

HISTORICAL RECORD OF GUMBORO CIRCUIT M. E. CHURCH

When I came to this charge in March, 1898, the parsonage was located at one end of the town, the southern, in a hole, I called it, but it has since been defined as a basin. There was no land suitable for gardening or pasture, and the water was unfit for drinking purposes.

I voiced my convictions, when I said it was badly located, and expressed my purpose, when I suggested its removal to a better site. Several of the brethren gave me their hand, and promised hearty and earnest cooperation in the attempt. When the parsonage was burned down during the pastorate of W. F. Corkran D. D. an effort was made to secure another site to rebuild upon, but land in this section took a sudden rise and because too valuable to part with, so the brethren even forced to rebuild upon the old site, much against their desires.

After obtaining permission of the Presiding Elder, Dr. T. E. Martindale and Quarterly Conference, held at Carey's Camp Ground, Aug. 16, 1898, I began looking up the owners of vacant lots in the town. Mr. Jas. E. Betts of Salisbury, Md. formerly of this place, owned several. I secured the option of these, made selection of one in the center of the town, containing two acres and eighty two square perches of land. This was secured, after some negotiations, for the sum of one hundred and forty dollars. I then proposed raising this amount outside of the charge, and only asked the trustees of the parsonage to provide for the removal of the buildings. This I was successful in doing. Mr. W. H. Jackson, of Salisbury, Md. gave me fifty dollars to start with and others in the city swelled the sum to eighty four dollars, friends in Georgetown, Del. gave over forty dollars. Laurel, Del. gave a small donation. Dr. W. F. Corkran P. E. of Easton Dist. kindly sent me his check for five dollars. Personal friends in E. N. Market, and Mt. Vernon, Md. also sent me checks for the like amounts. In this manner I raised one hundred and forty three dollars and seven cents. Land cost \$146.00. Acknowledging the deed \$1.50, leaving in my hands a balance of \$1.57. I was assisted in Georgetown by Wm. J. Penuel and in Laurel by Dr. W. T. Jones. The Parsonage and building were removed to the new site without any damage, except the breaking of some of the plastering. We have now one of the most eligible locations in the town, plenty of good land and an ample supply of good, pure, drinking water. A lot (Part of the parsonage lot) forty by one hundred feet, has been deeded to the trustees of the Church in Gumboro, for the use of the church whenever they get ready to move it to the new site. I took time to have the land plotted, and secured the best legal talent, C. F. Richards Esq. of Georgetown, Del. to prepare the deeds. The deeds contain the full "Trust Clause" of the Discipline. A few of the names of those who contributed to the success of this movement, will be worth preserving. Geo. W. Jones, father of Dr. G. F. Jones of Georgetown, Del., and Dr. W. T. Jones did all it was possible for mortal man to do. Brother Fred Hearn, Joe Hearn, and Thos. Ake sacrificed personal interests to help put the parsonage where it is. Bro. Joe B. West, of West Woods and others tendered able and valuable service. Brothers I. M. Brittingham and Peter S. Shockley sent or paid for substitutes. Cyrus and Jas. Niblett did the carpenter work. Mr. Jas. E. Marvel of Laurel, Del. superintended the moving.

Geo. W. Bowman
Preacher in Charge

Gumboro, Delaware
Jan. 19, 1899

of the hereunto hereinafter mentioned. All that certain piece or
 lots of ground situated in the village of ...
 and successors state of Delaware bounded as follows. Beginning at the
 center of the road leading from ...
 and ... parallel with the south side of the garden
 now Samuel's ...
 south of the foot next to the said road there running a line
 parallel with the said road ...
 westwardly ...
 at a right angle with the first line is a southern direction parallel
 with the said road thirty five yards there at right angles from
 east line running parallel with the first line to the center of said
 public road there with the said road how to the place of be-
 ginning containing one quarter of an acre more or less being the
 same lot of parcel of ground whereon is erected a little distan-
 ce from the ... to all singular the improvements ways rights
 liberties, privileges appurtenances whatsover thereunto belonging
 also all the right, title, interest, estate, claim demand whatsover
 of them the said parties of the first part in law or equity in to
 out of the said premises to have to hold the said land or premises
 hereof granted and sold unto the said parties of the second part
 trustees their successors as aforesaid premises in trust nevertheless of
 the purposes following to wit: that the said trustees their successors
 aforesaid shall hold the said premises in trust, that the said prem-
 ises shall be used kept maintained & disposed of as a parsonage
 of the parishes of ... in trust to be used for the use of the mem-
 bership of said ... subject to the discipline usages & minis-
 try of the said church as from time to time authorized and
 decreed of the general conference of the said church the annual confer-
 ence which bounds the said premises are situated & the said parties
 of the first part for themselves their heirs executors & assigns do hereby
 grant, covenant & agree to shew to the said trustees their successors
 as aforesaid that the lands & premises herebefore together with all
 the appurtenances thereunto belonging against them the said parties
 of the first part their heirs executors & assigns against all persons claim-
 ing lawfully to claim the same in any part parcel thereof though
 from a venditor or any of them unto the said trustees their successors
 as aforesaid the said parties of the first part shall sue defend and
 defend defend in law or equity with the said parties of the first part how
 herein set their hands & seals the day of ...

Witness our hands & seals the day of ...
 John ...
 Julia ...
 Charles ...
 George ...
 Thomas ...

Be it remembered that on the 25th day of December 1877 the said ...
 John ...
 Charles ...
 Thomas ...

a & acknowledged this indenture to be their deed & the said latter acknowledging
being at the same time private examination of a party husband and
acknowledged that she executed said indenture willingly without any
substance or threat of fear of her husband's displeasure. In witness whereof
her hand and seal of office this day of August 1878. David Green JP.
Wm. J. Rogers Recorder July 15th 1878 — B. W. Burton Recorder —

✓ Election of Trustees of Bumboro Church —
At the first quarterly conference of Bumboro Circuit Salisbury Dist
withing the Annual Conference for the year 1877, it was moved second
carried that there be an election held at the parsonage in Bumboro
for election of Trustees for said parsonage, after giving due notice of advertis-
ement at the front doors of the churches for said circuit according to law
the election was held on Saturday July 23rd 1877 & elected the following
persons as Trustees. To be incorporated Isaac N. Green, Elias B. Battleground
John S. Ake, James B. Betts, Isaac B. Shat, Jeremiah Jones, which Shat
they having received a majority of votes cast, it was also moved second
carried that John S. Ake be appointed Chairman who shall have care
to day of this seal all books & papers of the corporation shall make in
writing therein of all the proceedings of the trustees & every member of the
society engaged in shall have access thereto.
Joseph White Secretary — Jeremiah Jones Chairman
J. J. Rogers Recorder July 23rd 1878. B. W. Burton Recorder —

✓ Wm. Charles Lewis adm^r To Isaac West —
This indenture made this 23rd day of July in the year of our Lord 1878

to be such as acknowledged this indent
and to be his deed given under my hand & seal of office
this day of August 1881
Recorded Jan 23 1881
B. D. Burton Recorder

Trustees Methodist Episcopal Church Sumboro
According to lawful notice the Methodist Episcopal soci-
ety of Sumboro, Sussex County Del. met on Wednesday Sept.
15 1880 for the purpose of electing a board of Trustees of the
church purchased by the said society of the M. E. Society
The meeting was called to order and G. H. Harding was
appointed Chairman and S. D. Gray Sec. the following
gentlemen were then nominated James H. Bell and Joseph
H. Moore, John Mitchell, Jacob M. Sundry, Stephen P.
Sundry, James S. Surrency, Samuel J. Gray and elected
also the following gentlemen were elected to act as off-
icers Samuel J. Gray Chairman, James S. Surrency
secretary, John Mitchell Treasurer the name of Eben
Walker of the society Union M. E. Church of Sumboro
Sussex Co. Del.
G. H. Harding Ch.
Sam. J. Gray Sec.
Recorded Jan 23 1881
B. D. Burton Recorder

Deed James H. Torbert et al to John Stebb and Cleora Whistler
This indenture made the 24 day of February in the year of our
Lord Eighteen hundred eighty between James H. Torbert
Renard his wife of Baltimore hundred Sussex County and
State of Delaware of the first part and John Stebb Cleora W
his wife of the same place aforesaid of the second part that

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Signed S