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Antioch United Methodist Church organized in 1798.

The Fall Meeting of the Jackson County Historical Society  
October 21, 2001 2:00 PM  
Antioch United Methodist Church  
885 Antioch Church Road, Nicholson Georgia

**NEWSLETTER**

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| Individual  | \$10.00  |
| Family      | \$15.00  |
| Life Member | \$100.00 |

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**OBITUARIES**

June 25, 1886

It is with a sad heart that we chronicle the death of Mrs. John Williamson, who died at her home, Sunday July 10th 1886.

March 9, 1894

The judge's stand in the court house and the door of the Sheriff's office are draped in mourning this week because of the death of Deputy Sheriff, John F. Coleman of Newtown district, who departed this life last Thursday evening of pneumonia and was buried at the Stapler burying ground on last Saturday. John Coleman was about thirty-eight years old, was born in Newtown district, and grew up to be a man on the same grounds where he was born. Arriving at manhood, he was married to Miss Stapler, daughter of Squire Jeff Stapler, and they lived happily together. Five little children blessed their union, one of whom is a little infant about five or six weeks old.

August 26, 1887

Died, last Friday evening at four o'clock after a short attack of dysentery, Mr. Henry Crawford.

June 25, 1886

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Stapler Home in Nicholson. (from left) Henry Coleman, John Stapler, Arthur Stapler, Johnnie Coleman, Edd Dailey, Eula Coleman, Dailey, Thelma Dailey, Jessie Coleman, Thomas Jefferson Stapler, Ella Stapler Coleman, J. H. Dailey, Tim Stapler, Novie Coleman, Myrt Stapler Coleman, Claude Coleman, Grover Coleman.

February 12, 1897

Mrs. Banks, wife of Richard Banks, who lived near Nicholson, died of pneumonia last Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was buried at the family burial grounds Tuesday, the funeral obsequies conducted by Rev. W. F. Stark. Just ten days before this Mrs. Bank's sister, Mrs. George T. Murry died and was buried in the same burial grounds.

February 24 1899

Mr. Usel Pace, died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. M. Anthony. He was buried at Murry grave yard. He was nearly 90 years old.

June 16 1899

Mr. Hayden David one of the oldest men in the county, died at the 4th instance at the home of his son, Kinch David.

February 23, 1903

Miss Vara Pittman died last Thursday night. She has been afflicted with cancer about sixteen months, and suffered untold agony, but she bore her suffering well. On the same day, Mr. McDuff Wilson breathed his last, and was buried Friday at the family grave yard.

April 17, 1903

The sad intelligence of the death of Henry T. Murray, of Nicholson, which occurred at Dallas, Texas, from pneumonia, was received here Tuesday by his wife's relatives. He had gone west to seek a location for himself and family, and was to have returned home Sunday last, but was taken sick March 29th and died the 6th of April. He leaves a wife and six children, and a host of relative and friends to mourn his death.

May 1, 1903

Miss Sevie Jarrett died last Friday, and was buried Saturday.

January 7, 1904

On Christmas day at her home in Center, Ga, Mrs. J. G. Maddox one of the most highly esteemed citizens of that place, passed away at the advanced age of eighty-three years. The remains were laid to rest Sunday morning in the family burial ground. Mrs. Maddox was the last surviving member of the immediate family of the late John G. Pittman, who held the two offices of Clerk and Ordinary combined for forty years.

### **PINE GROVE COMMUNITY**

July 20, 1888 – Nicholson

Joe Stapler has resumed the study of medicine at Dr. Hood's.

December 21, 1888

Dr. Stephens from Crawfordville will move to this place next year to practice his profession.

Pine Grove School Teachers

1891 – Columbus Hood

1900 – A. P. N. Underwood

1901 – 1905 – Mrs. Q. J. Berry

1906 – Jessie Johnson

Teaching Assistants

1903 – Myrtle Berry

1904 – Jessie Pace

April 3, 1891 – Nicholson

Mr. Columbus Hood, who is staying with his brother, Dr. W. L. Hood, of this place, has a booming school at Pine Grove. This is Mr. Hood's first school, and he is proving quite a success as a teacher. This is what we need—young men with git-up-and-git about them.

January 14, 1904 – Pine Grove

Christmas is over, and all is now serene. We hardly know what to do, since there are no more Xmas trees to attend. There were beautiful trees at the following nearby places: Two at Center, and one at each of the following places: Antioch, Cabin Creek and Lamp-

kin's. All of these trees were beautifully decorated and old and young were made happy by receiving many lovely and useful presents therefrom. This is a nice way to bestow Xmas presents, but so many within a few miles become monotonous. We hope next Xmas some of the churches may decide to have a ladder, chimney or something else, to vary the program.

Misses Anna Farmer and Jessie Pace, and Messrs Oscar and Planton Farmer, ex-pupils of Pine Grove, have gone to Jefferson to school. We will miss these young people from our school, but we wish them a bright future.

Misses Myrtle Berry and Gussie Johnson came home and spent the holidays. After spending a week of recreation and pleasure, they have returned to their work—Miss Berry to the State Normal and Miss Johnson to Jefferson.

The patrons of Pine Grove school are hauling rock to build a chimney to the house, and making other repairs. They will have the house comfortable by next Monday, when school will open and all the children in the neighborhood are invited to begin school. We are very glad to see so much interest shown in the school. This is a move in the right direction. Nothing builds up a neighborhood so much as a flourishing school.

Homer Mathew, who has been out west nearly ten years, is now at home on a visit to his father and friends. He gives glowing descriptions of the west.

January 28, 1904 – Pine Grove

Our whole community is terribly excited over small pox. It is scattered all over the community from Nicholson to Center. Commissioner Pendergrass was through our district Sunday, and gave Mrs. Berry and Miss Crawford Daniel permission to suspend their schools until the epidemic is over.

Joe Sailors is better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert and children; Jim Dailey and family, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Meggs Barnett and several other white people are sick now, besides several negroes.

Our school was moving along beautifully. We had a chimney built to the school house and had all missing window panes put in. There is some confusion relative to books. The majority of children need books, especially those who are in higher grades. It will be expensive to buy high priced books to use no longer

than this spring. On the other hand, if some buy the new books it will cause extra classes. This will do in a small school, but where the average is large a teacher has her or his hands full when the school is well classed. We hardly know what would be the best solution of this problem.

February 18, 1904

Mrs. Berry and Miss Mamie Creighton went to Jefferson last Saturday. They had a cold, disagreeable day. It seems real hard to compel teachers to ride so far in the cold to contract, when it could be done just as well by mail.

All the teachers we have spoken to lately in our county complain of small salaries. We thought when

the board of education decided to pay salaries, it would result beneficially to first grade teachers; but they had much better pay when the county paid per diem. It seems right hard when a school averages 45 or 50 pupils, to receive only \$30 per month.

September 15, 1904 – Pine Grove

The barbeque at Mr. F. T. Berry's Friday was a perfect success. Mrs. Berry marched her school from the school house to the table, then Dr. Hardeman made an excellent talk. We enjoyed it very much. He very patiently, with his models, explained the eye, hand and heart. His lecture was very instructive. It will be a great help to the children in the study of Physiology.

Friday night the school here gave their exhibition. The stage was beautifully decorated. The crowd pres-



Nicholson School circa 1910 (*front row, left to right*) Guy Lewallen, Frank Palmer, Keith Lewallen, Owen Pittman, Hoyt Barnett, Guy Anderson, Charlie Duncan, T. G. Johnson, Guy Whitehead, Collie Boone, Fortson Davis, Oscar Palmer, Cornelius Freeman; (*second row*) Agnes Nabors, Margie Daniel, Johnny Coleman, Guy Jones, Flora Hood, Lattie David, Era Davis, Mary Whitehead, Fannie Hawks, Annie Palmer, Edna Davis, Ernest Whitehead, Willie Hawks, Dewey Davis Millard Hawks, Jewett Barnett; (*third row*) Annie Lee Howington, Clara Belle Howington, Nellie Howington, Eula Tolbert, Florine Smith, Bessie Howington, Morse Hawks, Ethel Palmer, Annie Sue Barnett, Addie Duncan, Roy Pittman, Oscar Powers, teacher, Florence Barnett, Tom Fleeman, Bob Blalock, Versie Pittman, Grace Nabors, Claude Tolbert, Obe Nabors, Ernest Tolbert and Richard Drake.

ent is estimated to have been about fifteen hundred. With the exhibition our school closed for this year. What a pity. Here are sixty children who have school privileges only five months in the year. We need long term schools, and we can have them if our schools will consolidate and build good school houses. Then our schools can be graded and we can give our children the same advantages here they get in Jefferson or Commerce. Our county school commissioner and board of education realize this, and so urge us to consolidate. They propose to consolidate Pine Grove and Center schools. A number of patrons from each school heartily concur in wanting this done, but there are some patrons of Center school object to the union of the two schools because they fear if the school is moved from Center it will depreciate property at that place. Dr. Hardeman proposes to give a lot for a school on the corner of his land just above Mr. Henry Dailey's, a beautiful location, in easy reach of every patron of Center school. All children below Center could go to Lampkin Academy. As there are these objections to Pine Grove and Center consolidating, why not consolidate Pine Grove and Nicholson school at the forks of the road near the Henry Murry place? This location would be in easy reach of the Nicholson, Pine Grove and Shady Grove schools. No doubt there are 200 children near enough to attend a school at this point. Pine Grove school house will have to be covered before another school can be taught there. We believe that the majority of the patrons of Pine Grove are willing to unite Center and Pine Grove, but if Center will not consent to this union we purpose that Pine Grove and Nicholson consolidate, build a good house with a hall above, in which a music class can be taught, and where we can have our exhibitions. We have investigated the matter, and find there are at least count 25 children near here who desire to take music lessons. We hope the board of education will look into the matter, and not let it drop at this point. There is plenty of material through here to have a High School, and if Center won't consolidate with us, we believe Nicholson will. If the people could realize how much benefit such a school would be to their children, and how much it would enhance the value of real estate, they would come right together.

September 26, 1918

Barnett's Reunion by J. L. Barnett

The descendants of the late David Wooten Barnett, deceased, held a reunion at the home of his widow, Mrs. Laura Jane Martin Barnett.

David W. Barnett and Laura J. Martin were married December 126, 1858, and to this union were born twelve children, viz: Emma, William, Mary, Charles, John H., Thomas, Lucy, Ed, Addie, Robert, Minnie and Lola.

Emma was married to John Sailors, and the following children were theirs: Essie, Cleveland, Obie, Henry Guy, Mollie Lue, and Pauline Essie, the oldest child, was united in wedlock to Bud Black, and these children bless their union; Luther, Hubert, Ernest, L. E., Thadius and M. J. Mollie Lue, next to the youngest, married Garris Sorrow, and they have two children: Estelle and Mary Sue. The other four died without descendants.

William, the second child, died in infancy.

Mary, (Miss Mollie), the third child, married John Sailors, and to their union were born: Earl and Ethel, both deceased with no descendants.

Charles M. (Dock) the fourth child, married Dora E. Barnett, and their children were: Joseph F, Hoyt B., Ofus Tom Watson and Jewett L. The mother of these four died and the father married Ora E. Dailey and to them were born two children, Fannie May and Annie Sue. The first child, Joseph F. married Cora Johnson, and they have two children, Alfred L. and Joseph Olin. Hoyt married Grace Nabers. Tom Watson and Fannie are deceased. Jewett remains single. Annie Sue married William O. Palmer and to them was born one child, Charlie William.

John H. (Bill) married Lovie Thurmond, and to them were born ten children: Arthur, Elcho, Mamie, Homer, Cortez, Albert, Howard, Bettie, Harry, Omeal and Jennie. Arthur married Eula Hancock, and they have three children, Carlton, Lou Bethel, and an infant. Elcho married Alma Riden, and they have one child, Keford. Mamie married Charlie Booth and they have three children, Russell, Francis and Florence. Homer married Alma Swindle. Baby Jennie is deceased.

Thomas married Dora McElhannon, and to them were born two children, Leo and Walter. Leo married Rheda Eberhardt. Walter married Florine Ingram.

Lucy, the seventh child, Married Samuel Maxwell. They have twelve children, Maud, Claud, Emma, Hu-

bert, Quillan, Dupree, Lovie, George, Elma, Thelma, Willie Cobb and Lilly Belle. Maud married Frank Harris and to them were born three children, Bertha May, Woodrow and William Henry. Claud and Lovie are deceased.

Ed, the eight child, married Ada Jackson. They have three children, Ethel, Estelle and May. The mother died and the father married Fannie Jackson. To them were born Lilly Belle, Otis Blanche, Ella and Florin. Ethel married Jim Pace, to them were born, Pearlie May and Dewey.

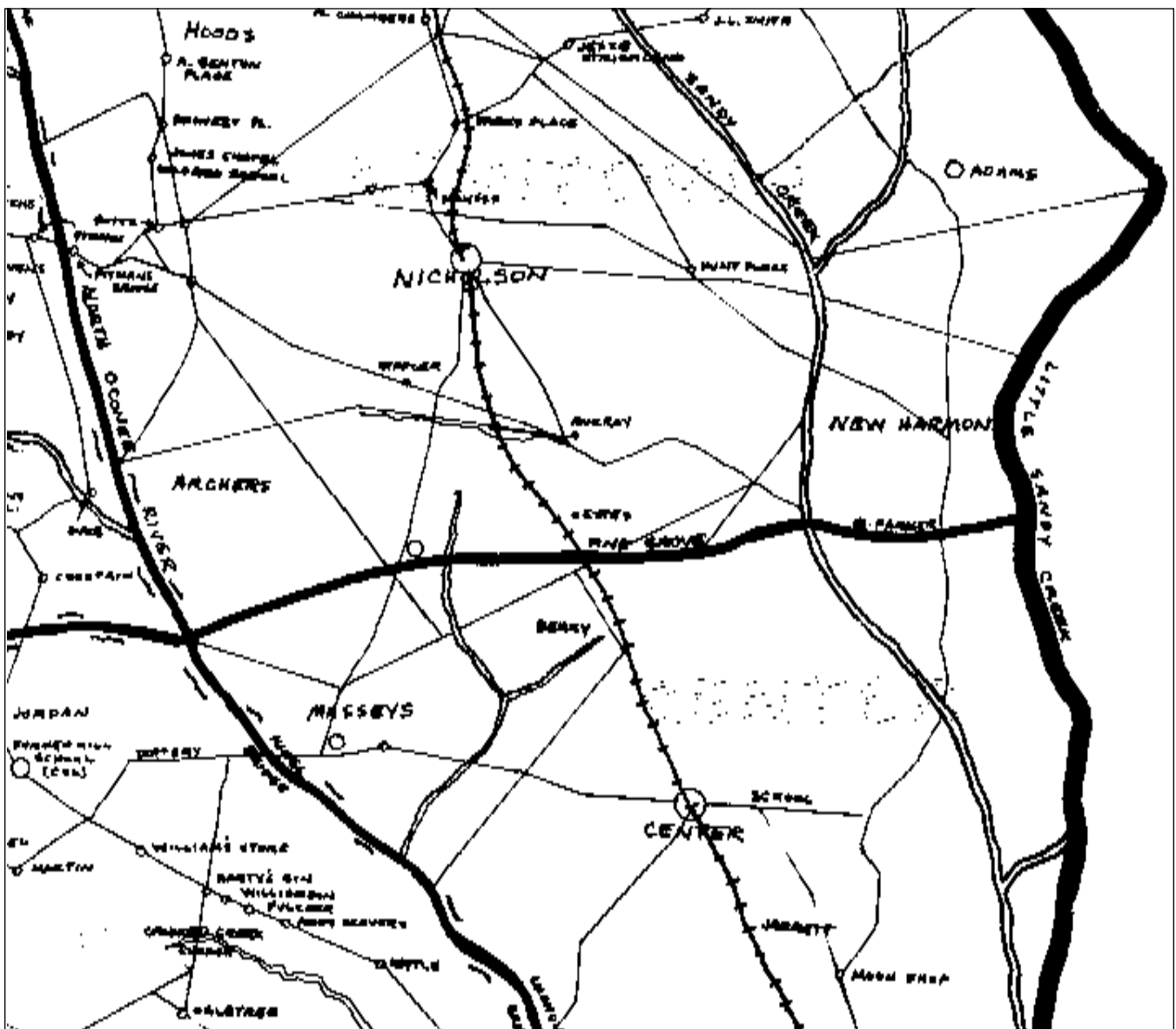
Addie, the ninth child died.

Robert, the tenth child, married Leona Wilks. To this union one child was born, Henry.

Minnie, the eleventh child, married Arthur Eberhardt, and their only child is Paul.

Lolla, the twelfth child, married Julius Damron, and their only child is Jessie May.

The day was highly enjoyed, along with a number of friends. A bountiful dinner was spread in the grove near the home. Immediately after dinner, the crowd went to the home of Mr. C. M. Barnett and had a group made.



Pine Grove community as seen on a detail of the 1890 map of Jackson County. 24 x 28 inch reprints of the original map are available through the Jackson County Historical Society for \$5.00 plus \$3.00 shipping.

The Jackson County Historical Society meeting will be held at Antioch United Methodist Church on October 21 at 2:00 p.m. A program will be presented by Pam Ward on the history of the church. A walk will be led through the graveyard. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Directions:

Heading south from Nicholson on Highway 441, travel two miles and turn right on Antioch Church Road. The church will be on the left about a mile down the road.

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