History of Monticello Methodist Church, Monticello, SC, 1800-1960

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FOREWORD

Monticello Methodist Church, Monticello, South Carolina, has a long and interesting history, but very few records prior to 1810 were kept. Our information after 1810 is sketchy and is difficult to ascertain. Facts which are well known to persons now living are soon forgotten. Such a worthy history deserves to be recorded but each generation is prone to be so busy making history that it fails to record it.

However, in the complete records of preachers and presiding elders who have served Monticello, the names of Revs. George Dougherty appeared as early as 1805; Bennett Kendrick, 1807; Lewis Meyers, 1808-1809, and the Rev. Reddick Pierce, 1810, as presiding elders. But the first appointed preacher, Rev. John Howard Pipkin, wasn't recorded until 1818.

We wish it were possible to give an account of all the help in compiling this history, but we are especially grateful to the Rev. Samuel Coker and Mrs. Bob Westbrook for many hours of typing.

We are pleased to publish this record with the hopes of a more complete history in the future.

Mary McGill Shedd (Mrs. T. W.)

INTRODUCTION

To understand and appreciate Monticello's church history and growth, it may be well to note briefly the conditions that prevailed when both the United States and Methodism were in their infancy. A backward glance will give that background for the history of Methodism in Monticello. Methodism was introduced in America as early as July 31, 1736 by John and Charles Wesley. John himself made three visits to Charleston, South Carolina, July 31, 1736, April 17, 1737, and December of 1737. Whitfield, Phillip, Embury, and others followed. The formal organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church took place at the famous Christmas Conference, held in Baltimore, Maryland, December 25, 1783.

While it is true that Methodism came early to South Carolina, it remained weak until after the close of the Revolutionary war. Prior to the Revolution, the Established Church of England (Episcopal) was the leading denomination. The clergymen, for the most part, were English, and loyal to the mother country. When war came, most of them returned to England; their abandoned churches were used by British troops as hospitals, stables, and some were burned.

After the War for Independence was won, some of the churches were reopened, but were far apart, and poorly attended.

Conditions were ripe for a militant church movement. The newly organized Methodist Episcopal Church was of that type, and began rapidly to spread throughout the length and breadth of America.

A band of worshipers (thought to be Methodist) had regular services at the Academy (Monticello School) prior to 1803 where the A. R. P. Synod was first organized. This academy was well known before the early 1800's and we feel safe to believe these worship services were held during 1790's.

EARLY METHODISM IN THE CAROLINAS

By A. M. Chreitzberg, D.D.

It is exceedingly difficult to get the exact mites and bounds of the earlier circuits, the names as well as a territory constantly changing. The first mention in the General Minutes of the territory covered by the old Winnisboro Circuit is in 1803, then called Sandy River, with Coleman Carlisle the preach-
er. In 1804 it was called Enoree and Sandy River. In 1805 Sandy River was dropped and the circuit continued as Enoree until 1812, when it was again called Sandy River—Willie Gassaway and John Bunch the preachers—so continuing for twenty-two years to 1833. In 1834 it was changed to Winnsboro circuit with Joseph Holmes and J. H. Wheeler the preachers, and in 1835 Joel W. Townsend and Samuel Liard. In 1836 Winnsboro and Chester Station, Chester Circuit and Fairfield Circuit were formed, so remaining until 1859, when Rocky Mount was set off. In 1859 Sandy River Mission was added, and it remained during the Civil War. Now there are nine separate charges—Chester Station, Chester Circuit, Winnsboro Station, East Chester Circuit, Richburg, Blackstock, Ridgeway, Fairfield, Monticello, and Cedar Creek Circuits—within the old boundary. We can go no farther back than 1803, unless Saluda Circuit or Bush River held a portion of this territory. From 1804 to 1833 it was served by such men as Daniel Asbury, William M. Kennedy, Griffin Christopher, John Howard, Samuel Drenwody, and Charles Beets, closing 1833 with Whiteford Smith as junior preachers, in 1834 with Holmes and Wheeler, and in 1835 with Joel W. Townsend and Samuel Liard. To Brother Liard we are under obligations for his memorial address in Chester in 1886, from which we gathered matters of interest as here presented.

The circuit in 1835 embraced the counties of Fairfield, Chester, a small part of Richland, and a corner of York—twenty-four appointments, filled in twenty-eight days leaving two days to ride between distant points and two for rest. With preaching, meeting classes, and other pastoral duties, to say nothing of the travel the preacher's time was fully employed. His hours for study were on horseback and occasionally in afternoons or evenings. The churches were Gainesville, Winnsboro, Gladdens Grove, Bethesda, Ebenezer, Mount Moriah, Union, Liberty, Chesterville, Smith's Chapel, Armenia, New Hope, Flat Rock, Zion, Cove Branch, Bethlehem or Stockdale's and some other points, names forgotten or ceasing as places of worship.

**Early Monticello**

Prior to 1810 all records to Monticello, South Carolina refer to the Academy or School House. After Thomas Jefferson presented the school with a hundred dollars the people thereabouts began to call the place Monticello in honor of the president's country place in Virginia which he called "Monticello."

The following is the oldest record of church members in Monticello and probably the oldest in existence Sandy River Circuit: Monticello or Academy dated 1819, John Pearson, Leader; Mary Powell; Elizabeth Boyd; Elizabeth Oliver; Agnes Buchanan; Mary Farr; Barbara Hollingshed; Elizabeth Flooden; William Cato; Barnett Buchanan; John Hollingshed; Mary Pearson; Ann Hitto; Lucy Thornton; Francis Farr.

However, there is a record of services being held at the Academy with some regularity by Methodist itinerants before 1810 when it was part of Congaree Circuit.

The first fire of Methodism in Fairfield was kindled by Bishop Asbury, whose itinerary included this section and the first Methodist society was organized in 1762 by Rev. John Nicolus Martin, whose father was also active in the early religious and educational life of the county.

From the many societies that followed Monticello Church, first called Campobello, was formed. The church has drawn its membership from the Scotch, Irish and English settlers of the section.

In 1818 we had our first recorded full time preacher, Rev. John Howard Pipkin, who served one year. Rev. Daniel Asbury, Presiding Elder.

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**MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY MEETING CONFERENCE**

**AT THE ACADEMY FOR SANDY RIVER CIRCUIT,**

**AUGUST 20, 1814**

Present  
Hilliard Judge PE
James Norton and Lucius Q C deYampert CP
Reddick Pierce LP
Nicholas Wyrick Extor
John Buchanan and Sterling C Williamson Stewards
John Pearson, Thomas Rivers, Hugh Perry, Moses Hill and Geo Leitner C Leaders

The Conference named Sterling C Williamson their Secretary. They then proceeded to examine the Local Preachers, Exhorter, Stewards and Class Leaders.

Then Resolved that a letter be written by the Secretary and submitted to the inspection of the Senior Preacher addressed to each of the absent official Members of this Circuit requesting their more punctual attendance in future at our Quarterly Meetings.

It was then asked if there were any appeals or complaints. Answer. None.

Then Resolved that in future no License be renewed except the person applying be present or a sufficient excuse sent for their absence.

The Conference was then adjourned.

Sterling C Williamson, Secy  
(Signed) Hilliard Judge

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(This endorsed on the back)

Mr. John Buchanan, Steward.

August 20, 1814

(This is a true copy attested to by Alton Johns on February 19, 1931 at 158 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts.)

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MONTICELLO CHURCH

Monticello Church was organized about 1800. The first church was of logs and was built on a 14-acre tract of land given by Captain Phillip Pearson. The second church was a frame building that was replaced by the present structure.

The church today was constructed before the Civil War by Jacob Bookman, architect, and Daniel B. Kirkland, Col. William Alston, Capt. J. K. Davis, and James Campbell, the building committee. Everybody had plenty so they built a large church to accommodate the crowd of a well-to-do community. Then the War came and the debt was prolonged and assumed by Mr. Alston, and paid by his son, Col. Joseph Kirkland Alston, an officer in the Spanish American War. The church was dedicated April, 1881; Rev. A. J. Cauthen was pastor and Rev. R. J. Boyd was presiding elder.

The Church is a huge white structure, 40 x 70 feet, high off the ground in the back with seven tall windows on each side and three front double doors. Four large white colonial columns outline a porch across the front with solid brick steps. The church within has a gallery on three sides which at one time was used by the slaves who attended the services. This gallery had an outside back entrance. The walls are plastered and flooring of wide heart pine boards. The original pews seating nearly 400 are still in use. The pulpit furniture has recently been upholstered in a wine velvet material. Wine velvet draperies behind the pulpit were also added and wine carpets cover the double aisles. Electric lights replaced the kerosene lamps and gas heaters have done away with the old wood stoves.

Early Services

In the early days Monticello Church had only preaching services once a month or once every two months. The pastor was known as a traveling preacher. That one day was an all day affair with all the members and friends coming from all directions as far as ten or fifteen miles in buggies, wagons and on horse back and some even walked. The more prosperous or well-to-do members came in fringed surries with the uniformed drivers. These surries were drawn by beautiful, well groomed horses. Every family took pride in their mode of travel and tried always to have outstanding horses. The many slaves on the plantations were allowed to attend these services from the balcony that had an outside back entrance.

Later when Monticello church became a charge, it was given two preaching services a month, it was a job to persuade the older members of the advantage. After several visits and much argument by a certain steward to an old gentleman, Uncle Tom McGill, he politely said, "Go ahead with your new fangled ideas, I'll come along once a month" ... And he came once a month.

Monticello Church now despite its greatly reduced membership as a result of so many of its people moving to the cities, is still a live church with a fine Christian program going forward under the leadership of the Rev. Samuel Coker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following paper appeared in The News and Herald May 18th, 1934 concerning the history of Monticello Sunday School. "Monticello Sunday School" written by the oldest members of the Monticello church, was used two weeks ago on the Sunday School Day program:

The Monticello Sunday School was organized sixty (60) years ago by the Rev. E. S. Lupo. At this time we only had Sunday School in the summer—going into winter quarters as cold weather drew near. Rev. Lupo's whole heart was in Sunday School work and he soon had many children enrolled and interested in Sunday School. As enthusiasm grew, lights and stoves were installed in the church. The first stoves are still in use.

Rev. Lupo started a "Children's Day"—that before our church made it a yearly custom. This Children's Day was a big day. Every child had his or her nickle or dime and walked proudly to the altar and placed it on the table—not one was willing to be left out of the march. A picnic dinner was enjoyed by a big crowd. Mr. J. M. Kirkland and Mr. Joe Davis urged that we make the Children's Day a yearly custom, which was observed for many years.

F. C. Lupo (son of Rev. Lupo) was the next superintendent. We remember his singing. He always followed the lesson hymns given for each Sunday's topic. It was during his service that the first organ was bought. Later Mr. Joe Davis, Jr. and Miss Nina Lupo lead the young people and made money for a new organ, which was replaced by a piano, the gift of the Epworth League.

Mr. Will Davis was the third superintendent and served until he moved away. He, like the others, was loyal, punctual, and always at his post. He was one man who at family prayer would remember his Sunday School, his pastor and his Presiding Elder. Mr. Davis stressed the need of every child being taught to contribute to the Sunday School. He was always ready to make change in case some one needed it. One day he told them if they didn't have any change he would give them some. One little fellow asked him for some. Mr. Davis meant he could change their money for them. This little fellow was soon told his mistake and is now a great worker in a city church. Maybe this training counted.

Next on our list is Mr. D. P. Hamiter. A Godly man he was. Always appreciative of any help by his co-workers. Mr. Hamiter was ably assisted by his wife who taught the Bible class for years.

At Mr. Hamiter's resignation, Mr. Tom McMeekin was made Superintendent. Mr. McMeekin made an excellent officer, always wanting and getting the best possible for the Sunday School and church. It was due to his efforts that the Centenary Pledge was raised. We all deeply mourn Mr. McMeekin's death.

Mr. J. A. Maybin is our present Superintendent. Long may he be able to serve!

These are the men who have made our Sunday School, assisted by the teachers since 1860. We have had many teachers but without teachers the superintendent would be crippled. Our teachers from the early years were from the McGills, Kirklands, Lupos, and others. Our school teachers have always assisted, especially do we recall Mrs. Ben Scott, who was said to be bad about Sunday School as Uncle Lupo.

Through most of the years recorded here the board of stewards paid for all Sunday School literature out of the church treasury.

Our great lack as a Sunday School has been, maybe, trained teachers. But if one feels the greatness of the task and loves it she can pray and study. Study as one of our former men, Mr. A. J. McGill, did. He read his Sunday School magazine as religiously as his Bible. Not everyday but several times a day.

We all know who our present Sunday School officers are. Let's love them and help them make this year 1934 one of the best in the history of the Sunday School!"

After Mr. Maybin's many years of faithful service and retirement due to failing health, Mr. James L. Robinson was appointed in 1939 and has served
faithfully since with exception of two years when Edward H. Culbreth served, (1894-55).

Under Mr. Robinson's guidance our church school has met regularly and had good attendance. At present our Sunday School has an enrollment of forty (40) with four classes. The teachers are Mrs. Hayne McMeekin—Kindergarten; Mrs. T. W. Shedd—Juniors; Bob Westbrook—Intermediates; Mrs. James Robinson and Mrs. A. H. McMeekin—Adult Class.

**CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS**

In spite of a reduced membership a tremendous amount of improvements on the church building and grounds has been accomplished in the past twenty-five years. Members, friends, and former members have made this possible by their generous contributions.

The members of the Monticello Church felt the need of more rooms for Sunday School classes, and under the leadership of the Rev. Ray P. Hook and the Rev. T. F. Reid, former pastor and present district superintendent of Orangeburg District.

Electric lights and gas heaters were placed in the sanctuary and Sunday School Department. The church has a new slate roof, celotex ceiling and has been painted inside and outside. The blinds have been repaired and new ones put in. Solid brick steps were built in 1955. A memorial to the late Mrs. Dan Heyward who made the new steps possible. The church was also underpinned and porch floor painted.

Among the improvements in the inside are: pulpit furniture reupholstered, an altar rail built and covered in wine velvet to match furniture and draperies. A communion table and brass altar set (a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. S. U. Robinson).

The Sunday School rooms and other basement rooms have been painted a soft green. Electric light, gas heaters, a Sunday School record board and electric fan have also been installed.

The new cemetery iron fence is quite an addition. The cemetery space has been enlarged and the fence sprayed with aluminum paint. The grounds are well kept at all times.

**Granite Entrance**

The granite gateway to the church was built in 1933 by the people of the community under the supervision of Mr. Gus McMeekin. The stone was given and quarried from a member's plantation. The construction work was done by Gunner Abrahamson and Elof Pearson, stone cutters living in the community.

The broad road leading from the highway to the church was graded, topsoiled, and outlined with many red and white crepe myrtles. Many native hollies and dogwoods were also planted at this time.

**THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY 1875**

Pioneer Missionary Societies of Columbia District, Upper South Carolina Conference were: Fairfield Circuit: Monticello, Bethel, and Shiloh.

Monticello, Fairfield County.

The Monticello Woman's Missionary Society was organized 15 June, 1879, by Rev. A. J. Cauthen. The society had 31 charter members. The first officers were: Mrs. Harriet McGill, President; Mrs. J. R. Lupo, Secretary; Mrs. J. M. Kirkland, Vice-President; Mrs. A. J. McGill, Corresponding Secretary; and Miss Mary Lupo, Treasurer.

Mrs. J. M. Kirkland, their delegate to the first annual Conference of the W.M.F.S., held 23 April, 1880, Charleston, South Carolina, made such a fine report that Mrs. Wightman, the President, requested a second reading. Dues were then ten cents a month, yet a hundred dollars was remitted to the Conference Treasurer that year.

Some members moved away and for some years, the Society had a broken record. After some time the society was reorganized by the efforts of Mrs. J. A. Maybin. Though small in membership, the Society did good work. Mrs. Mary Lupo Aiken was President. This society shared in the support of Miss Allie Cobb, a missionary in Brazil.

Copied from: *Fifty Wonderful Years* (1873-1928) by Walter I. Herbert

A copy of the minutes of the reorganization of the society is written below.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Monticello Methodist Church reorganized by Mrs. J. A. Maybin on December 6, 1922 with enrollment of six members.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. D. Aiken, President; Mrs. E. S. Worlick, First Vice-President; Mrs. J. A. Maybin, Second Vice-President; Mrs. S. U. Robinson, Treasurer; Mrs. Emma Mae Shedd, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. F. R. McMeekin, Recording Secretary.

After prayer led by Mrs. Worlick asking the heavenly Father to bless and lead us in this great work. The meeting then closed to meet again first Wednesday in January, 1923.

This Society has grown rapidly in membership and interest. The meetings once a month have been well attended and dues and other interest very well met.

The church before this reorganization had an Aid Society which did good work in all departments of church work. We still have this local department in connection with this Society.

Mrs. F. R. McMeekin
Recording Secretary

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society since reorganization in 1922 has met regularly and contributed to all conference askings and has helped with the upkeep of the church and church property.

In connection with the Missionary Society, there was an "Aid Society," with separate dues, whose purpose was aid for church, parsonage, and community.

In 1940 after unification all societies combined and became known as "The Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Down through the years the Woman's Society of Monticello Church has played a vital part of the community and church life. Under the able leadership of officers and the wonderful cooperation of every member, much good for the Master has been accomplished.

Officers and members in 1960 are: Mrs. T. W. Shedd, President; Mrs. James Robinson, Vice-President; Mrs. Roland Martin, Secretary; Mrs. Ross
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Buildings and equipment are only tools, though very necessary tools. The building of Christian personalities is the goal of a Christian Church. May we ever strive to meet this goal!

CHURCH ROLL (1960)

Otis Barbee, A. F. Barbee, Mrs. A. F. Barbee.
Edward Culbreth, Edward Culbreth, Jr., Louise Ruff Culbreth.
Ben M. Eping.
H. C. Fuller, Mrs. Edna Fuller, Clarence Fuller, E. Ray Fuller, Bobby Fuller, Edith Fuller, Sara Fuller, Grady Fuller, Alma Ruff Fisher.
Claude Hamiter, Fred Hamiter, Frazier Hamiter.

C. B. Smith, Mrs. Carrie Goodlett Smith, T. W. Shedd, Mary McGill Shedd (Mrs. T. W.), Emma Mae Shedd (Mrs. Earle).
Bob Westbrook, Martha McMeekin Westbrook (Mrs. Bob).

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ROLL 1879

Dr. Robert C. Arnett, W. Franklin Aiken, Col. W. I. Alston, S. P. Alston, Philip C. Alston.

Charles Coleman, Mrs. Alice Coleman, Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman, Martha Calhoun, John W. Coon, William Craft.


Mrs. Frances Free, Mrs. L. A. Free.

I. Burryan Gladney, Miss Mattie I. Gladney, J. D. Gladney, Martha R. Gladney.

A. B. Jennings, Mrs. Elizabeth Jennings, Mrs. Minnie Jones.

Mrs. Lettice E. Kirkland, William W. Kirkland, Mrs. Emma H. Kirkland, Daniel B. Kirkland, Lizzie Kirkland, Rev. E. S. Lupo, Mrs. Nancy L. Lupo, F. C. Lupo, Mrs. Nina Lupo, J. R. Lupo, Mrs. Ida L. Lupo, Miss Mary Lupo, Miss Nannie Lupo, Edward D. Lupo, Miss Mattie Lupo, James B. Lupo, Miss Elizabeth S. Lupo, Mrs. Mary Lyles, J. Davis Lyles, Miss Victoria Lyles, Miss Minnie Lyles, Miss Mattie Lyles, Miss Mollie Lyles.


Mrs. Mary Neil.

Howard Park, Mrs. S. A. Park, G. B. Petigrew, Mrs. Rebecca R. Petigrew, B. L. Pearson.

J. K. Rabb, Mrs. Kate Rabb, Mrs. Maggie E. Ridehoober, Emma K. Rabb, Miss Clara S. Rabb, Calvin B. Rabb, John I. Robinson, Mrs. Martha Richardson, Miss Mary Robinson, Miss Fannie Robinson, Matry Roberts, Miss Jannie O. Robertson, Clara C. Robinson, Theodore Rabb.

John Setzler, Mrs. Anna S. Setzler, Joseph G. Shedd, Mrs. Mattei Smith, George Shedd.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Tinkler, Sarah Trapp, Carrie Trapp.

K. C. Whitlock, Miss Laura W. Wilson.

William H. Young, Miss Lizzie Zeay.

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PREACHERS

1818 - 1960

1818 John Howard B. Pipkin
1819 Griffin Christopher
1820 Samuel Dunwoody
1821 E. H. McLain & J. Dowling
1822 E. Caloway & Joseph Freeman
1823 C. Betts & G. W. Nuckeby
1824 Thomas Mabry & John Woods
1825 Allen Turner
1826 E. Sinclair & W. Mabry
1827 James Dannelly & I. S. P. Powell
1828 Joseph Moore
1829 R. Pearce & S. M. Dormis
1830 S. Dunwood & H. Heath
1831 S. Dunwood & I. McKelly
1832 J. W. Robinson & A. B. McLiveray
1833 W. T. Smith & W. Smith
1834 Joseph Holmes and J. H. Wheeler
1835 J. W. Townsend & S. Leard
1836 E. Ligett & W. R. Smith
1837 S. W. Capers & W. C. Kirkland
1838 A. M. Foster & R. J. Limehouse
1839 W. C. Patterson & S. Townsend
1840 W. C. Patterson & W. E. Collier
1841 D. G. McDaniel & J. W. Barnes
1842 D. G. McDaniel & D. J. Simmons
1843 John Watts & J. A. Porter
1844 John Watts & J. Wyetman
1845 P. G. Bowman & J. Tarraants
1846 P. G. Bowman & J. Connell
1847 Paul A. M. Williams & J. H. Foster
1848 Paul A. M. Williams & M. L. Banks
1849 Samuel Leard & J. W. T. Harris
1850 Samuel Leard & J. Connor
1851 A. J. McCorkledale & E. J. Maynardie
1852 William Martin & R. P. Franks
1853 John A. Porter & W. Smith

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Williamson Smith
1854 Cornelius McLeod
1855 A. B. McSilveray
1856 Cornelius McLeod
1857 J. M. Bradley
1858 Simpson Jones
1859 J. W. Pueett
1860 J. W. Pueett & J. I. Workman
1862 A. J. Cauthen & J. B. Mapabeau
1863 A. J. Cauthen & R. R. Dagnell
1864 J. W. Kelly & C. Thomas
1865 J. W. Kelly & J. I. Kilgore
1866-1870 J. L. Shuford
1870 J. L. Shuford & R. N. Wells
1871 J. L. Shuford & T. A. Griffiths
1872 T. J. Kilgore & J. A. Clifton
1873 J. Marion Boyd
1874-1877 J. M. Boyd & A. C. Walker
1878 John A. Porter
1879-1882 J. A. Cauthen
1883-1886 J. K. McCain
1887-1888 L. K. Metton
1889-1890 J. C. Stoll
1891 J. H. Noland
1892 A. J. Cauthen
1893-1897 W. H. Hook
1896-1899 L. M. Banks
1900-1907 R. W. Williams
1907-1911 A. C. Corporation
1911-1914 C. M. Peeler
1914 E. R. Mason
1915-1915 J. A. Bledsoe
1916-1922 H. E. Sharp
1923-1927 A. J. Rice
1927-1930 D. L. Jones
1931 R. L. Rountree
1929-1938 T. P. Reid
1938-1942 T. A. Inabinet
1942-1947 R. L. Hall
1947-1949 J. A. Bledsoe
1949-1955 Ray P. Hook
1955-1955 H. A. Whitten (d. 1955)
1955 Jimmy Nates (supplied)
1955-1959 C. W. McNair
1960-1963 Samuel Coker
THE PRESIDING ELDERS
1805 - 1960

1805-1806 George Dougherty
1807 Bennett Kendrick
1808-1809 Lewis Meyers
1810 Reddick Pierce
1811 William M. Kennedy
1815 Hilliard Judge
1816-1817 Anthony Center
1818-1821 Daniel Asbury
1822-1825 Henry Bass
1826-1829 Robert Adams
1830-1833 William M. Kennedy
1834-1835 Bond English
1836-1837 Malcolm McPherson
1838-1841 Hartwell Spain
1842-1845 Charles Betts
1846-1849 Nicholas Talley
1850-1852 Samuel W. Capers
1853-1856 William Cook
1857-1860 W. A. Gamewell
1861-1864 R. J. Boyd
1865-1868 C. H. Pritchard
1869-1872 S. H. Brown
1873 William Martin
1874-1875 W. H. Fleming
1876-1879 E. J. Meynardie
1880-1883 A. M. Chreitzberg
1884-1886 A. Coke Smith
1887-1889 S. B. Jones
1890-1893 William C. Power
1894 E. T. Hodges
1895-1898 J. Walker Dixon
1899-1902 E. T. Hodges
1903-1906 J. S. Beasley
1907 H. B. Brown
1908-1911 J. W. Daniel
1912-1913 W. M. Duncan (died)
1913 W. W. Daniel (part year)
1914-1917 J. W. Kilgo
1918-1920 R. E. Stackhouse
1921-1924 J. R. T. Major
1925-1926 E. S. Jones (died Oct. 2)
1927-1930 A. N. Brunson
1931-1934 Morrison
1935-1941 H. L. Gunter
1941-1946 Kilgore
1949-1955 Medlock
1955-1960 E. S. Jones