

# HISTORY OF SANDY GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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Continued from Last Week)

Mary R., wife of John J. McFayden, Neill Alexander McFayden, Addie Bell McFayden, Mary Ann McFayden, John Thomas McFayden, D. C. McLeod, Mary E. McLeod, Della Mae McLeod, J. B. McRacken, Mary Ina McRacken, Leslie McRacken Ethel McRacken, Cora Mae McRacken, William Lacy McFayden, Eliza Melvin McFayden, Duncan Patterson, Margaret Jane, wife of D. Patterson, John Alexander Patterson, Catherine Anne Patterson, Florah Margaret Patterson, Duncan Patterson, Martin A. Patterson, George W. Patterson, Ann Jenett Peterson, John Peterson, Archie Peterson, Alex. McL. Patterson, Angus Ray, Florah Ray, Mary Ray, Florah M., wife of Angus Ray, Sarah Jane Ray, Archibald G. Ray, Jennett, wife of Archie G. Ray, Mary F. Ray, Jane Ray, Flora Ann Ray, Laney Amillia Ray, Joana Ray, Catherine Carolina Ray, Archibald S. Ray, Sarah, wife of Archie S. Ray, Margaret Stewart Ray, Effie Jane Ray, David James Ray, Mary Catherine Ray, Harriet Ann, wife of Archie Ray, Effie E. Ray, Eliza Ray, Effie Virginia Ray, Mary Ray, (col.) wife of Neill Ray, Duncan Ray, John C. Ray, William D. Ray, Martin A. Ray, S. Vance Ray, Duncan P. Ray, Hugh A. Ray, Florah Martin Ray, Mary Elizabeth Ray, Flora Jenett Ray, Lydia Ray, Daniel Angus Ray, H. J. Rogers, Mrs. H. J. Rogers, Lovedy Smith, George Steward, Mary C. Steward, Joseph G. Skull, Elizabeth Skull, Sallie A. Wilson, James Wilson.

### Regrets

It is exceedingly regrettable on our part that we were unable to get pictures of three elders who were charter members of Sandy Grove Church, viz.: Peter Monroe, Archie McLeod, and John L. Campbell. We made every possible effort to get them but are very sorry to say that we were unable to do so. It would have added materially to this work if we could have secured them.

### Two Lives of Equal Duration

Two of the sons of this Old Church: Daniel McDuffie, and Daniel McCaskill, were born the same day, joined Sandy Grove Church the same day, enlisted in the Confederate Army the same day, and both of them were wounded the same day and died the same day.

### S. J. Cameron and Family

S. J. Cameron was born February 14, 1848. He is the son of Samuel and Catherine Blue Cameron of Harnett County. He is a descendant of the Early Scotch settlers of the Cape Fear settlement. His great grandfather fought with the Vanquished Army at Culloden, and was forced to take the oath of allegiance to the British Crown. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, like most of the Scotch he sympathized with the cause of his adopted country, and rather than to betray the solemn oath which he had taken he fled to Cuba where he remained until the end of the war. After the war was over he returned to Moore County, and lived there until the end of his life.

On December the 16, 1869 S. J. Cameron was married to Miss Margaret McKeithan, to this union was born five sons and three daughters. He was ordained Deacon in Sandy Grove Church, August 11, 1901, which office he held until June 17, 1917 when he was ordained Ruling Elder.

### The Blue Family

Neill McK. Blue, was a charter member of Sandy Grove Church, and was one of its most loyal supporters, work of the church, and the uplift of his fellowman.

He was the father of six sons, and four daughters, viz.: Lauchlin, John, Neill S., Daniel, Malcolm, James, Sarah, Catherine, Eliza, and Lydia. The two oldest boys answered the call of their country, and joined the Confederate Army. When the war was over they returned home to find the once prosperous neighborhood had now been well nigh made desolate.

In the year of 1866 John and Neill S., united with Sandy Grove Church. And in 1873 John was elected Deacon which office he filled with ability until he moved his membership to Bethesda, and was later ordained as Ruling Elder in that church.

In 1873 Neill S., was ordained as an Elder in Sandy Grove Church which office he holds at the present time. During all these 52 years the

writer has been personally acquainted with him, and has never known him to shirk any duty that the office of Ruling Elder would place upon him.

He was never too busy to visit the sick. He gave freely of his time and money to the church.

After the war was over Alexander, John and Neil IS., engaged in the turpentine business, and for several years did most of their own work, and investing most of what they were able to earn in timbered lands.

About 1890 John and Neill S., realizing the necessity for better transportation facilities for their own and their neighbors' products conceived the idea of and built the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad.

Circumstances which they in their boyhood could not overcome caused their education to be limited. By honest toil and loyal cooperation with each other they made a great success.

John Blue represented his county one term in the Senate of North Carolina, but refused a second nomination, choosing rather to attend to business matters, and let others look after the affairs of state.

All of the children were extremely faithful to Sandy Grove Church, and the cause of Christ.

### Memorial

Eddie Watt Cameron, son of S. J. and Margarette Cameron was born September 29, 1882. He attended public school near his home, and also, the Raeford Institute. He was married May 6th, 1906, to Miss Sallie Powell of Crestview, Fla. In early life he professed his faith in Christ and joined the church. On June 17, 1917, he was made a deacon in Sandy Grove Church, which office he filled with distinction to the end of his life. He was a successful business man, and was always ready to give of his ability, his time, and his money to his church. On August 15, 1925, after an illness of about three weeks in the Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville, his spirit took its flight to the God who gave it. On the following day his body was laid to rest at Sandy Grove in the shadow of the old church he loved so well. The great host of friends who followed him to his last resting place, and covered the mound with flowers, speaks louder than any words, the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

History of Sandy Grove Church from 1924-1925

In 1924 the Rev. A. D. Carswell, went to Sandy Grove as stated supply, preaching every fifth Sunday, and on special occasions. The services have been well attended considering the long distance which the people have to come. The church has been almost abandoned ever since the United States Government took possession of all the land for miles around the church. The members of the church are exceedingly loyal, and are never so happy as when they are worshipping under its roof. They have been used to good preaching all their lives and are absolutely intolerant toward anything except a Gospel message. At present they are holding services under great difficulty, because they live many miles away, and the roads are in very bad condition. But these faithful Scotch are unwilling to abandon the place of their spiritual birth. They were nocolated at birth with the spirit of perseverance, and nothing can thwart their plans but the power of God. They put duty far beyond expediency, and hold an obligation as sacred as life itself. These faithful souls will never forsake the assembling of themselves together in this od Sanctuary, to sing the songs of Zion, until God in His wise providence sees fit to summons them to jion the Heavenly Choir.

On the third Sunday in September, 1924, we had a homecoming at Sandy Grove. No special invitations were sent out, but on preaching day we had a capacity audience. We are looking forward with great pleasure to the home-coming this year which will be held the third Sunday in September.

### THE END

FOR PURE BOLD Wanamaker-Cleveland Big Boll Cotton Seed, one year from breeder, re-cleaned and tested for germination. See R. G. Hutcheson, Sandhill Farm Life School, Vass, N. C. 23-30-pd

## Vass and Community

Mrs. Paul Reid, of Pilot Mountain, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Beasley. Miss Glennie Keith was at home from King Business College, Raleigh last week-end.

Mrs. Mary Thomas, of Cameron route 1, spent the week-end at the home of her son, J. R. Thomas.

Mrs. O. D. Wallace and Mrs. L. C. Wallace, of Carthage, were in town, Wednesday, visiting Mesdames J. M. and C. L. Tyson.

Mrs. Chas. Piquet, of Pinehurst, was in town Monday.

We are glad to report that John Kimball, who has been quite ill, is able to be out again.

Miss Regina Edgerton, of Raleigh, visited her sister, Mrs. T. F. Cameron, last week.

Misses Betty Barrett and Nannie Lee Caldwell, of Southern Pines were guests of Miss Ruby Craig, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Cameron and sons, Edwin, Elsie and Alsie, of Mars Bluff, S. C., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cameron Monday.

Mrs. T. C. Gaddy, of Cameron, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. John Gaddy.

Miss Sallie Thompson, of Cameron route 1, was the week-end guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. D. McCraney.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crutchfield, of Moncure, visited at the home of T. K. Gunter, Sunday.

Misses Lizzie Jones and Willie Pearl Alexander attended the graduation exercises at the Apex High School Friday evening.

Mrs. C. J. Temple and Mrs. C. L. Tyson were shopping in Southern Pines Wednesday.

W. H. Keith, S. Serey and Misses Sallie and Bessie Cameron went to Jackson Springs Sunday afternoon to see Dunk Johnson, who has been extremely ill.

Mrs. J. M. Lily and Mrs. Black, of Fayetteville, came Friday for a visit to Miss Louise Back at Hotel Vass. Mrs. Lily returned home Sunday. Mrs. Black will spend several days and attend the commencement exercises of the Vass-Lakeview school.

John Cameron, son of John McNeill Cameron who lives on A. Cameron's farm near town, killed an eagle last Monday that measured six feet from tip to tip of its wings. The bird was after Mr. Cameron's chickens on Sunday, and when it returned Monday, John went after the eagle.

Miss Lucy Thomas, of Cameron, is visiting at the home of her brother, Dunk Thomas.

J. M. and C. L. Tyson attended the funeral of William Lemmons, at Ephesus church Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Cameron and Mrs. S. R. Smith spent Saturday n Sanford visiting at the home of Mrs. Cameron's sister, Mrs. T. R. Moffitt.

A. K. Thompson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gaddy, of Cameron Sunday.

Miss Kate Keith and Miss Mag Pat-

erson, of Cameron route 1, were shopping in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Gunter, Misses Bessie and Margaret Gunter, Lizzie Jones and Willie Pearl Alexander and Mrs. W. F. Alexander visited Dunk Johnson, of Jackson Springs, Sunday afternoon.

Misses Martha MacKay and Lena Allen and W. D. Smith spent Saturday afternoon in Sanford.

Mrs. W. C. Leslie, Misses Louise and Marjorie Leslie and Julian Leslie visited Mrs. John B. Cameron at her home on Cameron route 1, Monday afternoon.

W. D. McCraney and family went to Sanford, Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Byrd and Miss Ennis Byrd, of Rocky Branch, visited Mrs. G. W. Griffin, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. D. Wilson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Coy Dawson, in Hamlet.

Mrs. Barnhardt and Miss Ernestine Matthews, of Sanford, were callers at the home of Mrs. W. D. Matthews, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter and children, of Carthage, visited G. H. Simpson and family Sunday afternoon.

"Frank's Cafe" Proving a Popular Place

"Frank's Cafe," the cafe recently opened by Frank Ludwig is proving a popular place. It is located in the old postoffice building, is well equipped, and is quite a cozy little place in which to lunch. If the success of an enterprise can be foretold by the popularity of its promoter, then Frank's Cafe has a bright future. Circle Two Meets With Mrs. Temple

Circle Two of the Methodist Auxiliary met with Mrs. C. J. Temple last Thursday, and the evening proved most helpful and delightful. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. W. C. Leslie. A short devotional program was rendered, after which reports and the general business of the Circle were taken up. The Circle had furnished spring clothing for a little girl at the Methodist Orphanage, and at this time a letter of appreciation from Supt. Barnest was read.

During the social hour three interesting contests were enjoyed. The first was a list of questions to be answered with the names of standard magazines. Mrs. A. K. Thompson and Mrs. S. R. Smith were the winners, and were awarded copies of a popular magazine. Next was a flower contest, and a collection of flower seeds was given. Mrs. W. J. Cameron and Mrs. W. B. Graham were the most learned in Bible History as the third contest showed.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Here is a little poem we ran across in the Christian Observer, and it struck us as such a good one that we are passing it along to the readers of The Pilot. After you have absorbed it as it is, substitute the word "town" for "church" in the first line

and you will still have something worth while.

**DON'T JUST BELONG**  
If you think your church the best,  
Tell 'em so!  
If you'd have it lead the rest,  
Help it grow!  
When there's anything to do,  
Let them always count on you,  
You'll feel good when it is through,  
Don't you know

If you're used to giving knocks,  
Change your style;  
Throw bouquets instead of rocks  
For awhile.  
Let the other fellow roast,  
Shun him as you would a ghost;  
Meet his banter with a boast  
And a smile.

When a stranger from afar  
Tell him who and what you are--  
Make it strong.  
Never flatter, never bluff,  
Tell the truth for that's enough.  
Be a booster, that's the stuff.  
Don't just belong.

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