

M I Brown, supplies to poor	15 50
W E Warren, superintendent of health two months	20 00
J L Hassell & Co, supplies to poor	8 75
O K Cowing	15 50
W H Williams, painting roof of court house	3 00
J A Hobbs, clerk superior court	2 00
W A Peel, lumber for bridge	2 00
J H Stalls, conveying prisoner to jail	2 00
Kader Crawford, insurance for court house	135 00
R W Salsbury & Bio, supplies to poor	19 50
Manning & Hassell, printing	12 25
Edwards and Broughton, books for registers office	13 50
Slade Rhodes & Co, supplies to poor	13 50
Anderson Crawford Co.	44 20
A S Coffield, clerk to board	180 00
C D Carstarphen, supplies to poor	9 50
county home	33 63
D D Stalls, constable	2 40
Bettie Harrill, county poor	4 00
W D Corey	5 00
A J Roberson, lumber for bridge	4 00
H T Roberson, judge of election	2 10
S W Harrell, work on chairs	20 70
S E Hardison, 2 days com, 10 miles travel	4 50
J M Lillev, tables	7 00
J A Ausbon, building Roberson bride	82 20
R T Taylor, supplies to poor	33 00
D J Meeks	4 00
J A Ev retr, lumber for bridge	1 50
J L Hassell & Co, supplies to county poor	8 50
guano for county home	28 90
W H Williams, painting jail and court house	15 00
R S Critcher, lumber for bridge	6 50
A S Coffield, service as clerk to board	14 47
C D Carstarphen, paid hands for repairing road	54 12
supplies to county poor	7 50
to jail	4 52
to county home	35 17
City Furniture Co	4 75
J A Hobbs, clerk superior court	2 25
Edwards & Broughton, books for clerks office	17 50
Registers office	17 75
Walker Evans & Co	39 20
John A Bennett, bridges repair	41 20
James Trye supplies to county poor	6 00
J B Harris & Co	21 00
Slade Rhodes & Co	13 50
S R Biggs Drug Co	2 15
Anderson Crawford & Co	48 20
J D Bowen, supt. county home	25 00
A J Roberson, lumber	2 00
Joseph Bullock, conveying prisoner to jail	2 70
J C Crawford, 24 days guard to prisoners	24 00
laying out road	2 80
feeding prisoners	17 60
H W Stubbs, county attorney	25 00
W H Daniel, repairs to court house	58 99
Dr B L Long, 1 days service to sanitary board	3 59
Dr J E Smithwick	3 10
Miss Bettie Harrell, county poor	4 00
W H Daniel, 3 days com, 39 miles traveled	9 90
S E Hardison, 1 day com, road work and mileage	31 37
W D Corey, county poor	5 00
Miss Bettie Harrell, county poor	4 00
W D Corey	5 00
B H Roberson, lumber for bridges	9 73
J D Bowen, supt of county home	25 75
J A Hobbs, clerk of court	4 90
Joseph Bullock, conveying prisoner to jail	2 45
Chris Keys, supplies to poor	2 50
Jordan Rogers, guard to small pox	5 00
Daniel & Staton, lumber for bridge	22 31
J L Hassell & Co, supplies to county poor	8 75
home	7 20
M L Nicholson, guard at jail	35 00
Anderson Crawford & Co, supplies to county poor	77 72
A S Coffield, clerk to board	18 43
J C Crawford, feeding prisoners	18 15
Daniel & Staton, lumber	4 50
A S Roberson & Co, tiling for road	46 50
Daniel & Staton, lumber for creek bridge	63 56
W W Andrews supplies to county poor	16 50
M W Ballard & Co	35 00
O K Cowing & Co	8 00
Manning & Hassell, stationery	8 75
C D Carstarphen, paid hands for working road at Hardisons mill	50 50
C D Carstarphen, supplies to county home	52 49
poor	7 50
S R Biggs Drug Co	18 00
Slade Rhodes & Co	16 00
E A Clark, lumber	6 25
S E Hardison, road work	25 52
W J Riddick, supplies to county poor	9 00
H M Burras, 4 days com, 1 day making treasurers report	36 90
1 day at county home, work at wharf 2 days at Ballards & Mobleys bridge 1 day with tax listers 1 day set, with sheriff, mileage 49 miles	40 65
N R Manning, lumber for bridge	36 86
W H Daniel, building bridge and filling in at Long creek	17 22
Casper Bros, lumber for footways and bridges	4 00
W C Manning, 2 days in set, with sheriff	5 00
W H Daniel, coffin for pauper	15 24
J A Hobbs, clerk of court	5 90
J C Crawford, feeding prisoners	10 00
C C Daniels, solicitor	4 75
S L Ross, justice of peace	5 85
Jos Bullock, constable	1 35
B F Godwin, justice of peace	1 25
Walter York witness	1 25
Roy Strawbridge	1 25
Elisha Moore	1 25
J L Davenport, justice of peace	95
J H Page, constable	1 40
Geo Alexander, witness	1 60
D S Powell	3 30
J C Dunn	4 00
Wiley Biggs	1 70
J H Page	60
Cherry & Clark, supplies to county poor	6 00
J H Page, constable	95
B F Perry, justice of peace	3 60
D D Stalls, constable	3 10
Henry Lloyd, witness	2 30
Jas Moore	2 90
Herbert Rogers	2 90
Jennie Campbell	1 75
James	1 75
James Godard	60
E R Edmondson	1 60
Thos Cherry	1 60
Levi Hardison	95
Jordan Green	85
W J Hopkins	88
J R Tyre	9 5
G S Moore	1 05
Joshua Coltrain	85
Harmon William repairs to fence around court house	5 00
A F Taylor, repairs to Reedy Swamp bridge	8 00

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THE DEACONS' SITES.

By M. QUAD.

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When it had been finally decided to erect a church building for a certain sect at Charlestown there came the question of the site. It was a scattered village, and there were many old people that wanted the building as close to them as possible. There were others that thought the site that would show off the church to the greatest advantage and that at the same time could be bought the cheapest, was the one to be selected. It wasn't to be anything grand, but if located right it would make up for that in a measure. It took six months to settle the question of the site. One faction wanted it on the crest of a hill and the other at the end of the bridge over the river. Deacon Henderson owned one site and Deacon Frazer the other, and each wanted \$200 for the land. Each became the leader of a faction.

At first all the talk was in a good natured way, as becomes such a subject, but as time went on acrimony crept in and argument became dispute. The pastor was anxious to see the building under way, but he could not favor either faction. He could simply counsel brotherly love, and when brotherly love is stretched too far it gets pretty thin and weak. Deacon Henderson, who owned the hill site, went about saying:

"You can put a cooper shop most anywhere, but when it comes to a meeting house there's only one place for it, and that's on a hill, if there are any hills around. I most think that's what the Lord created hills for."

"Oh, Deacon Henderson may talk that way," Deacon Frazer would reply, "but he's all wrong. You put a meeting house on a hill and you make a circus of it."

The dispute finally resulted in the hilltop being offered at half price, and the congregation accepted the offer. The minister went to bed that night with thankful heart, and a great sigh of relief passed over the town. Every thing seemed to be settled at last, and men began preparing the foundations of the building. But there are wheels within wheels. Deacon Frazer had been defeated on the site, but he had a shot in reserve. When the frame of the building was up and roofed over he brought out statistics to show that nine-tenths of the church buildings struck by lightning were buildings standing on hills. There was every chance that this one would be struck. He wanted it understood that he would never enter it of a Sunday when there seemed the slightest chance of a thunderstorm. His faction followed him in his argument, and there was another wrangle on hand. If his site had been chosen there was a big walnut tree that would have deflected and received any thunderbolt on its way to destroy the church.

"Yes, we know that a building on a hill is more exposed to lightning than a building in a hollow," Deacon Henderson would reply, "but we are going to prepare for that. We shall put up a lightning rod. It'll catch all the thunderbolts that come along and run 'em into the ground. We don't care how much ground they tear up, so's they let the church alone."

It was the era when men pinned their faith to lightning rods and defied old Jove to do his worst. It was settled that a rod on the church would do the business, and now all disputes seemed to be ended. The truce lasted just four weeks. The building was more than half finished when Deacon Frazer came to the front to stir up things again. He had given the matter of that lightning rod much thought, and he had come to the conclusion that it was flying in the face of Providence to put one up. It was saying to the Lord that they couldn't trust him.

Deacon Henderson was hard put to answer these arguments. They were a sort of deft to the other faction. If the church had been built in the hollow the Frazer faction would have depended on Providence. Now that it was being built on a hill the Henderson faction was going to give Providence the shake and go to the expense of \$90 to put up a lightning rod. Were they whole Christians or half Christians? If they believed that man was greater than Providence, then Satan would be glad to see the building finished and dedicated. Here was a yawning pit and but one way to bridge it. The lightning rod faction took that way by announcing that there would be no rod. Everything would be left to Providence. This really ended all dispute. Deacon Frazer tried hard to think of some other point, but nothing would occur. Only when he and the other deacon would meet he would shake his head and say:

"I dunno about that church, deacon. Gimme a church in a hollow, with a big walnut tree five rods away, and I'll trust Providence for the rest."

"There she is, right up on the hill," Deacon Henderson would reply, "and we're asking Providence to protect her without the help of any trees."

The church had been dedicated a month when there came a terrible storm one night. First the wind blew with fury, and then there came rain and thunder and lightning, and all of a sudden a crash that lifted half the town out of bed. When the storm ceased it was found that the walnut tree in the hollow had been struck and shivered and that the church on the hill had been blown from its foundations and rolled down the hillside into the creek. Then at once arose the question, "Which did Providence hit first?" And today, after a lapse of five years, it is still an undecided question.

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