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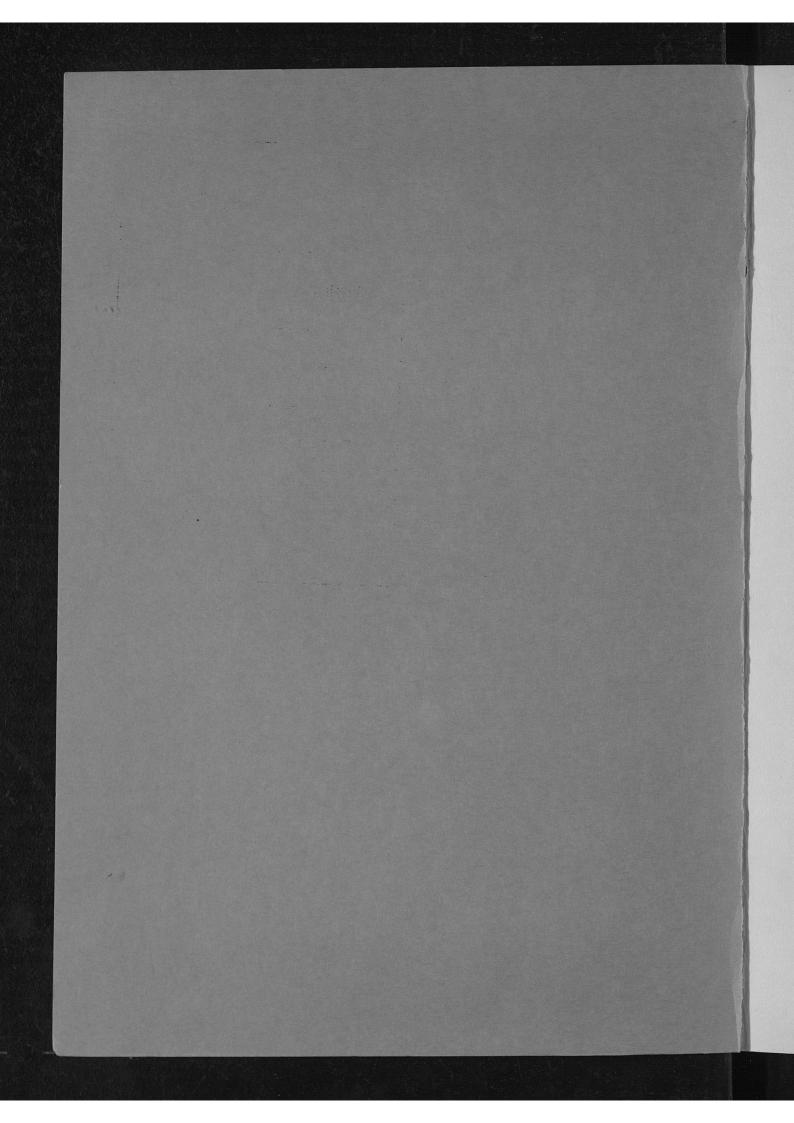
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FOREWORD

The Historical Records Survey program is one of the many valuable and permanent undertakings of the Work Projects Administration. One division of this work is the Church Records Survey. The Federal Government has recognized that in the field of history churches and their organizations occupy an important place. Under the program as planned the work will extend to every religious body of every creed in all the states in the Union.

Of particular interest to Baptists is that part of the program which concerns the Baptist associations and churches of North Carolina. This work is already in progress and will be pressed toward completion. Under the direction of an able supervisory staff, located in Raleigh, one or more workers is assigned to each association. These workers make a careful and industrious search for all church records, printed or in manuscript, minutes of associations, and any other materials that may serve the purpose of the Survey. With this material in hand the editorial staff prepares a short sketch of the association and its constituent churches, which is published in a separate volume.

Those who are interested in church history will find these volumes most valuable. For both the association and each local church is given a complete list of all records that have been discovered and from which the sketches have been constructed, with a statement of where they may be found. For the association, the time and place of its organization are given with a list of its charter churches. Some account is also given of the officers, especially the first and those of the present time. For each church a like care is exercised in giving essential historical data, such as the time and place of constitution, the constituting officers, the location and character of the houses of worship, and the growth or decrease in number of members.

This work is comprehensive and will be invaluable. It preserves from loss essential facts about our churches. Every one who is interested in our religious history will greatly appreciate it. It will be most helpful also in creating an interest in preserving church records, as emphasis is placed on locating and inventorying the old and rapidly disappearing records of the churches. No reader of these sketches can fail to recognize the great significance of organized religious bodies in the life of the nation.

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The Historical Records Survey was created in the winter of 1935-36 as a nation-wide Works Progress Administration project for the "discovery, preservation and listing of basic materials for research in the history of the United States." Under the direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans, the Survey undertook an extensive program for the inventory of state and local archives, early American imprints, church archives, and collections of manuscripts. Pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Relief Act passed June 30, 1939, the existence of the Survey as a single nation-wide project sponsored by WPA itself was terminated August 31, 1939; and the work of the Survey was continued within the individual States by locally sponsored projects operating within the national WPA Historical Records Survey Program which continued under the direction of Dr. Evans until his resignation and the subsequent appointment of Sargent B. Child on March 1, 1940.

The North Carolina Project of the national Historical Records Survey was established February 1, 1936, with Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, as Director. Until November 1936 the Survey operated as an autonomous unit of the Federal Writers' Project directed in North Carolina by Edwin Bjorkman. Dr. Crittenden resigned as State Director June 30, 1937, and was succeeded by Dan Lacy, who had previously served as Assistant State Director. Mr. Lacy resigned April 2, 1940, to accept the position of Assistant to the Director of Historical Records Survey Projects in Washington, and was succeeded by Colbert F. Crutchfield as State Supervisor. The work of the North Carolina unit of the Historical Records Survey has been continued by the North Carolina Historical Records Survey Project established September 1, 1939, and sponsored by the North Carolina Historical Commission.

The Inventory of the Church Archives of North Carolina is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials being prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program. A separate section of the inventory will be devoted to each denomination, or to each subdivision of a denomination which affords a publishable unit within itself. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the records of the Stanly Association, is such a unit of the Southern Baptist Convention, with which denominational body the Stanly Association is affiliated. Field work for the inventory was done by Charles M. Dry. Entries were written by Mrs. Lucy F. Hartsfield. The inventory was prepared under the supervision of Joseph T. Chesnutt and was read for the sponsor by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission. Editorial comments and criticism have been furnished by Donald A. Thompson, Assistant Archivist in charge of Church Archives Inventories. The Survey is indebted to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for supplies used in this publication; to M. A. Huggins, Secretary-Treasurer of that body, for his interest in and support of the work; to Dr. G. W. Paschal, of Wake Forest College, who read and criticized the inventory;

^{1.} Works Progress Administration, Operating Procedure No. W-2, Revised July 2, 1937.

and to officials and members of the Stanly Association, who generously co-operated in the work.

The Survey gratefully acknowledges the co-operation and support of Miss Charlie Huss, State Supervisor of the Research and Records Program of the Division of Community Service Programs, and members of her staff.

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EXPLATATORY NOTES

- 1. The Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C., has been designated as the official depository for non-current records of the associations and churches affiliated with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.
- 2. The full names of persons mentioned in this inventory are given if this information was available.
- 3. The information appearing in this publication has been obtained chiefly by Survey workers through personal interviews with pastors and church clerks. It has been supplemented when possible by research in available printed and manuscript sources. Computations of membership and dates of constitution of churches have been obtained when possible from printed minutes of this and other associations to which the particular church has belonged.
- 4. Occasional references may be made in the entries to churches not included in the inventory. In such cases an entry for the church mentioned normally will be found in the forthcoming volume for the denomination or denominational unit to which that church at present belongs.
- 5. Gaps in the records listed for some churches are due either to the fact that they were not kept, were destroyed, or were simply not found after a careful search by workers.
- 6. No particular effort has been made to locate all Sunday School records as they are usually of temporary character. If easily available, they have been listed.
- 7. Associations referred to are affiliated with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention unless otherwise indicated.
- 8. A dash (--) placed after a date indicates continuance to present date or to time of survey.

STANLY ASSOCIATION

On October 25, 1885, the Rocky River Association passed a motion which provided that all churches to the east of Rocky River were to meet at Poplin's Grove Baptist Church on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in November 1885 for the purpose of organizing a Stanly Association. 1 Apparently this meeting was not held, or the organization was not completed, as the assoc+ iation proper was organized at Silver Springs Church December 5, 1885, "pursuant to a resolution of the Stanly Baptist Union."2 It is not known when this union meeting was held; but as Baptist union meetings were usually held on the fifth Sunday, it is probable that it was held at some other date than that provided for in the action of the Rocky River Association.

At the organizational meeting four churches from the Rocky River Association (Silver Springs, which was dismissed in 1884; 3 and Barbee's Grove, Pleasant Grove, and Canton, all of which withdrew in 18854) united with Poplin's Grove and Mount Olive (both of which withdrew from the Pee Dee Association in 18855) and two probably newly constituted churches, Union Grove and Locust, 6 to form the Stanly Association.

Since its organization the association has grown rapidly. Newly constituted churches accepted in the association have included First Church of Albemarle, China Grove, Cottonville, and Zion Hill in 1889;7 Philadelphia and New London (old) in 1891; 8 West Albemarle in 1903; 9 New London (new) in 1905; 10 Plyler and Smyrna in 1908; 11 Mt. Pleasant and Wyatt's Grove in 1911; 12 Antioch in 1912; 13 Miami in 1913; 14 Bethel and Porter in 1915;15 Oakboro in 1916;16 North Albemarle and Aquadale in

^{1.} Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Session of the Rocky River Baptist Association, Held with Prospect Church, Stanly County, October 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 1885, pp. 7-8. Minutes of the various associations are hereafter cited as Minutes, with the name of the association and date. All minutes are listed in full in the bibliography.

^{2.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1885, p. 3.

<sup>Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1884, p. 8.
Listed for the last time, Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1885, p. 1; listed in Minutes, Stanly Association, 1885, p. 3.
Listed for the last time, Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1885, p. 3; listed in Minutes, Stanly Association, 1885, p. 3.</sup>

^{6.} Not listed as members of any associations wanton had churches in the territory now embraced by Stanly Association.

^{7.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1889, pp. 12-13.

^{8.} Ibid., 1891, p. 2. New London later became inactive

^{9.} Ibid., 1903, p. 4.

^{10.} Ibid., 1905, p. 3.

ll. Ibid., 1908, p. 3.

^{12.} Ibid., 1911, pp. 4, 6.

^{13.} Ibid., 1912, p. 4.

^{14.} Ibid., 1913, p. 4.

^{15.} Ibid., 1915, p. 5.

^{16.} Ibid., 1916, p. 4.

1919; ¹⁷ Grace and Yadkin in 1921; ¹⁸ Richfield in 1925; ¹⁹ Stanfield and West Oakboro in 1926; ²⁰ Paul's Crossing in 1935; ²¹ Oak Grove in 1936; ²² Fairview in 1937; ²³ and Poplin's Grove in 1939. ²⁴ Other additions came from adjoining associations. Prospect Church was received from Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association in 1894, ²⁵ and Chancey's Hill in 1903. ²⁶ From Pee Dee Association came Anderson Grove, Kendall's, and Palmerville in 1888; ²⁷ Badin and Gold Hill in 1889; ²⁸ and Norwood in 1900. ²⁹ Elizabeth, Corinth, and Mineral Springs in 1886 ³⁰ and Mount Zion in 1887 ³¹ were received from Rocky River Association. Mission Church appears in the minutes for the first time in 1895 with no mention regarding its being received from another association or being newly constituted. ³²

Since its organization the association has lost fifteen churches. Mt. Pleasant, Wyatts Grove, and Corinth were dismissed in 1927 to unite with Rowan Association; 38 Midland in 1936 to unite with Cabarrus Association; 34 and Miami in 1914 to unite with Macklenburg-Cabarrus Association. 35 Other churches have simply ceased to be reported as members of the association and probably became defunct near the date last mentioned. These churches, with the dates of the last minutes in which they were reported, are: Mt. Zion, 1888; China Grove, 1889; Elizabeth, 1893; Zion Hill, 1897; New London (old), 1898; Poplin's Grove, 1904; Gold Hill, 1907; Yadkin, 1925; and Smyrna, 1929. An effort to revive Smyrna during the next 2 or 3 years failed.

The membership of the association has increased rapidly. In 1885 the constituent churches reported a total membership of 417; in 1895 this had increased to 1,447; in 1903 to 2,259; in 1913 to 3,624; in 1923 to 5,001; in 1933 to 5,962; and in 1938 to 6,624.

The organization of the Stanly Association is simple. Its working body is composed of all ordained ministers serving its churches, and three or more messengers elected annually from each church. No courtes presents

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17. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1919, p. 6:
    Thid., 1921, p. 6.

Ibid., 1925, p. 3.

Ibid., 1926, p. 6.

Ibid., 1935, p. 9.

Ibid., 1936, p. 7.

Ibid., 1937, p. 8.
     Minutes of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of the Stanly Association
      had not been printed at time of survey.
     Minutes, Stanly Association, 1894, p. 6.
25.
      Ibid., 1903, p. 3. Name changed to Midland, 19225 Ibid., 1388, p. 4.
26.
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28.
     Ibid., 1889; p. 4.
29.
      Ibid., 1900, p. 3.
      Ibid., 1886, p. 4.
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31.
     Ibid., 1887, p. 6.
     Ibid., 1895, p. 11.
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     Ibid., 1927, p. 4.
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     Ibid., 1936, p. 6.
                               Admitted as Chancey's Hill.
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      Ibid., 1914, p. 12.
     Data drawn from statistical tables in minutes for years cited.
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are extended except to these persons. The ministers and messengers meet in annual sessions for worship and the transaction of business. The elected officers of the association are a moderator, vice-moderator, historian, clerk, and treasurer. It is the duty of the moderator to preside at meetings, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are required of presiding officers. The duty of the vice-moderator is to preside in the absence of the moderator. It is the duty of the historian to submit at each annual meeting a historical sketch of one of the constituent churches. The clerk is to keep a record of the proceedings of the association and see that the minutes are printed and distributed among the churches. The treasurer has charge of all funds of the association and may pay them out only under the direction of the association. He must submit annual reports to the association of all receipts and disbursements. 37 Committees are usually appointed to encourage subscriptions to religious periodicals; to solicit support for missions and for various denominational institutions; to encourage attendance at denominational schools; to stimulate Sunday Schools; and to select the date, place, and preacher for the next annual meeting. An executive committee supervises the general affairs of the association and devotes itself especially to the provision of adequate ministerial and missionary service in the area of the association. A promotion committee works in connection with the State Mission Board in matters pertaining to general denominational interests within the association.38

The records of the association are kept only in the form of printed minutes of the annual sessions, which include lists of delegates, ministers, and committee members; a record of proceedings; reports of committees; financial reports; and statistical reports covering membership, Sunday School, property, and finances of the constituent churches.

Since the organization of the association the following men have served as moderators:39

W. J. Morton, Albemarle, N. C 1886-87
C. C. Foreman, Silver, N. C 1885, 1888-89
J. C. Denny, Heiligs Mills, N. C 1890
J. F. Hodge 1891
D. S. Morton, Whitley, N. C 1892
E. F. Eddins, Palmerville, N. C 1893-95, 1897-1906
J. W. Suttle, Albemarle, N. C 1896
C. J. Black, Big Lick, N. C 1907-14
E. M. Brooks, Palmerville, N. C 1915-18
Q. C. Davis 1919-24
J. Marvin Smith, Albemarle, N. C 1925
J. M. Page, Badin, N. C 1926
F. A. Bower, Albemarle, N. C 1927-32

^{37. &}quot;Constitution," Minutes, Stanly Association, 1938. The constitution is also to be found in the minutes of most other sessions of the associations.

39. Ibid.

^{38.} Minutes, Stanly Association, passim.

J. D.	Dorton, Albemarle, N. C
The follow	ing men have served the association as clerks:40
W. K. E. D. D. S. S. A. J. C. C. J. E. A. J. R. E. M. W. A. Z. W. W. S. L. D.	Morton, Albemarle, N. C. 1885-89 Littleton, Palestine, N. C. 1890-91 Teeter, Locust Level, N. C. 1892-99, 1911 Morton, Whitley, N. C. 1900-1910 Jenkins, Rt. 2, Locust Level, N. C. 1912-15 Gillespie, Norwood, N. C. 1916-18 Black. 1919-20 Branch 1921 Miller, Norwood, N. C. 1922-24 Brooks, Albemarle, N. C. 1925-28 Hough, New London, N. C. 1929-35 Rotan. 1936 Caudle 1937 Munn, Badin, N. C. 1938-39 rd Bass, Albemarle, N. C. 1940-41

^{40.} Minutes, Stanly Association, passim.

1. POPLIN'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1800-1904. Near Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted about 1800. A member of Rocky River Association 1880;41 of Pee Dee Association 1881-84;42 received into Stanly Association 1885.43 Church services were held in a one-room frame structure from organization to date of lapse. First known resident clergyman, Rev. J. R. Littleton, 1880. The church reported a Sunday School as early as 1889. Church membership in 1880, 27; in 1893, 76; and in 1903, 38. See also entry 43.

Record Book, 1890-1904. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences, membership rolls, names of pastors, and incomplete record of organization of the church. In custody of Mr. C. E. Burris, R. F. D. #3. Albemarle.

> 2. KENDALL'S BAPTIST CHURCH, 1830 -- 5 miles northwest of Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted January 31, 1830, by members of Rocky River Church under the leadership of Job Calloway. A member of Pee Dee Association as early as 1841;44 received into Stanly Association 1888.45 Operated as an arm of Rocky River Church 1823-30. First building, 1820-1904, known as Kendall's Meeting House, a small log chapel erected through community cooperation on a plot of land donated by Sam Kendall; located near the site of the present building. Present building, 1905 -- , a large frame structure with 5 Sunday School rooms, bell, and pews of native oak which were used in the original building; dedicated 1907 by Rev. J. B. Richards, son, son of the first pastor. First resident clergyman, Rev. Noah Richardson, 1830. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1881. Church membership in 1841, 50; in 1853, 55; in 1867, 93; in 1876, 66; in 1889, 73; in 1899, 121; in 1909, 137; in 1919, 161; in 1929, 159; and in 1938, 161.

Record Book, 1935--. 5 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; and quarterly reports. In custody of Mr. J. R. Pickler. Financial record, 1936 -- . 4 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. DeWitt E. Henderson. Sunday School record, 1935 -- . 4 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers and teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church.

^{41.} Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1880, p. 8 (earliest available minutes in which the church is listed).

^{42.} Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1881, p. 11; Ibid., 1884, p. 13.
43. Minutes, Starly Association, 1885, p. 3.

Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1841, p. 2. (carliest minutes avail-

^{45.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1888, p. 4.

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3. BADIN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1836--. Main St., Badin, Stanly County.

(Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1836-1929)

Constituted April 17, 1836. A member of Pee Dee Association as early as 1841; 46 received into Stanly Association 1889.47 First building, 1836-68, a one-room log structure. Second building, 1869-81, a one-room frame structure. Third building, 1882-1924. Present building, 1925--, a brick structure, Georgian architecture, with 30 rooms, heating plant, art-glass windows, and bell; dedicated 1936. First resident clergyman, Rev. Benjamin Lanier, 1836-41. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1877. Church membership in 1841, 51; in 1853, 56; in 1866, 121; in 1876, 127; in 1886, 105; in 1897, 120; in 1903, 84; in 1914, 109; in 1918, 245; in 1928, 274; and in 1938, 289.

Record Book, 1902-19, 1924--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; record of deaths; and financial records. In custody of Mrs. Henry Hall. Sunday School record, 1931--. 2 vols. Includes general monthly summaries; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church. Baptist Training Union record, 1937-38. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; topics discussed at meetings; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

Historical sketch written by W. K. Littleton, five double-spaced pages, typewritten, dated July 30, 1919; revised in 1936 by Rev. L. D. Munn. In custody of Mrs. J. W. Miller.

4. PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1843--. Near Oakboro, Stanly County.

Constituted 1843. Received into Pee Dee Association 1843;48 a member of Rocky River Association as early as 1872;49 received into Stanly Association 1885.50 First building, 1843-92, a log structure which stood 100 feet from present site. Present building, 1892--, a large frame structure with 4 Sunday School rooms, hand made pews, and bell; dedicated 1894; repaired 1908. First resident clergyman, Rev. Henderson Carter. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1892. Church membership in 1872, 48; in 1886, 75; in 1905, 87; in 1922, 170; in 1932, 186; and in 1938, 208.

Record Book, 1886--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; rules of decorum; membership rolls; text of sermons; records of quarterly and annual reports to the conference and association; and financial records. Includes also roll of local and visiting ministers, 1886-1909. 1 vol., 1886-1909, in custody of Mr. Luther Whitley. 3 vols., 1909--, in custody of Mr. H. T. Dick.

^{46.} Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1841, p. 2.

^{47.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1889, p. 4.
48. Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1843, p. 3.

^{48.} Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1843, p. 3.
49. Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1872, p. 10 (Carliest available minutes).

^{50.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1885, p. 3.

Register, 1923 -- . 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; roll of pastors and church officials; and record of deaths. In custody of Mr. Luther Whitley. Sunday School record, 1938--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers and officers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church.

> 5. MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, 1845 -- . 2 miles southwest of Oakboro, Stanly County.

Constituted 1845. A member of Pee Dee Association 1845-56;51 of Rocky River Association as early as 1872;52 received into Stanly Association 1886.53 First building used until 1910, a one-room log structure, located 1 mile east of present building. Second building, 1910-27, destroyed by winds Present building, 1928--, a seven-room brick structure with wings on either side which are used as Sunday School rooms; dedicated 1930. First resident clergyman, Rev. E. David, 1853. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1903. Church membership in 1853, 37; in 1856, 59; in 1872, 35; in 1882, 48; in 1892, 37; in 1903, 32; in 1913, 39; in 1923, 136; and in 1938, 156.

Record Book, 1931 -- . 1 vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences and board of deacons. Includes also financial records, 1934 -- . In custody of Mr. Fred Austin. Register, 1931--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; and record of deaths. In custody of Mr. Fred Austin. Financial record, 1928-29, 1931-34. 5 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. Kept at church. Sunday School record, 1928-29, 1931--. 10 vols. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

> 6. ANDERSON GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1854--. Near Albemarle, Stanly County. (Liberty Hill Baptist Church, 1854-86)

Constituted Oct. 21, 1854. A member of Pee Dee Association 1856-68;54 of Rocky River Association as early as 1872; 55 of Pee Dee Association 1883-87; 56 received into Stanly Association 1888. 57 First building, 1854-86, a log structure. Second building, 1886-1904, a frame structure. Present building, 1904--, a frame structure with brick foundation, handmade pews, main auditorium, 7 Sunday School rooms, and bell; dedicated 1900; repaired 1936. Church named in honor of Dr. Anderson, who donated land and lumber for the church. First resident clergyman, Rev. B. H.

52. Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1872, p. 10.

53. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1886, p. 4.

57. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1888, p. 4.

^{51.} Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1845, p. 8; Ibid., 1856, p. 15.

^{54.} Earliest and Tatest available minutes in which the church is listed are Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1856, p. 15; Ibid., 1868, p. 16.

55. Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1872, p. 10.

^{56.} Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1883, p. 4; Ibid., 1887, p. 3.

Carter, 1854-69. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1889. Church membership in 1856, 15; in 1860, 20; in 1866, 15; in 1872, 13; in 1882, 48; in 1899, 102; in 1909, 134; in 1919, 209; in 1929, 295; and in 1938, 334.

Record Book, 1885--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; and record of deaths. Includes also record of reports to the association, 1925--. In custody of Mr. Cecil Rummage.

Financial record, 1937--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Cecil Vickers, Rt. 3, Albemarle.

Sunday School record, 1913-19, 1931, 1933--. 11 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers and teachers; and record of attendance, visitors and collections. Kept at church.

Baptist Young People Union record, 1924-28. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls by group; topics for discussion; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

7. SILVER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, 1857--. R. F. D. #1, Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted 1857 with 12 charter members, following services held in 1856 by Rev. David Wright, an itinerant minister from Troy. A member of Rocky River Association as early as 1872; 58 received into Stanly Association 1885. 59 First building, 1858-89, a one-room frame structure. Second building, 1889-1927, a frame structure. Present building, 1927--, a brick and stone structure with auditorium, 9 Sunday School rooms, bell, and seating capacity of 300; dedicated 1928. First resident clergyman, Rev. C. C. Foreman, 1857-65, 1873-75, 1880-81. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1895. Church membership in 1872, 51; in 1882, 103; in 1892, 132; in 1903, 300; in 1913, 329; in 1923, 295; in 1933, 330; and in 1938, 336.

Record Book, 1872-94, 1905--. 6 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls (male and female listed separately, 1872-94); church covenant; and rules of decorum. Includes also record of deaths and quarterly and annual reports to the association, 1920--. In custody of Mr. N. C. Efird. Vols. for 1872-88, 1889-94, 1916-19 have loose leaves and torn pages.

Financial record, 1886-88, 1890-91, 1897-98, 1939--. 7 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. 6 vols., 1886-88, 1890-91, 1897-98, in custody of Mr. Fred Russell; volumes are badly worn and writing faded. 1 vol., 1939--, in custody of church clerk, Mr. M. C. Carpenter.

Sunday School record, 1905-6, 1909-13, 1916-18. 3 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers and teachers; and record of attendance. Includes also monthly and quarterly reports of the Sunday School and record of receipts and disbursements, 1916-18.

^{58.} Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1872, p. 10. 59. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1885, p. 3.

2 vols., 1905-6, 1909-13, in custody of Mr. Fred Russell. 1 vol., 1916-18, kept at church.

> 8. BIG LICK BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1860--. R. F. D. #1, Oakboro, Stanly County. (Mt. Olive Baptist Church, ca. 1860-93)

Constituted about 1860. A member of Rocky River Association as early as 1872;60 of Pee Dee Association 1881-84;61 received into Stanly Association 1885.62 First building used until 1900, a log structure. Present building 1900 -- , a large frame structure, 50' x 100', with pedal organ, steeple, and bell; dedicated 1902; repaired and Sunday School rooms added 1934. First resident clergyman, Rev. Columbus Foreman (?). The church has reported a Sunday School since 1886. Church membership in 1872, 94; in 1881, 114; in 1889, 89; in 1893, 111; in 1903, 125; in 1913, 227; in 1923, 169; in 1933, 140; and in 1938, 153.

Record Book, 1913-20, 1932--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls; names of church officials; and financial record. 1 vol., 1913-20, kept at church. 1 vol., 1932--, in custody of church clerk, Mr. W. H. Cagle. Register, 1932--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls and roll of pastors and church officials. In custody of Mr. W. H. Cagle. Sunday School record, 1929-37. 7 vols. Includes membership rolls by class; summary of class reports; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church. Records prior to 1913 destroyed by fire.

> 9. PROSPECT PAPTIST CHURCH, 1866--. R. F. D. #2, Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted 1866 following services held by Rev. B. H. Carter in a log schoolhouse near site of present church. A member of Rocky River Association as early as 1872; 63 of Pee Dee Association, 1881-86; of Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association 1886-94;64 received into Stanly Association 1894.65 First building, 1886-1900, a one-room frame structure, 40' x 75'. Present building, 1900--, a large frame structure with front and side entrances, 4 Sunday School rooms, and bell; dedicated 1910; remodeled and Sunday School rooms added 1937. First resident clergyman, Rev. B. H. Carter, 1866-95. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1895. Church membership in 1871, 64; in 1881, 61; in 1891, 86; in 1905, 77; in 1915, 116; in 1925, 103; and in 1938, 164.

63. Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1872, p. 10.

^{60.} Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1872, p. 10. 61. Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1881, p. 3; Ibid., 1884, p. 3.
62. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1885, p. 3.

Minutes, Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association, 1886, p. 1; 64.

Ibid., 1894, p. 1. 65. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1894, p. 6.

Record Book, 1900--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls; roll of church officials; and record of deaths. In custody of Mr. T. L. Green.

Financial record, 1935--. 4 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements and quarterly reports to the church conferences. In custody of Mrs. Ina Morris.

Sunday School record, 1935--. 4 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers; and record of attendance, collections, and quarterly and annual reports. In custody of Mrs. Ina Morris.

Sunday School record, 1935--. 3 bundles. An individual card for each scholar showing his grade each Sunday as based upon the six-point system of grading. Kept at church.

Historical sketch written by Mr. E. F. Eddins, Palmerville, N. C., in 1930. Kept at Mr. Eddins' (deceased) library.

10. CANTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1870--. R. F. D. #3, Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted 1870. A member of Rocky River Association as early as 1872;66 received into Stanly Association 1885.67 First building, 1870-87, a one-room frame structure. Second building, 1888-1927, a frame structure. Present building, 1927--, a brick structure, Georgian architecture, with art-glass windows, memorial windows, and bell; dedicated 1929. First resident clergyman, Rev. B. H. Carter, 1870-75. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1892. Church membership in 1872, 77; in 1886, 123; in 1900, 112; in 1910, 113; in 1922, 166; in 1930, 300; and in 1938, 353.

Record Book, 1883--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rells; names of pastors serving the church; and record of reports to the association. Includes also financial records, 1883-1934. In custody of Mr. U. S. Burleyson, Albemarle.

Register, 1883--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed, and roll of pastors and church officials. In custody of Mr. U. S. Burleyson.

Financial record, 1934--. 1 vol. Includes record of individual pledges and contributions. In custody of Mr. A. L. Burleyson.

Financial record, 1934--. 1 vol. Includes quarterly reports to the church conferences and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. A. L. Burleyson.

Sunday School record, 1913-14, 1934--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance and collection. Includes also record of disbursements, 1934--. Kept at church. Individual class record, not dated. 24 vols. Includes individual grade for each scholar based upon the six-point system of grading. Kept at

Sunday School secretary's record, 1936 -- . 2 vols. Includes quarterly and annual reports on all classes, Kept at church.

^{66.} Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1872, p. 10. 67. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1885, p. 3.

11. MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1872-89. Rowan County.

Constituted about 1872.68 A member of Rocky River Association as early as 1872; received into Stanly Association 1887.69 Probably disbanded around 1889. Church membership in 1872, 20; in 1882, 7; and in 1889, 5.

No records located.

12. GOLD HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1875-1907. Gold Hill, Rowen County.

Constituted about 1825: A member of Rocky River Association 1876-85;70 of Pee Dee Association 1886-87;71 received into Stanly Association 1888.72 Dropped from Stanly Association 1907 by default and probably became defunct around that date. Probably reorganized later as a member of Rowan Association. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. P. Stynes, 1876. The church had reported a Sunday School since 1892. Church membership in 1876, 33 and in 1889, 12.

No records located.

13. NORWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, 1879--. Pee Dee Ave., Norwood, Stanly County.

Constituted 1879 as an arm of Rocky River Church (Anson County). A member of Pee Dee Association 1879-99;73 received into Stanly Association 1900.74 First building, 1879-1916, a one-room frame structure. Present building, 1916 a sixteen-room structure with art-glass windows in the main auditorium, and bell; dedicated 1924. First resident clergyman, Rev. Elas Bennett, 1879-86. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1898. Church membership in 1887, 27; in 1897, 52; in 1900, 86; in 1910, 168; in 1920, 272; in 1930, 304; and in 1938, 458.

Record Book, 1907--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; and record of deaths and reports to the district conferences. In custody of Mrs. E. R.

Sinclair. Financial record, 1921--. 2 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. Includes also a record of quarterly reports to church conferences, 1925 -- . In custody of Mr. D. H. Singleton. Sunday School record, 1939 -- . 1 file box. Includes record of attendance and collections. Kept at church. Non-current records not preserved.

^{68.} Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1872, p. 10.

Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1887, p. 6.

Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1876, p. 9; Ibid., 1885, p. 12.

Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1876, p. 9; Ibid., 1887, p. 3.

Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1888, p. 4.

Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1888, p. 4.

Minutes, Stanly Association, 1879, p. 2; Ibid., 1899, p. 3.

Minutes, Stanly Association, 1900, p. 3.

14. BARBEE'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1881 -- . Near Oakboro, Stanly County

Constituted 1881. A member of Rocky River Association 1881-84;75 received into Stanly Association 1885.76 Mother church of Cottonville Baptist Church (see entry 20). First building, 1881-1911, a one-room frame structure. Present building, 1911 -- , a one-room structure with bell, very high steeple, and seating capacity of 250. First resident clergyman, Rev. W. G. Morton, 1881-82. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1886. Church membership in 1882, 27; in 1900, 87; in 1910, 67; in 1921, 73; in 1931, 74; and in 1938, 95.

Record Book, 1881--. 5 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; text of sermons; scripture readings; bylaws of the church; and purpose and intent of the organization of the church. In custody of Mr. C. L. Eudy. Register, 1881 -- . 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed, and roll of church officials. In custody of Mr. C. L.

Financial record, 1935 -- . 2 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. C. L. Eudy. Sunday School record, 1920 -- . 3 vols. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

> 15. ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1883-85 Stanly County on R. F. D. #1, Mt. Pleasant (Cabarrus County).

Constituted 1883 in the home of Mr. Riley Swinson and services held there until Mission Baptist Church was organized and the membership was transferred to that church (see entry 22). Church named in honor of Mr. Swinson's wife, Elizabeth. A member of Rocky River Association 1883-95;77 of Stanly Association 1886-93.78 First resident clergyman, Rev. E. P. Harrington, 1883. Church membership in 1883, 16 and in 1893, 30.

No records located.

79. Ibid., 1885, p. 3.

16. LOCUST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1884--. Near Stanfield, Stanly County.

Constituted 1884. Received into Stanly Association 1885.79 First services, 1884-87, held under brush arbor. First church building, 1887-1910, a one-room frame structure. Present building, 1910--, a one-room frame structure with bell and wings on either side which may be curtained off for Sunday School purposes; dedicated 1910. First resident clergyman, Rev. L. A. Whitlock, 1885. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1892. Church membership in 1885, 71; in 1895, 62; in 1904, 81; in 1914, 142; in 1928, 165; and in 1938, 170.

^{75.} Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1881, p. 3; Ibid., 1884, p. 12.
76. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1885, p. 3.
77. Minutes, Rocky River Association, 1883, p. 4; Ibid., 1885, p. 2.
78. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1886, p. 7; Ibid., 1893, p. 3.

Record Book, 1923--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; and roll of pastors and church officials. In custody of Mr. Coy Barbee. Financial record, 1938--. 1 sheet. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Artee Eudy. Non-current records not preserved.

Sunday School record, 1932--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church.

17. PALMERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1884--. Badin, Stanly County.

(Yadkin Mineral Springs Baptist Church, 1884-86)

Constituted April 14, 1884, with 18 members in Palmerville Academy which was located directly across the street from the present church building. A member of Pee Dee Association 1884-87; 80 received into Stanly Association 1888.81 First services held in Palmerville Academy. Present building, 1884--, a one-room frame structure with steeple and bell. First resident clergyman, Rev. W. M. Bostic, 1884-86. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1886. Church membership in 1886, 62; in 1899, 91; in 1909, 68; in 1919, 60; in 1929, 85; and in 1938, 94.

Record Book, 1884--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls; a history of the organization of the church; names of deacons and trustees; roll of pastors; and record of deaths. In custody of Mr. W. H. Meigs.
Financial record, 1935--. 4 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. H. E. Coggins.
Sunday School record, 1887-88, 1890-92, 1896-1901, 1903, 1905, 1912-18, 1927--. 31 vols. Includes membership rolls; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church.
Baptist Young People Union record, 1922, 1929, 1932. 3 vols. Includes weekly and monthly reports of the organization. Kept at church.
Young Men's Prayer Meeting record, 1890-1903. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the meetings and record of subjects discussed and attendance. Kept at church.

18. UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1885--. Near Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted 1885, following five years of services under brush arbors. Received into Stanly Association 1885.82 First services after organization were held in Holt School House. Present building, 1886--, a large frame structure with bell; repaired 1913 and 1929. Plans being made at present for the construction of a new church. First resident clergyman, Rev. W. G. Morton, 1885-90. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1887. Church membership in 1885, 11; in 1893, 58; in 1907, 45; in 1921, 126; in 1928, 112; and in 1938, 165.

82. Ibid., 1885, p. 3.

^{80.} Minutes, Pee Dee Association, 1884, p. 5; Ibid., 1887, p. 4. 81. Minutes, Stanly Association, 1888, p. 4.

Record Book, 1909-26, 1932--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; and names of church officials. In custody of Miss Dora Lee Hudson. Financial record, 1938--. 1 file box. Includes record of individual contributions and total collections. In custody of Mr. C. L. Mabry. Sunday School record, 1938--. 1 file box. Includes membership rolls; names of officers present and absent; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church. Non-current records not preserved. Baptist Young People Union record, 1935. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls and account of members' activity based upon eight-point system of grading. Kept at church.

19. MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH, 1885. Stenly County, on R. F. D. #1, Mt. Pleasant (Cabarrus County).

Constituted 1885 following services held in an old discarded schoolhouse. Locally rumored that the schoolhouse was sold for \$5.00 and the sum donated to the building of a church. Received into Stanly Association, 1895.83 Present building, 1891--, a frame structure with 4 Sunday School rooms and bell; rebuilt in 1924; dedicated in 1925. First resident clergyman, Rev. E. P. Harrington, 1895-1905. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1895. Church membership in 1895, 45; in 1900, 86; in 1910, 108; in 1921, 239; in 1931, 107; and in 1938, 156.

Record Book, 1892-1904, 1913-25, 1929--. 6 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences and board of deacons. Includes also membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; names of deacons; and record of deaths, 1929--. Vol. for 1929-- has revised roll of membership and church officials. 5 vols., 1892-1904, 1913-25, in custody of Mr. Luther Almond, 1 vol., 1929--, in custody of Mr. Eli Almond. Register, 1905-18, 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, showing how received and dismissed; names of church officials and pastors; and record of deaths. In custody of Mr. T. F. Rowland, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant. Membership rolls, 1935--. 1 vol. Includes revised roll of members. In custody of Mr. Eli Almond. Individual contributions, 1927--. 1 vol. Includes names of members with amount pledged, amount contributed, and balance due. In custody of Mr. Luther Almond. Treasurer's record, 1935, 1936, 1939--. 3 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of church officials; and record of receipts and disbursements. In oustody of Mr. Luther Almond. Sunday School record, 1908-11, 1915-19, 1921--. 18 vols. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance and collections. Includes also names of visitors, 1921--. 6 vols., 1908-11, 1915-19, kept at church. 12 vols., 1921 -- , in custody of Mr. Luther Almond.

20. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1888--. Corner of North and Second Sts., Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted April 1888 with 9 charter members. Received into Stanly As-

^{83.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1895, p. 2.

sociation 1889.84 First services, 1888-90, held in an abandoned school building. Second building, 1891-1916, a frame structure at the corner of North and Third Streets. Present building, 1916--, a large brick structure with 12 Sunday School rooms, dome roof, colonial front, 10 memorial windows, pipe organ, and baptisimal pool in the church; dedicated October 24, 1937. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. M. Bennett, 1888-91. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1892. Church membership in 1889, 7; in 1899, 163; in 1909, 286; in 1919, 321; in 1929, 594; and in 1938, 771.

Record Book, 1892-1938. 3 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences and board of deacons; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; roll of pastors and deacons; and financial records. Vol. for 1910-29 includes a short historical sketch of the church written in 1918. 2 vols., 1892-1929, kept at churh. 1 vol., 1929-38, in custody of Mr. F. L. Prester.

Baptist Young People Union and Baptist Training Union record, 1916--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers; and record of

21. COTTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1889--. Near Norwood, Stanly County.

Constituted 1889 in Log Cabin School House; services held there for one year, during which time the church was considered a branch of Barbee's Grove (see entry 14). Received into Stanly Association, 1889.85 Second building, 1890-1908. Present building, 1908--, a large frame structure, 40' x 75', with bell, and handmade pews; dedicated 1910; repaired 1938. First resident clergyman, Rev. G. A. Honeycutt, 1869-96. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1892. Church membership in 1889, 17; in 1899, 42; in 1909, 130; in 1919, 293; in 1929, 52; and in 1938, 67.

Record Book, 1899--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; reports to the association; and financial records. 1 vol., 1889-1902, in custody of Mr. Eddie Thompson. 3 vols., 1902--, kept at church. Sunday School record, 1909-12, 1916-17, 1921--. 11 vols. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

22. ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1889-97. Near New London, Stanly County.

Constituted about 1889. Received into Stanly Association 1889.86 Probably disbanded about 1897. First resident clergyman, Rev. W. G. Morton, 1889. Church membership in 1889, 19 and in 1897, 23.

No records located.

attendance and collections. Kept at church.

^{84.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1889, p. 4. Tbid.

^{86.} Ibid.

23. PHILADELPHIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 1890 -- . Near Oakboro, Stanly County.

Constituted 1890. Received into Stanly Association 1891.87 First services held in an old schoolhouse. Present building, 1892--, a structure of native pine, with handmade pews, 6 Sunday School rooms, and bell; dedicated 1892; repaired 1934. First resident clergyman, Rev. E. D. Teeter, 1891-94. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1892. Church membership in 1891, 9; in 1903, 42; in 1912, 70; in 1922, 121; in 1932, 197; and in 1938, 194.

Record Book, 1920--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls; names of church officials; and record of deaths. Includes also membership roll, showing how received and how dismissed; and financial record, 1931--. In custody of Mr. Claud J. Brooks. Financial record, 1925-26, 1928, 1930. 4 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements for both church and Sunday School. Kept at church. Sunday School record, 1927-32. 4 vols. Includes membership rolls, male and female kept separately; names of teachers and officials; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

Historical sketch of church, author and date written unknown. In custody of Mr. Arch Honeycutt.

24. NEW LONDON BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1891-98, New London, Stanly County (for a later church of the same name, see entry 26).

Constituted about 1891, probably as a mission of Kendall's Baptist Church (see entry 2). Received into Stanly Association 1891.88 Became inactive around 1898. Locally rumored that the church owned no building, but held services in a community house used by all denominations. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. C. Denny, 1891-92. The church had reported a Sunday School since 1892. Church membership in 1891, 9.

No records located.

25. WEST ALBEMARLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1903--. Corner Church and Mill Streets, Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted 1903. Received into Stanly Association 1903.89 First building, 1903-29, a one-room frame structure, 40' x 80', with bell. Educational building constructed 1927. Present building, 1920--, a brick structure, Georgian architecture, with art-glass windows and bell. First resident clergyman, Rev. A. C. Davis, 1903-4. The church has reported a Sunday School since the date of constitution. Church membership in 1903-19; in 1913, 500; in 1923, 457; in 1933, 320; and in 1938, 353.

^{87.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1891, p. 2.

^{88.} Ibid. 89. Ibid., 1903, p. 3.

Record Book, 1903--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; names of church officials; articles of faith; names and tenures of all pastors; and record of collections and deaths. Volume for 1932 -- contains a history of the church. In custody of church clerk, Mr. J. R. Herrin.

Financial record, 1927--. 12 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of church treasurer, Mr. D. A. Lambert.

> 26. NEW LONDON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1905 -- . Main St., New London, Stanly County (for an earlier church of the same name, see entry 24).

Constituted 1905. Received into Stanly Association 1905.90 First building, 1905-25, purchased from the Methodist Protestant Church of New London. Present building, 1925 -- , a brick structure, Georgian architecture, arranged so that Sunday School rooms may be opened by folding doors into the main auditorium; dedicated 1931. First resident clergyman, Rev. C. J. Black, 1905-16. Graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., and Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1906. Church membership in 1905, 18; in 1913, 92; in 1922, 125; in 1932, 290; and in 1938, 128.

Record Book, 1905-16, 1919--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received; names of church officials; and record of deaths. In custody of Mr. J. M. Mauney. Financial record, 1935 -- . 4 vols. Includes individual record of contributions; and record of quarterly and annual reports of the church. In custody of Mr. J. M. Mauney. Sunday School record, 1937 -- . 3 vols. Includes membership rolls; quarterly reports; and record of collections. In custody of secretary.

Historical sketch of the church by Mr. J. M. Mauney, dated 1936, in custody of Mr. J. D. Morley, Knightdale, N. C.

> 27. PLYLER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1908 -- R. F. D. #3, Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted 1908. Received into Stanly Association 1908.91 First services held in Hatley School House. First building, 1908-30, a one-room frame structure; destroyed by windstorm. Present building, 1931--, a brick structure with wings on either side, bell, and organ; dedicated 1934. First resident clergyman, Rev. E. M. Brooks, 1907-11. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1908. Church membership in 1908, 25; in 1914, 60; in 1924, 76; and in 1938, 137.

Record Book, 1907. 1 vol. and 1 bundle of loose leaves. Includes minutes of the church conferences, board of deacons and building committee; membership rolls; names of church officials; and record of the organization of the church. In custody of Mr. L. M. Eudy.

^{90.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1905, p. 3. 91. Tbid., 1908, p. 3.

Financial record, 1935--. 1 vol. Includes names of church officials and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Luther Almond. Sunday School records, 1930-31, 1938--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers and officials; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church.

28. SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH, 1908-29. Near Stanfield, Stanly County.

Constituted 1908 by members who withdrew from Locust Baptist Church (see entry 16). Received into Stanly Association 1908.92 Services 1908-29 held in small one-room frame structure. First resident clergyman, Rev. A. C. Davis, 1908-11. Graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church had reported a Sunday School since 1908. Church membership in 1908, 38; in 1914, 69; in 1924, 89; and in 1929, 12.

Record Book, 1908-26. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; church covenant; and articles of faith. In custody of Mrs. Ollie Love.
Financial record, 1908-26. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Julius Yow.
Records apparently not kept after 1926.

29. ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1912--. Rowan County, on R. F. D. #2, Richfield (Stanly County).

Constituted 1912. Received into Stanly Association 1912.93 First services, 1912-13, held in Parker School House. Present building, 1912--, one-room frame structure with pedal organ, handmade pews, and bell; dedicated 1927. First resident clergyman, Rev. B. G. Whitley, 1912-15. Graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since date of constitution. Church membership in 1912, 14; in 1922, 47; in 1932, 69; and in 1938, 74.

Record Book, 1931--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; and record of baptisms and deaths. In custody of Mr. G. H. Morgan, Richfield. Financial record, 1920--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. G. H. Morgan, Richfield. Financial record, 1934--. 2 vols. Includes individual record of pledges and contributions. In custody of Mr. G. H. Morgan, Richfield. Sunday School record, 1932--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance and collections by class. Kept at church.

Historical sketch of church written by Rev. W. Grant Russell, Mooresville, in 1936.

93. Ibid., 1912, p. 4.

^{92.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1908, p. 3.

30. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1915--. Near Stanfield, Stanly County.

Constituted 1915. Received into Stanly Association 1915.94 Present building, 1915--, a frame structure with Sunday School rooms and bell; dedicated 1916; Sunday School rooms added 1932. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. S. Harris, 1915-18. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1915. Church membership in 1915, 13; in 1921, 101; in 1928, 111; in 1934, 140; and in 1938, 180.

Record Book, 1914-38. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; reports on Sunday School activities; record of deaths; and financial records. 1 vol., 1914-23, in custody of Mr. T. R. Lambert. 1 vol., 1923-38, in custody of Mr. Floyd Huneycutt. Sunday School record, 1933--. 6 vols. Includes membership rolls, male and female kept separately; names of officers and teachers; and record of visitors and collections. Kept at church.

31. PORTER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1915--. R. F. D. #1, Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted August 28, 1915. Received into Stanly Association 1915.95 Present building, 1916--, a one-room frame structure with bell; dedicated 1920; repaired 1936. First resident clergyman, Rev. B. G. Whitley, 1915-16. Graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since date of constitution. Church membership in 1915, 27; in 1928, 104; and in 1938, 140.

Record Book, 1915--. I vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences; names of those attending annual meetings of the association; treasurer's reports; names of church officials present at church conferences; brief church history; and list of the charter members. In custody of Mr. J. W. Traywick.

Financial record, 1928--. l vol. Includes membership rolls and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Q. C. Mabry.

Financial record, 1936--. 4 vols. Includes rough entries of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Q. C. Mabry.

Sunday School record, 1928--. ll vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers; and record of attendance and collections. Includes also monthly class reports, 1934--. Kept at church.

32. OAKBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, 1916--. Main St., Oakboro, Stanly County.

Constituted 1916 following meetings held by Rev. J. S. Harris, Rev. A. C. Davis, and Rev. C. C. Byrd. Received into Stanly Association 1916.96 Present building, 1917--, a large two-story frame structure with 13 Sunday School rooms, bell, and seating capacity of 300; dedicated 1917;

^{94.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1915, p. 5.

^{95.} Ibid. 96. Ibid., 1916, p. 4.

Sunday School rooms added 1935. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. A. Grubb, 1916-18. Graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1920. Church membership in 1916, 17; in 1926, 119; and in 1938, 186.

Record Book, 1916--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls; church covenant and bylaws; and record of deaths and organization of the church. Includes also financial records and membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed, 1932--. 1 vol., 1916-32, in custody of Mr. Charles Smith. 1 vol., 1932--, in custody of church clerk, Mr. R. C. Hatley. Financial record, 1937-38. 1 vol. Includes church budget and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Charles Smith. Sunday School record, 1932--. 7 vols. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance and collections. Includes also reports to the church conferences, 1932-37. 6 vols., 1932-37, kept at church. 1 vol., 1938--, in custody of Mr. Charles Smith.

33. NORTH ALBEMARLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1919--. North 3rd St., Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted 1919. Received into Stanly Association 1919.97 First services conducted in a small store building in Happy Hollow, 200 yards from present site. Present building, 1921--, a frame structure with basement, 6 Sunday School rooms, organ, piano, and bell; dedicated 1921. First resident clergyman, Rev. Brantley Reid, 1919-26, Graduate of Wingate Junior College, Wingate, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1919. Church membership in 1919, 34; in 1929, 383; and in 1938, 413.

Record Book, 1927-.. 5 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; annual reports on the growth of the church; and reports to the association. Includes also names of church officials and record of deaths, receipts, and disbursements, 1934-.. In custody of church clerk. Financial record, 1935-.. 4 vols. Includes reports to the association and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Charles B. Smith.

Sunday School record, 1932-.. 8 vols. Includes record of receipts and sunday School record, 1932-.. 8 vols. Includes record of Mr. Roy Burris;

disbursements. 6 vols., 1932-35, 1937-38, in custody of Mr. Roy Burris; 1 vol., 1936-37, in custody of Mr. Roy Smith; 1 vol., 1938--, in custody of Mr. Charles B. Smith.

34. AQUADALE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1919--. Aquadale, Stanly County.

Constituted 1919 by 13 members from Silver Springs and Cottonville Baptist Churches (see entries 7 and 20). Received into Stanly Association 1919.98 Present building, 1921--, a large frame structure with 10 Sunday

98. Ibid.

^{97.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1919, p. 5.

School rooms and bell; dedicated 1921. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. M. Smith, 1919-23. The church has reported a Sunday School since the date of constitution. Church membership in 1919, 72; in 1929, 163; and in 1938, 179.

Record Book, 1919--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; and names of church officials. In custody of Mr. W. A. Greene.

Financial record, 1919--. 2 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements for church and Sunday School. In custody of Mr. W. A. Greene. Sunday School record, 1919--. 20 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers; weekly reports from each class; and monthly summaries of all classes. Kept at church.

35. GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1921--. Edgemont St., Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted 1921. Received into Stanly Association 1921.99 Present building, 1921--, a frame structure with frosted windows, and 16 Sunday School rooms which open into the main auditorium through folding doors; dedicated 1933. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. S. Haris, 1921-23. Graduate of Big Lick Academy (now defunct), Big Lick, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since date of constitution. Church membership in 1921, 387; in 1930, 235; and in 1938, 284.

Record Book, 1921--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences—membership rolls; and record of baptisms and deaths. In custody of Mr. Glenn R. Lowder.
Financial record, 1928-32, 1938--. 2 vols. Includes church budget; record of receipts and disbursements; and quarterly and annual reports to church and district conferences. Kept at church.
Individual Contributions, 1926-37. 5 vols. Includes monthly statements and record of individual pledges and contributions. Kept at church. Sunday School record, 1927-30, 1934--. 7 vols. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance and collections by class. 1 vol., 1927-30, kept at church; 6 vols., 1934--, in custody of Sunday School secretary.

36. YADKIN BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1921-25. Near Badin, Stanly County.

Constituted about 1921 in a schoolhouse where services were held until the congregation disbanded about 1924. Received into Stanly Association 1921.100 First resident clergyman, Rev. T. W. Hearne, 1921-24. Church had reported a Sunday School since 1921. Church membership in 1922, 20.

No records located.

^{99.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1921, p. 6. 100. Tbid.

37. RICHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, 1925--. West Main St., Richfield, Stanly County.

Constituted 1925. Received into Stanly Association 1925.101 Present building, 1927--, a brick structure with bell and cornerstone bearing dates of constitution and completion of buildings; dedicated 1929. First resident clergyman, Rev. E. M. Brooks, 1925-29. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1926. Church membership in 1927, 31 and in 1938, 85.

Record Book, 1927--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; a short history of the church; record of deaths; and financial records. In custody of Mr. Travis Pickler.

Sunday School record, 1937--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Tom Pickler.

38. STANFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, 1926--. Stanfield, Stanly County.

Constituted 1926. Received into Stanly Association 1926.102 Present building, 1926--, a brick structure with 4 Sunday School rooms and bell in yard. First resident clergyman, Rev. E. M. Brooks, 1926-28. The church has reported a Sunday School since date of constitution. Church membership in 1926, 32; in 1932, 9; and in 1938, 126.

Record Book, 1934--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences and board of deacons and financial records. In custody of Mr. Jack Long. Register, 1926--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; and names of church officials. In custody of Mr. Jack Long. Sunday School record, 1935--. 5 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers and teachers; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

39. WEST OAKBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, 1926--. Oakboro, Stanly County.

Constituted 1926. Received into Stanly Association 1926.103 First services, 1926-28, held under brush arbor in summer; no services during winter. Present building, 1928--, a brick structure with concrete foundation; dedicated 1931. First resident clergyman, Rev. S. L. McIntyre, 1926-31. Graduate of Big Lick Academy (now defunct), Big Lick, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since date of constitution. Church membership in 1927, 40 and in 1938, 65.

Record Book, 1931--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls; record of deaths; and financial record. In custody of Mr. Macon McIntyre.

^{101.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1925, p. 3.

^{102.} Ibid., 1926, p. 6.

^{103.} Ibid.,

Sunday School record, 1934--. 1 vol. Includes record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church. Individual Class record, 1938--. 8 vols. Includes record of attendance, visitors, and collections by class.

40. PAUL'S CROSSING BAPTIST CHURCH, 1933--. Near Richfield, Stanly County.

Constituted March 28, 1933, with 8 charter members. Received into Stanly Association 1935.104 Present building, 1934--, a one-room frame structure, 30' x 65', with bell; dedicated 1934 (?). Lot donated by Mr. Paul Thompson, First resident clergyman, Rev. W. B. Hopkins, 1933-34. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1935. Church membership in 1935, 28 and in 1938, 37.

Record Book, 1939--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences. In custody of Mr. Paul Thompson.

Minutes of the Board of Deacens, 1937--. 1 bundle. Includes minutes of the meetings of the board of deacens and reports to the church conferences. In custody of Mr. Paul Thompson.

Register, 1933--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of pastors; and record of deaths. In custody of Mr. Paul Thompson.

Financial record, 1933--. 2 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Paul Thompson.

Sunday School record, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls and record of visitors, attendance, and collections. Kept at church.

41. OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1936--. Wiscassette St., Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted February 9, 1936. Received into Stanly Association 1936.105
Present building, 1936--, a one-room frame structure, 40' x 60'; built
1914 and purchased from Albemarle Primitive Baptist Church; dedicated
1936. First resident clergyman, Rev. C. C. Honeycutt, 1936--. Graduate
of Big Lick Academy (now defunct), Big Lick, N. C. The church has reported
a Sunday School since date of constitution. Church membership in 1936,
17 and in 1938, 71.

Record Book, 1936--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls, showing how received and how dismissed; reports to the association; and record of deaths. In custody of Mr. B. C. Tucker. Financial record, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; roll of church officials; and record of deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Norman Hearne.

Sunday School record, 1937--. 2 vols. Includes record of attendance and collections. In custody of Mr. Norman Hearne.

105. Ibid., 1936, p. 7.

^{104.} Minutes, Stanly Association, 1935, p. 9.

42. FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 1937--. Badin Road, Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted fourth Sunday in June 1937. An outgrowth of a Sunday School organized October 20, 1935, in Bell's Garage, as East Albemarle Mission, by the First, West Albemarle, North Albemarle, and Anderson Grove Baptist churches of Albemarle. Received into Stanly Association 1937. Services were held in Bell's Garage and in Garreson's Garage until the present structure was nearly completed. Present building, 1937--, a frame structure with bell. First resident clergyman, Rev. T. S. Crutchfield, 1937--. Church has reported a Sunday School since 1937. Church membership in 1937, 15 and in 1938, 71.

Record Book, 1937--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the church conferences; membership rolls; names of church officials; and record of deaths and organization of the church. In custody of church clerk. Financial record, 1937--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. H. J. Fesperman, Albemarle. Sunday School record 1937--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, receipts and disbursements. In custody of Misses Margie and Flora Williams, Albemarle.

43. POPLIN'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1939--. Near Albemarle, Stanly County.

Constituted May 28, 1939. Received into Stanly Association 1939. Present building, 1939— brick structure with 3 Sunday School rooms and main auditorium. First resident clergyman, Rev. W. J. Russell, 1939—. Graduate of Wingate Junior College, Wingate, N. C. An earlier church of the same name existed near the present site, but lapsed in 1904 (see entry 1). The present Poplin's Grove is not a continuation of that church, but is an entirely new church.

Record Book, 1939--. l vol. Includes minutes of church conferences and membership rolls. In custody of Mr. C. E. Burris, Albemarle, N. C. Financial record, 1939--. l vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. H. E. Lowder, Albemarle, N. C.

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