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THE BOOK OF THE CHURCH.

THE ORIGIN OF THE CHURCH AT ABBEVILLE.
The origin of the Methodist church at Abbeville is accounted for somewhat in this way:
In 1830, Rev. Joseph Travis, circuit preacher in this section, began to visit from time to time, and, like all other preachers who have organized a church in Abbeville, secured the use of the Court House for a place of worship. He was a man of great piety, and his success was truly wonderful. In a few years a house of worship was erected on the corner of the Court House, the best place that had been secured in a community, where he found not a single Methodist in the community when he first came to the place.

THE FIRST CONVERTS—THE FOUNDERS OF METHODISM AT ABBEVILLE.
James Moore, and his wife Ann Moore, were the first converts under the ministrations of Mr. Travis. They at once entered upon the work of building up the church with the greatest zeal and an untiring energy. Mr. Moore was licensed as a local preacher, and continued to exhort the people until the day of his death in 1863. Of him and his wife it may be safely said that they were the leadership of Mr. Travis, were the founders of Methodism at Abbeville village.

THE FIRST HOUSE OF WORSHIP THE WORK OF WOMAN'S HAND.
Soon after Mrs. Moore's conversion she determined that the Methodists should have a house of worship. She devoted her every energy until 1832, when her efforts were crowned with success. She made personal appeals to the friends of the cause, and the gentlemen in those days were like the gentlemen of to-day. They could not refuse a woman's appeal for a local preacher, and she secured \$100, and with the money a plain unpretentious frame house was built on the corner of the Court House, on the street in front of the Abbeville Hotel. It can, therefore, be said to her honor that she was instrumental in building the first church in Abbeville, and it can also be said that she taught the first Sunday School that was organized in the town.

A friend, speaking of Mrs. Moore, says: "She was a very intelligent and beautiful woman. As she grew in grace, her influence as a gospel sermon, to my boyish faith, she seemed to be enjoying a foretaste of the world to come."

The house which Mrs. Moore built was used for divine service until the erection of a larger and more commodious one on the corner of the Court House in the year 1839 on a lot given to the Methodist church by Mr. James Alston who, through the members of the church, was a true friend to the cause of religion, and especially to the Methodist church.

THE SALE AND DESTRUCTION OF THE FIRST TEMPLE—ITS FINAL DESTRUCTION.
The first house was sold at a public auction. Silas Anderson was the purchaser at that sale, and used it for a bar-room, which act of desecrating a holy temple greatly incensed many of the members of the church, and they were determined to have it destroyed. It was fitted for a dwelling house, and finally, after the war, it was used as a carriage shop, and was destroyed by fire in 1867, and the last vestige of the first Methodist church in Abbeville was entirely destroyed.

SOME OF THE FIRST MEMBERS.
In the absence of any written record of the original members of the Methodist church, we must rely upon the memory of others for such as are here mentioned. It is believed that they are correct as far as they go. We can only express regret if we have missed the names of any of those who contributed to the strength and influence of the church in its early days.

Mrs. Ann Moore, wife of James Moore, was the first to join the church.
Mrs. Robert Key, sister of Paschal Klugh, was the first to join the church after her husband. She lived but a short while after joining the church.

Robert Key was a prominent member of the first church. He was a merchant on Edgefield. His place business was on the corner of the square in the "Old House," on the lot now occupied by G. A. Douglas.

John A. Calhoun, and his wife Sarah Calhoun, were the first to join the church after her husband. She lived but a short while after joining the church.

William Lomax, widower, and his daughter, Mrs. Harriet Lomax, were the first to join the church after her husband. She lived but a short while after joining the church.

Mrs. Susan Wilson, wife of J. S. Wilson, joined in 1830. She afterwards transferred her membership to the Episcopal church. She lived at one time in the house now owned and occupied by J. S. Wilson, on the corner of the square in 1830. Died in 1831. Buried in Episcopal cemetery.

Franklin Branch and his wife, joined in 1830. He married Miss Matilda Vashit Wilson, the sister of the late John H. Wilson. Dec. 16, 1831, he died in Abbeville. On January 1, 1860, Dr. Branch, and his two sons, Franklin Branch and Andrew Branch, were killed by a party of rebels at Tampa, Fla. He died in Tampa, August 21, 1862, of cholera.

Dr. Isaac Branch on the building committee which constructed the second house of worship for the church. He was an active part in the work. He and his wife afterwards joined the Presbyterian church. He died in 1872. Buried in Episcopal cemetery.

Samuel Branch, and his wife Elizabeth Wilson Branch, joined in 1830. He died in 1840. About two years after his death, his wife married a Mr. W. H. Branch, a carriage-maker. They moved to Augusta, Georgia, a few years later, where she died many years ago.

Miss Mary Ann Branch, daughter of Samuel Branch, was a member of the church. She married Ed Holliday, a carriage-maker. They moved to Georgia, where she died.

Miss Sarah Branch, second daughter of Samuel Branch, married a Mr. W. H. Branch, a carriage-maker. They moved to Charlotte, N. C., where she died in 1831.

Samuel Branch, widower, lived and lived in the house now owned by James A. McCord. She was one of the first members, ever active in the church. Her husband was a carriage-maker. They moved to Augusta, Georgia, a few years later, where she died many years ago.

Mrs. Farnelia Shillito, widow of George Shillito, was a member of the church. She moved to Mobile, Ala. Died, 1884.

Mrs. Edna Tusten, mother of H. T. Tusten, was a member of the church, and a devoted Methodist. She died in 1831.

Donald Douglas, at one time Sheriff of the county, was a devoted member. He moved to the country.

Mrs. Drucilla Douglas, widow of Donald Douglas, was a member of the church. She lived at Abbeville, until her death in 1884.

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Stephen B. Norrell, born Greenwood, November 1, 1840, joined the Abbeville church 1857, pastore Rev. W. H. Moore, married Elizabeth Woodhurst December 28, 1842.

Miss Elizabeth Norrel, wife of S. A. Norrel, born England March 9, 1838.

Miss Georgia Norrell, daughter of S. A. Norrell, born Abbeville, S. C., March 28, 1848, joined the Abbeville church 1879, pastore of Rev. J. Simmons.

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