

PLEASANT UNION CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY, Notes, continued.

Obituary, The Commercial Appeal, 2 Apr. 1970: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Stovall, 80, widow of Roy T. Stovall, died yesterday. Leaves 3 dau., Mrs. Dorris Milton, Miss Ruth Stovall, Mrs. Quincy Karnes, 4 sis., Mrs. Lorena Marbry, Mrs. Martha Crumby, Mrs. Cora Grimes, Mrs. Lois Wilkins, 8 grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren.

NOTES - EGYPT BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY (Pages 66-72 of Volume I)

The compilers were told this church took its name from the Bible verse of Genesis 42:1 "... Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt ..." In the early years of the Shelby County area, there is a story of a great drouth. The area near this church was the only one that had an ample corn crop, and the church members adopted the name of "Egypt." The history of this church may be found in Dr. Coleman's History of the Baptists in Shelby County, in an article in The Commercial Appeal of 14 Mar. 1959, and in The Baptist Reflector of 18 Apr. 1946. The Commercial Appeal of 14 Aug. 1948, reported the Church celebration of its "130th anniversary ... construction of ... first building was delayed in 1819 by negotiation of a treaty with Indians who occupied the land called Sanderlin's Bluff. The present building is 98 years old." Although this church and cemetery are among the oldest in Shelby County, no marked burial prior to 1851 could be found.

The compilers talked with John Walter Wesson and his wife, Susie Idella Busby Wesson. He is a son of John Walter and Kate (Massey) Wesson, and grandson of Joseph Nathaniel and Emmer E. Wesson. He had one brother, the late Luther Wesson, and one sister, Mrs. Lillian Wesson Richardson. Mr. Wesson said the church and graveyard have been located at the present site since 1818, but during the first two years of the church's organization the members met in their homes. When asked about the absence of early marked burials, he indicated many of these early markers may have been of a temporary nature, and these have vanished with time. Mrs. T.M. Bullifin, 4525 Raleigh-Millington Road, told compilers she recalled playing with other children on the church grounds and searching for the oldest grave. She remembered she found one stone with a death date of 1831.

The 1850 census, Shelby Co., Tenn., 6th Civil District, 9 Oct. 1850, P. 113:
508/508 McCallum, Malcomb 34-M-Farmer-\$800-N.C.; Mary 29-F-N.C.; Duncan 6-M-Tenn.; John 3-M-Tenn.; Saml. 4/12-M-Tenn.; and Thomas, Isaac 24-M-Overseer-N.C.
7th Civil District, 6 Nov. 1850, P. 149-L: 1044/1044 Wesson, Joseph 57-M-Farmer-\$1290-Va.; Elizabeth 58-F-Va.; Isaac 24-M-Farmer-Va.; Arabella 20-F-Va.; Martha 18-F-Va.; Joseph 16-M-Va.; and Joysey 14-F-Va.

The 1860 census, Shelby Co., Tenn., 7th Civil District, 18 Sept. 1860, P. 329-L: 1402/1497 Western (Wesson), Joseph N. 27-M-Farmer-Va.; and Emma E. 17-F-Va.

Shelby Co., Tenn., marriage records show:

#4598, Bk. I, p. 460: Z. Anderson and Joice Wesson, married 22 Oct. 1857, by Rev. W.N. Edwards, T.L. Alsbrooks, Sec.

#1076, Bk. I, p. 107: Malcolm McCollum and Mary A. Thomas, married 8 Dec. 1839, by Henry W. Sale, Littleberry Wendall and L.W. Mitchell, Sec.

#2187, Bk. I, p. 218: Joel C. Massey and D.E. Sanderford, married 20 Aug. 1849, by R.N. Bond, J.P., W. Sanderford, Sec.

#2000, Bk. I, p. 199: George B. Bentley and Manerva George, married 11 Oct. 1848, by James Carrol, J.P., W.H. Neal, Sec.

#5082, Bk. II, p. 12: Joseph N. Wesson and Emma Eliza Anderson, married 23 Dec. 1858, by Wm. McGowan, M.G., E.B. Wesson, Sec.

Obituaries, The Commercial Appeal, of date shown, burial in this cemetery:

30 July 1971: Mrs. Jennie M. Binford, 83, widow of Lloyd Tilghman Binford, died yesterday. Leaves a sis., Mrs. Lois B. Schaedle, and a bro., Hugy G. Black.

18 Apr. 1970: Mrs. Tina M. Davie, 67, wife of Harold J. Davie. Also leaves a son, Joe Davie.

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