

## APPENDIX A

Article 1A---July 29, 1874--- Biblical Recorder article stating the condition of Baptists in Pittsboro.

but I understood Bro. Smith is their pastor. Pittsboro' Church is in a pitiable condition, no preaching at all, nor has it been opened for five or six years. No interest seems to be felt for that place; the church edifice by a little repairs would become comfortable. The Pedo-Baptists seem to have taken possession of that place. I trust the time will come when the good Lord will visit Pittsboro, with an outpouring of his spirit. Gum Spring is a good church and a good house. Bro. Lineberry is

Article 1B--- Sept 23, 1874--- Biblical Recorder article with the Sandy Creek Association reporting the need for a pastor in Pittsboro.

SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION.--Elder O. Churchill, missionary of the Sandy Creek Association, writes that the churches of that body are in good condition. Many of them have enjoyed seasons of refreshing and have had ingatherings. Others are now in the midst of revivals. At Sandy Creek the brethren have built a comfortable house of worship. They need a faithful pastor. I visited Pittsboro and preached to a good congregation. There are a few members at this place. They have an excellent house of worship and greatly desire to have stated preaching. Bro. C., wishes that the Association could help them.

Article 2---March 20, 1878--- Biblical Recorder article mentioning restoration of the first meeting house and statewide plea for financial assistance to finish the repairs.

The trustees of the Baptist church at Pittsboro' are trying to repair the old house. They have a new roof on it. A few of the brethren have spent over one hundred dollars on it already. Will not the brethren throughout the Association and State help us to finish the repairs, so we can have preaching in it? Send contributions to W. F. Foushee, Pittsboro', Chatham county, N. C.  
J. D. HACKNEY.  
Kimbolton, Chatham Co., N. C.

Article 3--- Sept. 17, 1879--- Biblical Recorder article mentioning the restoration of the first meeting house and search for a pastor.

**Pittsboro—Opening for a Preacher and Teacher, Good Society—Healthy Country, &c.**

Bro. W. M. Decker (not *Dicker*, as you printed in last RECORDER) writes me that their Sunday School in Pittsboro numbers 15. The Fayetteville Sunday School have presented them with 20 copies of Sunday School song books. Continued sickness has prevented my sending you a full account of the meetings in Pittsboro and at Rock Spring, in two miles of P.

Pittsboro is an important place in the history of North Carolina. It is the county seat of Chatham which was formed in 1770, from Orange, and named in honor of the distinguished English statesman and orator, Wm. Pitt, Earl of Chatham. It

Schools. Years ago the Baptists had a pastor, an organized church here. Elders P. W. Dowd and A. J. Emerson once ministered to them. The little church disbanded and the house which was never finished went to decay. About a year ago Bro. W. F. Foushee, Bro. J. Tysor and a few others undertook to repair the house at their own expense so as to have occasional Baptist preaching from a minister who might be passing through, and a few Baptist ladies in the place seconded their efforts with a festival from which they raised \$175.00. The house has been finished, blinds have been put to it, and it has been thoroughly painted within and without. It is now one of the neatest church edifices in the village. There are several strong Baptist churches in the county which must unite with them in supporting a pastor, and if he were located at Pittsboro, by preaching in the country in the morning and in town

at night, he could soon build up a self sustaining interest there. It is a good opening for a teacher and preacher, and a very healthy locality. For farther information address W. F. Foushee, Clerk of the Court.  
N. B. C.

Article 4---May 5, 1880-- Biblical Recorder article mentioning a gift from Mrs. Foushee of a communion set and the communion service performed at her bedside.

#### A Church Organized in Pittsboro.

*Dear Editor :*

It will be interesting to many in and out of the old Sandy Creek Association, to know that a Baptist church was organized in Pittsboro, Chatham county, on Saturday April 17th.

For many years the brethren throughout the Association have desired to see the day when our cause would be again represented by an organized church in this important place. In 1850 a church was constituted but was so enfeebled by deaths, removals, etc., that it was disbanded. A house was left and was taken in charge by the Association. Several years ago a tornado passed over the place and tore the church almost to pieces. By the efforts of a few brethren and sisters, the waste places have been made "to blossom like the rose." Most of

all this was accomplished by the efforts of Mrs. Stephen Henley and Mrs. W. L. Foushee. These sisters assisted by their husbands and a few others have wrought almost miracles.

Bro. N. B. Cobb, visited Pittsboro last Summer, and preached for a week or more, and left a good savor, so that the encouragement he then gave them has brought forth much fruit. So we have a new church in Pittsboro.

Several ministers near home were invited but none were present but Bro. W. H. H. Lawhon. He did all the preaching, commencing on Friday night.

On Sunday morning brethren J. C. Wilson and G. T. Moore, were with us and helped us to ordain the newly elected Deacon, Bro. Brown. The former giving an appropriate charge to the Deacons, the latter offering ordination prayer, and charge to the pastor and church. Rev. A. D. Cohen is pastor of the new church.

~~There were two incidents connected~~

with this meeting which will remain indelibly fixed on the minds and hearts of all who witnessed them and which I can not forbear to mention.

On Sunday the church was in conference, for the ordination of the Deacon. After this interesting ceremony was ended, without dismissing the congregation, Bro. Lawhon presented to the church, as a present from sister Foushee, one of the most magnificent communion services I ever saw. It consisted of a heavy massive silver double plated pitcher, two goblets, two plates and two linen table cloths, with a beautiful marble top table. The presentation was made in such appropriate language and accompanied with so much of pathos from the fact that the dear sister was confined to her bed in what seems to be the last stages of consumption, just waiting with

with Jesus," that sobs were heard all over the church. The gift was purchased by the sacrifice of a piece of personal property which most

of personal property which most parents would desire to be handed down in their families. The message sent by this dear sister from her sick couch, was, "*Sisters work for Jesus.*"

The other incident was, the meeting of the church in the bed room of this sister to observe the Lord's Supper.

O my brother, I never but once before felt so much of heaven in my soul. The occasion was so heavenly! you can imagine the scene and the effects. The dear sister, with her pure white dress, her hectic flush, her sparkling eye, her emaciated hands clasped as in an ecstasy of joy, her faithful husband and daughters there in the same church to commune for the first time with the new church; the solemn service, the delightful associations, the mind dwelling upon those comforting words of the blessed Saviour, "Let not your heart be troubled," &c. No wonder she tried to and did shout as loud as her feeble voice would let her, "O

praise the Lord! The Lord be praised! O why don't some of you praise the Lord for me!!! She had prayed the Lord that she might live to see a church organized in Pittsboro. She lived and communed with her Saviour and with them.

I witnessed one other scene like it in Newbern, some years ago, when the church assembled in the bed room of brother George S. Stevenson, for the same purpose. These two communion occasions are the two oases in my pilgrimage towards the promised land.

Preaching at night closed this most delightful meeting; and on the next day as we rode towards home, our hearts burned within as we talked of it by the way.

A. D. COHEN.

Article 5---Dec 22, 1909-- Biblical Recorder article describing the gift of 2 Sunday School rooms from Dr. H. T. Chapin and Mr. J. L. Griffin. (Appendix A, Article 5).

... Two of its most loyal and liberal members---Dr. H. T. Chapin and Mr. J. L. Griffin---recently asked permission of the **Pittsboro** Church to add two new Sunday-school rooms to the present church building. Leave was, of course, very gratefully granted and the remainder of the membership decided to re-paint and otherwise improve the church, thus making it a very convenient, commodious and up-to-date house of worship.

Article 6---Jan. 16, 1918--- Biblical Recorder article detailing an increase in pastor's salary from \$240 to \$300 per month.

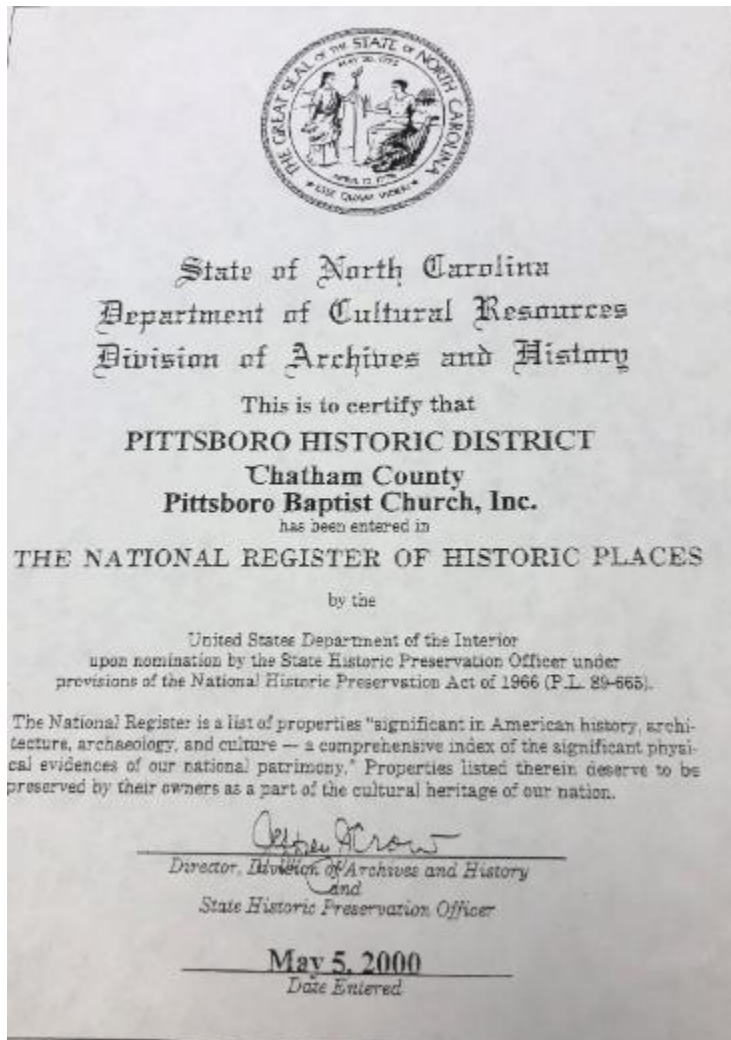
The church at **Pittsboro** has increased the pastor's salary from \$240 to \$300, and Moncure on the same field has gone forward from \$150 to \$200. Moncure also gave the pastor, Rev. W. B. Waff, a good purse as a Christmas present.

Article 7--- Sept. 25, 1955-- A dedication service was held for the new church building completed and occupied in 1949. This service included a "note burning" ceremony. -

On Sunday, September 25, dedicatory services were held for the Pittsboro Church, at Pittsboro. Rev. K. E. Bryant of Ahsokle, former pastor, who supervised the building of the church in 1948-49, preached the dedicatory sermon. The burning of the note by the chairman of the board of deacons, C. E. Jones, and former church treasurer, W. L. Farrell, was a part of the service, evidencing that all indebtedness had been paid. Dr. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention, spoke in the afternoon. George P. Johnson of Raleigh, former member, led the devotional period.

The building cost approximately \$100,000. Rev. Harold W. Tribble, Jr., is the present pastor. We regret this item, sent by the clerk, Mrs. Claude E. Jones, is a little late in appearing. It was misplaced in the mass of material in connection with the Baptist State Convention.

Article 8----May5, 2000--- State of North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources Division of Archives and History placed Pittsboro Baptist Church into THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.



Article 9---1880-- Biblical Recorder article mentioning a gift of a 6 light chandelier received from Geo. J. Leach, of New York.

*Dear Bro. Bailey:*

You will be pleased to know that the little church lately constituted at Pittsboro, Moore county, feels much encouraged, though greatly afflicted by the death of one of her best workers, sister Joanna Foushee. The congregations still fill the house, which has lately been perfectly repaired, painted, carpeted, &c. Many were surprised on last Sunday, by the central attraction, a most elegant and beautiful six-light chandelier, the gift of Mr. Geo. J. Leach, now of New York. His *example is worthy of imitation*, and his beautiful sense of *filial respect contrasts* with the general selfishness of many a descendent of honored Baptist sires. I take the liberty of transcribing a part of his letter written to his dying cousin, through whom he presented this magnificent gift. "Out of respect to the memory of Grandpa and Grandma, as well as for other members of the church to which you are so fortunate to be a member, I have purchased a chandelier, six light complete, which will be shipped next Tuesday, marked 'Baptist church, Pittsboro, N. C.' This I present to the church. and trust it will be received in the same spirit it is given."

Article 10---1966-- Church voted to begin the new educational building and renovations to the old educational building.

## **Pittsboro Approves Largest Building Program in History**

**Pittsboro Church** has approved the largest building program it has ever undertaken. Included will be renovation of its old educational facility and erection of an additional building measuring 50x74 feet. The addition will contain classrooms, kitchen, and fellowship hall. All facilities will be above ground and will provide space for 550 persons. Both buildings will be completely air conditioned. Affirmative vote on the \$150,000 project climaxed six years of work by a planning and survey committee. Endorsed