

Pocket Church and Pocket High School

One Has Ceased to Exist But the Other Still Lives--Names of Some of the Families Who Supported These Institutions.

Below we publish some facts about Pocket Presbyterian church and the High School which once flourished in the Pocket community. These facts were furnished by people who lived in that community and they are published with the hope that they will be of interest to readers of The Express. Many people who lived in that community have moved away and we were unable to get facts concerning them.

Pocket Church was organized May 2nd, 1890, by Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack with 58 members. The session held its first meeting May 4th, 1890, and the elders were: Dr. William Arnold, W. B. Campbell, Evander McGilvary and A. M. Wicker. Of the four three were fathers of Presbyterian ministers. Rev. William McGilvary was a son of Mr. Evander McGilvary. Rev. James McIver, W. M. Judd, was the first superintendent of the Lee County schools was the last principal of the Pocket high school. There were a number of dormitories around the school where boys and girls, some of whom boarded themselves roomed. The old home of the Judds which stands in a beautiful grove of oaks, is located near the church and the old school building was the dormitory for the girls. Among those who attended school at Pocket were: Mrs. R. W. Palmer, of Gulf, then Miss Edna Russell; Mrs. T. A. Hunter, of Greensboro, then Miss Eugenia McIver; Mrs. J. R. Weatherly, of the faculty of the State College for Women, then Miss Lizzie McIver; Mrs. Joe Brown, of Chadbourn, then Miss Minnie McIver; Dr. John Ellis, prominent Baptist minister of Dallas, Texas; Rev. Orin Dowd, Methodist minister in the North Carolina Conference; Dr. L. J. Arnold, surgeon in the United States Army and located in Florida. Others who attended the school later were: John W. Gilliam, of Sanford, who has been in the U. S. Postal Service for about thirty years; Mrs. T. A. Riddle, who was Miss Dolie Gilliam; Mrs. George Gilliam, Mrs. W. G. Carter, Miss Ada Gilliam, Mrs. J. W. Seawell and J. P. Gilliam; John W. McIntosh, Register of Deeds; A. L. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McIntosh, Dan A. McLaughlin, of Vass; Mrs. Mary Arnold Gilmore, of Asheboro; Mrs. E. M. Judd, Misses Mollie and Gertrude Campbell; Mrs. F. E. Street, Mrs. S. J. Husketh, Mrs. W. F. Chears, Mrs. J. M. Arnette, Mr. Henry McIntosh, of Fayetteville, Mrs. E. F. Chisholm, of Charleston, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cole and Mrs. Cole.

In March, 1891, Rev. D. N. McLaughlin was called as the first pastor and served the church until September, 1892. At that time the church building had not been erected and services were held in the school building. A good high school was conducted there at that time. Prayer meeting was held by the principal, Rev. Allen Jones, and some of the students and later by W. P. J. B. and A. B. Cameron who taught in the school. When there was no pastor services were held by visiting preachers. In the church record is found the names of Rev. Dr. D. McBryde, Rev. W. M. Eldridge, Rev. J. B. Mack and Rev. James McIver.

In February, 1893, Rev. M. D. McNeill was called as pastor and served until 1897. At that time the church was grouped with Buffalo, Sanford and White Hill and services were held once a month. The membership was increased to eighty-seven during Mr. McNeill's pastorate.

In 1896 and 1897 the present house of worship was built. Most of the material and much of the work was given by the members, with Mr. William Campbell as head carpenter.

While the church was without a pastor, Mr. J. Alton McIver, of Jonesboro, held services once a month for some time. He held a very successful revival in the church.

From January, 1899, to April, 1906, Rev. K. A. McLeod, of Jonesboro, was pastor. It was during his pastorate the church was dedicated.

In August, 1906, Rev. S. H. Williamson was installed and served as pastor until April, 1918. At that time the Euphrasia and Gulf churches were grouped with Pocket.

From August, 1918, to September, 1922, Rev. C. L. Wickr was pastor. At this time the church was grouped with Euphrasia, Buffalo and White Hill. After Mr. Wickr retired as pastor, Dr. R. C. Gilmore supplied for two years preaching twice each month on Sunday afternoons. The church was without a pastor for nearly two years when Rev. W. L. Wilson served for one year. Rev. L. T. Edgerton accepted a call as pastor in 1927 and served the church for three years. He was followed by Rev. J. T. Barham, who now is pastor of the church.

Mr. Evander McGilvary, one of the elders, donated the land on which the church is located. The first person buried in the cemetery near the church was Mr. W. H. Gilliam, who died in 1897.

For a number of years a good school was maintained by the people of the Pocket Community and some people who became prominent in later years received their early training in this school which was called the McGilvary School. The first teacher was Mrs. Annie McGilvary, a daughter of William D. Harrington of Moore county, and aunt of Dr. Chas. D. McIver. Mrs. W. S. Lacy, who was children: J. P. Gilliam, seven and Miss Mary Shepard, taught music and Mrs. Lula Muse, who was Miss Lula McIver, taught art. Mrs. McGilvary was a teacher of experience. The other two were quite young but they were well educated and they did good work in the school room. The school was well patronized by the people of the community, who made sacrifices to educate their children.

In the early nineties while Mr. Allen Jones, Cumnock, 5 children; Mrs. E. M. Judd, Sanford 5 children; Misses Mollie and Gertrude Campbell, C. H. Campbell, Jonesboro, 2 children; Monte Campbell, Florida; George Campbell, married Annie Miller, Memphis, Tenn., 6 children; Paisley Campbell, killed in Civil War; Elizabeth Campbell, married Henry Gilliam, 8 children; Mrs. Mattie Carter and Miss Ada Gilliam, Pocket, Kate (dead), George (dead), wife was Maggie Poe 4 children; Robena Campbell, married John McRae, Gulf; Alice Campbell, married George W. Gilmore, 8 children; Mrs. H. M. Williams, Sanford, E. L. Gilmore, Talladega, Ala., 1 child; Mrs. E. F. Chisholm, Charleston, S. C., 2 children; Mrs. Jno. D. Gunter, Jr., Sanford, 3 children; Milton (dead), 2 children; Mrs. S. G. Groce, Sanford Route 3, 4 children; James Campbell, married Betty McIntosh; 3 children: W. D. Campbell, Wallace, N. C., 6 children; Mrs. John Murphy, Atkinson, N. C., 6 children; Paisley Campbell, Portsmouth, Va., 6 children. Peter Campbell, married Betty Rogers; 3 children: Mrs. D. M. Underwood, 5 church. Other teachers who assisted Mr. Jones and who taught at Pocket after he had left there were Rev. Harry Byrd, Branchville, S. C., Mrs. Walter M. Gilmore, of Knoxville, E. C. Heins, Sanford. Marie Campbell, Tenn., who is now doing important work in the Southern Baptist Church; dren: Mrs. E. M. Harrington, Plain-

field, Ga., 3 children; Mrs. Milton Thomas, Cameron, N. C., 3 children; Arthur, Mary and Margaret McLeod, Goldston.

Daniel I. McIver, married Margaret McIntosh: 13 children (2 living): Columbus McIver, Florida, 3 children; Mrs. Adams Ferrell, Greensboro, 6 children; Donald McIver, Ocala, Fla., married twice, 4 children; Arch Charlie, Adolphus and Artemus McIver, all died in Florida; Mrs. W. J. Adams, 6 children; Mrs. John Cameron, 6 children.

Dr. William Arnold, married Mary Anne McIntosh: 6 children: Mrs. Robert Sutton, Candor, N. C., 1 child; Mrs. Neal Dunlap, Carthage, 2 children; Mrs. Mary Gilmore, Asheboro, 3 children; Dr. L. J. Arnold, Florida, 4 children; William Arnold, 2 children; Rev. John Arnold, deceased.

Evander McGilvary and son, William McGilvary. Daniel McGilvary,

Mrs. A. A. Moore, mother of Mrs. T. A. Riddle, Sanford, 3 children; Mrs. E. Poe, Pocket, 9 children.

Captain Alex Wicker, married Caroline McIver: 4 children: Rev. James McIver, 3 children; Mrs. D. B. King, Sanford, 3 children; Mrs. N. A. McEachern, St. Paul, Mrs. Wilbur Godfrey, Sanford, 4 children; Miss Maggie Wicker, Sanford; Mrs. James Gilmore, 2 children; G. G. Wicker, married Elizabeth Cameron, 6 children; Mrs. B. Cole, Sanford, Mrs. Ratner, Kings Mountain, 1 child; John Wicker, Carthage, 6 children; Mrs. A. J. Cole, Pocket, 5 children; Hugh Wicker (dead); Bessie Wicker, Los Angeles, Cal.

Kenneth Murchison, married Miss Berryman: 4 children: O. B. Murchison, married Katie Phillips, 6 children; Maggie Murchison, married David Gilmore, 1 son, Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Knoxville, Tenn.; Gus Murchison and Caswell Murchison, dead.

Thomas Cole, twice married.

William Cole, married Betty Glasscock.

Thomas Cole, married Nancy McIver.

Richard Cole, married Polly Berryman.

Benjamin Cole, married Mahalia McIver.

Rachel Cole, married M. Cole.

Duncan McIntosh, married Temperance McIver: 10 children:

John McIntosh, married Betty Gilmore, 3 children: Mrs. John McIver, 3 children, Emma, Mrs. Dyer, and William, Archie McIntosh, married Anna Person, 4 children; Jim McIntosh (dead).

George McIntosh, married Melissa Jones: 7 children (five living): Mrs. Annie Arnette, 5 children, Mrs. F. E. Street, 2 children, Mrs. S. J. Husketh, Mrs. W. F. Chears, Mrs. J. M. Arnette, Mr. Henry McIntosh, Fayetteville, 3 children.

Daniel McIntosh, married Fannie White, 4 children: Mrs. Daisy Jones, 1 child, Pearl and William, dead, by Dr. McIntosh, 1 child, Mrs. J. A. Griffin, Sanford, 1 child.

Margaret McIntosh married Daniel R. McIver: 8 children (2 living): Columbus McIver, Florida, Mrs. Catherine Ferrell, Greensboro.

Christine McIntosh, married T. C. Campbell (children listed with Campbells).

Betty McIntosh, married Jim Campbell (children listed with Campbells).

Francis McIntosh, married McDonald: 1 daughter: Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Cameron, 5 children; David McIntosh, dead, D. M. McIntosh, married Margaret McIver, 3 children: Duncan McIntosh, married Maggie Cole, 4 children; J. Walter, 2 children, George and Ada McIntosh, Mrs. J. W. Coggins, 2 children.

Mary McIntosh, married Dr. William Arnold: 6 children: (listed in Arnold record).

Lee G. McIntosh, married Arthur McIntosh, 5 children, Jno. W. McIntosh, married Alice Harrington: Five children: John McIntosh, Mrs. D. E. McIver, 1 child, Mrs. Ray Bass, 1 child, Ruth and Robert D. A. McIntosh, Pocket, 9 children; John W. McIntosh, married Phoebe Oglesby.

HOME COMING AT SALEM

A large crowd gathered at Salem Presbyterian church on last Sunday. This occasion was Home Coming and Rally Day. The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. L. A. McLaurin, a former pastor. He preached a splendid sermon which was greatly appreciated. The home choir furnished most of the music. A solo by Mrs. Leon Watson and a quartette composed of Roland Sheppard, Evander Stone, Mrs. Gordon Sheppard and Mrs. Leon Watson gave a beautiful selection.

The exercises in the afternoon were given by the children of the Sunday School. A pageant closed the exercises. A bountiful dinner was spread in the grove at the noon hour, all were filled and plenty of food left to have fed many more.

PIANO—We have a beautiful upright piano in this vicinity that will be returned to us. We will transfer this account to some responsible party, allowing all that has been paid on same. Terms, if desired, Quick action necessary. Address Box 478, Concord, N. C.

WANTED—A good farmer to take

charge of the Bright Roberts place

at Carboiton, N. C. Good tenant

house, excellent dwelling for the

farmer, eighty acres of land in

cultivation, good pastures. Mr.

and Mrs. W. J. Jones, Salenburg, N. C.

The circus will exhibit here at popular prices, 25 cents to all.

CHILDREN'S OWN

PREPARED BY SANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Aurora

Rene's Aurora was painted in the seventeenth century on the ceiling of a palace in Rome. This picture shows Apollo in his chariot and all around him are the hours. Above his horses is Lucifer who is the torch bearer and sun god. They are in the bright yellow light, but going along in front is Aurora who has the darker shades around her. Lord Byron says it is worth a trip to Rome to see it.

The Greeks believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver. The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver. The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Greeks believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver. The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

The Dry forces believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver.

</