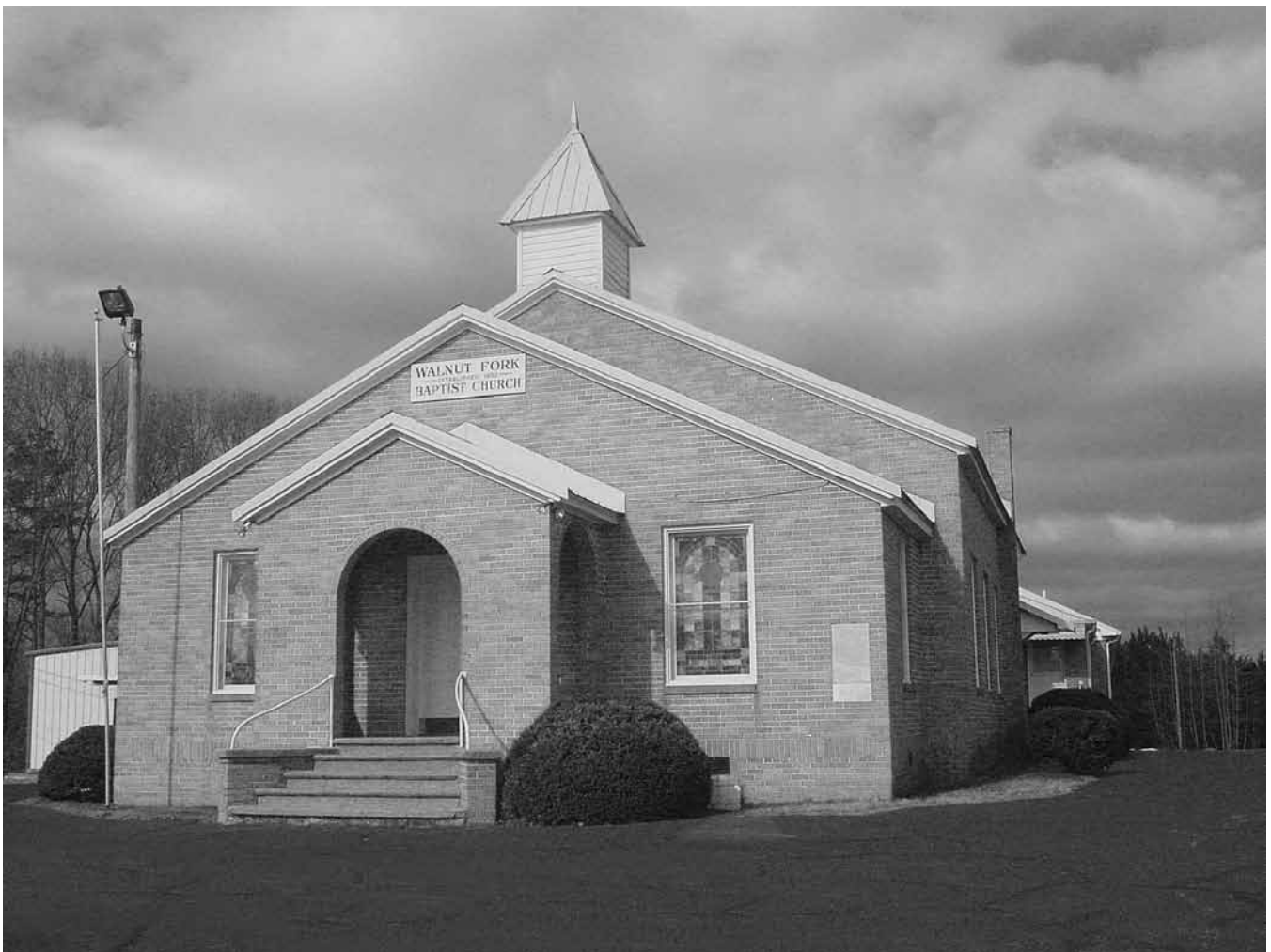

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The Jackson County Historical Society will meet at Walnut Fork Church on Sunday April 23, at 2:30 p.m. A program will be presented on the history of Walnut Fork Church and the community.

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Query

My G-G-G-Grandmother was Abigail Deaton (Miller) Cobb. Trying to prove Abigail is the daughter of William and Jane Deaton. William Deaton is in the 1840, 1850 and 1860 Jackson County Census, Randolph District. Abigail would be 4 years old in 1830 when William Deaton is in the Hall County Census. Contact: Robin Scott, 1174 N. Voyager Lane, Anaheim, CA 92801

Obituaries

Excerpt Forest News March 1878

Sister Elizabeth Yearwood died of lung disease on the 3rd instance, at the residence of her son, A. T. Yearwood. This noble Christian mother passed away in her 73rd year. She had been afflicted for several years previous to her death, her sufferings were very great, but she bore them with patience and Christian fortitude. Sister Yearwood was the mother of 17 children, and raised 13 who yet survive; has 68 grand-children and 20 great grand-children. Our departed sister was a faithful member of the Baptist church for 48 years. The writer visited her frequently during her last sickness, and her faith seemed to be unwavering in the blessed Jesus as her Savior. She appeared to be perfectly sensible of her approaching dissolution several days before she departed this life, and in her last hours desired to talk to her children and friends, but her weakness forbid many words. She has left an aged companion, who, according to nature must soon follow his dearest friend. The undoubted testimony that she left behind of her Christianity, should impress the hearts of friends and relatives, that their loss is her eternal gain of that imperishable glory in the mansions above. The burial took place on the 4th instance, at the Walnut church. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. J. M. Davis and W. H. Bridges. Many friends and relatives were present to witness and pay the last tribute of respect to our sister and friend. Our sympathies shall ever be with the bereaved.

Excerpt Forest News August 30, 1878

Day by day we are called upon to mourn the loss of friends. That sleep that knows no waking has come upon William Wallace, and he has entered into that rest that remains for the people of God; aged 69 years and 23 days.

He was a member of the Baptist church at Zion, in Jackson county, about 31 years. While he was not zealous, religiously, he was a consistent member, of industrious habits, upright in his dealings, generous in his character, a tender husband, a devoted father, and a good and peaceable citizen—ever true to his trust. It was the pleasure of the writer to know Brother Wallace a number of years, and all this time he was conscientious, kind and obliging, ready to lend a helping hand to the distressed and alleviate the suffering of the stricken. He leaves an aged and afflicted companion, children and grandchildren to mourn his death. But when darkness comes, it is light with God. And while the subject of this writing was perfectly sane, he invoked that Omnipotent hand to uphold him in his hour of affliction, acknowledging Him his only comfort, never murmuring at his suffering condition, but seemed to consider it a wise dispensation, to work out for him far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, knowing that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us. The debt is paid; the demand is satisfied, and Brother Wallace is clothed upon with that house in which there are many mansions. His remains were buried at Walnut Fork church, the funeral services being conducted by Rev H. N. Rainey; congregation large and devotional, in evidence of respect for the deceased. Peace to his dust, until it is raised in power.

Excerpt Forest News April 30, 1880

Rev. H. N. Rainey will preach the funeral of Deliah Wallace at Walnut Fork Church on the first Sabbath in May. She departed this life on the 4th day of October 1879 aged about 68 years. She was for 30 years an acceptable member of the Baptist church at Zion. Her conversion was in the early period of her life. She was a tender and affectionate mother kind in disposition, sociable, full of benevolence and truly virtuous. Relatives and many friends mourn the loss of this worthy mother but that loss is only her eternal gain of that world of imperishable glory. She expressed a willingness to die before she expired this life, nothing but dying grace can give us this resignation.

Excerpt Forest News August 19, 1881

Malinda Martin, wife of Elijah Martin, passed from this life June 21st, 1881, aged 76 years. She was an acceptable member of the Methodist church for about 60 years. Her

sufferings were very great during her last sickness, but she seemed to bear them all patiently. A few days before her death she called her children and husband near by, and talked much of her departure of this life, telling them all to meet her where they would never part and enjoy that never-fading and imperishable glory at the right hand of God. She leaves an aged husband, tottering almost over the grave, who soon must follow in the same channel. May he be fully prepared for the solemn change. "Four children are left to mourn the loss of their dear mother, but we truly hope their loss is only her eternal gain in that world of perfect bliss. She was taken to the Walnut church, and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. F. Rutherford and his father, Rev W. B. Rutherford, from that grand and noble text of Scripture, St. John, 11th chapter, part of 25th verse, "though he were dead, yet shall he live." Then her remains were deposited in that old large grave-yard, to rest until resurrection morn.

Excerpt Forest News March 11, 1892

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from our midst Brother Thomas J. Randolph, who was a member of Zion church for many years. After suffering about two months he died at his home near Walnut Church, Jackson County. He was born May 3, 1809, and died January 7, 1892, aged eighty three years and eight months. He was interred at the cemetery at Walnut. Uncle Joe, as we all called him, married three times. His first wife, was a White, the second was a White and the third was a Maddox. His last wife died February 9th, 1891. She was buried at the same place. Uncle Joe leave a bright testimony. He said during his illness that he was going home to Jesus, and told his friends to prepare to meet him.

There is no death—the stars go down,
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown,
They will rise and shine forevermore.

Excerpt Forest News March 18, 1898

Miss Marthy Grigery, a lady of about fifteen summers, died last Saturday, and was buried at Walnut church, Sunday.

Excerpt Jackson Herald May 25, 1900 Cedar Rock

The funeral of Uncle Johnson Maddox, who died last years, will be preached at Walnut church the 1st Sunday in June, as it could not be attended at the time of his death on account of small pox. Mr. Maddox was a firm believer in Christ, and always ready to lend a helping hand to the needy.

Excerpt Jackson Herald March 29, 1906 Union Hill

Miss Ada Banks died last Thursday morning at the home of Henry Childers, here she was staying. She was an orphan girl about 19 years of age. She was laid to rest at Walnut church, by the side of her father and mother.

Excerpt Jackson Herald October 4, 1906

One of the saddest deaths it has been our duty to chronicle is that of Mrs. Mary Barnett. She leaves a husband, three sons, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death. But we feel our loss is heaven's gain. She professed a hope in Christ, and united with the Baptist church. There is a vacant seat in her home and in the church which never can be filled. It is sad to part with our loving mother and sister, but let us submit to the will of the Lord, to whom she was submissive during her sickness. We extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

Excerpt Jackson Herald November 8, 1906

Whereas, on Sept 22, 1906, it pleased the Grand Master of the universe to call from his earthly labor to eternal refreshment our brother John A. Braselton, who was born in Hall County, Ga. He descended from a noble parentage. He lived to be 85 years of age. His parents were among the first settlers of our noble country. He raised a large family of children, and all survive him except one daughter, and all of them possess noble traits of character. He never attached himself to any church, but gave the writer strong evidence of his new birth in Christ. He joined the Masonic fraternity while young, and lived a consistent member of that old and noble fraternity, always ready to comply with all rules and regulations.

Excerpt Jackson Herald June 15, 1917

On the day of May 19, 1911, death visited our home and took from us our dear mother, who was so precious to us.

She was sixty-six years, four months and nineteen days old at the time of her death. She was the oldest daughter of John M. McCune. She had lived a faithful member of the Baptist church for thirty years. She leaves a husband and two daughters, besides one sister to mourn their lose. She was a kind and loving mother. We miss the dear mother from our home. Her kind words would comfort us in sickness or trouble.

The remains were interred at Walnut cemetery, on Saturday p.m. the obsequia being conducted by Rev. S. P. Higgins.

Daughter, Eula

Excerpt Jackson Herald July 12, 1917

Mr. Junious Stancil, a young man about grown, was laid to rest in Walnut cemetery last Friday afternoon. Rev. G. H. Collins conducted the funeral services. A few weeks ago his sister, Ila Mae, a girl not quite grown, was buried here, too. Sometime ago they had measles, and hadn't gotten entirely over them, and took the fever. The people are much in sympathy with the bereaved family and we direct them to Him who is able to help this sad hour.

Excerpt Jackson Herald February 14, 1918

In Memory of Miss Bertha May Maddox

Bertha was spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Clark, in Greenville, S. C. on Friday morning, December 18th while standing before the fire, her clothing being in flames before she knew it and before help could reach her she received burns that proved fatal. She was rushed to the City Hospital, where everything was done that could be done by the most skillful physicians and willing hands of father, mother, brother and sisters.

Many anxious friends at home looked forward for each day to bring the glad message of her improvement and that she would soon return home restored to health. But as the loved ones watched over her bed, day after day, she grew weaker, until on the eve of January 21st; just as the shades of night were gathering over the land, her bright spirit answered the call of the Death Angel and took its flight to the Great Beyond, where death will be no more. Bertha had reached the age of sixteen, and was dearly loved and admired by all who knew her for her loving disposition. She was the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. T. S. Maddox. She leaves a father and mother; two sisters,

Mrs. W. S. Clark and Pauline; and two brothers, Hurbert and Gordon.

Her body was brought back to Georgia, and laid to rest in the Walnut cemetery.

Excerpts from Four-County Booster July 18, 1924

After several months of illness and suffering, Miss Pearl Manus passed from this life on June 28th. The funeral services and interment took place at Walnut church June 29th with Rev. J. Otis McNeal, pastor of the church in charge.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Manus, and was a young woman of many lovable traits of character. During her illness she bore her suffering with a fortitude that becomes a Christian. She will be greatly missed in the home and in the community.

Mr. H. Berryman died at the home of his son, Mr. C. T. Berryman, near Pendergrass, at 1 a.m. Wednesday morning, following an illness of several months.

Mr. Berryman was in his 78th year. He was born and reared in Madison county and moved to Jackson county in 1885, where he has since resided, and where he was held in the highest esteem.

He was a member of the Baptist church, and his funeral will be held today at two o'clock at Walnut church, Rev. McNeal, the pastor, officiating.

He is survived by five sons and three daughters, Messrs. D. S. and C. T. Berryman, of this county; L. J. of Gwinnett county; Frank, of California; T. C. of Arkansas; Mrs. Lillie Worsley, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Annie Lou Wood, of Asheville, N. C.

Walnut Notes August 20, 1880

Mr. Joe C. Melver has a little son ten months old, and weighs 30 pounds, that can whistle "Yankee Doodle" and beat time with his hands, and can't walk, but can stand alone.

The Rev. W. H. Bridges has nearly completed his residence over the river on his farm.

It is our pleasure to shake hands with Mr. Lewis Bridges of Milton county, father of W. H. and A. J. Bridges, who is on a visit to his sons, the gentleman is somewhat advanced in age, being 84 years old.

Athens Banner December 12, 1907

The Georgia football team next year will be led by Herman DeLaperriere, of Jackson County.

This was determined yesterday when the election for football captain took place.

The choice of DeLaperriere as captain gives general satisfaction among the students of the University. He has been in the University three years and has been on the team every year since he came here as a student. For a greater part of the time he played in the position of tackle.

Captain DeLaperriere is one of the hardest and most faithful players on the team. He knows the game in detail, is popular with the boys, has a good football head and will handle the team all right.



Photograph of the corner stone at Walnut Fork Church

Walnut Fork Church Minutes

The first members of Walnut fork church met at the home of Joseph Thompson on May 29, 1802 to form a constitution. The following list of members were transcribed from the original church records.

1802-1805

Joseph Thompson Sr.	Polly Williamson	Nancy Sanford	Jacob Brazelton
Jacob Cole	John Tidwell	Samuel Herrin	Lucrecia Sanford
Littleberry Eppison	Winey Tidwell	Benjamin Dowdy	Polly Sanford
William Bennett	Wm. Beal	Ellen Cook	Poessy Sanford
Cullivan Clements	Nancy Beal	Polly Smith	Thomas Barker
Joseph Thomson Jr.	Amelia Beal	Betty Hancock	Elizabeth Cason
Joseph Watts	Mary Hall	Sally Dowdy	Thomas Langley
Ann Thomson	Mary Thomson	(black) Toney	Sister Nancy Langley
Winford Cole	(black) Bity	Walton Cook	Susanna
Mary Cochran	Furguson	Polly Patterson	Thomson
Agnes Clements	Celina Garis	Aaron Dowdy	Frances Tidwell
Hannah Bennett	Caty Farrow	William Smith	John Glenn
Nancy Epperson	Nancy McClung	Edward Wade	Miles Langley
Joannah Clements	Mary Tallent	Stephen Caudle	Sarah Hinton
Henry Burdine	Mary Fipp	Polly Glaze	Benj Dowdy
Catherine Hornsby	Sarah Beal	Nancy McKenday	Charlotte Patterson
Catherine Phillips	Jerimah Tidwell	Thomson Jones	Wm Bennett
Joseph Thomson	Nancy Burdine	Mary Jones, his wife	Cary Dowdy
Moses Hornsby	Henry Tidwell	Sally Glenn	John Inzor Sr.
Richard Williamson	Jane Williams	William Patterson	Patty Inzor, his wife
G. Strubling	Ann Ferrell	Charlotte Patterson	Robert Inzor
Cissy Watts	Rachel Lafferty	Nancy Majors	John Inzor, Jr.
Abraham Menes	Celia Tidwell	Charity Wade	Delilah Wilson
John Strickland	Walter Beck	Kinchin Pikes	B. Osburn
Letty Williamson	(black) John	Gus Silver	(black) Jay Thomas
Margaret Ledford	Lavonia McCoy	(black) Chisy	Charity Wade
John McClung	Samuel Langston	Edward Wade Sr.	Sister Barker
Elizabeth McClung	Martha Langston	Edward Wade Jr.	Mitchell Bennett
Robert Dowdy	(black) Phoebe	Thomas Jones	Peggy H
Cathy Dowdy		William Blake	Janes Wilkins
Sarah McCathern	1812-1827	John Williamson	Susannah Wilkins
J. T. Cole	Mitchell Barron	John Inzer	Jane Ward
Ruben McClung	Elizabeth Cosart	Robert Inzer	Jacob Brazelton, Jr.
Elizabeth Thomson	Luiza Ledford	John Wade	Sister Ward
Nancy Price	Eip Jo	Nancy Wade Sr.	Brother Hurst
Polly Thomson	John Wade	Nancy Wade Jr.	Hannah Bennett
Charles Price	Polly Griggs	Betty Smith	Charles Daugherty
Randal Burns	Wm McWhirter	Louisay Wade	Elizabeth Daugherty
Betty Howard	Susanna Mc Whirter	Polly Jones	Mitchell Austan
John Howard	Edward and Nancy	Aaron Williamson	(black) Jack
Elizabeth Ledford	John Patterson	Mary Inzor	Siter Brazelton
	Walter Beal	John Cordill	Brother & Sister Barker

Turner
Elizabeth Ashairn
Margel Cotten
Martha Dowdy
(black) Bob
Mahilda Barker
Mingo
Joe
Lucy
Lyda
Jerimiah Reeves
Polly Reeves
Jamima Hearstile
Susannah Green
Moses Roberts
Nancy Roberts
Mary O'Dear Sr.
Mary O'Dear Jr.
Drucilla Mann
Jeremiah Allbright
Fanny
William Ward
Elizabeth Long
Joshua Rinewater

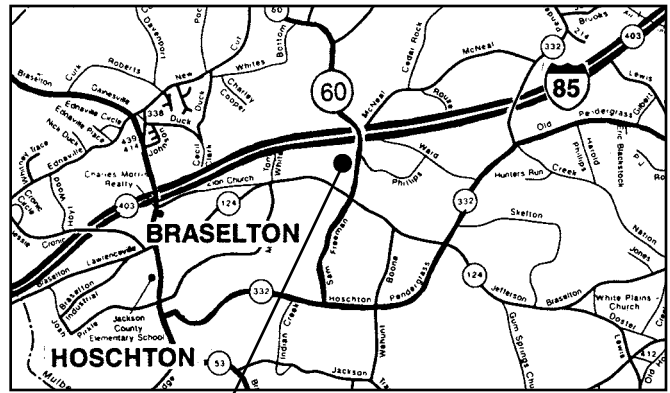
1858

J. Human
H. Attaway
Evean Porter
W. T. Oaks
Joseph Irvin
W, C. Reynolds
James Reynolds
Simeon Coker
J. M. Cheek
Moses J. Clark
Charles H. Smith
John Saxon
T. Murphy
Anderson Diels
Cicero E. S
Epson G

Alvin Yearwood
C. Tenard
M. Whitmire
Cicero R. Bowles
James Milton
John Oakes
Jesse Murty
H. Cowan
P. N. Carlille
Charles Belonging
Davy Belonging
Elizabeth Human
Sarah Attaway
Mahala Lankston
Tabitha Garner
Frances Bradley
Maryan oaks
Elizabeth Bowles
Saryan Davis
Mariahan Smith
(married Murphy)
Slena Murphy
(married Mullins)
Lucinda Irvin
Jane Lowrey
Arminda Sexton
Elender Irvin Jr.
Elender Irvin Sr.
Patty Irvin
Marilla Reynolds
Elizabeth Reynolds
Susan Coker
Christiana McElvy
Cynthia Cheek
Mary Cheek
Sarah Clark
Mary Braselton
Lucy W. Murphy
Nancy Porter
Margree J. Carlisle
Adaline Stone
Martha Roberts

Christy Dalton
Tomeinba Eades
Sarah J. Yearwood
Lewinner Cheek
Charity Cheek
Mary Cheek
Malitta Sawls
Elizabeth Sexton
Everline Williams
Irma Cheek
Aleatha Lowery
Nansa Carliel
Susan Wood
Mary Stone
Mary E. Human
Margaret White
Matilda Kinney
Adaline Finch
Susan Oaks
Nancy J. Bowles
Rody Grubs
Lida Cheek
Balsore J. Whitmire
Elizabeth timbs
Alah J. Oakes
Elizabeth Ward
Elisabeth Bowles
Nancy McEver
Mary Mattox
Martha Mattox
Elisor B. Walis
Mahalda Porter
Mary J. Davis

Take Interstate 85 to Braselton Exit. Turn south, take the first road to the left, Zion Church Rd., it will merge into Highway 124. travel to Highway 60, take a left and follow until you come to the church on the left.



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