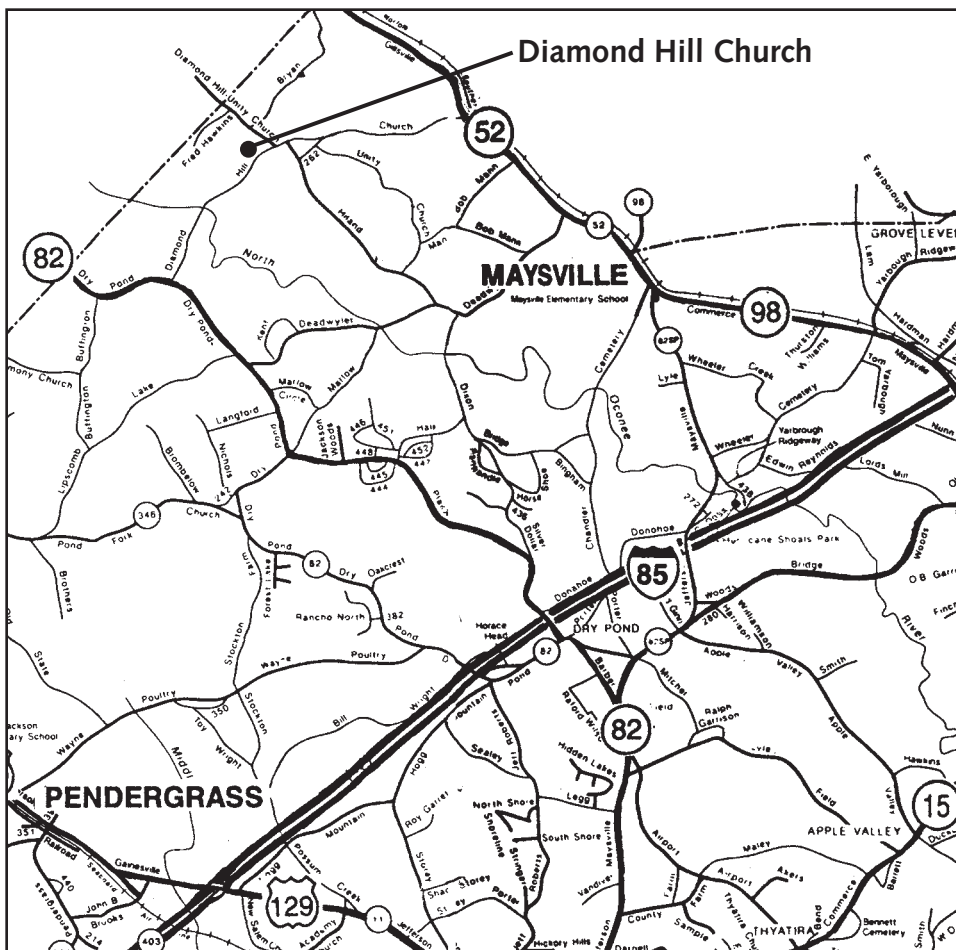


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Directions:

Take Dry Pond Exit on Hwy 82 North to Diamond Hill Church Road, take a right, travel to Diamond Hill/Unity Church Rd, take a left, Diamond Hill Church will be on the left side of the road.

The Jackson County Historical Society will meet on January 16th at 2:30 at Diamond Hill Church.

John Latty, author of "Gallant Little 7th A History of the 7th Georgia Cavalry Regiment", will present the program on the origins of the people of the Diamond Hill community of Jackson County and the men who served with the 7th Georgia Cavalry Regiment.

Newsletter

The Jackson County Historical Society News is published quarterly and mailed before the next meeting. Back issues can be obtained for \$3.50 each plus postage. Past newsletters can be viewed online at: rootsweb.com/~gajackso/

Queries

Send queries to be published before the next deadline, March 15, 2005. Send requests for information to the address below with a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Dues increase

The dues year runs from July to July. Checks can be mailed to:

Jackson County Historical Society
P. O. Box 1234, Commerce, GA 30529:
Individual –\$15
Family –\$20
LIFE member –\$100

Cemetery Database of Jackson County, Georgia

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Obituaries

excerpt from the Jackson Herald, July 29, 1871

Minor Lipscomb, born in Spartanburg District, S. C., January 30th, 1800 and died in Jackson county, Ga., of flux, on the 19th of July, 1876, in the year 1818, he married Miss Nancy M. Patterson, of Rutherford county, N. C. with whom he lived until his death. They raised ten children, seven are still living; three sons and four daughters, all well-to-do in the world; respectable, useful members of society. He had been a quiet, consistent member of the Methodist church for over thirty years. He had suffered for a number of years with a serious cancerous affliction, but he bore his suffering with the fortitude of the Christian without a murmur. He was a true specimen of God's noblest work – an honest man. He never had a difficulty with any one in his life; was never sued, and never sued any body; was kind and obliging to every body, always granted a favor when in his power to do it. Was an affectionate and attentive husband and father, and a good neighbor, and his death creates a vacancy in the community in which there lived that few men of the present day could fill.

excerpt from the Jackson Herald, March 11, 1878

J. O. Browning was born Jan. 30, 1823, joined the Candler's Creek Baptist church August 1843, married January 1844, died February 13, 1898, in his seventy-fifth year.



After marriage, Brother Browning settled near the place of his birth, where he remained a quiet, peaceable industrious, honest citizen until his death, a period of about fifty-four years. It goes without saying, that Bro. Browning was a good citizen. His honesty and truthfulness were proverbial. He often spent the winter months and other spare time from his farm making and repairing wagons, and other such things. I remember buying a new wagon from him about twenty-five years ago, and was especially struck with his spending more time in pointing out the defects of the wagon than in commending its excellencies. As a result of his excellent habits, he gradually improved the little he began with until he was indeed a well-to-do farmer. Having the usual comforts of life, and little desire for riches, he enjoyed about as much of peace and happiness as this world affords. With his wife and children about him, home pleasures were more charming than travel or sight seeing in distant cities.

As a Christian, Bro. Browning was ever humble, faithful, trusting. He thought much about his own salvation, and had a high estimate of his personal piety. He often injected religious inquiry into the current conversation of his pastor and other ministers, with the intention of having light thrown upon his own spiritual condition. He loved his church much, of which he was a devoted member more than half a century. His regular attendance upon its meetings attested the character of his religion and the spirit of his devotion and attachment. Some people's religion, like the buttons on their coats, is worn on the outside, but Bro. Brownings' religion had its origin in the soul and bore fruits in a godly life.

Some weeks before he died, it was my privilege to visit the deceased at this home. His spiritual vision seemed to be beclouded. He looked into the future, upon whose border he was standing, with evident misgivings. But fixing his mind upon that very comforting passage of scripture; "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," his spiritual sky cleared away, and he greatly rejoiced in the Lord, and apparently so continued to near his entrance upon the spiritual state.

Religious services were conducted near his residence by his pastor on the occasion of his burial, attended by an immense concourse of his relatives and friends. The pastor commented on the passage of scripture which had cheered the deceased so much in his hours: "The Lord is my shepherd, etc."

*excerpt from the Jackson Herald, Diamond Hill Column
February 16, 1894*

Last Thursday morning Mr. Clem Morris, a young man working at Suddeth's sawmill, happened to a very serious accident. His foot became entangled in the carriage of the mill and he was dragged for some distance. He escaped with only one broken bone and a dislocation of the ankle joint. On Friday morning Mr. W. S. Crisler received a wound somewhat similar, but from a different source. He went to the stable to bridle his mule, when the mule became frightened and dashed out the door, knocking Mr. Crisler down, and in some way causing his leg to become wrenched under him, breaking one bone of the leg and dislocating the ankle joint. Dr. Bryant was called to treat both cases, and the patients are rapidly improving.



Diamond Hill School, circa 1913



Photograph of Caleb Oliver Latty, born October 12, 1820 died September 3, 1903. Served in Co. D, 7th Georgia Cavalry. He sold one acre of land to build the Diamond Hill School in 1861.

excerpt from the Jackson Herald, May 4, 1894

Situated as it is, in the most north eastern part of the county, perhaps some of your readers have never heard of Diamond Hill, so I will give a short sketch of our community. We have some of the best people of Jackson county living here. For sobriety, intellect, industry and pretty girls, we cannot be surpassed. We have the best soil that the State affords, while our farmers are noted for their skill. Among those who deserve special mention is Mr. W. B. Addington, who begun life a poor boy and has worked his way up through industry and perseverance, and now owns one of the best farms in the county and lives at home every day in the week. He raises his own flour and meat, and since Christmas has sold nineteen milch cows and still has more for sale. Outside his farm he finds time to run a jug factory with a capacity of one thousand gallons or more per week, and are considered to be the finest made. Adjoining his farm is that of Mr. Boon Suddeth, who has recently sold his mill and turned his attention to farming and merchandizing and is moving things with a rush. Among many others which I might mention are Mr. T. G. O'Dell, Oscar Miller and J. C. Browning, all of whom are excellent farmers.



Photograph of Moses Latham Simmons, served in Co. D, 7th Georgia Cavalry, captured October 27, 1864 on Weldon Railroad, died of measles April 8, 1865 at Pt. Lookout Prison, MD.

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