug. 27, 1875)
88. A.B. Stark (Received by experience Sept. 25, 1875. A.B. Stark and wife dismissed by letter Sept. 25, 1887)
89. T.D. Blackman (T.D. Blackman and wife received by experience Sept. 23, 1876. Both dismissed by letter Nov. 28, 1876)
90. Jerry Vaughn (Received by experience Sept. 23, 1876)
91. William Powell (Received by experience Sept. 23, 1876)
92. F.O. Robson Dismissed by letter 1894
93. Jacob Cobb (Received by experience July 27, 1878)
94. Dr. J.H. Pruett Dismissed by letter (Sept. 23) 1893. Also wife and son Richard
95. James Fearen (Fearer) (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1878)
96. James Cobb, Jr. (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1878. Dismissed by letter (Sept. 22) 1888)
97. H. V. Robson Dismissed by letter (Oct.15) 1880
98. Harley Seay (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1878) Dismissed by letter (Aug. 9) 1890
99. F(ranklin) A. Cobb (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1878) Dismissed by letter
100. E.L. Graves (Received by letter from Cowikee Church, Ft. Browder Harbour Co., May 28, 1876) Dismissed by letter Jan. 1887
101. C(harles) Owens (Received by letter from Midway Baptist Church, Bullock Co., Sept. 22, 1878) Dismissed by letter (Apr. 4, 1880)

102. Jesse Davie Dismissed by letter Nov. (24) 1881 (and wife Rebecca)
- ✓ 103. Bunyan Davie Dismissed by letter (Sept. 25, 1879)
- ✓ 104. L.S. Thompson (Received by experience Aug. 29, 1879) Dismissed by letter May (25) 1881
105. J.H. Fason (Faison) (James Fason received by experience Aug. 29, 1879) Dismissed by letter Aug. 1886 (Gone to Texas)
106. J.R. Fowell (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1879) Dismissed by letter (Feb. 22) 1889. (And wife Alice)
107. T.J. Hudgens (And wife Sister Permelia Hudgens received by letter from Cowikee Church Sept. 29, 1879) Dismissed by letter 1882
108. Daniel Fradley (Received from Summer Hill, Stewart Co., Ga. Aug. 27, 1879) Dismissed by letter Dec. 1879
109. T. Epison (Epperson) Died 1888 (bro. T. Epison and Sister Elizabeth Epison were received from Good Hope, Russell Co., Aug. 26, 1879)
110. Seabe (Sebron) Hixon Dismissed by letter Dec. 25, 1880
111. Jno Wellborn (Received by experience Aug. 29, 1880)
112. Braxton Vaughn (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1880) Dismissed by letter (Feb. 23) 1889
113. William Townsend Dismissed by letter 1880 (Oct. 1879)
119. Andrew Townsend Dismissed by letter 1884 (Oct. 1789 to Pisga Church. Floyd Co., Ga.)
114. H.V. Robson Dismissed by letter Oct. 1880
115. Jake Cobb Dismissed by letter Aug. 25, 1885 (also Sister Sallie Cobb)
116. J.F. McLeod (Received by experience July 24, 1881)
117. C(harly) Pattle (Received by experience July 24, 1881)
118. A(len) Pattle (Received by experience July 24, 1881)
119. Albert Wellborn (Received by experience July 24, 1881. Dismissed by letter Oct. 24, 1901)
120. Judson Brian (Bryan) (Received by letter from Elem Church, Lee Co., Mar. 25, 1882) Dismissed by letter Nov. 25, 1882
121. C. Joseph Jones Dismissed by letter (Apr. 28) 1892 (also wife and daughter)

122. Willie Johnson (Joined by experience Aug. 26, 1882) Dismissed by letter 1889
123. J.R. Vaughn
124. Augustus Culpepper (Received by experience Sept. 22, 1883)
125. T.E. McGowen (Received by letter from Bethlemen Church, Pike Co., Aug. 23, 1884) Dismissed by letter 1887
126. R(obert) Brown Received by letter (from Hawkinsville Church, Aug. 23, 1884) Dismissed by letter Nov. 22, 1896
127. Walter McLeod (Received by experience Aug. 23, 1884. Dismissed by letter Aug. 24, 1907)
128. M.L. Vaughn Dismissed by letter 1917
129. Henry Pruett (Received by experience July 31, 1885) Dismissed by letter 1889
130. A(dam) Pruett (Received by experience Aug. 1, 1885) Dismissed by letter Sept. 13, 1890 (Jan. 28, 1895)
131. J.B. Davie (Received by letter from First Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., Aug. 21, 1886. Dismissed by letter (Mar. 24) 1888
132. F.E. Paschal (Received by letter from Gadsden Church, Ala. Aug. 23, 1886. Dismissed by letter (Oct. 21) 1888
133. J.B. Dismuke (Received by experience Aug. 26, 1886. Dismissed by letter Jan. 26, 1902, also wife. Bro. and Sister J.B. Dismuke received by letter from Ozark Church, Apr. 24, 1903. Dismissed by letter Dec. 30, 1906, also daughter Fattie Mae Dismuke)
134. E.F. Dismuke (Received by experience Aug. 26, 1886) Dismissed by letter Feb, 27, 1887
135. J. H(artwell) Gary (Received by experience Aug. 26, 1886) Dismissed by letter (Nov. 25) 1888
136. J.F. McLeod
137. Julias Lary Dismissed by letter Aug. 1886
138. Robert Thompson (Received by experience Aug. 26, 1886) Dismissed by letter 1888
139. Richard Phillips (Received by experience Sept. 25, 1886)
140. J.C. Townsend Dismissed by letter Oct. 1886

141. C.A. Owens Dismissed by letter Oct. 1886

H.E. Florence Joined by letter from Midway Baptist Church Dec. 25, 1886

Thomas (H) Florence Joined by letter from Midway Baptist Church Dec. 25, 1886
Dismissed by letter (Mar. 25) 1893

Samuel Lawrence Joined by letter (from Hurtsboro Baptist Church)
1887 (He and wife dismissed by letter Apr. 22, 1893)

Luke Cannon (Dismissed by letter July 12, 1890, also his wife)
Died 1891

Robert Lowman Joined by letter (from Fort Valley Church, Sept. 25)
1887. (Dismissed by letter Jan. 21, 1903)

W.L. Pruett Joined by letter (Dec) 1888. (Dismissed by letter
Sept. 13, 1890)

E.L. Graves (Dismissed by letter Jan. 22, 1887. Dismissed by
letter June 26, 1893) (See no. 100) Dead

John Culpepper Joined by experience (Aug. 25) 1888. Dismissed by
letter 1907

Young Allen Joined by experience (Aug. 25) 1888, Dismissed by
letter Dec. 22, 1888.

Lee McLeod Joined by experience (Aug. 25, 1888) Dismissed by
letter (Sept) 1920

Rich Pruett Joined by experience (Aug. 9) Dismissed by letter
1893

Willie Brown Joined by experience (Aug. 9) 1890 Dismissed by
letter 1891. Joined by letter Jan. 1892. Dismissed
by letter Nov. 22, 1896

Walter Dismuke Joined by experience (Aug. 9) 1890 Dismissed by
letter (Nov. 23) 1896

M(ealin) E. Pruett Joined by experience (July 30) 1892

John Epperson Joined by letter (from Hurtsborough Church, May 27,
1893 Dismissed by letter (Oct. 13) 1912

J.P. Mills Joined by experience (July 28, 1894 Dismissed by
letter June 24, 1917

Lonnie Gary Joined by experience (July 28) 1894

Lorring Gary Joined by experience (July 27) 1895 Dismissed by
letter (Sept. 27) 1922

J.T. Epperson Joined by experience (July 27) 1895 Dead

Judson Vaughn Joined by experience (July 27) 1895
 R.C. Fucell (And wife Sister Cora Fucell received by letter from Valley Mills, Texas) Jan. (23) (Robert Fucell and wife dismissed by letter Aug. 24, 1900)
 C(alvin) A. Jordan (And wife) joined by letter (from Midway Baptist Church) March 1897
 Warren Jordan Joined by experience (July 24) 1897 / Dismissed by letter (Jan. 26, 1902)
 Bennie (F.) Gary Joined by experience (July 24) 1897 / Dismissed by letter (Apr. 27) 1907
 R.A. Brown (Wife and son received by letter from Second Baptist Church, Birmingham, Jan. 23, 1892) Dismissed by letter Nov. 1898. (Dismissed by letter Sept. 13, 1919)
 Billie Brown Dismissed by letter Nov. 1896
 Johnie Robinson Dismissed by letter (Jan. 29) 1898
 J.P. Robinson Dismissed by letter (Jan. 29) 1898
Wallace Vaughn Joined by experience (July 24) 1897 / Dismissed by letter Oct. 23, 1904
 Sterling Dismukes Joined by experience (July 24) 1897
 Tobe Gregory Joined by experience (July 24) 1897
 E.R. Chambliss Joined by letter (July 24) 1897
 Johnnie Robinson Joined by experience Sept. 1897
 John Taylor And wife received by letter from George Town Church, April 1899
 Cleveland Taylor Joined by experience Aug. 29, 1899 (Sister Cleveland Taylor joined by experience Nov. 2, 1913. Bro. Cleveland Taylor and wife dismissed by letter Oct. 17, 1920)
 E.B. Dismuke Dismissed by letter Sept. 23, 1899

End of separate list of male members

NAMES OF FEMALE MEMBERS

In some instances the maiden name of marked out and the married name added. Then this is the case, the married name if underscored.

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| 1. Jane Bradberry | Dismissed by letter Oct(27) 1866 |
| 2. Ann Lass | Dead June 1878 |
| 3. Emily Seay | Dismissed by letter Decr (25) 1860 |
| 4. Easter Philips | Dead 1868 90 years old |
| 5. Mary Hines | |
| 6. Elizabeth Drury | Died Jan. 1872 |
| 7. Polly Cato | Dismissed by letter (Oct. 26) 1867 |
| 8. Sally Cato | Dismissed by letter (Oct. 26) 1867 |
| 9. Lucy Cato | Dead 1862 |
| 10. Lucinda Cato | Dismissed Oct (21) 1865 |
| 11. Mary Burton | Dismissed by letter 1864 |
| 12. Jane Paschal | Dismissed (Feb. 24) 1867 |
| 13. Nancy Cobb | Dismissed by letter July 1881 |
| 14. Emily Fass <u>Rosser</u> | |
| 15. Julia Faison | |
| 16. Martha Davis <u>Blakey</u> | Dismissed by letter |
| 17. E.C. Kendrick | Dismissed by letter Decr (22) 1866 |
| 18. Mary Davis | Dismissed by letter 1874 |
| 19. Elizabeth Cobb | Died 1894 |
| 20. Minervia Weaver <u>Gary</u> | Dead Feb. 9th 1886 |
| 21. Louisa Weaver <u>Bishop</u> | Dismissed (July) 1865 |
| 22. Moley Cobb | Died Sept. 1879 |
| ✓ 23. Sophiah Long | Dead 1865 |
| 24. Fannie E. Brown | (Received by letter Aug. 23, 1862)
Dismissed by letter (June 25, 1871) |
| 25. M.E. Kendrick | Dismissed by letter Decr (22) 1866 |

26. Sister Mary Florrance (Dismissed by letter Nov. 24, 1860)
Dead Jan. 1883
27. Mary R. Kendrick
28. Martha Gary
29. Nancy Gary
30. Elizabeth Gary Dead
31. M. L. Florrance Dismissed by letter (June 27) 1868
32. Mary E. Zellors Dismissed by letter
33. Cornelia Florrance Dismissed (June 27) 1868
- ✓ 34. Mary Ivy Dismissed
- ✓ 35. Elizabeth Ivy Dismissed
36. W.J. Owens Dead 1865
37. Sarah Vaughn Dead 1903
38. Mary Cofer Dismissed by letter (June 21, 1862)
39. Elizabeth Davidson Dismissed by letter
- ✓ 40. Sarah Morland Dismissed by letter (July 22, 1871)
41. Martha Hatcher Dismissed by letter (Sept. 20, 1860)
42. Mary Cane Dismissed by letter 1869. (Jan. 21, 1870)
43. Cornelia Bradbury Norton Dismissed by letter (Oct. 27) 1866
- The above list appears to have been transferred from the old
Church book to the "New Book."
44. Mary A(nn) Vaughn Joined by letter June 25, 1860. Dismissed
by letter (Nov. 24, 1860)
45. Sarah A. Bradbury Acree Dismissed by letter (Apr. 23) 1876
46. Elizabeth Cobb
47. Mahala Gregory (Joined by experience Aug. 30, 1860)
Dead 1877
48. Delilah Ann Vaughn McLeod (Joined by experience Aug. 30, 1860.
Dismissed (by letter Aug. 22) 1903
49. Martha H. Mayes (Joined by letter Aug. 30, 1860) Dismissed
by letter (Feb. 22) 1863

50. Louisa Davis (Joined by experience Aug. 30, 1860)
Dismissed Oct. 1865
51. Mary J. Vaughn Woodward (Joined by experience Sept. 2, 1860)
Dismissed by letter June 24, 1871) 1876
52. Sister Jane Miles (Joined by letter Sept. 2, 1860)
Dismissed by letter
53. Martha Wood Dismissed by letter (March 24, 1861)
54. Sister Nancy Averett (Received by letter June 23, 1861)
Dismissed by letter 1863
- ✓ 55. Sister A.M. Sims Long (Received by letter June 22, 1861)
Dismissed (Feb. 27) 1869
56. Seltha Robertson (Received by letter July 20, 1862)
Dismissed by letter 1864
57. Sister Catherine Brooks (Received by letter May 21, 1864)
Dismissed 1866
58. Sister Amanda Turner (Received by letter July 21, 1866)
Dismissed (by letter Dec. 26, 1868, also
her mother Sister Elizabeth Turner)
59. Sister Elizabeth Turner (Received by letter July 21, 1866)
60. Sister E.L. Kendrick (Received by experience July 21, 1861)
Dismissed (Nov. 21, 1868)
- ✓ 61. Jane Thompson (Received by experience July 21, 1866)
Dismissed by letter Feb. 1878
62. Sister H.C. Bradberry Johnson (Received by experience July 21, 1866)
Dismissed by letter (Oct. 27) 1866
63. Sister R. Cobb (Received by letter Aug. 1866)
Dismissed by letter May 1870
64. Sister Caroline Catoe Dismissed by letter (Mar. 24) 1867
65. Sister S.A. Blakey Dismissed by letter (May 27) 1866
66. Sister Martha Brooks (Received by letter July 27, 1861)
Dismissed 1866
67. M.E. Owens Merritt Dismissed by letter (Jan.) 1866
68. Jane L. Vaughn (Joined by letter from Philadelphia Church,
Russell Co., July 27, 1867) Dead
69. Mary Cody Davie (Joined by experience Aug. 22, 1868)
Dismissed by letter
70. S.M. Davis Dismissed by letter Dec. 1869

71. Rebecca Richardson (Received by letter from Tallassee Church, Elmore Co., Sept. 26, 1868. Dismissed by letter (Mar. 27) 1869)
72. Mary Stark (Joined by letter from Glenville Church, Russell Co., June 26, 1870) Dismissed by letter 1887
73. Fannie Harris (Joined by letter from Ewens Church, Muscogee Co., Ga., May 21, 1870) Dismissed by letter Mch 25, 1871
74. Virginia Marshall Dead
75. Sister M.E. Gary Rogers Joined on profession of faith July 24, 1870. Dismissed (Dec. 28, 1872)
76. Sister (Mary) Wright Received by letter (From Liberty Hill, Talbot Co., Ga.) Sept. 1870
77. Elizabeth (Betty) Vaughn Joined by letter from Midway Baptist Church, Bullock County, June 26, 1869)
78. Sarah Brightwell (Received by letter from Dawson Baptist Church, Terrell County, Ga. Mar. 26, 1871) Dismissed by letter 1877
79. Nancy A. Brown (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872. Received from Blamville Ch., Stewart Co., Ga. Aug. 23, 1864)
80. Sarah Ann Skipper (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Dismissed by letter 1872
81. Mattie Cody Stark (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872. Dismissed by letter (Nov. 2) 1887
82. Sarah Whitaker (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Dismissed by letter 1873
83. Maggie Gregory (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
84. Susan T. Gary (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
85. Ginnet Stewart (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Dismissed by letter 1875
86. ^{Great Aunt} Parrie Vaughn Humphries (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Dismissed by letter (April 26) 1876
87. Nettie Owens (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
88. Addie Lary (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Dismissed by letter July 25th, 1885
89. Ella Lary Townsend (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872) Dismissed by letter Aug. 28, 1878

90. Josephine Cobb Lucus (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
Dismissed by letter (Sept. 22) 1888
91. Ballie Cody Florence (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
92. Lettie Lucus Taylor (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
93. Mary Lucus (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
Dead 1881
94. W. C(lifford) Weaver Marshall (Joined by experience Aug. 2, 1872)
95. Salie Florence Dismissed by letter Sept. 25, 1885
(Dismissed by letter Jan. 28, 1906)
96. Mary Townsend (Received by letter from Mt. Zion Church,
Fullock Co., Apr. 26, 1873, dismissed by
letter Feb. 27, 1881)
97. Martha Townsend (Received by letter from Mt. Zion Church,
Fullock Co., Apr. 26, 1873) Died 1873
98. A. Pasmore (Received by letter Apr. 27, 1873)
Dismissed by letter (Nov. 25, 1877)
99. Julia Gary Dismuke (Received by experience Aug. 25, 1873)
Dismissed by letter 1906
100. Deby Cook (Received by voucher as letter had been
misplaced Aug. 25, 1873)
Dismissed by letter
101. ^{*Great Aunt*} Georgia Vaughn Lowman (Received by experience Aug. 25, 1873)
(Dismissed by letter Jan. 21, 1903)
102. Ruly D. Jones (Received by experience Aug. 25, 1873)
Dismissed by letter 1892
103. ^{*Sister*} Sallie Vaughn Livingston (Received by experience Aug. 26, 1873)
Joined by letter (May 27) 1893 (Dismissed
by letter Apr. 26, 1884)
104. Jane Gregory (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1873)
Died June 1875
105. Ann Gregory (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1873)
Dismissed Feb. 22, 1789
106. Annie Weaver Gary (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1873)
Died Sept. 25, 1902
107. Rachel Cobb Robinson (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1873)
Dismissed by letter 1894
108. Fannie Cody Dismissed by letter Jan. 24th, 1883
109. Virginia Gregory (Received by experience Aug. 22, 1874)
Dismissed by letter (Apr. 21) 1877

110. Allis (Alice) Vaughn Powell (Received by experience Aug. 25, 1874)
Dismissed by letter (Feb. 22) 1889
111. M.F. Cotter (Received by letter from Ebenezer Church,
Coffee Co., Mar. 7, 1875)
Dismissed by letter 1875
- ✓ 112. Maggie Long (Sister M.M. Long received on certificate
that she had been a member in S.C., Mar. 27,
1875, dismissed by letter Feb. 23, 1878)
113. Jane Davie (Received by letter from Liberty Hill Church,
Talbot Co., Ga. July 22, 1875) Dead
114. Caroline Gregory (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1875)
115. Lula B. Stark Porter (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1875)
Dismissed by letter Decr 23, 1882
116. Mary Cobb Dismissed by letter July 1881
117. Stella Davie (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1875)
Dismissed by letter 1906
- ✓ 118. Estelle Davie Long (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1875)
Died 1890
119. Henretta Cobb Colson (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1875)
120. Sister N.R. Stewart (Received from Midway Baptist Church,
Bullock Co. July 22, 1875. Dismissed by
letter Dec. 1887
121. Araminta Florence (Received by letter from Glenville Church,
Aug. 26, 1877) Died Nov. 1886
122. Lucy Florence Peck (Received by letter from Glenville Church,
Aug. 26, 1877) Dismissed by letter (Nov. 24,
1883)
123. Mrs. Blackmon (Joined by experience Sept. 23, 1876)
Dismissed by letter, 1877
124. Willie Jones (Joined by experience Sept. 23, 1876)
Dismissed by letter (Nov. 28, 1876)
125. Sarah Gregory (Joined by experience Sept. 23, 1876)
126. Nancy Barron (Joined by experience Sept. 23, 1876,
dismissed by letter Jan. 25, 1878)
127. H.C. Pruett Dismissed by letter 1893
128. Ada Gary McKee (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1878)
Dismissed by letter 1887

129. Mattie Ivans (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1878)
130. Sallie Cobb (Mrs. Sallie Cobb received by experience Aug. 28, 1878) Dismissed by letter Aug. 25, 1885
131. Sister Elizabeth Morris (Received by letter from Eboneza Church, Dale Co., dismissed by letter Apr. 26, 1884)
132. Dorah Dismuke Gary (Received by experience Sept. 22, 1878)
133. Sister N.E. Dismuke (Received by letter from Glenville Church, Apr. 26, 1879 Died 1888)
134. Priscilla Mangram (Received by letter from Elam Church, Apr. 26, 1879) Dismissed by letter 26th Feb. 1885
- ✓ 135. Sister C.L. Thompson Dismissed by letter May (25) 1881
136. Lou Epison (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1879) Dismissed by letter 1879
137. Mrs. M.F. Perry (Received by experience Aug. 29, 1879) Dismissed by letter Decr. 26th, 1885
138. Sarah Ferryhill (Received by experience Aug. 29, 1879)
139. Anna Wright (Received by experience Aug. 29, 1879, Dismissed by letter Nov. 22, 1879)
- ✓ 140. Katie Thompson Davie (Received by experience Aug. 28, 1879) Dead May 1881
141. Permelia Hudgens (Received by letter from Cowikee Church Sept. 29, 1879) Dismissed by letter 1882
142. Fannie Fearen (Ferrer) (Received by letter from Cowikee Church, Sept. 29, 1879) Dismissed by letter 1882
143. Rebecca Davie (Received by letter from Pine Grove, Barbour Co., Aug. 26, 1879) Dismissed by letter Nov. 1881
144. Elizabeth Epison (Received by letter from Good Hope, Russell Co., Aug. 26, 1879) Dead 1885
145. Mary F. Bradley (Received by letter from Summer Hill, Stewart Co., Ga. Aug. 27, 1879) Dismissed by letter Decr 1879
146. Susan Hixon (Hickson) (Received by letter from Summer Hill, Stewart Co., Ga. Aug. 27, 1879) Dismissed by letter Decr 1880
147. Mary F. Hixon (Hickson) (Received by letter from Summer Hill, Stewart Co., Ga. Aug. 27, 1879)

148. Lizer Hishop Died June 1879
149. (Mrs.) M.J. Weaver (Joined the church Aug. 26, 1880)
Dismissed by letter 1888
150. Sallie Owens (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1880)
151. ^{Best Aunt} Ella Vaughn Paschal Dismissed by letter Fe. 26, 1887
152. Elizabeth Weaver (Received by letter July 23, 1881)
Dismissed by letter (Nov.) 1891
153. Ella Cody (Received by experience July 22, 1881)
Dismissed by letter Jan. 24, 1883
154. Nancy Wellborn (Received by Experience July 24, 1881)
155. Mrs. Battle (Received by experience July 24, 1881)
156. Mary Phillips (Received by experience July 24, 1881) Dead
157. Sallie Phillips Huggins (Received by experience July 24, 1881)
Dismissed by letter 1893
158. Leonia Harrell (Received by experience July 24, 1881)
Dismissed by letter Mch 24, 1883
159. Annie McLeod Martin (Received by experience July 24, 1881)
160. Mary Townsend Dismissed by letter Feb. 1881
161. Sister Catherine Taylor (Received from Bellwood Church, Atlanta,
Ga., Mar. 25, 1882
162. Ruby D. Jones Dismissed by letter 1892
163. Martha McLeod (Joined by experience Aug. 26, 1882,
dismissed by letter Apr. 25, 1901)
164. Sister N.R. Stewart McClain Dismissed by letter (Dec. 4) 1887, also
daughter Mattie Stewart
165. Jennie McLeod Cannon (Received by experience Sept. 22, 1883.
Dismissed by letter Mar. 25, 1893)
166. Emma Dismuke Epperson (Received by experience Aug. 23, 1884)
Dismissed by letter Nov. 23, 1907
167. (Mrs.) Pauline McGowen (Received by experience Aug. 23, 1884)
Dismissed by letter 1887
168. Nancy Brown Joined by letter 1892. Dismissed by letter
1896
166. Jessie M. Vaughn Wood (Received by experience July 26, 1885)

167. Jennie L. Vaughn Epperson (Received by experience July 30, 1885)
Dismissed by letter (Oct. 13) 1912
168. ^{Great Aunt} Minnie L. Vaughn Culpepper (Received by experience July 31, 1885) Dead
169. Mrs. J.E. Davie (Received by letter from First Baptist
Church, Macon, Ga. Aug. 21, 1886) Dismissed
by letter (Mar. 24) 1888
170. Ruby Gary (Received by experience Aug. 24, 1886)
Dismissed by letter (Nov. 25) 1888
171. Willie E. Vaughn Dismuke (Received by experience Aug. 24, 1886)
Dismissed by letter Oct. 2, 1899
172. Ila A. Vaughn Hills (Received by experience Aug. 26, 1886)
Dismissed by letter June 24, 1917
173. Icie B. Cobb Hill (Received by experience Aug. 27, 1886)
Dismissed by letter (Aug. 24) 1895
- Mrs. Sarah Florence Joined by letter (from Midway Baptist
Church Dec. 25, 1886. Dismissed by letter
1890
- Mrs. Sarah Lawrence Joined by letter (from Hurtsboro Baptist
Church) 1887. Dismissed by letter (Nov. 9)
1890
- Sarah Lawrence Joined by letter (from Hurtsboro Baptist
Church 1887. Dismissed by letter (Nov. 9)
1890
- Ivy Lawrence Joined by letter (from Hurtsboro Baptist
Church 1887. Dismissed by letter (Nov. 9)
1890
- Julia Lawrence Joined by letter (from Hurtsboro Baptist
Church 1887. Dismissed by letter (Nov. 9)
1890
- Mattie Stewart Dismissed by letter (Dec. 4) 1887
- Mrs. Willie Davis Joined by letter (Feb. 25) 1888
- Vercie Culpepper Joined by experience (Aug. 25) 1888
Dismissed by letter (Mar. 7) 1891
- Sallie McLeod Draughn Joined by experience (Aug. 25) 1888
- Clifford McLeod Joined by experience (Aug. 25) 1880
(Dismissed by letter Jan. 15, 1893)
- Cora Vaughn Epperson Joined by experience (Aug. 9) 1890
- Ruby Jones Joined by experience (Aug. 9) 1890
Dismissed by letter 1892

Hattie McLeod	Joined by experience (Aug. 9) 1890 Dismissed by letter (Jan. 15) 1893
Mrs. ^{<i>great Aunt</i>} Addie Vaughn	Joined by letter (July 30) 1892 Dead
Cora Hall	Joined by letter 1892 Dismissed by letter 1895
Roberta Fruett (Mrs. A.H. Fruett)	Joined by letter (from Deatsville, April 1894. Dismissed by letter (Jan. 26) 1895
Lela Dismuke	Joined by experience (July 28) 1894
Mrs. Minnie Shipman	Joined by letter (July 27) 1895 Dismissed by letter Nov. 26, 1899
Mrs. Gilly Robinson	Joined by experience (July 27) 1895 (Dismissed by letter Jan. 29, 1898)
Mrs. M.L. Vaughn	Joined by experience 1896 Dismissed by letter 1917
Mrs. Cora Fucell	Joined by letter Jan. 1897
Mrs. J.A. Baker	Joined by letter (from Columbia, Ala.) Jan. (23) 1897. (Dismissed by letter June 26, 1897)
Mrs. Lizzie Jordan	Joined by letter Mch 1897 Dismissed by letter
Mrs. E.B. Chambliss	Joined by letter (July 24) 1897 Dismissed by letter Mch 25, 1899
Lida Jordan	Joined by experience (July 24) 1897 Dismissed by letter Jan. 26, 1902
Margie Gregory	Dead
Rochelle Cobb <u>Davis</u>	Joined by experience Aug. 1897
Bro. John Taylor and Sister Taylor	Received from George Town Church, April 1899
Emmer B. Gary	Joined by experience Aug. 29, 1899. Emma B. Gary <u>Cumbie</u> dismissed by letter July 1910
Maggie Taylor	Joined by experience Aug. 29, 1899
Mary Gary	Joined by experience July 1904 Dismissed by letter Nov. 9, 1919
Hattie May Dismuke	Joined by experience July 1904 Dismissed by letter (Dec. 30) 1906
Annie Gary	Joined by experience July (22) 1904. Dismissed by letter June 10, 1923

Quennell Vaughn	Joined by experience (July 22) 1904 Dismissed by letter Sept. 27, 1908
Floy Gary	Joined by experience 1903
Carrie Brabham	Joined by experience Aug. 1905
Mammie Brabham	Joined by experience Aug. 1905
Jennie Brabham	Joined by experience Aug. 1905
J.C. Culpepper and wife	Dismissed by letter March 1907
Nancy Brown	Dismissed by letter Nov. 1896
Missouri Brown	Dismissed by letter Nov. 1896
Sister J.A. Baker	Dismissed by letter June 26, 1897
Sister Gilley Robinson	Dismissed by letter 1898
Sister Annie Robinson	Dismissed by letter 1898
Lelia Brooks	Dismissed by letter Aug. 25, 1899
D.A. McLeod	Dismissed by letter Aug. 25, 1899
Winnie Shipman	Dismissed by letter Nov. 26, 1899

End of separate list of female members

About 1900 the male and female members were recorded in the same list. The dates are not in order as the clerk used the space that was available to write the information.

R.M. Lowman and wife	Dismissed by letter Feb. 21, 1903
Vercie Cox	Dismissed by letter Feb. 21, 1904
Renfroe Gary	Joined by experience 1903. Dismissed by letter Sept. 27, 1908
Harry Gary	Joined by experience 1903. Dismissed by letter Sept. 15, 1919
Charlie Mack Gary	Joined by experience 1903
Mrs. Lettie Steed	Dismissed by letter July 25, 1903
Miss Annie Morton	Joined from Newton Baptist Church by letter Oct. 9, 1904
Wallace Vaughn	Joined by letter May 27, 1906
Mrs. J.C. Culpepper	Joined by letter May 27, 1906. Dismissed 1907
Abner Ray Gary	Joined by experience July 1906
Marie Culpepper	Joined by experience July 1906
Octavia Vaughn	Joined by experience July 1906
H.B. Florence and wife	Dismissed by letters 1906
Rochell Davis	Dismissed by letter 1906
Mamie Cuningham	Dismissed by letter 1906
Sister E.C. Marshall	Dismissed by letter 1906
Brother C.M. Gary	Dismissed by letter 1906
C.J. Jones	Received by letter 1905
C.M. Jones's wife	Received by statement 1905
Sister T.J. Hudgins	Received by letter 1905 Dead
Victor Taylor	Received by letter Dismissed by letter 1921
Quennell Vaughn	Received by letter from Newton May 7, 1911 Dismissed by letter 1917
J.C. Culpepper and wife	Received by letter Apr. 7, 1912 Dismissed (Mar. 23, 1907)

S.T. Hall and wife	Received by letter May 5, 1912 Dead written over name of S.T. Hall. Mrs. S.T. Hall dismissed by letter Sept. 1929
Hubert Taylor	Received by experience 1912. Dismissed by letter 1917 (Lived Tuskegee. Died Selma, Ala. 1971)
Fred Taylor	Received by experience 1912
Edwin Taylor	Received by experience 1912
Janie Taylor	Received by experience 1912
W.J. Manning and wife	Received from Hurtsboro Baptist Church by July 6, 1913. Dismissed by letter (June 5, 1915)
George Taylor	Received by experience Aug. 1913. Dismissed by letter (June 10) 1923
Mattie Taylor	Received by experience Aug. 1913
Katy Mae Wood	Received by letter from Century, Fla. Dec. 7, 1913
J.M. English, wife and daughter	Received by letter from Omega Baptist Church May 1915. Dismissed by letter 1924
Mrs. Cleo Taylor	Received by experience 1915
Mrs. Gertrude Braswell	Received by experience Aept. 1916
C.B. Turner and wife	Received by letter
Jessie Braswell	Received by letter
Kenneth Carnes	Received by letter, Aug. 1918
Samuel Hall	Received by experience May 1918. Dismissed by letter June 22, 1930
Clifton Taylor	Received by experience Aug. 1918. Dismissed by letter 1927
Ella Gary	Received by experience Sept. 30, 1918
Isaac Turner	Received by experience Aug. 1920 Dismissed by letter 1925
Elma Epperson	Received by experience Aug. 1920
Alex Hall	Received by experience Sept (27) 1922 Dismissed by letter June 22, 1930
Robert Hall	Received by experience Sept (27) 1922 Dismissed by letter June 22, 1930

<u>Jessie Epperson</u>	Received by experience Sept. (27) 1922
Willie Maude Carnes	Received by experience Sept. (27) 1922
Frances Hall	Received by experience June 1923 Dismissed by letter Sept. 1929
Sara Carnes	Received by experience June 1923
John R. Gary	Received by experience Aug. (31) 1924
Essie Mae Hall	Received by experience Aug.(31) 1924 Dismissed by letter Sept. 1929
Emma Ruth Willingham	Received by experience Aug. (31) 1924 Dismissed by letter June 22, 1930. Received by letter Feb. 1932
Mrs. J.L. McCain	Received by letter Aug. 22, 1925
Inez McCain	Received by letter Aug. 22, 1925
Mrs. Mary Turner	Under watchcare of church Aug. 22, 1925 Received in full fellowship Nov. 22, 1925
Mrs. L. Gary	Received by experience Aug. 22, 1925
Louise Gary	Received by experience Aug. 22, 1925

Additional information found in the minutes but not found on the roll of members

Sister Martha Carr	Granted letter of dismissal June 25, 1860
Bro. D.M. Trammell	Referred to as a former member Mar. 23, 1861
Sister Caroline Brooks	Received by letter July 27, 1861
M.H. Streater	Referred to a former member Aug. 26, 1863
Bro. Horace Blankenship	Received by letter Aug. 27, 1864 Dismissed by letter Sept. 24, 1864
J.H. Smith	Received by experience Aug. 27, 1864
Ero Robinson and wife	Dismissed by letter Oct. 24, 1864
Bro. Spurlock and wife	Dismissed by letter Mar. 25, 1865
✓ Jimmy Long	Received by experience July 22, 1866
H.C. Bradbury	Received by reperience July 22, 1866
✓ Jane Thompson	Received by experience July 22, 1866
E.L. Kendrick	Received by experience July 22, 1866

S.W. Davis	Received by experience July 22, 1866
W.S. Catoe, Jr.	Received by experience Nov. 23, 1867
Rev. W.H. Davis and wife Virginia	Received by letter from Elkahatchie Church, Tallapoosa Co. Apr. 26, 1868. Dismissed by letter Dec. 26, 1868
W. Clayton Vaughn	Joined by letter from Mt. Zion, Fullock Co. June 27, 1868. Dismissed by letter Apr. 23, 1870. Returned letter June 24, 1871
Sister M.A. Elaky	Dismissed by letter Jan. 21, 1870
Sister M.R. Cobb	Dismissed by letter Apr. 23, 1870
Bro. W.S. Rogers and wife M.E. Rogers	Dismissed by letter Dec. 28, 1872
✓ James Long	Dismissed by letter Mar. 22, 1873
Sister Mary Davis	Dismissed by letter Nov. 21, 1874
Bro. J.C.R. Davis	Dismissed by letter Nov. 21, 1874
Sister R. D. Jones	Dismissed by letter Jan. 25, 1878
Bro. M.S. Davie and Sister Marie Davie	Dismissed by letter Jan. 25, 1878
Miss Mammie Gatewood	Received by experience Aug. 23, 1884
Sister Pettie Gary	Received by letter from Midway Church May 25, 1885. Dismissed by letter Nov. 25, 1888
Deacon E.L. Evans	Received by letter from Bethel Baptist Church Oct. 21, 1885
A.H. Pruett, Jr.	Received by letter from Midway Baptist Church Mar. 7, 1891
Mrs. Cora Fussell	Dismissed by letter June 24, 1895
Mrs. Jerry Vaughn <i>Quint Mattie</i>	Received by experience Apr. 26, 1896
Bro. Sam Lawrence and family	Dismissed by letter Sept. 24, 1898
Sister C.A. Jordan	Dismissed by letter Jan. 26, 1902
Sister P(?) E. Florence	Dismissed by letter Mar. 22, 1902
W.R. Gary	Dismissed by letter Sept. 27, 1908
J.C. Culpepper and wife	Received by letter from Clayton Baptist Church Apr. 7, 1912

Bro. Cap (Cass?)	Received by letter from Tennessee Nov. 2, 1913
Brother J.C. Culpepper	Dismissed by letter Oct. 3, 1915
Mrs. Wise (Mrs. English's daughter)	Dismissed by letter Sept. 15, 1919
Annie Gary <u>Thomas</u>	Dismissed by letter June 10, 1923
Bro. J.M. English and wife	Dismissed by letter Jan. 22, 1925
Bro. Wilson	Dismissed by letter June 28, 1925
Bro. and Sister Howard Toney	Joined by letter Aug. 22, 1926
John Walter Willingham	Joined by experience Aug. 22, 1926
Bro. Clifton Taylor	Dismissed by letter June 26, 1927
Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Turner	Dismissed by letter July 1928
Ruby Dismukes	Received by experience and baptised at Eufaula Baptist Church June 1928
Lucile Merchant	Received by experience and baptised at Eufaula Baptist Church June 1928
Frances Bush	Received by experience and baptised at Eufaula Baptist Church June 1928
Kathleen Bush	Received by experience and baptised at Eufaula Baptist Church June 1928
James Bush	Received by experience and baptised at Eufaula Baptist Church June 1928
Mrs. Floy Gary <u>Averitt</u>	Dismissed by letter Oct. 1929
A.R. Gary	Dismissed by letter Apr. 1930
Howard Epperson	Received by experience Aug. 1932
Willie Turner	Received by experience Aug. 1932
Blonnie Turner	Received by experience Aug. 1932
Lucile Gary	Received by experience Aug. 1932
Nell Gary	Received by experience Aug. 1932
Judson Gary	Received by experience Aug. 1932
Mrs. App Trammell	Received by experience Aug. 1932
S.J. Dismukes, Jr.	Received by experience July 9, 1933
John Dismukes	Received by experience July 9, 1933

Dorothy Bush	Received by experience July 9, 1933
Evelyn Bush	Received by experience July 9, 1933
G.W. Griffin	Received by experience July 9, 1933
George Griffin	Received by experience July 9, 1933
<u>Kenneth Bishop</u>	Received by experience July 9, 1933
Catherine Gary	Received by experience Aug. 27, 1933
Sarah Trammell	Received by experience Aug. 27, 1933
Joe Turner	Received by experience Aug. 27, 1933
James Trammell	Received by experience Aug. 27, 1933
<u>Lavinia Bishop</u>	Dismissed by letter Oct. 1940
Judson D. Gary	Dismissed by letter Dec. 17, 1940
Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Taylor	Dismissed by letter Aug. 31, 1949

Slaves

Numbers 1-156 missing

J.A. Wright	157	Dick	
L. Upshaw	158	Stephen	
	159	Jerry	
C. Battle	160	Jane	Dismissed by letter 1867
	161	Wincy	Dismissed 1867
	162	Lucy	Dismissed 1867
	163	Henritta	Dismissed 1867
	164	Amenda	Dismissed by letter 1867
	165	Ceila	Dismissed by letter 1867
	166	Anthinott	Dismissed 1867
	167	Lousing	Dismissed 1867
	168	Victory	Dismissed 1867
	169	Melissa	
	170	Hattie	
	171	Chency	Dismissed by letter 1867
	172	Charlotte	do 1867
	173	Jinney	
	174	Patsy	Dismissed 1867
	175	Feeter	do 1867
	176	Randerson	Dismissed 1867
	177	Robert	Dismissed 1867
	178	John Lee	do 1867
	179	Obediah	do 1867
	180	Furnell	
	181	Warren	do 1867
J. G. Shorter	182	Sarah	
J. Groggs	183	Augustus	Dismissed 1867
	185	Rewmina	do 1867

J. Gregg	184	Augustus	Dismissed 1867
	185	Levin	do 1867
H. H. Streater	186	Ben	
✓ H. W. Long	187	Abram	
H.H. Brewry	188	Dick	
✓ Long	189	Lewis	
Hargreaves	190	Catherine	
✓ Long	191	Harry	Dismissed 1866
✓ Long	192	Jess	
Bottle	193	Lies	
"	194	Francis	
	✓ 195	Prissilla	Long
	✓ 196	Jane	Long
	✓ 197	Fanie	Long
	198	Fanie	Upshaw
	✓ 199	Carry	Long
	✓ 200	Georgiann	Long
	✓ 201	Sarah	Long
	202	Martha	Upshaw
	203	Martha	Ferrell
	✓ 204	Jasper	Long
	✓ 205	Francis	Long

Dead Roll of Members

Dead Roll of Members

- 1. B.F. Hines
 - 2. F.M. Cobb
 - 3. Lerley Seay
 - 4. C.L. Lattle
 - 5. Albert Wellborn
 - 6. Mary Hines
 - 7. Emily Kesser
 - 8. Julia Paison
 - 9. Nancy A. Brown Dismissed by letter Nov. 22, 1896
 - 10. Nettie Ivins
 - 11. Sarah Berryhill
 - 12. Anna Wright
 - 13. Mary F. Nixon
 - 14. Sallie Owens
 - 15. Mrs. Lattle
 - 16. Cathron Taylor
- Sarah Lawrence, Senior Dead

Committee was appointed April 21, 1883 to search Roll Of Members for names of members who had moved away and compile a Dead Roll of Members.

Letter dated Jan. 28, 1963 from Bob Adams, Clerk, Midway Baptist Church, Midway, Ala. states that on Nov. 17, 1940 the following members of Ramah Baptist Church were transferred to Midway Baptist Church.

Mrs. B.F. Gary
George T. Griffin
Mr. G.W. Griffin
Mrs. G.W. Griffin
Mrs. Howard Epperson
Mrs. Cora Epperson
Mr. J.H. Taylor
Mrs. J.H. Taylor
Mr. Lonnie Gary
Miss Lucile Gary
Mr. Judson Gary
Miss Catherine Gary
Mrs. A.D. Trammell
Mrs. W.C. Carnes, Jr.
Mr. James H. Trammell
Mr. S.J. Dismukes
Mrs. S.J. Dismuke

Miss Gradys Dismukes
Mr. S.J. Dismukes, Jr.
Mr. J.M. Dismukes
Mr. Howard Epperson
Miss Doris Dismukes
Mr. J.W. Willingham
Mrs. J.W. Willingham
Mrs. Octavia V. Bishop
Mr. Kenneth Bishop
Miss Lavinia Bishop
Mrs. J.M. Dismukes

RAMAH CHURCH CEMETERY, BARBOUR CO., ALABAMA
 Township 13, Range 26, Section 14, in Southeastern part;
 ¼ Mile West of Taylor's Store; near Comer, Alabama

- Bradberry - brick mound with Bradberry on it.
- Brantley, Annie L., b. Cotton Valley, October 30, d. Spring Hill,
 Aug. 31, 1906, aged 31-10-0
- Cabot, Maggie Taylor, wife of N.F. Cabot, Oct. 3, 1886-July 1, 1919
- Cobb, James A. d. June 17, 1898, aged 82-1-2 (b. May 28, 1816)
 Joseph, Aug. 1, 1799 - Nov. 12, 1876
 Mary Alice, dau. J.A. & Elizabeth Cobb, Sept. 1, 1862 - Jan. 21, 1879
- Culpepper, Minnie Vaughn, 1871 - 1912
 W.A. (Gus), died July 22, 1910 (about 40)
- Dismukes, Emiline - d. Sept. 15, 1888, aged 51 years
 William P., Nov. 27, 1868 - Apr. 4, 1892
 Willie V. Hudgins, wife of S.J. Dismukes, Dec. 31, 1880 - Oct. 10, 1904
- Epperson, Alma Kate, dau. of J.L. & J.L. Vaughn, b. July 11, 1906, d. Feb. 2, 1909
 Cora Vaughn, wife of Jesse T. Epperson, b. Sept. 20, 1877, died
 Mar. 6, 1955
 Cora L., dau. of J.L. & J.L. Vaughn. b. Apr. 24, 1894, d. Sept. 19, 1897
 Elizabeth, wife of R.T. Epperson, d. May 20, 1885 - aged 65
 Jessee T., d. May 10, 1911, aged 58 years
 J.T., Feb. 25, 1870 - Jan. 8, 1909
 Jimmie, b. Dec. 2, 1890 - aged 14
 R.T., Jan. 7, 1820 - Mar. 18, 1888
 Infant son of J.L. & J.L. Vaughn, born and died Oct. 6, 1896
- Ferrer, Luvenia, wife of J.J. Ferrer, d. Sept. 10, 1905 - aged 59
- Gary, Abner M., Feb. 4, 1818 - Nov. 26, 1886
 B.F., May 28, 1850 - July 19, 1937
 Dora Dismukes, wife of R.R. Gary, Apr. 9, 1854 - Sept. 7, 1919
 Elizabeth, wife of Abner Gary, Nov. 17, 1818 - Dec. 20, 1909
 Fannie F., dau. of R.R. & M.D. Gary, b. Sept. 30, 1883, d. Nov. 1, 1887
 Lonnie, Sept. 21, 1879 - Feb. 5, 1946
 Mattie E., June 17, 1840 - Dec. 20, 1926
 Minerva, wife of W.P. Gary & dau. of A. & M.H. Weaver, died Feb. 8, 1886 -
 aged 45 years
 Minnie, wife of B.F.A. Gary, Jan. 13, 1851 - Dec. 24, 1901
 Nellie N., Jan. 9, 1886 - Nov. 4, 1933
 R.R., June 9, 1852 - Mar. 12, 1929
 W.P., Apr. 2, 1839 - Apr. 19, 1911
 Susan Tabitha, Sept. 13, 1843 - Nov. 7, 1928
 Weaver Renfro, July 20, 1887 - Dec. 11, 1942
 Infant son of B.F. & S.A. Gary, Sept, 23, 1881
 Henry Wayland, son of B.F. & S.A. Gary, Dec. 17, 1882 - Feb. 26, 1885

Gregory, Caroline, b. Feb. 11, 1841
 Josie Lee, dau. of T.G. & E.L. Gregory, Feb. 27, 1909 - Aug. 13, 1925
 Effie Lee Brantley - Mother - Feb. 14, 1884 - Apr. 4, 1938
 Tobe G. - Father - Dec. 8, 1862 - Apr. 1, 1927
 Little Billie, son of W.B. & Mahala Gregory, b. May 30, 1858,
 d. Feb. 18, 1865
 Rosie Tee, dau. of T.G. & E.L. Gregory, Aug. 31, 1911 - Feb. 9, 1914
 Mahala, wife of W.B. Gregory, d. Feb. 28, 1877, aged 53-7-21
 W.B., died Sept. 2, 1886, aged 76
 Mary Jane, dau. of W.B. & Mahala Gregory Apr. 19, 1837 - June 16, 1875

Griffin, William H., Nov. 7, 1894 - Oct. 25, 1958

Hudgins, Permela A., Mar. 6, 1845 - June 21, 1915

King, Edward Cecil, Jr., son of D. Louise Vaughn, born at Montgomery, Ala.,
 Jan. 26, 1921 - d. Feb. 25, 1921

Marshall, Clifford Weaver, wife of James F. Marshall, Aug. 26, 1846 - Feb. 25, 1935

McLean, Nancy G., Jan. 5, 1842 - May 1, 1922

McLeod, Mrs. Delilah V., Mar. 31, 1848 - Apr. 29, 1921

Owens, Winnie J., wife of Wm. H. Owens, Aug. 5, 1834 - Aug. 30, 1865

Phillips, Richard P. (Dick) died Oct. 21, 1933

Rogers, Rev. W.S., Nov. 18, 1846 - July 19, 1901

Taylor, Bert Mahone, 1923 - 1924
 John Henry, Oct. 16, 1859 - Oct. 23, 1943
 Mamie A., dau. of J.H. & N.E. Taylor, Feb. 27, 1903 - Jan. 23, 1906
 Mary, infant of Mary & W.V. Taylor
 Mary Fletcher, 1885 - 1907
 Nancy Emma, Apr. 3, 1867 - Mar. 28, 1949
 Eloise, dau. of E.C. & K.M. Taylor, b. July 24, 1927

Vaughn, Addie E. Lary, wife of M.L. Vaughn, Oct. 25, 1853 - Feb. 6, 1907
 Asa, Nov. 13, 1815 - Mar. 11, 1889
 Bettie Kennedy, wife of W.W. Vaughn, 1842 - 1921
 Fannie, dau. of M.L. & A.E. Vaughn, Mar. 12, 1895 - Dec. 30, 1895
 Jeremiah Richard, husband of Mattie Vickers Vaughn and son of
Asa and Sarah Vaughn, born Jan. 1, 1858, died Oct. 19, 1926
 J. Richard, son of Mattie & J.R. Vaughn, June 9, 1901 - June 13, 1901
 Mattie, wife of J.R. Vaughn, Aug. 12, 1864, Jan. 18, 1908
 Sarah A. Fowler, wife of Asa Vaughn, July 2, 1824 - Oct. 16, 1905
 Thomas Jabez, son of Jeremiah Richard and Mattie Vickers Vaughn,
 born, Feb. 22, 1889, died Dec. 22, 1946
 M.L., July 23, 1851 - Dec. 30, 1920
 William Webster, Jan. 1, 1843 - Mar. 11, 1931

Weaver, Absalom, June 15, 1905 - July 27, 1889
 Mary H., wife of Absalom Weaver, Mar. 30, 1808 - Dec. 12, 1887
 Daniel P., Nov. 30, 1829 - Killed at Battle of Franklin, 1864
 David S., Feb. 9, 1832, Killed at Fort Donelson, Feb. 1862
 Larkin, June 5, 1842, Killed at Chickamauga, Sept. 19, 1963
 Jacob K., Jan. 9, 1844, Killed near Atlanta, July 22, 1864

Wood, Jessie May, wife of H.T. Wood & and dau. of W.W. & S.E. Vaughn,
 May 26, 1872 - May 27, 1900

Compiled by Dr. Lewy Dorman, 1935
 Brought up to date by Mrs. Lewy Dorman, 1966

Permission to use these cemetery records was given by Mrs. Lewy Dorman,
 Hurtsboro, Alabama. May 2, 1980

Coley, Arvel, Sept. 10, 1918 - April 6, 1977

Gilley, Lawson M., Sept. 3, 1881 - Sept. 7, 1966

Gregory, John Vernell, Jan. 31, 1922 - July 29, 1967

Muse, Mattie Loraine V., dau of J.R. and Mattie Vaughn, wife of Major Cicero
 Gordon Muse, July 1, 1904 - Sept. 24, 1975

Brought up to date by Jessie E. Cobb, Apr. 1980

At the north end of the cemetery, the descendants of Rev. John Davis and Mary Ann Mooney placed a Memorial in June, 1976. Rev. Davis is buried back of Mt. Olive Church between Ramah and Comer, Ala. His wife is buried in Hopewell Cemetery, White Co., Ark. W.M. Davis was pastor of Ramah Church, 1867-1869. A Bible inscribed "Wm. M. Davis, 15 Aug. 1862 is still in the pulpit stand in the church. The Davis - Mooney Family Reunion was held at Ramah Church, June 20, 1971.

IN MEMORY OF
 OUR PIONEER ANCESTORS

Rev. John Davis
 Born Lenoir Co., N.C.
 1 Feb. 1803
 Died Cowikee, Barbour Co., Ala.
 31 March 1871
 Son of Jacob Davis

married

Mary Ann Mooney
 Born Telfair Co., Ga.
 24 April 1810
 Died Rosebud, White Co., Ark
 15 May 1880
 Dau. of William Mooney &
 Sarah Barrow

Erected by descendants of their children

William Mooney Davis
 Thomas Howard Davis
 John Wesley Davis
 Martha
 Wright E. Lancaster
 Samuel Daniel W.
 Benjamin Franklin Jarnigan
 James Madison Griffith
 Jeremiah Robert Columbus

June 1976



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

MILO B. HOWARD, JR., DIRECTOR
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130

May- 7, 1980

Re: Gary, Abner Mitchell
Vaughn, William Webster
Weaver, Daniel P.
Weaver, David S.
Weaver, Larkin
Weaver, Jacob K.
A-911

Mrs. Jessie E. Cobb
Route 6, Box 256
Prattville, Alabama 36067

Dear Mrs. Cobb:

Reference is made to your request of recent date for the Confederate service records of the men listed above.

We have in our files the pension application of Mrs. Elizabeth Gary, widow of one A.M. Gary, which was filed in Barbour County, Alabama. The application did not state the company and regiment in which A.M. Gary served, but it did state that he died November 26, 1886. The pension was granted.

A muster in roll, not dated, lists one Private W.W. Vaughn, age 19, who enlisted from Barbour County, Alabama and served with Company C, 45th Alabama Infantry Regiment. A pay roll dated April 15, 1862 lists one Private W.W. Vaughn who enlisted April 2, 1862, Auburn, Alabama and served with Company C, 45th Alabama Infantry Regiment. A Disability Certificate from Stout Hospital, Macon, Georgia dated August 3, 1864 shows one Private William Vaughn, Company C, 45th Alabama Regiment, Lowery's Brigade, Cleburn's Division furloughed for thirty days on account of gun shot wound through the throat (transversly) from which he has suffered since August 1, 1864. Signed by E.J. Roach, Surgeon. Captain Thomas Swanson's Company Book shows one Private W.W. Vaughn who enlisted by Captain Carter at Enon, March 11, 1862 for 3 years and served with Captain G.W. Carter's Company C, 45th Alabama Regiment. He was born in Georgia; he was 19 years old; he was 5 feet, 7 inches tall; he had dark complexion, dark hair and grey eyes and he was a farmer. Captain Swanson's Company Book shows Private W.W. Vaughn, Company G, 1st Alabama Regiment, was Company C and K, 45th Alabama Regiment. According to the 1921 Census of Confederate Soldiers, William Webster Vaughn enlisted at Midway, Alabama, 1862 and served as a private with Company C, 45th Alabama Infantry Regiment until he was furloughed home after being wounded November 30, 1864. He was born January 1, 1843, Forsythe County, Georgia and his residence in 1921 was Route 1, Midway, Alabama. We also have the pension application for Mr. Vaughn.

Captain Thomas Swanson's Company Book lists one Private D.P. Weaver, Company G, 1st Alabama Regiment, was Company C and K, 45th Alabama Regiment. Captain Thomas Swanson's Company Book also shows Private D.P. Weaver with Captain G.W. Carter's Company C, 45th Alabama Regiment. He was transferred from Company D, 7th Texas Regiment, August 18, 1862 by the Secretary of War. He was 34 years old; he was born in Georgia; he was 5 feet, 9 inches tall; he had dark complexion, dark hair and grey eyes; he was a farmer. A statement of Charles C. Hay lists one Private Dan Weaver who enlisted at Auburn, Alabama and served with Company C, 45th Alabama Infantry Regiment. He was killed in action.

After a thorough search of our files, we have been unable to locate a record for David S. Weaver.

According to Captain Thomas Swanson's Company Book, one Private L. Weaver enlisted by Captain Carter at Enon, Alabama, March 11, 1862 for 3 years and served with Captain G.W. Carter's Company C, 45th Alabama Regiment. He was born in Georgia; he was 20 years old; he was 5 feet, 8 inches tall; he had dark complexion, grey eyes and dark hair; he was a farmer. He was killed in the Battle of Chickamauga, September 19, 1863. A statement of Charles C. Hay lists one Private Larkin Weaver who enlisted at Auburn, Alabama and served with Company C, 45th Alabama Infantry Regiment. He was killed in action. We have in our files the pension application of Mrs. Albitha Weaver, widow of Larkin Weaver, which was filed in Lee County, Alabama. The application states that he served as a private with Company G, 37th Alabama Regiment.

According to Captain Thomas Swanson's Company Book, one J.K. Weaver enlisted by Captain Carter at Auburn, May 11, 1862 for 3 years and served with Captain G.W. Carter's Company C, 45th Alabama Regiment. He was killed in the Battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864. He was born in Georgia; he was 18 years old; he was 5 feet, 11 inches tall; he had dark complexion, grey eyes and dark hair; he was a farmer. A statement of Charles C. Hay lists one Private Jake Weaver who enlisted at Auburn, Alabama and served with Company C, 45th Alabama Infantry Regiment. He was killed in action.

Very truly yours,

Milo B. Howard, Jr.
 Milo B. Howard, Jr.
 Director

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The Weaver Boys, C.S.A.

Within the cemetery near this church is an iron fence which encloses the graves of Absalom Weaver, Mary H., wife of Absalom Weaver and four sons who were volunteers in the Confederate Army and were all killed or died on the battlefield. One marker bears the inscription: In Memory of Jacob K. Weaver, born Jan. 9th, 1844, killed on the battlefield around Atlanta, July 22, 1864; David S. Weaver, born Feb. 9th, 1832, killed in the battle of Fort Donalson, Feb. 1862; and on the other stone: In Memory of Larkin Weaver, born June 5th, 1842, killed in the battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 19, 1863; Daniel P. Weaver, born Nov. 30, 1829, killed at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., 1864. Only the bodies of Jacob and Larkin were returned and buried in this cemetery according to their nephew, Charlie Mack Gary.

On Sept. 12, 1964, Dr. C.M. Gary presented to the Ala. Dept of Archives and History a collection of letters written by the Weaver boys, and several written from home to them. Dr. Peter A. Brannon (now deceased) Director of the Dept. of Archives and History at that time, said it was very unusual to find letters from home to the boys in the army. These letters were preserved by Mrs. Clifford (Weaver) Marshall who left them to her nephew, Dr. C.M. Gary. There are 18 letters from Larkin, 17 letters from Jacob, 6 letters from Daniel, 2 letters to the boys from Sister Minerva, 2 letters from Sister Lou, 1 letter from Sister Rebecca and 1 letter from Cousin Ellen.

These letters were written to fill a sense of loneliness in camp, from the hospital bed, and on the line of battle, usually by campfire and sometimes on wet paper with frozen ink. Most of the time the boys were hungry and in need of warm clothing.

David had been killed at Fort Donalson before the date of the first letter. Only one reference is made to him by Jacob on Jan. 8, 1864.

These letters are of special interest to me as my grandfather, William Webster Vaughn (referred to in the letters as Webb) and his uncle William Berry Vaughn were in the same company. Both the Vaughns returned home after the war.

Our hearts are touched by the suffering of all the boys, but there is a special feeling for Larkin. It was he who wrote "It would make you shed tears to hear the moans of the dying soldiers." It was he who wrote home for a Bible, was converted on the battle front and joined Ramah Church by certificate on June 27, 1863. A slave by the name of Stanford accompanied the boys to camp and cooked for them. He went back and forth carrying news, food and clothing. In one letter he asked his Father to talk to him and if he did not attend to them better, he was going to "brush" him. It was Larkin who was shot and wounded at Chickamauga. My grandfather told me he was in pursuit of the enemy and he heard Larkin call to him and ask him to drag him out of the path so he would not be trampled upon. Jacob found him leaning against a tree. Charlie Mack told me that he had been told the same thing.

There is also a special feeling for Jacob. He found the body of Larkin and asked Gen. Wood for permission to bury his body. It was "out of my power to get help, so I buried Larkin alone and marked his grave." Jacob also writes in one of his letters "Nothing pains me more than being parted from Larkin."

There, too, is a special feeling for Daniel. He fought on knowing that he had lost 3 of his brothers. The letters cease on May 31st, 1864 but Daniel fought on until Nov. of that year and was wounded in the Battle of Franklin, Tenn. 1864.

James A. Cobb, Sr.

One of our oldest and most respected citizens, died at his home on June 17, 1898. He was born May 28th, 1816. He was born and reared, lived and died in the dear Old Ramah Community. He joined this church in 1843, and was made a deacon in 1856. He always contributed liberally of his means to God's cause, which was a strong evidence that he loved Jesus. He has left a sorrowing widow, seven children, and a large circle of friends, who deeply deplore his loss.

Whereas - Our Heavenly Father has taken our beloved brother, friend and oldest deacon, James A. Cobb, Sr. from us. Be it resolved, that we humbly submit to His Divine Providence, knowing that precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.

Resolved 2nd - That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased Bro. and a copy be spread on the minutes and a copy sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

From: Ramah Church Book

E.L. Graves
W.W. Vaughn
R.R. Gary
Committee

Thomas J. Florence

Resolution

As our Bro. Thomas J. Florence has been removed from our midst and has taken his church letter, we cannot let the opportunity pass without publicly expressing our regret at losing so valuable a Brother. He was the main pillar of this church, in all matters pertaining to the Master's cause, was our leader. We looked to him for counsel. As a citizen, his charity was boundless, relieving the wants of the needy. As a deacon, which office he held for over forty years, the large portion of that time in this church. The duties of the office he performed, as near standard laid down by Paul to Timothy as anyone we ever knew which is the highest compliment we can pay him. For they who use the office of Deacon will purchase to themselves a good decree and great boldness in the faith which is in Jesus Christ. This resolution is ordered printed in the "Alabama Baptist" and spread upon the church book.

From: Ramah Church Book, Feb. 21, 1885

A.B. Stark
Jas. A. Cobb
Committee

Charlie Mack Gary

CHARLES GARY, BELOVED EDUCATOR, BEST REMEMBERED BY HIS "BOYS"

The death of Charles M. Gary on Saturday morning removed one of the outstanding personalities associated with the earlier history of Jacksonville State Teachers College, now Jacksonville University.

Mr. Gary, who was affectionately known as "Doc" Gary, and "Charlie Mack" came to Jacksonville in 1935 during the administration of the late Dr. C.W. Daugeette to teach chemistry. While he was regarded as a fine instructor, he was probably best known for his services as director of Forney Hall, and best remembered for his association with the "boys" who came under his influence.

Forney Hall was closed during World War II and while the male enrollment was at its lowest ebb. Mr. Gary lived in a cottage on the campus (later the first International House) with the small group. The house came to be known as "Gary's Cottage." In the years immediately preceding his retirement after he had given up his work as dormitory director, he purchased the house known as the Whitemore home on North Pelham Road and lived there. He rented out rooms to students and continued as "house director."

A number of the "boys" have named their sons for Mr. Gary, including Ben Garmon, now of Huntsville. Ben was a protege of Mr. Gary's during his college attendance and he was his business and correspondence, and given him the love and devotion of a son. Ralph Haggerty also has given attention to his former professor and dorm director.

Mr. Gary was a Southern gentleman of the old school. Reared in South Alabama at Midway, he inherited an old home which he treasured and kept as long as he could look after it. He loved flowers and was a collector of antique silver and furniture. He at one time owned a really fabulous collection of silver but he disposed of it before his death, selling some and giving the other away. He gave a handsome coffee service to Jacksonville State University in honor of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Jones. The silver was used for many years for receptions and other social functions at the college.

He was a devoted member of the Exchange Club and of the First Baptist Church, and will be remembered for the financial assistance he gave to numerous students.

Before coming to Jacksonville, Mr. Gary taught as Sweetbrier College and at Howard College, now Samford University. He was a veteran of WWI and of the U.S. forces who fought in the European theatre. He was a member of the Jacksonville faculty for 1935 to 1962.

Funeral services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Norman officiating. Mrs. John Norman sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Dwain Herring. Burial was in Greenlawn Gardens, Roebuck Funeral Home in charge. "Taps" was sounded at the close of the service, played by Randy Wood and Ronnie Green.

Active pallbearers were former students: Ralph Haggerty, Gaither Snoddy, Malcolm Street, Marvil Clements, Aubrey Boozer and Roscoe Wilson. Honorary pallbearers were President Houston Cole, Members of the JSU faculty and of the Exchange Club.

Survivors include a brother, Ben. F. Gary, Dunnellon, Fla.; a niece, Mrs. Hellen Nichols, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Gary, Enterprise; three nephews, Ben F. Gary, Jr., Ocala, Fla.; Marshall Gary, Birmingham; and Dale Gary, York.

Jacksonville News, no date. (My notes show that Charlie Mack Gary died Nov. 15, 1969.)

To us, Charlie Mack was an outstanding gentleman from this community who never forgot. He was most interesting as he showed us the Marshall Place, showing us his house, silver, pergola and formal flower garden with sundial. But most of all, we remember how he always loved the Church and cemetery, never forgetting through the years to come back again and again to help, with others, with its upkeep.

Extracts from letters from Charlie Mack Gary

Dec. 3, 1962

The two collection plates were bought from Whitlock Jewelry in Eufaula, Ala. about 1907 or 1908.

The communion set was purchased by the Ladies Aid Society of which your Grandmother and my Mother and others belonged.

There is a place on the Marshall Place, "Near the Big House" where they used to bury slaves. I know exactly where it is.

Dec. 15, 1962

The gold fringe on top of the pulpit stand was fixed by Mrs. Salie Florence, so Aunt Cliff told me. The lamp posts on the pulpit were taken down years ago.

Dec. 22, 1962

Mrs. Salie Florence was Mr. Henry Florence's Mother. Mr. Henry Florence lived on the hill just across from Aunt Cliff and just below where Grandpa Weaver lived. Mrs. Florence must have fixed the red velvet top with the fringe years ago, when she was young. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Florence sold out and moved the Fall of 1905. Mr. Tom Florence, Helen's and Annette's father was born on the old Thornton Place, but don't get me started. I know the history of people of that community that died fifty years before I was born.

The lamp posts on the pulpit were removed sometime after we (Aunt Cliff and I) left there in 1910 (Dec. 5). They were just square columns, as high as the thing where the preacher stood. The red carpet they used on the floor (it wore out) was bought by the Ladies Aid Society, as well as the communion Service.

Jan. 19, 1963

Seems to me I remember some of the people telling me of a railing that ran down the center of the church, which separated the men from the women. I think you will find in some of the long benches, a cut-out place where the railing was. It was removed long before I can remember of. It was never there that I can remember. I think it was removed when the two columns were placed near the middle of the church to support the roof.

What is now the front, used to be the back end and a gallery was in what is now the front end, where the slaves sat. It was torn out, the window fastened up, and what was then the back end was made the front end. All this occurred before I can remember and I suspect it was done shortly after the negroes withdrew.

The red carpet was bought by the Ladies Aid Society. Aunt Cliff got it for them in Eufaula. I remember seeing it at her house in a roll, before it was put down.

The old divan that was covered with horse hair was put outside of the Church, rained on and finally fell to pieces. The lamp stands on the pulpit were also taken down. They were there at the time the carpet was put down. I remember seeing the place where they stood, and seeing them for that matter.

The chandeliers were stolen from the Church several years ago. Later, all the books and bookcase were removed. The table, Mr. Turner made was stolen.

April 9, 1963

Harry and I are replacing a monument at Grand Pa Weaver's grave. Grand Pa put up one when they used tall ones and it blew over and broke. Harry and I are replacing it with a low one of today's design. It is my desire that the base of the monument that Grand Pa put up be placed where they used to bury slaves on the Marshall Place. I doubt if anyone, other than myself knows where to place it.

April 23, 1963 Letter to Mrs. E.C. Taylor

Mrs. Joseph Cobb, was I think, the wife of Joe Cobb, who was Mrs. Swanson's father, Minnie Long's (wife of Harvey Long) grandfather. Miss Minnie as we called her, used to come to Ramah regularly and her Mother also. Miss Minnie used to play the organ for us during protracted meetings.

July 14, 1963

For several days I have been thinking of writing you and let you know what a success "Homecoming" was. The Church looked beautiful, the food was in abundance, and the crowd there was one of the largest I have ever seen at Ramah, and I remember the Association crowd of 1904.

August 16, 1963

It seems like I will have to sell the Marshall Place, whether I desire to or not, as I am not able to keep it up. I hate, very much to sell it. I have the deeds signed by Martin Van Buren, President of the U.S. in 1837, written on sheep skin.

August 14, 1964

I doubt if I will be with you next year, for as I feel now, I doubt if I will be living.

August 17, 1964

To Ramah Church Memorial Association:

This is to notify you that I resign from any chairmanship or work concerning Ramah Church.

Charlie Mack Gary deposited the following in the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery:

Sept. 1964 The Weaver boys letters written while they were in the Confederate Army

March 25, 1965 Ramah Church Book

Portraits consisting of:

Larkin Weaver

Daniel Weaver

Jake Weaver

Abner Weaver

Zachery Weaver

Rebecca Weaver Brayley, Dau. of

Absolem Weaver and wife of Jim Brayley

The name Gary has appeared on the Roll of Members of Ramah Baptist Church from 1860 until the members of the church were transferred to Midway Baptist Church in 1940. I think it necessary that we include some information on them as they had an important role in the history of this church and community. Mr. B.F. Gary served as Clerk of the Church, Mr. R.R. Gary served as Deacon and Sunday School Supt., and Mr. Lonnie Gary served as Clerk of the Church and Postmaster of Vaughn, Ala. They may have held other positions. All of them worked on committees, were delegates to the Association and were faithful to Ramah Church. All are buried in the cemetery near here.

Robert Rodolphus Gary

Robert Rodolphus Gary was born June 9, 1852 and died March 12, 1929. He was the son of Abner Mitchell Gary, who was born Feb. 4, 1818 in Washington Co., Ga., died Nov. 26, 1886 in Barbour County, Ala. and Elizabeth Thornton, born Nov. 17, 1818 and died Dec. 20, 1909, married Dec. 12, 1878 to Dora Margaret Dismukes who was born April 9, 1854 and died Sept. 7, 1919.

Their children were:

- Alonzo (Lonnie) Gary married Nellie Nix
- Loren Gary married Beall Dozier
- Fannie Florence Gary - died at age 4
- Emma Elizabeth Gary married J.L. Cumbie
- Mary Starke Gary married T.E. Swearingen
- Floy Gary married Robert Milton Averitt
- Annie Laurie Gary married I.T. Thomas
- Abner Ray Gary married Cora Belle ^{Robinson} *Robertson*

Benjamin Franklin Gary

Benjamin Franklin Gary, brother of Robert Rodolphus Gary was born May 28, 1850 and died July 29, 1937. He was first married on Jan. 21, 1876 to Sarah Anna Weaver who was born Jan. 13, 1851 and died Sept. 24, 1901.

Their children were:

- Benjamin Franklin Gary married Grace Rogers
- Renfroe Weaver Gary married Margaret Lee
- Harry Gary married Maude Lovett
- Charlie Mack Gary - never married
- Henry Wayland Gary died at 3 years - 1 infant son
- He married second on Sept. 25, 1905 to Ella Nix who was born Mar. 26, 1874 and died Feb. 15, 1853

Alonzo (Lonnie) Gary

Alonzo (Lonnie) Gary married Nellie Nix

Their children are:

- John Robert Gary married Dorothy Poss
- Louise Gary married Melvin Bankston
- Lucile Gary married Ralph Wood
- Judson Gary married Louise Hall
- Catherine Gary married Marion H. Martin
- Nell Gary married (1) J.E. Zeigler (2) Raymond Palmer
- Lonnie Gary married Lois Holtsinger

Information from Mrs. R.M. Averitt, May 26, 1980

Death of Captain Eugene L. Graves

God in his wise providence has seen best to remove from earth to heaven one of the oldest members and a faithful deacon of Ramah Church. Bro Graves was born in Georgia in 1845 - 11st day of May, and died July 26th, 1910. He was converted at the age of 14, during a revival held in the Methodist Church in Tuskegee, Ala., uniting with the Baptist Church at that time.

He joined the Confederate Army at the age of 16, was Captain in the 61st Alabama at the close of the war.

Bro. Graves was true to his church; for a number of years he was superintendent of Ramah Church Sunday School and loved by all. We know where to find him and by the grace of God we will meet him in the "sweet bye and bye." Therefore be it resolved 1st - That we humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well, remembering, - "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Resolved 2nd - That a copy of these resolutions be entered on the minutes and a copy be sent to the widow of our deceased brother, and a copy be sent the Alabama Baptist for publication.

W.W. Vaughn
B.F. Gary
R.R. Gary
Committee

From: Ramah Church Book

Ollie L. Johnson, Sr.

Ollie L. Johnson, Sr., 85, of 4001 Cody Road, Columbus, died Thursday at Doctors Hospital.

The graveside services will be held today at 4:00 P.M. in Parkhill Cemetery, according to Striffler - Hamby Mortuary's Macon Road Chapel.

Mr. Johnson was born Oct. 9, 1893 in Richland, Ga., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Johnson. He was a retired construction engineer, having worked for Williams Construction Co. for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Jane Johnson; two daughters, Mrs. Edna J. Andrew, Auburn, Ala., Mrs. A.W. Unrein, Columbus; a son, Ollie L. Johnson, Jr., Dothan, Ala.; three sisters, Mrs. Lilly Mae Stephens, Columbus, Mrs. Kate J. Hawkins, Eufaula, Ala., Mrs. Ruby J. McCain, Smiths, Ala.; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Columbus Ledger-Enquirer December 15, 1978

Ollie Johnson worked faithfully to restore Ramah Church; putting in window panes, painting church, mending roof and benches, building stands for pulpit, making table, etc.

REV. T.E. SWEARINGEN

Rev. Swearingen retires Sept. 1 after 35 years
Pastor of Church at Calvert, served 12 years in Mobile

Rev. T.E. Swearingen, who has been a Baptist pastor for 35 years including 12 years in the Mobile Baptist Assn., is retiring from the ministry effective Sept. 1. His retirement also will mark the end of his pastorate at Calvert Baptist Church.

Ordained in 1919, Rev. Swearingen began his ministry in 1920 as pastor in Graysville, Jefferson County. His first-time church was at Lincoln in 1924. During the next two years he served a field of churches in Clarke and Washington counties, later becoming pastor in East Tallassee Church.

From East Tallassee, Rev. Swearingen moved to Langdale where he served as pastor for three years, leading in the construction of the First Baptist building. Under his leadership 350 members were added and at the time of his resignation in 1932, the membership totaled more than 600.

Rev. Swearingen resigned to enter Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex. He came to Mobile in November 1936 to serve as pastor of the Oakdale Baptist Church until February 1942. While at Oakdale, the membership increased from 800 to 1,300.

His next ministry was in Chickasaw where he led in the building of the first and second units of the First Baptist Church there. This church began with a membership of 25 and during Rev. Swearingen's three-year pastorate it grew to 446.

In Sep. 1944, he became pastor at State Line, Miss., serving a field of churches. Two years later Rev. and Mrs. Swearingen were elected missionaries to the Covington County Assn., serving for three years. He later served churches at Robertsdale and Kushla, then becoming pastor at Calvert.

Rev. Swearingen was moderator of the Bullock-Centennial Asso. in 1934-35 and served as president of the Mobile Baptist Pastor's Conference in 1936-37. For five years he was clerk of the Mobile Asso. and has served on the State Executive Board and as a member of many committees in both State and Mobile Associations.

The minister is a native of Pine Hill, Ala. He resided at 1313 Brown Street.

Mobile Press-Register
Aug. 26, 1956

Rev. Swearingen Services held

Funeral services were held in Birmingham Friday for the Rev. Thomas Eli Swearingen, former pastor of churches in Mobile, Chickasaw and East Tallassee, Ala.

A native of Pine Hill, Ala., the 82 year old retired minister had lived in Birmingham since 1960. He taught a men's class at McElwain Baptist Church.

Rev. Swearingen was a graduate of Howard College and attended Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

Survivors include his wife and two sons, Rhoey Swearingen of Birmingham and Floyd Swearingen of New Orleans.

Mobile Register
June 18, 1974

(Rev. Swearingen's first wife was Mary Gary, a member of Ramah Baptist Church, who preceded him in death by several years and was the Mother of his two boys.)

E.Y. Van Hoose

Resolution read and offered by Bro. Cody

Whereas for the past 21 years we have enjoyed the Pastorate Services of our beloved Bro. Elder E.Y. Van Hoose, and now, that in the Providence of God, it has become necessary for our dear Brother to accept a more extended field of Christian Labor; we feel it our duty and Privilege, to offer the following resolutions, as a token of our high esteem for him as a Christian Brother, and our love for him as a faithful Minister of the Gospel of our Lord and Master.

Resolved 1st

That in Bro. E.Y. Van Hoose we have at all times found the high toned Christian Gentleman; with a character unspotted, and whose daily life, both by precept and example, illustrates the Holy Religion, he advocated, and which he knows so well how to teach to others.

Resolved 2d

That we heartily recommend him to all the Lovers of Jesus and the great Baptist Brotherhood; as a bold and earnest defender of the Faith as once delivered unto the Saints and that while we reluctantly give him up, yet hope there are many whom he shall win to Christ, in the new field of Labor who shall be as "Stars in the crown of his rejoicing" and that our prayers shall follow him, and our affection for him remain unchanged.

Resolved 3d

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our church and also that a copy be sent to Bro. Van Hoose, and also that they be published in the "Alabama Baptist" and the "Eufaula Weekly News."

Ramah Church Book, January 25, 1878

E.Y. Van Hoose

The above named gentleman is perhaps as widely known as any minister in all Southeast Alabama. He was born in Hardin county, Tennessee, August 15th, 1821, where he grew to manhood. In 1843 he settled in Pontotoc County, Miss. In his boyhood days he had no school advantages, and after arriving to majority he worked at farming during the summer in order to pay his expences and schooling during the winter. In 1850 he was licensed to preach by the Missionary Baptist Church at Tokshish, Pontotoc County, Miss. Feeling the need of a higher education to help him in the life work he had undertaken, in 1851 he entered the Union University at Murfreesboro, Tenn. where he remained for some time. Among his classmates during the time was Rev. W.R. Priest, who was for a long time a prominent educator in this city. Leaving the University, Mr. Van Hoose went to Decatur, Ala., early in 1854, where he was ordered to the full work of the Gospel ministry. Here he remained a year in Missionary work. In 1855 he went to Eufaula, where he remained several months and then settled at Clayton.

In October, 1857, he was married to Mrs. Sarah A. Stringer, who had one daughter, who is now Mrs. P.H. Baker, of this city. She bore him three sons, all of whom are living - two in Troy and one in Chicago.

Mr. Van Hoose moved to Midway, Bullock County, in 1867, having lived the previous year at Spring Hill, Barbour County. During 1871, he was engaged in Missionary work in Southeast Alabama and West Florida leaving his family at Chunnenugee Ridge, Bullock County. He then settled in Troy, served the First Baptist Church in this city, for five years as pastor, and since that time has lived in Troy and other places in Pike County, except four years that he temporarily resided at Auburn, in order that his sons could have the advantages of the college there.

Mr. Van Hoose has been steadily in the ministry since he was ordained in 1854, until two or three years ago, when his health failed him. He has also with the aid of his sons, conducted a farm. He has at some time in his career, preached at a majority of the churches in Pike and Barbour Counties. For twenty-one years in succession he was pastor of Ramah, Barbour County. He has administered consolation at the bedside of the dying for more than a generation, and has officiated at the nuptials of as many happy couples as any minister in this section. At one time he had in regular charge five churches. His church membership is at Brundidge.

He was initiated into the Mysteries of Freemasonry in Clayton Lodge in 1857, and, as in the work of the church, he has been faithful and zealous in that honored order. Ever true to his obligations in every work to which he has been called, no man in this entire section has the confidence and love of his friends more than Rev. E.Y. Van Hoose.

Troy Messenger
November 7, 1889

Rev. E.Y. Van Hoose, one of the leading ministers of this section, died at the residence of P.H. Baker, in this city last Sunday. Mr. Van Hoose was upwards of seventy years old, a Tennessean by birth and had been in the ministry fully half a century having preached in Tenn., Miss., Ala., Ga., and Fla. For the past thirty years he had resided in Southeast Alabama and had charge of churches in Clayton, Eufaula, Midway and Troy, besides numerous country churches. An expended sketch of him appeared in the old men's column some time ago. He died as he had lived in full belief of the triumph of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Troy Messenger
April 24, 1890

The funeral of E.Y. Van Hoose took place Monday afternoon and was attended by a large concourse of citizens and sorrowing friends. Rev. John F. Purser conducted the services and the remains were interred in the City cemetery.

Alabama Baptist
May 8, 1890

William Webster Vaughn

The passing away of such a man as W.W. Vaughn is deserving of more than casual notice. He came to Barbour County from Georgia in early life, and made his home in the Old Spring Hill area until his death on Mar 11, 1931, at the ripe age of eighty-eight. His wife preceded him some eleven years ago. He leaves behind to mourn his loss five children, twenty-seven grand children and sixteen great-grand children, besides a great host of friends who loved and honored him for the purity and genuiness of his Christian character. He was for many years and until his death a devoted member and a faithful deacon of the Ramah Baptist Church, and was always present at every appointment of his church until the infirmities of age made it impossible for him to attend.

His funeral service was held in the little church in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, conducted by the pastor, with appropriate remarks by Col. G.L. Comer, a life-long and devoted friend of the deceased. His body was laid to rest in the little cemetery yard by the church with the solemn ritual of the Masonic order of which he was a member.

Mr. Vaughn was a good citizen. In all those qualities and practices which go to make a safe and loyal citizen, our county has perhaps never had a better one. He stood always for the highest and best things in our social and civic life. He was kind and considerate of the home life, a helpful neighbor and friend to everybody, and a Christian whose genuiness and sincerity no one ever questioned. He was one of the most humble of men, always quiet, unassuming and unostentatious, but strong in his convictions for the right. His strength and influence lay in his genuine meekness and humility of character and manner.

Truly did he come to his grave in full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in its season. He was ready and waiting for the summons, and his passing away was like the fading out of a candle whose wick had gradually burned up. There is something beautiful in the death of one who had lived as he did for eighty-eight years. Such as he can afford to die, and for such, death is robbed of all its dreaded asperities.

"The stream is calmest when it nears the tide,
And flowers are sweetest at eventide;
The birds most musical at close of day,
And Saints divinest when they pass away."

Eufaula Tribune
March 18, 1931

Post Offices

Ramah Church, Barbour County, Ala. Est. July 2, 1860 Discontinued
 Feb. 23, 1861. William A. Mayes, Postmaster
 Vaughn, Barbour County, Ala. Established May 18, 1893
 1893 Moses L. Vaughn, Postmaster
 1893 Moses L. Vaughn
 1895 William A. Livingston *Grandfather*
 1899 Calvin A. Jordan
 1903 Lonnie Gary
 1905 Lonnie Gary
 1907 Not listed
 U.S. Postal Guide, Washington, D.C.

Letter: Nov. 22, 1963 from Arthur J. Butt, Pensacola, Fla.

Calvin Jordan was the son of Warren J. Jordan, born 1831, died 1861, and Elizabeth T. Jordan, born 1833, died 1912. Last lived in Midway, Ala. where he, his wife, daughter and maybe his son are buried.

During the yellow fever epidemic of some 70 years ago - more or less, our family except my father refuged at the old George Place where my uncle Calvin was overseer for Mrs. George. I don't know the years, but my grandmother and I suppose her husband lived between the George Place and Midway, Ala. I am of the opinion they worshiped in Midway as my grandfather died in 1861 and is buried there but they may have been members of Ramah Church as it was in existence in 1843 before Midway Church was formed in 1852.

Letter: July 2, 1964 from Arthur J. Butt, Pensacola, Fla.

From a newspaper clipping, no date

Tribute of Respect on the memory of our brother and friend, Mr. C.A. Jordan, who was born about 1854 and departed this life July 10, 1901. We mourn not for him as those having no hope, for he was a consecrated Christian and faithful worker in Ramah Baptist Church, and we feel that his spirit is mingling with the spirits of our dear departed dead. We deeply sympathize with his wife, son and daughter. May He who has promised to be the husband of the widow, draw close to Himself, bless, comfort, guide and keep them.

M.L. Vaughn
 Judson ----
 Mrs. E.C. ----
 (Clipping torn)

Letter: Mrs. Katie B. Houston, 1010 N. Neus St., Pensacola, Fla.

My father, Arthur J. Butt, died May 18, 1975 and my Mother this past May 12, 1976. I know Daddy would have enjoyed coming to Ramah Church Homecoming Day because he always loved Midway, Ala. He lived to be 90 and my Mother was almost 89. They had long fruitful years.

(Note: Mr. Butt was a friend of Mrs. Guilmartin, Midway, Ala. who sent him a newspaper clipping about Ramah Church.)

STATE OF ALABAMA.

Know all Men by These Presents:

Barbour COUNTY.

THAT we Geo. A. Humphreys and his wife Luine M. Humphreys and J. J. Drastuss and his wife
 for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to 110 in hand paid by the State of Alabama the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, and for the further consideration of the aid to be extended by the State of Alabama in the erection or repair of a rural school on the Land hereinafter described under the Act of the Legislature of Alabama, approved March 2nd, 1907, have Granted, Bargained and Sold, and by these presents do hereby grant, bargain sell and convey unto the State of Alabama, for the benefit of school district No. _____ of Barbour County, Alabama, the following described Real Estate, situated in the County of Barbour and State of Alabama, to-wit:

2 Acres in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/2 of Sec 14 R 26 T 13 commencing at stake on the dirt road - that leads to Midway & Spring Hill 70 yds west of where the center of the SE 1/4 line runs North & South thence West with road & chain + 47 1/2 links thence North & chain + 47 1/2 links thence East & chain + 47 1/2 links to church lot thence South & chain + 47 1/2 links into church lot to starting point -

2 Acres more or less. It being understood that this in no way touches the residence on premises owned the residence on the Gary place

To Have and to Hold. The aforegranted premises to the said State of Alabama for the benefit of said school district No. _____ of Barbour County, Alabama, forever

And we do covenant with the said State of Alabama for the benefit of said school district No. _____ of Barbour County, Alabama, that we lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises; that they are

ITS
 [Handwritten scribbles and marks]

2400 lbs. purchase money states - *me done* - a good right to sell and
 free from all encumbrance; that ^{certific} *me done*
 convey the same to the said State of Alabama for the benefit of said school district
 No. _____ of Barbour County, Alabama, and that *me*
 will warrant and defend the said premises to the said State of Alabama for the
 benefit of said school district No. _____, of Barbour County,
 Alabama, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof, *me* have hereunto set an hands and seal
 this the 6th day of April in the year of our Lord One
 Thousand Nine Hundred and fourteen
 Signed, Sealed and Delivered in
 Presence of

J. B. Lewis
B. L. Griffin
and J. J. Fretwell and
M. C. Fretwell

J. O. Thompson L. S.
Amie M. Thompson L. S.
J. J. Fretwell L. S.
M. C. Fretwell L. S.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Jefferson COUNTY.

I, Mary C. Hawkins, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Joe W. Thompson and his wife, Annie M. Thompson whose names are signed to the foregoing Conveyance, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the Conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily, on the day the same bears date, Given under my hand, this the 7th day of April A. D. 1887.

Mary C. Hawkins
Notary Public

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Jefferson COUNTY.

I, Mary C. Hawkins, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify, that on the 7th day of April, 1887, came before me the within named Annie M. Thompson known to me to be the wife of the within named Joe W. Thompson who, being examined separate and apart from the husband, touching her signature to the within Deed acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and accord, and without fear, constraint, or threats on the part of the husband

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of April A. D. 1887

Mary C. Hawkins
Notary Public

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

_____ COUNTY.

I, _____ in and for the State and County, aforesaid do hereby certify that _____ a subscribing witness to the foregoing Conveyance, known to me, appeared before me this day, and being sworn stated that _____ the grantor _____ voluntarily executed the same in his presence, and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, on the day the same bears date; that he attested the same in the presence of the grantor... and of the other witness, and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ A. D. 1880....

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)
COUNTY OF ANDERSON.)

I, J. B. Lewis ----- a Notary Public in and for
said County, in said State, hereby certify that Joe J.
Fretwell his wife, M. C. Fretwell ----- whose
names are signed to the foregoing Conveyance, and who are known
to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed
of the contents of the Conveyance, they executed the same
voluntarily, on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand, this the 7th day of April ----- A. D. 1914

J. B. Lewis

Notary Public.
for So Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)
COUNTY OF ANDERSON.)

I, J. B. Lewis -----, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, do hereby certify, that on the 7th day of
April ----- 1914, came before me the within named Mrs
M. C. Fretwell, known to me to be the wife of the within
named Joe J. Fretwell ----- who, being examined
separate and apart from the husband, touching her signature to the
within Deed acknowledged that she signed the same of her own
free will and accord, and without fear, constraint, or threats
on the part of the husband.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this
7th day of April ----- A. D. 1914.

J. B. Lewis

Notary Public.
for So Carolina

Letter: Mrs. Katie Mae Taylor. Oct. 20, 1964

I called Coz. Laura (dau. of Sallie Vaughn and Wm. A. Livingston). She said Aunt Willie, Aunt Isla and my Mother (Jessie) used to visit in Aunt Sallie's home and sew.

I hold a receipt given to Grandpa from a Prof. Faulk for tuition for the four oldest girls for schooling. Am sure Aunt Cora gave it to me because my Mother's name was on it. They went to the small building in the fork of the road leading to the Charlie Mack place and the road to Midway. After 1909 when we went to Ramah to live, I can remember the small one room building. It seems Grandma said it was called "The Turner School House," too, it seems now there was a fence enclosing a few graves of a Turner family behind the building.

I can remember the schoolhouse well near Ramah Church. The first time I ever saw Ebbie, he bounced in the school house with a bucket of food. He put the bucket down, flew out the door saying, "It's my time to bat!". His hair was blond and tightly curled. Little did I know that day what a vast, wonderful and sweet part he would play in my future life. Howard and Sister (Elma) both started school there. I have often heard Sister say how Ebbie would take her little hand and carry her across the ground when we played "Sticks." Charlie Mack went to school with me during his last years, now it would be called High School. Coz. Laura said she went to school to Miss Cora Hall. You remember she was your Mother's favorite teacher. The building was longer than wide. At one end was a chimney with blackboards on each side, also on each side of the wall near the end where the chimney was. Each side had openings for doors and windows.

Letter: Mrs. Katie Mae Taylor.

Oct. 25, 1864

Miss Cora Hall was one of Aunt Cora's teachers and encouraged her to go to College but Grandpa was not money able to send her. Miss Cora Hall was Mr. Sam Hall's sister. Miss Hall married. I well remember Aunt Cora visiting her in Midway after she came home to live. I can't remember in whose home she was living when Aunt Cora visited her. Aunt Cora was living at Grandpa and Grandma's (Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Vaughn). I think Miss Cora Hall taught in the old school at Ramah. It was after 1909 when Aunt Cora visited her.

Copy of receipt from L.K. Faulk to W.W. Vaughn for tuition from Jan. 20 - Feb. 17, 1882.

Willie Vaughn -----	\$2.00
Jennie Vaughn -----	2.00
Jessie Vaughn -----	1.50
Isla Vaughn -----	1.50
	<u>\$7.00</u>

Letter: Mrs. Katie Mae Taylor. Nov. 21, 1964

It seems a Mr. Thompson once taught school at Ramah. Now, he could have taught in the Turner School where Mr. Faulk taught and gave the receipt to Grandpa. This I do not know. This Prof. Thompson is related to a Mrs. Charlton Oates of Montgomery.

Telephone call to Mrs. Charlton Oates, Montgomery, Ala. May, 1980

Mrs. Charlton Oates told me that Queenelle Vaughn (Mrs. Hubert Taylor) told her that her grandfather, Charlton Thompson taught school at Ramah. Charlton Thompson was a member of Ramah Baptist Church, received by experience Aug. 2, 1872 and dismissed by letter 1878.

From: Helen Gardner, Comer, Ala.

Jan. 4, 1965

Did you know the Marshall Place was sold to a Texas oil man? Charlie Mack reserved underground mineral rights for twenty years. He told me that after the sale he never wanted to see the place again.

You asked for stories about old times in Ramah. Papa and Uncle Porter went to school to Mr. Zack Weaver. I believe he preached, too. The school house had rafters. Papa said one day a huge snake fell off the rafter, but no one was upset. Mr. Weaver told one of the big boys, "Willie, get a stick and kill him," and they continued with lessons. Mr. Ernest Long never did bring lunch. He rode a mule. At lunch time he would let the boys ride for some lunch. The mule was packed with boys and Ernest was packed with ham and biscuits. One day a young pupil whispered to a big boy, "What's this word T.A.L O N S? and the devilish boy said, "It's toe nails." So the little fellow got up to read his lesson. He read "The eagle is a big bird and often carries off a lamb in his toe nails." Mr. Weaver suspected someone had told the child to say that, so he asked and when he learned who did it, he scored him with threats of a whipping. Papa said it was a strong switch and Mr. Weaver had plenty of strength. They drank water from a spring, everyone using the same gourd, yet no one had common diseases as our children have. The boys went barefoot.

The ice cream suppers set everyone crazy from excitement. The boys would invite a girl to go to the dining room for a dish of ice cream and cake. Grandfather gave Papa 25 cents. That was five servings, but Papa latched on to a girl much older than himself and everytime the serving ladies asked her if she would have another serving she'd say yes. Papa spent 20 cents on her, so he hunted up Grandfather to ask for a dime. He got it along with a warning that if he didn't change girls, there'd be trouble at the Florence home.

Did you ever hear your grandparents tell about the oxen who sank in the quicksand near the old road? Papa said that kept the children scared. People vowed the bellowing could be heard at night. This may have never happened, but the children believed it.

(Note: I believe she is referring to the old pond on the Midway road, west of where Miss Matt Gary and her sisters lived. We were told that this pond had no bottom. They said a team of oxen with a loaded wagon of cotton sank in this pond and was never seen again. One day, my brother, Howard Epperson and some cousins, I think Ralph and Leslie Mills walked up the road from where we lived, about one-half mile. They were gone so long, my Mother became worried and sent the girls to find them. There they were in the pond, having a wonderful time, swimming in their birthday suits.)

Those were such happy years. Everyone had food and clothing. Maybe not the most elaborate, but neighbors shared whatever they had. The land was rich and the labor happy. There was contentment that we could use now.

My sister, Annette plans to retire May 1st and come to stay with me. We are looking forward to the Homecoming. Both of us are full of sentiment and love anyone who comes from Ramah. The old folks are gone, but they left a heritage, rich in decency, love for others and hard work that I'm sure we should cherish. We owe them so much. Their lives were simple and honest.

Helen Gardner

Helen Gardner was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom H. Florence.

From: Mrs. Arthur Hannon, nee Elizabeth Hill, Montgomery, Ala. May 2, 1980

I am a descendant of one of the early settlers of Barbour County and Ramah Community. My grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cobb lived in a house on the road between Ramah and Midway, which is still standing and owned by ----- Streater. It is 3 miles from Ramah and 5 miles from Midway. My grandmother, Elizabeth Weaver, was one of the eleven children of Jacob Weaver, an early settler from Blakley, Ga. She was the sister of Annie Weaver who married B.F. Gary. They were the parents of Charlie Mack Gary.

My Mother Icie Bates Cobb was one of the younger daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cobb. She went to school in an Academy, as I well remember, a tall two-story unpainted building on the wooded land next to Mr. Jones Gary's farm, where the road turns off the Midway road to go to the Marshall Place.

My Mother attended the Baptist Academy in Midway, after the Academy was no longer in existence in the Ramah Community. There she met my father, Robert M. Hill.

My grandfather, James A. Cobb was one of the deacons of Ramah Baptist Church, served until his death and is buried in the Ramah Church Cemetery.

I remember visiting my grandmother, Mrs. James A. Cobb, who lived many years after the death of her husband.

Elizabeth Hill Hannon

Letter: Mrs. R.M. Averitt, nee Floy Gary, Cuthbert, Ga. May 3, 1980

The Little Brown Schoolhouse
By the Side of Ramah Church House

I wish I knew when this school house was built. It must have been built many years before I was born in 1892. I can remember hearing my parents talking about a Mr. Matherson, who was a teacher in the early days of the schoolhouse.

My first association with this little schoolhouse was in about 1900, when I began my school life. My first teacher was Miss Mamie Jenkins. I was so glad to get to read with the second group in school. My Mother had taught me to read the First Reader.

The building was a one room building, with three doors, six windows and an open fire place on the north side. Wood was supplied by the patrons of the school. Sometimes it would give out and the boys were glad to go to the woods to get what they called "crow nest." No one was allowed to stand before the fire. On the west side of the building was a long shelf where lunch baskets were placed. On the east side was a shelf for the water bucket and dipper. Each one could have his own cup to drink from. Water was brought from the George Place.

A recitation bench was in the middle of the room, where classes came to recite. I well remember my second teacher, Miss Millie Haley having my class to come to the recitation bench to have our memory lesson, from the blackboard. She would write such quotations as "The boy who draws in his net too soon won't have any fish to sell and the boy who closes his book too soon won't learn any lesson well." And "Standing at the foot and gazing at the sky, how can you get up if you never try." We learned to read these, quote them, write them and to spell words from them.

Children were quiet in school those days. Miss Annie Morton would give Good Conduct cards at the end of the day and at recess time she would say "All may rise and march out who have not talked in school this morning". One day some one said to Roy Epperson, "Roy, you know you talked this morning." Roy said, "Who will go to court and tell on himself?" The smaller children were allowed to go out to play the last hours of the day. We were allowed to go if we had been good. We built playhouses in the woods near the schoolhouse.

I don't remember whether or not we were called grades then but we did have groups from beginners to groups in such studies as geometry. I was always amazed when Judson Vaughn would fill the blackboard with his geometry propositions. Another thing I remember about Judson and Miss Annie Morton. A few days after school started in the fall and Miss Annie was our new teacher a snake came in the east door. All the children were excited and began to move about. Miss Annie, who was very quiet in all she did or said - said, "Now everybody be very quiet and Mr. Vaughn will take care of the snake." Judson may have been as old as Miss Annie. All the little girls liked for him to visit their play houses and when they had a Christmas Tree, which they had right often, they always invited him and put presents on the tree for him.

It was in this one room school house that I got my elementary schooling. Pupils from this school entered Howard College, Troy Normal and other schools of higher learning.

Some from Ramah School have filled such places as Doctor, teachers, mates of Mission workers, wives of pastors, librarian in Dept. of Archives and History, merchants, farmers and other honorable works.

Ramah School had good teachers. The following are the names of some: Miss Mamie Jenkins, Miss Mittie Haley, Miss Annie Morton, Miss Alma Pritchett, Miss Ella Nix, Mrs. Cora Epperson, Miss Nannie Scarbrough, Emma B. Gary, Miss Nellie Nix, Miss Sara Orum and others who came after I left the community.

I was glad to have had my first year of teaching in this little school house in the school year 1912-13. Samuel Hall and Howard Epperson were beginners in school that year.

I shall always cherish the memories of the days spent in the Little Brown School house near Ramah Church.

Floy G. Averitt

Letter: Mrs. R.M. Averitt, May 14, 1980

I can't understand why there are no records in Clayton on Ramah School prior to 1920. I know reports were made before 1920. My father signed the monthly reports.

In 1918 - 1919 I taught in the little school house on the Hurtsboro road and I think maybe it had been moved from Ramah Church to the Hurtsboro road the year before. (I don't remember why.) I well remember that Armistice Day was signed while I was teaching there. The children who went home for dinner heard about it and when they reported it, all were excited and began beating pans and buckets.

If I remember correctly Ramah School was consolidated with Spring Hill School in the year 1921. Miss Cora and I were the only teachers for some years.

My older brothers got their elementary schooling in the school house near the church. That was all the schooling Lonnie had. Loren went to Auburn and finished college there. He went from there to Medical School in Birmingham. He came to Georgetown, Ga. in 1902 to begin practicing medicine.

Floy G. Averitt

Letter: Mrs. R.M. Averitt, May 26, 1980

I think I left our Miss Kathrine Stokes' name from the list of teachers who taught me in the school house near the church. Please add new name.

Floy G. Averitt

Letter: Abb Gary, Morris, Ga.

May 27, 1980

I have many fond memories of my schooldays and childhood in Ramah.

It all began in 1905. The three trustees who were at that time, Mr. M.L. Vaughn, Mr. W.W. Vaughn and Mr. R.R. Gary, were discussing the opening of school and hiring a new teacher; and as a little child with great expectation of going to school that fall, I listened to every word. Miss Catherine Stokes, who later married John Culpepper was hired. It was her first year teaching, and my first year in school. She was the first teacher at Ramah to teach first graders to read before learning the alphabet.

My next teacher was my oldest sister, Emma B. Gary, who later married J.L. Cumbie.

If my memory is correct, the teachers at Ramah during my schooldays were: Miss Catherine Stokes, Miss Emma B. Gary, Miss Nellie Nix, Mrs. Cora Epperson, Miss Floy Gary, Miss Sara Orum and Miss Lillie Hoffman.

In 1913 the old school house near the church, was in such bad condition, a new building was built on the Hurtsboro road. I went to school in this new building one year, and then went to Baptist Collegiate Institute in Newton, Ala.

During my childhood days the Erabham family moved to the old George place,

the Hall family moved to Ramah, also the Robinson family and Carnes family were new comers. The Taylor family also moved there during this time.

In those days we didn't have busses to carry the children to school. We had to walk, ride a mule or go in a buggy. All of these means of transportation were used. The Culpepper children came by buggy. Charlie Mc Gary rode a mule.

We had to go to the Old George place to get drinking water. Sometimes Charlie Mc would let the boys ride his mule to get a bucket of water and water his mule. One day Sam Robinson and I were riding the mule to get the water, when the mule got frightened and started to run and buck. Sam jumped off, but I had the bucket and when I tried to jump off my foot got tangled in the rope, and that mule kicked the bucket all to pieces, but I didn't get a scratch.

I remember the day Sam Hall started to school. Of course we had to walk 2 miles. On the way I told Sam that Abb Gary couldn't go to school that day, and that I was somebody else. I told him this all the way to school. When we reached the school house, Sam went straight to the teacher and said, "Isn't that Abb Gary?"

An accident happened during those early years. I don't remember the date, but it was a shock to the entire community. Cotton was being ginned on an old-fashioned horse power gin at the George place, when a small black boy was killed. His head was almost severed from his body, and the blood stain was there as long as the building stood.

In closing, I wish to say that the many things that happened, and the many people that I came in contact with at Ramah during my school days had a great influence on my life for which I am very grateful.

Abb Gary

Letter: Dorothy Gary (Mrs. John Robert Gary), Morris, Ga. May 28, 1980

John doesn't remember much about Ramah School. He attended there two years. They walked to school bare-footed with ice on the road. Aunt Floy taught him one year and he isn't sure whether Aunt Floy or Miss Cora taught him the other. Emma Ruth was the only classmate he could remember.

Dorothy Gary

Letter: Frances Hall Grant

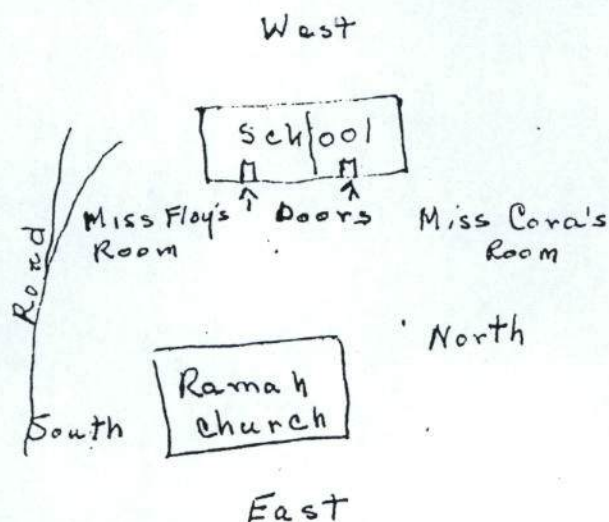
May 11, 1980

I've just talked to Mary C. Allen, a first cousin of mine in LaGrange, Ga. to ask if she knew about Aunt Cora Hall (S.T. Hall's sister) teaching at Ramah. She knew nothing. Mary was reared after age 6 (when her Mother died) by two of Papa's sisters who never married and the sisters taught school. I was hoping Mary had heard them talk about Aunt Cora Hall.

Miss Cora Hall married Robert Fussell. They never had children. After they married, they lived in Midway next door to her parents, S.T. Hall I. I'm sure your Mother visited Aunt Cora Hall before she married and in the family home which is still standing but out of the family. When my Mother moved to Midway in the fall of 1927, she lived in the home (formerly lived in by Aunt Cora) and next door to the S.T. Hall I's (my grandfather) home. Cora Florence Hall was born in 1872 - died 1912. I expect she might have taught school at Ramah as the Florence family lived in the Ramah - Spring Hill area. One Florence family lived on a hill across from the old Weaver - Charlie Mack Gary place. Another Florence family lived in Spring Hill. My G. Grandfather, John Florence and wife Margaret Honsberger (sp), also a 26 yr. son, Adam, are buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Their daughter, Alice Estelle Florence married Samuel Thomas Hall I, (my grandfather). Their oldest daughter was Cora Florence Hall, the one you are speaking of.

My father, S.T. Hall II moved from Midway, Al. (Bul. Co.) to Ramah in Barbour County in 1911 or 1912 because Papa inherited 280 acres of land which was part of the Florence land from his Mother. Papa was killed by the dipping vat caving in on him March 22, 1916.

Sam T. Hall III (my oldest brother) born 3/1905 started to school his first year that fall at the Ramah School beside the church. Howard Epperson, your brother was one grade ahead of him. Miss Floy Gary was Sam's first grade teacher. Mrs. Cora Epperson was teaching in the other room. Sam described the school as I'll try to draw:



Sam doesn't remember how school was heated

Children entered each class room separately - from outside

After Sam's first (app. 7 months) year of school was over, Mama and Papa carried him to Midway to stay with Grandma and Grandpa Adams so he could walk to school with George Adams and have two months to attend school. By doing this, he was put in the grade with Howard Epperson, the second year. Sam's second grade teacher was Miss Sara Orum.

Mattie Griffin says Miss Gussie Akins taught in the school house beside the church.

I called and talked to my first grade teacher, Miss Lillie Hoffman - now Mrs. Tom J. Brown (90 yrs. old) living near Clayton on the Robertson Mill Road.

I started to school in 1916 at the school in the fork of the road on the Hurtsboro road. Miss Lillie Hoffman was my teacher in the one room school house. I'm sure you remember how it looked. She boarded with the Taylor's and Mattie Taylor would leave school each day before noon, go home and get a warm dinner Mrs. Taylor prepared for the teacher, Miss Hoffman. Miss Hoffman taught there one year. She said she had a large Gary boy - she thought Abb Ray when I called his name.

Miss Cora Bell (?) (Abb's wife later). I believe she was one of my early teachers.

Isaac Turner went to the Ramah School on the Hurtsboro road. I remember as we walked home from school one afternoon, Isaac Turner said an ugly word and Alex jumped on him when he continued to say ugly words. Mama never permitted us to say ugly words. If we did she washed our mouths out with a soapy rag. It is odd how we remember particular things. Sam said he remembered a few of the larger boys daring Isaac to jump over a hornet's nest on the ground. Isaac jumped and landed in it and was stung.

Neither Miss Lillie Hoffman nor Mattie Taylor remember the school on the Hurtsboro road being called the "Turner School House" but Sam said he did.

I saw Sam Sat. morning and told him I would include what he knew.

Frances Grant

Letter: Alex Hall, Anniston, Ala.

May 23, 1980

I do not remember much about the first years of school.

I believe I started in 1913. My first teacher was Miss Sarah Orum - later married to Warren Hall, my second cousin. This was the last year of school in the Ramah Church School. Teachers in the new school - Miss Hoffmaan, Miss Akins and I believe Miss Cora, your Mother taught one year there.

I do not remember just who went to school the first year except Clifton. I guess Elma and Isaac were in this class.

Alex Hall

Letter: Frances Hall Grant, Comer, Ala.

May 4, 1980

I called Sarah Carnes Brabham. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Carnes and six children moved from Seneca, S.C. in 1915. Mary C. Trammell was about six weeks old. Later on Helen and Jack were born after moving to Alabama.

Mr. Carnes bought the "Old George Place" in Ramah where they lived and after some years built the home. Mary was large enough at that time to be playing, going in out doors and windows.

I mentioned my baptism. In June 1923, Mr. T.E. Swearingen was conducting a Revival at the Ramah Baptist Church and I joined by invitation. Sarah and I were classmates and very good friends. We both planned to join but she did not go forward when the invitation was given. At a later time, on Sunday, I assume about eleven o'clock, the church members, friends and families went to a stream where there was a boxed in pool. It was a mile (maybe $\frac{1}{4}$ mile) west of the church. Sarah had talked to the pastor, Rev. Swearingen, and they agreed for her to join at the pool side, then be baptized.

As the people, who had gone to the pool in buggies, began gathering

around the pool, a medium size snake crawled from the bushes and headed for the pool. It slid into the pool and was safely hidden in the old wooded boxed in pool. After a short delay, Rev. Swearingen went ahead with the services. I was baptized, then Sarah and the snake didn't come out from hiding while we were there, fortunately, for Sarah and I might have panicked and have requested to be sprinkled.

That might have been the last time the boxed in pool in the stream was used. It was badly deteriorated at that time. There was something special added to the baptismal services by it taking place in the cool wooded area in the small stream.

Frances Grant

From: Mattie Taylor Griffin, Midway, Ala. (Spring Hill) May 14, 1980

Yes, I went to school at Ramah School. The teachers I remember were Mrs. Cora Epperson, Floy Gary, Sarah Orum, Lillie Hoffman and Ruth Beasley. Others that I remember who attended were my brothers, George, Ebbie and Clifton Taylor and Katie Mae Wood.

I believe Gussie Aikins taught at Ramah one year.

From: G. Clifton Taylor, Tuskegee, Ala.

May 19, 1980

I started to school at Ramah. The school house was close to the Church. Your Mother, Miss Cora, Miss Sarah Orum from Midway, (and there is a question about Miss Floy), were my first teachers. The only real hard discipline I received while in school was administered by Miss Sarah Orum. She cracked my knuckles with a ruler and boy, did it hurt.

My classmates there were Alex Hall, Frances Hall, Elma Epperson, Isaac Turner. I am not sure whether Willie Maude and Kenneth Carnes ever attended there or whether they joined us later at Catherine Comer School at Spring Hill. We later moved to a one room school house on the right of the road going to Hurtsboro. Both were near our home.

I remember well, Isaac Turner placing a lizzard in my desk while we were in the one room building. He knew I hated snakes and lizzards and it was some prank. Also, I remember the War of 1918 ending while we were in this building, on the right of the road going to Hurtsboro.

Later we consolidated with Spring Hill & Comer and went to Catherine Comer School at Spring Hill. Alfred Grant, Isma Long, Inez McCain and perhaps Willie Maude and Kenneth Carnes joined us there.

We had a nice class and finished in 1924. My diploma is signed by B.B. Comer, Governor of Alabama and Mr. McDaniel, Supt. of Education, Barbour County.

Miss Warthan was principal at Catherine Comer School. She later married John H. Williamson. Miss Warthan was from Carsville, Ala., near Tallassee, Ala.

Clifton Taylor

From: Mrs. Howard Epperson, nee Emma Ruth Willingham

May 16, 1980

My Mother died in 1919. So I went to school at Ramah in the year 1919-20. John Robert Gary and I were in the second grade. I think we were in the third grade at Ramah, year 1920-1921. Miss Cora was the teacher of all grades. Then the next school term was at Spring Hill.

One thing that stands out in my memory was the ice cream supper held at the school house to buy hymnals for Ramah Church.

Emma Ruth Epperson

From: Octavia Bishop, nee Octavia Vaughn

May 19, 1980

I was born Oct. 15, 1896 at the Stephens House in the Ramah Community at Vaughn, Ala., Barbour County. I have no idea at what age I entered school but it was in a little one room building close by the Baptist Church with a fireplace at one end. Woods near by served as a toilet. Queenelle & I walked one mile to school except on bad rainy days when Papa carried us on a horse.

My teachers were Miss Mittie Haley and Miss Kathryn Stokes who married Mr. John Culpepper. Also Miss Nannie Scarbrough.

Mamma died in February 1907, after I was 10 years old the preceeding October. We moved to Comer in 1908.

Schoolmates at Ramah were:

Judson Vaughn

Wallace Vaughn

*Emma B. Gary (Mrs. Cumbie)

Mary Gary (Mrs. Swearingen)

Floy Gary (Mrs. Averitt)

Annie Gary (Mrs. Thomas)

Abner Ray Gary

*Bennie Gary

Renfro Gary

Charlie McGary

Bonnie J. Dismukes

Mattie Mae Dismukes

Grover Dismukes

Lucy Dismukes

*Bernice Sylvester

Glenn Culpepper

Roy Culpepper

Marie Culpepper (Mrs. Goree)

Willie Gus Culpepper

*Vernon Long

Robert Long

Nannie (Nancy) Long

Bessie Crane

Minnie Crane

Aline Crane

Uncle Jerry and Aunt Mattie Vaughn lived at Cross Roads (where the Taylor's lived later) but I kon't know how many of their children attended Ramah School. I know Mae did because I remember hearing Queenelle tell about going home with Mae from school every afternoon and getting a whipping because of it. When I first remember Uncle Jerry's family was when they lived at the Reeves Place towards Hurtsboro. Mattie was born there and perhaps Louise & Cullen were also. But I'm sure Louise knows all about this.

The names that are checked are those I am not sure were in school at the time I was. I hadn't thought of all these events in such a long time and my mind stays so befuddled! But maybe someone else can give you more detailed information.

Octavia Bishop

Letter: Isaac Turner, Ozark, Alabama

June 2, 1980

The information you want goes a long ways back. So here goes:

I started to school right west of the church in a one room building. I started on my birthday, Jan. 2nd, 1914. The class included Elma Epperson, Clifton Taylor, Alex Hall and me. Kenneth Carnes joined the class along in 1919 or 1920. I don't exactly remember the date. We all 5 graduated from the 7th grade together in 1921. Mrs. Cora Epperson was my first teacher.

My Dad helped build a new school house up the road going toward Hurtsboro. Miss Cora taught there some. There were several other teachers.

In 1921 a new school was built at Old Spring Hill. Miss Cora was also my first High School teacher.

After we moved away from Ramah, I grew up and got on my own. I went to the army, graduated from Special Service School in Illonois, several correspondence schools, Textile Vocational Manufacturing. Also I went to the University of Ala., took a course in Water Purification.

I have an old church letter signed by Mr. Lonnie Gary as clerk, dated in 1925. I joined another church. Someone handed the old letter back to me.

My oldest sister, Verna, lost her life in a car wreck last year about the first of October.

Isaac Turner

Conclusion

When I received a letter from Mr. Charles K. White, Jr., Supt. of Education, Clayton, Ala. on May 8, 1980 saying that they had no school records earlier than 1920, and nothing on Ramah School, I was very much discouraged. Then the thought came to me to ask the people who went to school there to write what they remembered about the school and community. You have been wonderful and I believe you will find it just as interesting and appreciate it more as the years go by. Please do not be offended if some of you recalled it differently. The things we remember were simple - we were children, but happy. I thank you so much.

I don't remember how old I was, but it was probably before I started to school. We were in the back yard of our house and saw a huge smoke down towards Ramah Church. We later learned that it was the house on the George Place. I do not know who was living in the house at that time. We were told later that George and Ebbie Taylor carried a piano down the steps without getting hurt and without making a scratch on the piano.

I think my brother, Howard started to school in 1911 and my sister, Elma in 1913 in the school house near the church. Miss Floy Gary and Miss Sarah Orum were their teachers. Sam Hall was in Howard's class and Clifton Taylor, Alex Hall and Isaac Turner were in Elma's class. There may have been others.

I began school in 1915 at the school house on the road to Hurtsboro. Mrs. Cora Epperson, my Mother was the teacher. Robert Hall and Verna Turner were in my class. I well remember we completed 8 first grade readers that year. Guess from the beginning I was destined to be a librarian, as books meant so much to me. My first reader was The Arnold Primer, "This is Ned. How do you do Ned? This is Dot. How do you do Dot?" Remember? Someone took a black crayon and marked a long black mark across the title page. How I cried! Years later, I was able to find a copy of this book and I still have it. We walked the mile and one-half to school. My brother would not wear his shoes and would crack ice as we walked. My grandfather would come for us on rainy days. He fed his horses well and when he drove them, he wanted them to get up and get. One day coming home, he was using a whip on them, jerked his arm back too far and broke my Mother's glasses. We laughed about it later, but it wasn't funny then.

One morning we had almost reached the school house when someone came running to tell us that the sides of a dipping vat had caved in on Mr. Sam Hall. Frances tells me the date was March 22, 1916. I remember that the wind blew very hard that day, carrying the sand sweeping across the fields. One day the girls had built a frog house in the sand in front of the school house. When we had finished, it looked like a castle. The boys came running up and took a high jump - right on top of the frog house. Nearby was a dead limb off a haw tree. I grabbed it up, and before I knew it, I came down on top of their heads. If my Mother said one word to the boys, I never knew it, but do I remember how she scolded me.

One day we were playing ball with a home-made string ball. The other side hit the ball and it lodged in a tree. We began throwing sticks to make it come down. I heard someone shout "Look out! Look out!" but I wanted to catch that ball. Instead of the ball, down came a forked stick and stuck in the top of my head. Blood streamed down my long yellow hair. I do not remember the pain, but I do remember the humiliation of having to wear a stocking cap for about two weeks, until we could wash and comb the blood from my hair.

Alex, the way I remember it, the first year I went to school, you had a No. 3 Tip Top pencil that lasted you the whole year, Robert used three pencils that year. I must have been chewing up my pencils for it to impress me. My Mother may have reminded me that I could use you for an example and do better.

We left Ramah Community and went to Elamsville, then to Clio. I was in

Clio when the Armistice was signed. Do not remember the year we moved back to Ramah. We were so happy to have the Carnes family move to Ramah. They meant so much to us, as they were new friends, new classmates and a new life to our parties. I think Kenneth, Willie Maude, James and Sarah went to school at Ramah.

Mr. Richard (Dick) P. Phillips must be mentioned. He always came to Sunday School and Church and sat in the same place, on the front bench on the right hand side. He never married and was a friend to all in the community. He took turns in eating Sunday night supper with the Garys, Halls, Taylors and Vaughns. We were always glad when our time came as we would sit on the front porch and listen to him tell tales about the past. He would sit up with the sick, assist with the wake of the dead and help dig the graves in the cemetery.

We always had a fish fry on May 28th. Mr. Phillips and other men would catch the fish and the women would follow with the rest of the food. We always cooked the fish on the creek bank, I think it was Martin Creek.

Each summer we had a protracted meeting at the church. There was a little pool in a stream down the hill west of the church. This pool had wooden sides. Before baptismal services each year the men went down, saw that the road was clear and the pool clean. It always seemed that God was very near at that pool in that quiet place. Elaine Lawrence and I went to Isreal this past January to walk where Jesus walked. Among the places we visited were Jerusalem, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Jericho. We stopped at the Jordan River where Jesus was baptised and brought back samples of water. Of course, the Jordan River has changed after almost 2000 years, and it seems that God was just as near to us at the Ramah Church pool as he was to Jesus when he was baptised in the Jordan River.

DOROTHY LOUISE VAUGHN
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June 8, 1980

Mrs. Leonard Cobb
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My dear Jessie:

Going back as far as I can remember about Barbour County and Ramah Baptist Church is very little as I lived with my parents Jerry & Mattie (Vickers) Vaughn in Russell County, however, I do remember one thing about living for a short while in Barbour County at The Cross Roads in the house known as the Taylor House where my father had a store across the road from the house and the only thing I remember was one Sunday my mother dressed Cullen and me in Cullen's white suits and Uncle Fayette and his two daughters were spending the day with us and after my mother had dressed us in the white suits we went across the road into the store where we all had some candy.

The first and only thing I remember before my mother passed away we went to Ramah Church from our home in Russell County to an all day preaching and dinner on the grounds, the tables were on the right side of the church as you go into the church, Mrs. Marshall was there in her dress with a long trail and as I was trying to hold on to my father I kept stepping on Mrs. Marshall's dress trail and of course I was afraid she might call me down.

Then the next thing I remember was when my mother passed away on Saturday and we drove in the buggy just behind the wagon carrying her casket as we crossed over Martin Creek bridge the wagon turned right up a real steep muddy hill and the horses stalled but soon we were on our way to her funeral in the Ramah Baptist Church. My father held Mattie up so she could see our mother and Uncle Fayette picked me up and held me so I could see her before they closed the casket, the next time was to the funeral of my baby, Edward Cecil King, Jr. then, my next trip was to my father's funeral, then to my brother, Thomas Jabez Vaughn and that is just about all I remember about Ramah Church until we started the Vaughn ReUnion and the Home Coming at Ramah Church and of course, my sister Mattie Muse's funeral in 1975.

I hope that you can find a little bit to put in the records that you think should go in there from the above.

With love from, your cousin,

Dorothy Louise Vaughn
DOROTHY LOUISE VAUGHN

Letter: Annie Gary Thomas - Bessemer, Alabama June 11, 1980

I started to Ramah School in 1901 at the age of 7. Miss Mittie Hayley was my first teacher and she boarded in our home. We had all the grades in a one-room building. Lucy Dismukes and I were the only first grade pupils when I started.

Some of the other teachers were Miss Annie Moaten, Mrs. Jones Gary (Ella Nix), Miss Catherine (?) Stokes and my sister, Emma B. (Gary) Cumbie.

Our father usually corresponded with the prospective teachers and he preferred hiring a teacher who could also teach piano. She would usually be the Church organist (pump organ).

We would walk $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles each way to school but if the weather were too bad Pappa would carry or come after us in a double-seated buggy with the old mules (Kate & Elic).

All of my brothers and sisters attended Ramah, Loren, Lonnie, Emma B., Mary, Floy and Abb.

We would always have a Thanksgiving program at the school and all the parents were invited. At Christmas we would go to the woods and cut a holly tree, bring it in and decorate with strings of popcorn.

Mother was not sure if the Miss Stokes' first name were Catherine is reason for the ? mark.

RAMAH CHURCH MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Ramah Church Memorial Association was incorporated as a non-profit Religious Society under the Laws of the State of Alabama and pursuant to the provisions of Article 3, Chapter 7, Code of Alabama of 1940, Title 10, Sections 124-132, inclusive, applying to Churches and Religious Associations.

The objectives of the Assaciation are:

1. To keep the historical Baptist Church in good repair
2. To keep the adjoining cemetery and Church grounds in good condition
3. To create a fund for perpetual maintenance of the Church, Church property and cemetery forever
4. To hold infrequent meetings in said Church

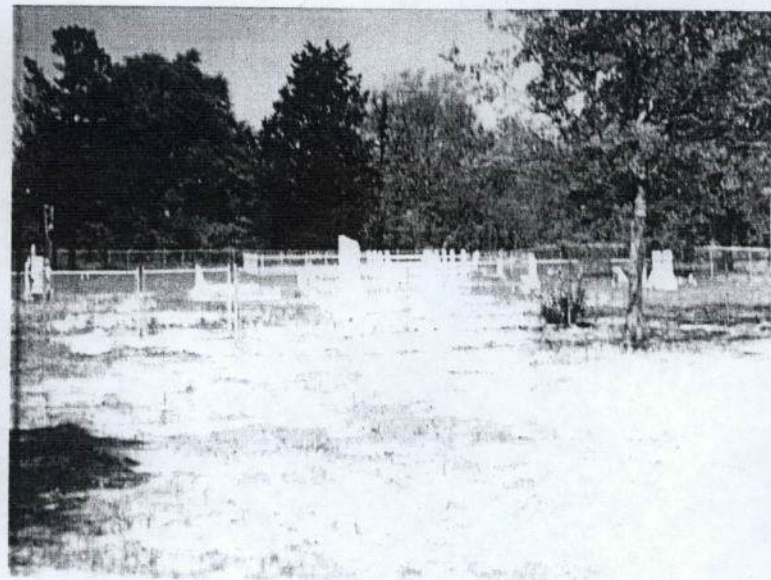
Trustees who signed the Declaration of Incorporation were: Charlie Mack Gary, Jacksonville, Ala., George H. Adams, Union Springs, Ala., Ollie Johnson, Columbus, Ga., Jessie E. Cobb, Prattville, Ala., Dorothy Louise Vaughn, Montgomery, Ala., Katie Mae Taylor, Columbus, Ga., Mattie T. Griffin, Comer, Ala., and Joe H. Adams, Union Springs, Ala.

Declaration of Incorporation was filed in the Office of The Judge of Probate of Barbour County, Ala. July 1, 1964 and recorded in Book 5 of Corporations, page 429.

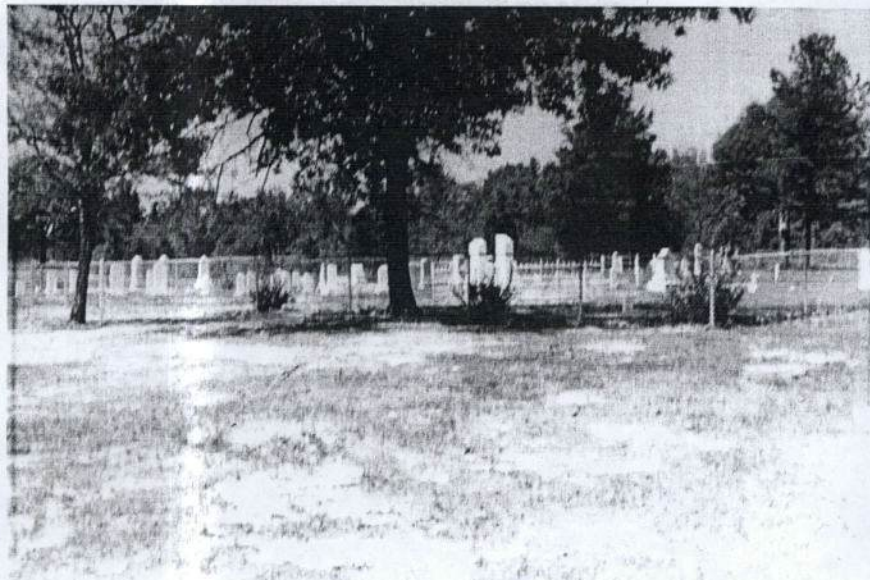
Homecoming Day - Ramah Church Memorial Association

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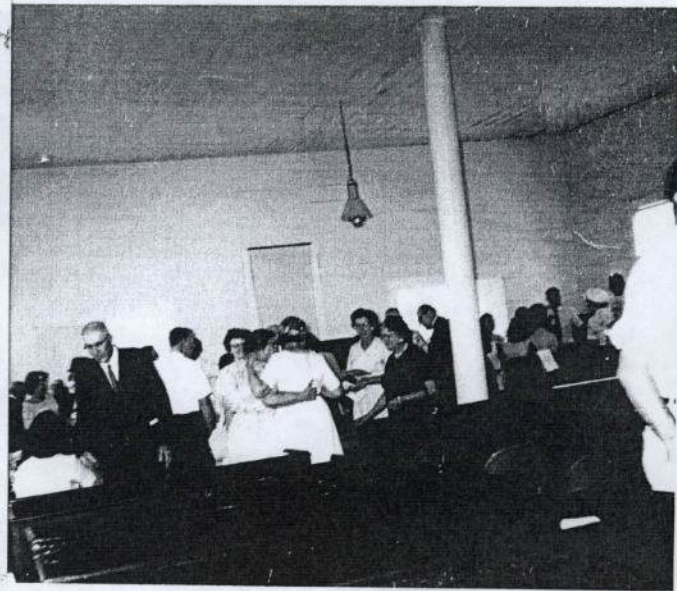
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- 1968 President - Thomas E. Gary, Georgetown, Ga.
Preacher - Rev. Henry H. Gary, Birmingham, Ala.
- 1969 President - G. Thomas Adams, Union Springs, Ala.
Preacher - Rev. Edward Holloway, Morris, Ga.
- 1970 President - George H. Adams, Union Springs, Ala.
Preacher - Rev. Ralph Gillum, Midway, Ala.
- 1971 President - Dorothy Louise Vaughn, Montgomery, Ala.
Preacher - Rev. C.S. Scoggins, Asso. Missionary for Bullock Co.
- 1972 President - Joe H. Adams, Union Springs, Ala.
Preacher - Rev. Rudolph Starling, Georgetown, Ga.
- 1973 President - Charles Holt, Phenix City, Ala.
Preacher - Rev. Henry H. Gary, Gadsden, Ala.
- 1974 President - Ollie Johnson. President absent. John Robert Gary presided.
Preacher - Rev. Jack O. Duckworth, Midway, Ala.
- 1975 President - Ollie Johnson, Columbus, Ga.
Preacher - Rev. V. William Tanyas, Phenix City, Ala.
- 1976 President - Charles Holt, Phenix City, Ala.
Preacher - Mr. Billy Joe Lavvorn, Union Springs, Ala.
- 1977 President - Samuel T. Hall, Jr., Midway, Ala.
Preacher - Dr. Jim Lee, Columbus, Ga.
- 1978 President - Jack E. Gary, Sylvester, Ga.
Preacher - Rev. Henry H. Gary, Eufaula, Ala.
- 1979 President - Jack E. Gary, Sylvester, Ga.
Preacher - Mr. Ralph Halbrook, Montgomery, Ala.
- 1980 President - Samuel T. Hall, Jr., Midway, Ala.
Preacher - Rev. Henry H. Gary, Retired Methodist Minister, Eufaula, Ala.



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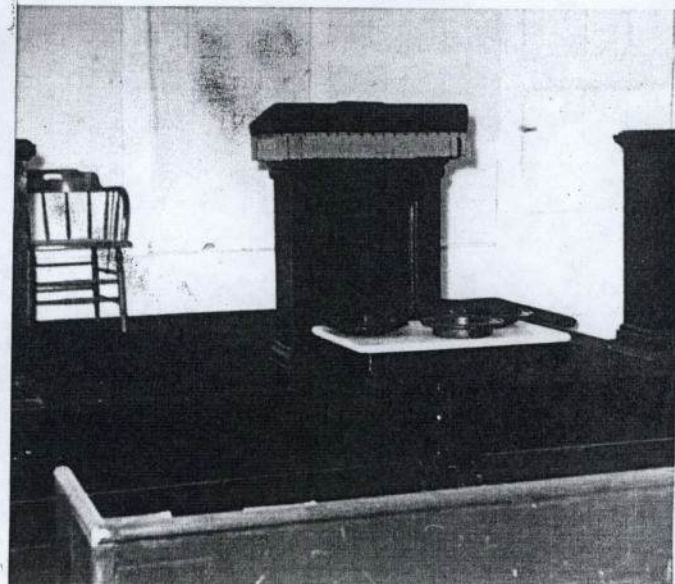
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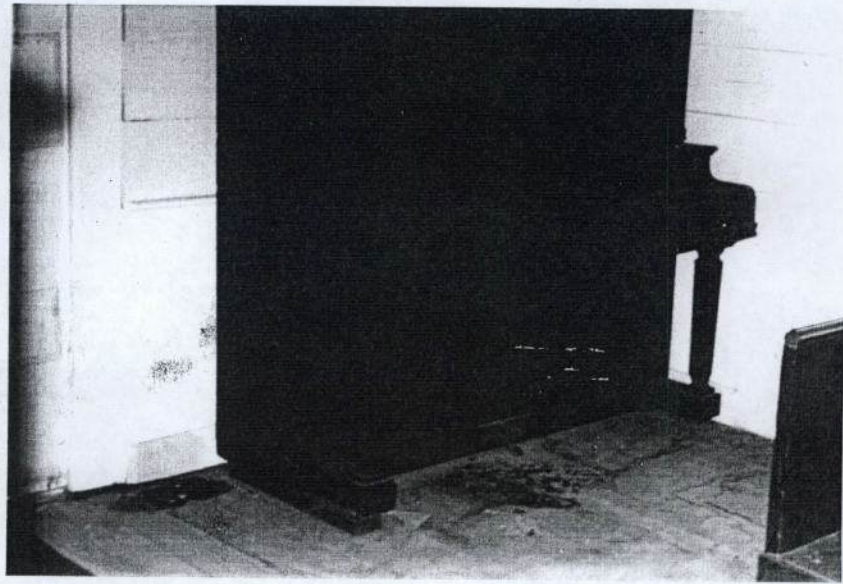
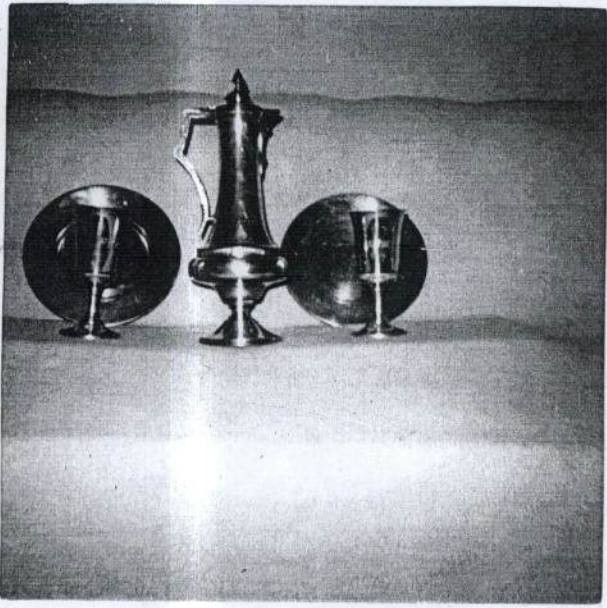
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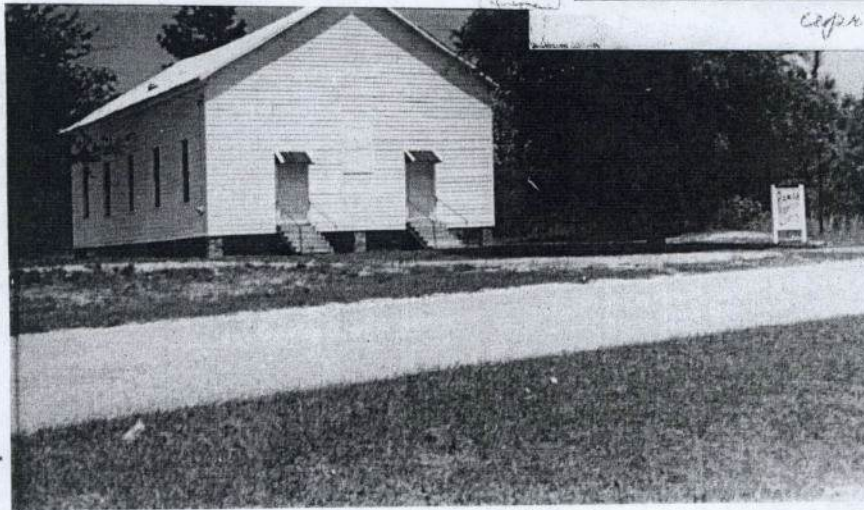
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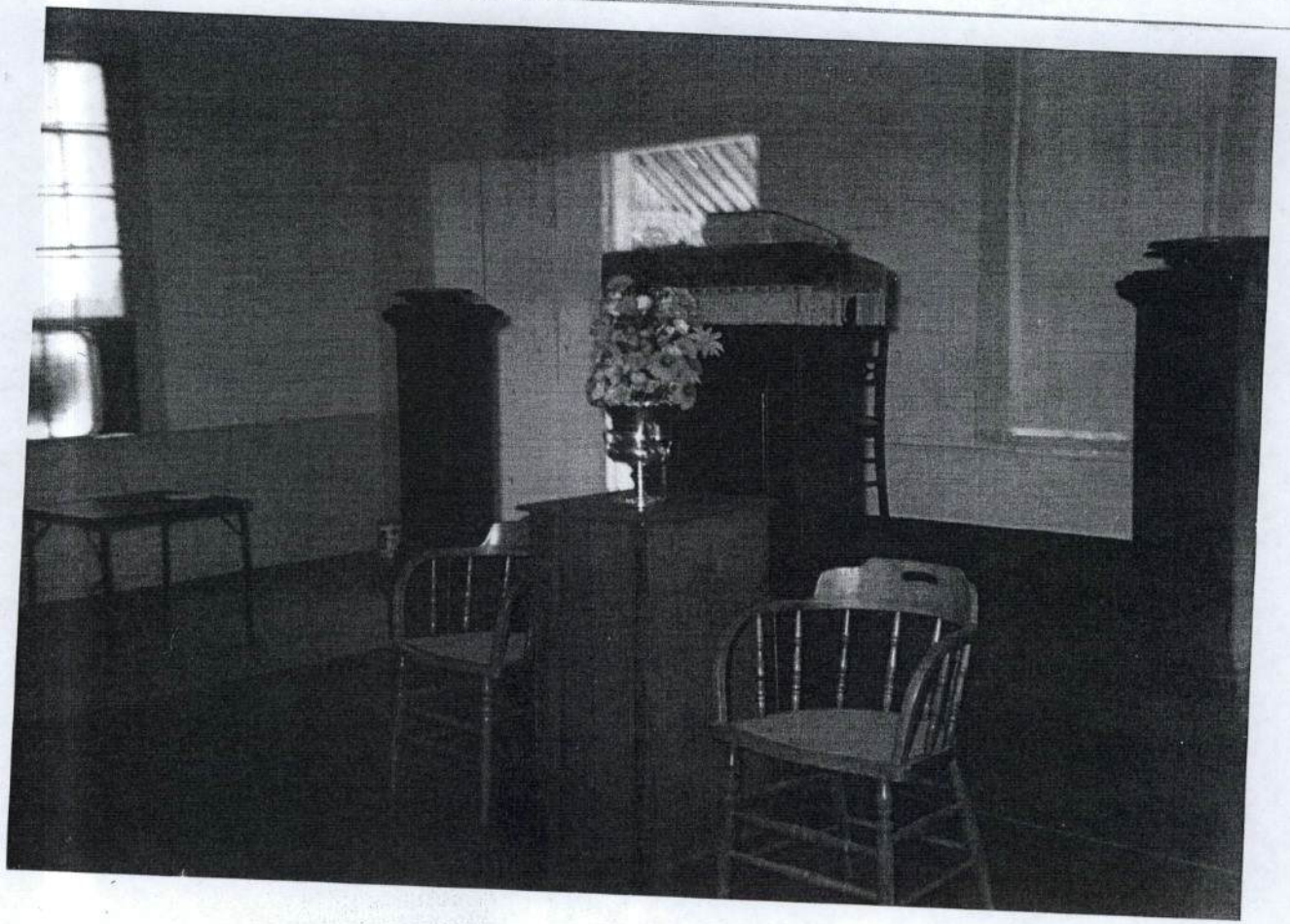
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LOTTIE ANN GREGORY
BORN 1898
DIED 23 2009

FRANCIS GALEN MOORE
MAY 11 1913

EFFIE LEE G. COLEY
HARRIS
AUG. 1, 1919
NOV. 21, 2008

SPRUE S. COLEY
MY BELOVED
SEPT. 11 1905
APRIL 9 1977

AMOS HARRIS
MY BELOVED
1911
1977

GREGORY
MOTHER
EFFIE LEE BEVANTY
DIED 1913
1955
FATHER
1911
1955



WEAVER RENFROE
GARY
JULY 20, 1887
DEC. 11, 1942

INFANT
GARY
BORN FEB. 10, 1887
DIED FEB. 23, 1888

RENFROE
GARY
BORN FEB. 10, 1887
DIED FEB. 23, 1888



























A white, single-story wooden building with a gabled roof, situated in a wooded area with fallen leaves on the ground. The building features a small porch with a ramp on the left side and several windows. A large tree with autumn foliage stands to the right of the building.

A person is visible near a car on the far right of the image.













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