

Camp Glenn Church Marks 37 Years at Present Location



Photo by F. C. Salisbury

The framework of the old school building that formed the nucleus of the present church is that front part which shows the three windows. The wing extending from the rear of the building is the new social room and classroom that will be dedicated Sunday.

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As one traces the history of the Camp Glenn Methodist Church and the communities of Camp Glenn and Mansfield from early days, it is interesting to note that the church and surrounding homes stand on one of the first grants of land to be made in the colony of Carolina, later to be a part of the precinct or county of Carteret, formed in 1722.

At the time of this grant, which was given to Thomas Rolfe and John Jennings, for bringing fifteen families into the Albemarle precinct, it was within the holdings of Sir George Carteret, one of the eight Lords Proprietors, to whom King Charles the Second had given the Carolina Colony to pay a political debt.

The deed calls for a plantation containing 750 acres, English measure, lying on the southeast side of Craven River, within the lands of Sir George Carteret. Newport River was first called Craven River, to be renamed later by Quakers coming from Newport, Rhode Island, settling along the river, and naming it for their former location.

Whitehall Plantation

This plantation, according to later deeds on record, was called Whitehall. This name appears on old maps, as well as in deeds of transfer. Passing of time brought many changes of ownership. The eastern part, with other land purchases, made up the town site of Carolina City, consisting of 1,000 acres.

From the Camp Glenn community, the site extended eastward for a mile, as well as a mile inland from Bogue Sound. It was laid out in 1853 by the Carolina City Company, with expectation of its being the terminal point of the new railroad being built from Goldsboro.

The town had made considerable growth up to the time of the opening of Morehead City in 1857 and the extending of the railroad to Shepards Point. Shifting of population and business to the new town caused Carolina City eventually to cease to exist.

With this review of early history as a background, let us turn to the religious activities of the Camp Glenn-Mansfield community.

Four Denominations

From 1748 to the present time, four different denominations have maintained church societies and buildings within the area.

The first church in Carteret County was established at Beaufort shortly after the town was incorporated in 1723. Known as St. John's Parish it was of Anglican faith or Church of England.

Serving as one of the early members of the vestry of St. John's was Col. Joseph Bell, owner of a large plantation which included present day Mansfield Park and Mitchell Village.

To give the people in the western part of the county who were unable to journey to Beaufort to have marriages performed or burial rites conducted, he set aside a plot of ground on his plantation on which to erect a house of worship, as well as space for a burial ground.

Although this church was in the Parish of St. John's, it became known as Bell's Chapel. The site of this chapel is marked by a number of ancient gravestones bordering the parkway leading to the Biltmore Hotel.

The deed to this property under date of March 4, 1784 reads: "Joseph Bell of Carteret County in the Province of North Carolina, Gentlemen: Out of zeal for the worship of God and to promote the Christian religion, do by these presents give, grant, and convey to the church wardens and vestry of St. John's Parish in Carteret County and the Province of North Carolina, for the use of said Parish for ever, to build and erect a house of worship for the use of the inhabitants of the aforesaid Parish and their successors forever, a piece of land on the southwest side of Newport River near the main road leading toward Whiteoak River and to the southward of Davis Shepard's plantation where he now

lives, 30 yards square, to take in and encompass a new Chapel now abuilding, and I, the aforesaid Joseph Bell do by these presents absolutely give, grant and convey . . ."

It was several years before this structure was completed, for the church records state under date of March 21, 1766: "Vestry of St. John's agreed to employ some workmen to make sashes for the church on Newport River, to glaze the windows and get tar for tarring the roof, also to plaster the church and finish the gallery.

Rector Hired

Colonel Bell, being a vestryman, in 1756 was ordered to employ a reader to read divine service at the Chapel on Newport River and to publish banns of matrimony and to allow him 20 shillings for one year. The Rev. James Read was hired to preach twice at the Chapel, once at New Town and at the Straits.

It was this preacher, a missionary sent over by the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, who wrote this, in 1760, about Carteret County:

"The inhabitants are so poor and so few in number that it will probably be a great while before they are able to maintain a minister. They have built a neat little Chapel on Newport River, where small regular congregations constantly attend, divine service being performed by a layman every Sunday.

"I baptized at this Chapel ten children and at the house eight and gave communion to 31 persons. The Methodists have lately given me much trouble. I have labored much to stop their progress." The population at this time was about 400.

By the time of the closing of the Revolutionary War, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian societies had become strong throughout Carteret County. The Methodist was the leading society in the county at that time. It fell to this or-

Dr. Hobbs to Speak at Camp Glenn

The Rev. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District of the Methodist Church, will be the speaker at the 11 o'clock service Sunday in Camp Glenn Methodist Church.

At that service a new addition to the Sunday School of the church will be dedicated.

The addition was given to the church by Mrs. Kathryn Shute Pearson, Bonham Heights, Morehead City, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Kittie Summersett Shute.

Organization to take over the St. John's Chapel as a Methodist house of worship.

Records do not state how long this building was used, nor when it was dismantled.

Baptists Build

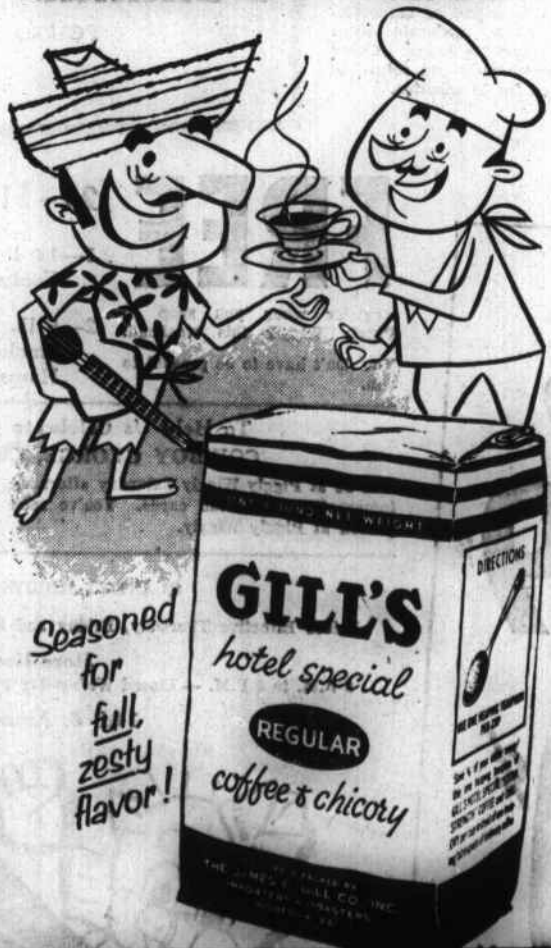
Over the span of a score or more years, there seems to have been little religious activity in that section of the old Bell plantation, until in 1891 the Baptist Missionary Society built a small chapel in the community of Providence, known today as Mansfield. This chapel was built during the pastorate of the Rev. Height C. Moore of the Missionary Baptist Church of Morehead City.

The Rev. Mr. Moore was the first full term pastor of the Morehead City church, beginning his pastorate in 1890. He preached the first sermon in Moore's Chapel. The chapel was given his name for his interest and labor in the construction of the chapel. This new society started with a membership of 24. Twelve years later the members changed their membership to the Morehead City church.

Sometime during the twelve years of the functioning of Moore's

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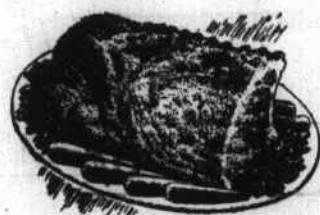
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