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Homecoming at Old Bethesda Set for Sunday, September 26 ancestors were prominent citizens there, the first grave was that of a soldier killed during the Hundreds of people from the dars in the oldest graveyard. Bevelutionary Work. Mrs. Mable J. Bethune, whose additionally bringing an old cut to my with them into the Cape Fear section, the Scotch men and women sat in separate divisions on the lower floor of the church. Revenue of the congregation of the congregation of the section of the congregation of th

Hundreds of people from the dars in the oldest graveyard, Revolutionary War. Sandhills, and descendants of gnarled and twisted by age, are

To some, the true beauty of Sandhill stock now living in far bservance of the annual Home-

lunch with contributions from though there are three cemeteries gallery for the Negroes was a plete with the touch of fine brass many years. many fat baskets and re-living the cld days of Scottish lore with family and friends.

Though the old building has not been used as a living church in many years, sentimental ties are still very strong, binding to the historic spot not only members of the 158-year-old congregation, but also those of Scottish descent whose ancestors lived, worshipped and worked in these sandy hills in the days of the

The Bethesda congregation now worships in the newer building in Aberdeen. So important is old building, historically speaking, that a committee of citizens representing all Aberdeen churches has the care of it, sponsoring the annual Homecoming event and supervising the cleaning up of the grounds and cemetery as a preliminary each year

J. Talbot Johnson, attorney of Aberdeen, is chairman of the committee at present. He has announced the securing of two speakers for the 1948 Homecoming who are well versed in old Scottish history and lore, and will bring alive for those present many of the ancient memories surrounding Old Bethesda.

The Rev. Donald McLean Mc-Donald, as Scottish as his name, will be the morning speaker. A native of Carthage, with many relatives in Carthage and the county, he is now the distinguished pastor of one of the largest Presbyterian churches of Columbia, S. C.

R. E. Wicker, of Pinehurst, outstanding Moore County historian, will speak in the afternoon.

Of interest at this time is an article by an Aberdeen lady:

> OLD BETHESDA By Mable S. Lassiter

Historic old Bethesda Presbyterian church, with its five porches, stands lonely and abandoned under the oaks at the foot of a farming valley below Mt. Helicon's looming ridges.

Elegant in its simple construction, it appears a box-like building anchored on sparse rock piers, sound in its aged architectural style, restful in its tall paned windows encased by sides, silvered with weather and time.

Bethesda, embracing many memories since it was founded in 1790, is immeasurably more than a picturesque survival of pioneer days in Rockfish Valley-it is a monument to the unfolding of the highest ambitions men have cherished in building a security in a new nation, marked with freedom unlimited.

Steeped in history and tradition, Bethesda's records are characterized by Scotch settlers who possessed bravery and far-seeing wisdom. When the Scotch Presbyterian settled this section, he chose the sandy ridges of Moore county, and from the summit, the world spread before him, hill and valley, forest and field. He established a church and academy in the vast wilderness of oaks and pines, since he brought with him a spelling book and a catechism.

First Church Built in 1790 Records show that in 1766 a grant from King George to John Patterson gave him possession of 50 acres of land, part of which today is the site of old Bethesda church ,established as the fourth to arise from foundations laid in North Carolina by Philadelphia Presbyterians. Because of its geographic location, the Scotch settlement became the natural gateway for communication between the mountains and the sea in the early days, with four of the five important roads passing nearby.

The first church building constructed in 1790 on the west side of the ridge was a log structure amid cedar trees that today mark the old cemetery where rest many of the earliest members. There has been handed down the possibility that a church existed here much earlier than 1790, though it was perhaps a mere sheltered meeting place covered with boughs, with the congregation probably sitting in the open air. By 1832 the growing membership and community necessitated a new church, which was built about where the present Bethesda stands. This edifice was taken down prior to the Civil War to give place to the present-day building, constructed from hand hewn timber from long leaf pines grown near the creek where the Southern Pines Country Club lake still exists. The cedars and spruce pines were set out to form

a natural boundary, and the ce-

arcund Bethesda, according to balcony in the rear or side of the ornamental work. Mrs. Mable J. Bethune, whose auditorium. Bringing an old cus-

Has Five Doors

Old Bethesda church Sunday in when the first church was built. preserved interior where marks of furnished with ancient oak for the Scotch descendants to the axes are visible in the hand-benches still in excellent condi-mingle with cherished friends. The present building bears bul-They will spend the day on the let holes put there by a detach- slave gallery, looming in deep five doors, true to the style of that old and new Bethesda is Rev. old church grounds, listening to ment of northern soldiers who sclemn shadows. In this church, time. A simple pulpit rears up in Charles Worth, whose parents "speaking" in morning and afternoon, enjoying an outdoor picnic
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and special days, with dinner on the ground, one selected Sunday places, are expected to gather at said to have been planted there Bethesda church lies in the well Finished in stained oak, and in September. This is a great day

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