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SMITHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH.

dation and Progress.

show that the meetings were held in the school building until a house of worship was erected a few years later. The record of the organization is as follows:

"Smithfield, July 14, 1832.

"Elders William Clark, William B. Hinton and James Dennis being present at a protracted meeting in Smithfield, and there being present several individuals who had been baptized upon the profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not being constituted a church, nor regularly belonging to any church, the before alluded to individuals all being present, the constitution being read to them (which see) and meeting their unanimous approbation, were then regularly constituted a church, by the above mentioned ministers, in the fear of wed and to the honor and glory of God's grace.

"Signed, Wm. H. Watson, Clk. "A true copy,

members constitu-

ting this church is as follows: Males-Daniel Boon, David Lunceford, David H. Bryan, Matthew McCullers, John T. Hayles, William H. Watson, William S. Ballenger, Adin Roberts, Samuel Pool William H. Guy, Larkin

fullers, John S. Fow en, Cou en Cowell, Zecherian Harrison, Matthew Avera, 17.

Females-Louisa Boon, Patsey Borden, Elizabeth Broadstreet, Julia Sanders, Martha Avera, Meeting in the vicinity of Smith-Maria Avera, Elizabeth Talton, field." Sarah McCullers, Keron Sanders, Mary Carter, Nancy Avera, Griz-day in December, 1833, is as folza Ann Sumner. Sarah Bryan, lows: "In consequence of the ab-Nancy Stevens, Mary Avera, Pat-sey Pool, Sarah Pool, Penny Clark, Elizabeth Britt, Pherebe Helme, Emily S. Ballenger, Pating on this day, but on Sunday sey Gulley, Elizabeth Sanders, Mary Terrell, Nancy Smith, Elized the congregation who appearabeth Avera, 26.

The next meeting of the church sprious " ed to be not only attentive but was held August 18, 1832, when thirteen other persons were added to the church upon a profession of their faith. At this meeting Daniel Boon, David H. Bryan and William L. Guy were elected deacons and William H. Watson clerk. Elder James Dennis was called to the pastorate of the church and accepted the same. The deacons were ordained on August 21, by the laying on of hands of Elders Trottman and Dennis. This day was set apart by the church as a day of fasting and prayer.

At a conference of the church held on Saturday, September 22, 1832, a resolution was passed instructing the clerk to address a letter to the Raleigh Association asking for admission into that body. Brothers Daniel Boon and Harry Avera were appointed delegates to the association church held the first meeting in to bear the communication.

its own house of worship. It is It seems that the church met evident that as soon as the every third Sunday and Satur- church was organized a building day before. A church conference committee was appointed and was held at each Saturday's steps were taken to erect a house meeting at which the peace and as soon as possible. From the harmony of the church was dili- best knowledge obtainable, we gently inquired into. At almost think that the house was comevery meeting several new mem- pleted about the close of the bers were added to the church, year 1835. But the records and occasionally a disorderly show that the building was not

nember was excluded.

The members of this church David Thomson, who was quite member was excluded.

the minutes of the conference beld May 18, 1833. On that day the

following resolution vas passed: "Resolved, That when the Bap-A Brief History of its Foun-dation and Progress tist church in Smithteld shall have been completed, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to transcribe in the church book. Smithfield Missionary Baptist the subscription list, together church was organized on the 14th with the name of each individday of July, 1832. While the ual, and the sums by then subrecord does not say so, it is pre- scribed, that posterity may sumed that the organization was know by whose liberality said effected in the old Academy build-church was built and more paring, which was torn down a few ticularly, that they may know years ago. Subsequent records what denomination of Christians was entitled to supremacy."
On August 17, 1833, Ransom

Sanders and David Thomson yere appointed delegates to attend the Raleigh Association "to be held in the neighborhood of Smithfield and to commence the Thursday before the first Lords Day in October next." The treasurer was directed "to pay over to the brethren above named

money to defray the publication

in the newspapers of the Camp

The record for the third Satur-

sence of Brother James Dennis

and more particularly the rainy

bad weather there was no preach-

This church, which has done

much for the cause of missions,

began this work in its early life.

At a conference held September

19, 1835, the delegates to the

structed to advocate the contin-

uance of the work of the itinerant

preachers within the bounds of

said association. At this same meeting a contribution of ten

dollars was voted to "Brother

Oakley for services rendered as

an itinerant preacher within the

At the October meeting in 1835,

the church appointed David

Luceford a delegate to the Bap-

tist State Convention. This is

the first record we have of the

church being represented in the

We have no record when the

bounds of this association.

Convention.

Raleigh Association were

serious.

large and infleuential one.

who built the church. Mr. Ives some cause these began to drop was a member of the church and off, one by one, until a few years sions, \$15.00; Foreign Missions,

bers to preach, Viz: David Thom-son and Bryan Holland. Both these men were men of ability and thoroughly interested in their Master's work. It is large-their Master's work. It is large-who served the church only a few the success of Elder who served the church only a few who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of Elder who served the church only a few while restricted in the success of the success ly through the efforts of Elder months, having been called to while not strong in numbers or Holland that Bethesda church in Charlotte. There wealth, has been a great power was organized. He held a meeting in that section in 1841 and ings from September 1872, to been a nuclues from which has Mr. Barnes' mother. several joined and an arm of the July 1873, and again from March several joined and an arm of the July 1873, and again from March several joined and an arm of the July 1873, and again from March several plant of several always that several plant of several always that ment of several always that ment of several always and the Cayton High School. In two Bethesda church was organized perhaps during these years that ment of several churches, among March 1842, with 24 members old Auny Patsey Crocker looked them being Bethesda, (already From this beginning Bethesda after the church. It is said that mentioned above) Sardis, Pisgah, church has grown to be a very she went to the church on the Blackman's Grove, Hood's regular meeting Saturday of each Grove, (organized October 17, During the e-rly days of the month, swept out the church, 1903) and perhaps others. church its discipline was very and knelt down in prayer asking Shiloh church, organized Octobers. strict, as will be found from such that God would yet revive the 1860, was constituted by mem- Friday and Saturday of last resolutions as the following church. This good old lady was "Resolved, That the names of given a home by Mr. P. T. Masthe members of the church be sey as long as she lived. During land, Wester R. Moore and Wiltwo dollars for the use of the called once a quarter and any these dark and gloomy years liam H. Sanders. there was an occasional service Dr. W B Harrell, in a letter at one time, it has been said, it was through the influence of that a church of another faith Mr. Alfred Holland, a deacon day, and as a result, the greater and order was about to be orga- and also clerk for many years nized, when old Aunt Patsey of the Smithfield church, that Tuesday and Wednesday. Crocker went and claimed the the Baptist church in Winston church building in the name of was established. the Baptists. It is largely No one can measure the influ-through her influence and faithence of the church here. It has fainess that the identity of the been through all the 71 years of

The pastors of the church here since Dr. Royall have been in successive order as follows: Revs. F. R. Underwood, C. J. Nelson, Levi Radford, Jno. F. Ellington, Jno. Davis, J. K. Howell, L. C. Brickhouse, J. R. Jones, W. C. Nowell, C. C. Horton, F. H. Poston, J. G. Pulfam, J. F. Tuttle, and J. Do. W. Stattle. and Jno. W. Suttle.

During the past ten years, new

of has been infraed in the both, and especially the Rev. Jno. W. Suttle has been its pastor. He was called Postmaster Massey is About to to the pastorate of the church on December 13, 1897, and since that time he has worked earnestly and faithfully for the cause in this county. During his pastorate here the membership has increased from about 60 to more than 100.

In 1899 the church decided that they needed a larger and better Massey of Smithfield, N. C., is house of worship. On February recommended by the postoffice 26th, of that year, a building inspector who was sent to that committee was appointed to place to make an investigation of the charges preferred against nothing was done except raising the official. The inspector's re- attended the Fair last week. 1901, when a building lot on the corner of Johnson and Fourth Streets was purchased, the price paid being \$500.



Smithfield Baptist Church.

The work on the new church vas begun on April 10, 1902. he work was pushed as rapidly s possible, but the church was pt completed until July, 1903. pough vot completed, services re first held in the new church March 22nd, of this year.

be church building is one of best and most commodious ment to the earnestness of this clace. In this work and peopl by the r frier comple and has cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

rch has during the As-The ch

died here about 1857.

During the church's early history it licensed two of its members in the church

Dr. W. B. Harrell was pastor

\$29.07; Minister's Relief Fund, \$10.00; Ministerial Education, \$6.97; Orphanage, \$11.93; Sun-

Shiloh church, organized in

held at the church by some min- published in the North Carolina ister of other denominations and Baptist two years ago, says that

No one can measure the influ-days. Missionary aptist church at its existence as a city set on a hill. It has had its dark and The pastors of the church here gloomy days. Yet it has stead-

Smithfield, N. C. Oct. 28, 1903.

A CHANGE IN THE POST-OFFICE.

Lose His Job. Says He Will Fight to the End.

The following dispatch appeared in Tuesday's Charlotte Observer concerning the Smith. field postmastership:

"Washington, Oct. 26-The removal of Postmaster J. D. of the charges preferred against Quite a number of our people port occupied the position on the desk of Fourth Assistant Post-Miss Sallie Talton, near this master Bristow, but it will be acted upon soon, and then State Chairman Rollins will be asked to name a successor to Mr. Massey for the Smithfield office."

It will be remembered that charges of immoral conduct were preferred against Mr. Massey sometime ago and the Department at Washington sent an inspector here to investigate them. The Washington dispatch above alluded to says that Mr. Massey emphatically denies all charges of wrong-doing.

Wednesday a representative of THE HERALD called on Mr. Massey and asked hlm if he was going to make any fight to retain the postoffice. He said that he was going to fight the matter to the end, that he was not going to give up until he was thrown out. He was then asked if he had the support of the Republican leaders. He sayed that he was backed by quite a number of strong Republicans in this state. We then Springs, Fla. asked him if State Chairman Mr. Gastor Rollins or National Committeehow they stood.

he county and stands as a Parker and J. Wayland Allen. There is also talk that James D. to the corn. Parker, Chairman of the Republican Committee of this county, place, died last Saturday evewe beer generously aided will be a candidate. J. Primro nin, frier of other denomi-The curch as it stands while Mr. Allen is his brother in tionate father. He leaves a wife

At Watson's you will find all

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Miss Lessie Barnes is a visitor here this week.

Mrs. John A. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, was here Wedi sday.

Misses Sadie and Eula and Mr. John Jones spent Monday and uesday here.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes spent Sunday and Monday with

weeks free school starts.

Miss Rosalie Harris who has been visiting her brother Mr. M. Harris left Tuesday for home.

Mrs. E. S. Coats and children were the guests of Mrs. N. B. Hales M. and Mrs. C. W. Carter, Mrs.

E. L. Hinton, Mrs. C. M. Thomas and Mrs. Riley Gulley attended the association at Smithfield Thursday.

Cotton went to tencents Saturrush of the season was ors. were some where near six bet bales sold here on tho ng styles

The Recital last Fri most this ing, notwithstandinAISTINGS, greeable weather, nounced success. contest later in the interesting and ins S that is up-

D. J. Thurston a W. Shore wone th Ladies, Misses

Mr. Lofton E will sell as low oldest men in Cla died at the home to see ours be I L. Ellis Mos forget that I October 26th He had able to gos bond for some on account on acyoung of Baptist church was a faithful soldier unui oid

age sapped his strength, then he bore his afflictions as becomes the children of Him. The funeral was conducted at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 by Pastor C. W. Blanchard. Afterward the remains were taken to the family burial ground for interment.

"YELIR."

MICRO NOTES.

place, is improving. Mr. C. L. Batten has opened

up a nice line of goods at L. R. Batten's old stand on Smith Street. Mr. and Mrs. W. Batten spent

Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. N. Weaver, of Holly Springs, Mr. Weaver wears a smile. It's a fine little boy.

Last Wednesday night Mr. Silas Edgerton, one of Johnston county's prosperous farmers, happened to the misfortune to lose his two story dwelling and part of five bales of cotton. The lossage is about \$1,500. He had no insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Batten, of Selma, spent part of last week with Mr. H. Batten. They returned home Tuesday. Mr. Bat-ten and family and Miss Marine Creech left Thursday to spend a few weeks with their Cousin Mr. J. C. Batten, of Green Cove

Mr. Gaston Pittman had an old timey corn shucking Wednesman Robinson was on his side. day night. After the boys had He replied that he did not know shucked a while Mr. Pittman brought around some good cider There are already two applica-which pleased the boys very ions for the place, J. Primro well. Old timey jokes and a healthy glass of cider soon shuck-

> Mr. Oliver Smith, of near this Mr. Smith was a good and six children to mourn his loss. The vacant place in that home can never be filled. We hope he and cone to reap a crown of glory. As Worley Creech conducted the barial services.

Oct. 26

early believed in contributing to a well-to-do man, advanced the the support of the church as will money to complete the building. be seen by referring to the min- In July, 1838, the church passed utes of the conference held Feb- an order to pay Elder Thomson ruary 22, 1833. On that day a the sum of \$232, which he had committee was appointed to see advanced on the building. At each member and find out how the May meeting in 1839 a commuch each was willing to pay mittee was appointed to raise yearly to the support of the funds to paint the church both inside and out. In 1841 the church. Soon after the church was or-ganized steps were taken to build Mr. Thomas Ives, father of our

a house of worship. The first townsmen, John and Walter and downs. In 1870 there were church townsmen, Ives, was one of the carpenters about 80 members. Through poses; in

SMUTHFIELD BAPTIST CHU above association and also member neglecting to attend two quarterly meetings without a justifiable excuse shall be dealt with for a breach of the church covenant." This order was passed at the March meeting, 1839. The subsequent history of the church tor the next few years shows that they tried to

live up to this resolution. At the June meeting 1839, Thomas Lockhart and Ransom Sanders were chosen deacons and were ordained at the August

In 1841, nine years after the church's organization, it was decided to raise the pastor's salary to \$125 per year.

The men who were the backbone of this church in its early days believed in taking care of the old and worn our preachers, and in 1840 the delegates to the Raleigh Association were instructed to vote for the raising of a fund for superannuated preachers.

The foregoing is a brief history of the church from its foundation to 1844. The records of the church from 1844 to 1868 have been lost and we are compelled to pass over this period, one of the most interesting and perhaps the most trying period in the life of the church.

Elder James Dennis served the church as pastor from its foundation to 1844, and perhaps longer. From what we can learn of him, he was a man of great power and influence. During his ministry here the church grew very rapidly, scarcely a monthy meeting passing without additions to the church, and sonetimes there were as many as15 who asked for baptism at the regular Saturday conference

We would be very glad to know more of Elder James Dennis and should any reader of this sletch happen to know anything of him or his history, the writer would in greatly appreciate having it sent mo to him.

The next record we have is of a conference held on December 15, 1868. it that time the pastor was Elder Weaver and E. S. Moore was clerk Protem.

For twenty years or more after sociation I very now closed 1870, the church had many ups and downs. In 1870 there were abeut 80 members. Through poses; in the church that the