

Chapter Three

Sharon ARP Church

It is assumed that John Blair was an early member of the Sharon Church. It is also assumed that he lead the new arrivals that he attracted to the area to come to worship at the Sharon Church. We know for certain that many of the arrivals and their descendants from the Carrickatain area are now buried in the Sharon ARP Church Cemetery.

This church has done a remarkable job of capturing it's history. The reader will be amazed at the detail and preservation of records that make up the foundation of the special document - "Sketch of Sharon ARP Church". I have copied their document to share the rich heritage we all have in this great church. The Patricks are especially blessed to have this document to show the struggles that were so common in all of the early churches. More importantly, this document shows God's Blessings over-coming the winds of human emotion to not only cause the church to survive, but to stay strong over the years. I am sure that the Sharon ARP Church would welcome everyone of us to come visit with them when you are in the area. After the service, take this book and find the graves of so many of your ancestors in the well kept cemetery. As you wander the rows and find the graves, ponder their lives. Most died at an age that speaks of the hard times endured by that era. Diseases would sweep through the area on a regular basis and take a toll. It was a constant battle to tend to the stricken, but try at the same time to avoid the consequences of the pestilence. Most of the Patricks were taken at an age that prevented a full blooming of the family.

Through out the records and documents, you can feel the great Faith that the Patricks had in their Lord and Savior. They embraced that Faith and they lived that Faith. It was at Sharon Church that they grew in their relationship to God. It was Sharon Cemetery that gave them a resting place for their bodies.

Sketch of
SHARON A. R. P. CHURCH

Catawba Presbytery

1796-1980

Sketch of Sharon Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sharon, S. C.

The A. R. P. Church had no organized existence in York County prior to 1796. About 1795 or 1796 Watt's Psalms and Hymns were introduced in the Presbyterian Churches of the County, all of which had used David's Psalms -- Scotch version, up to this date. This was regarded by many as an innovation to which they could not conscientiously submit. The stricter sort withdrew; of this group it is pretty certain that Sharon was formed from seceders from Bullock Creek and Beersheba.

Who constituted the first bench of elders is unknown; at an early period in the history of the church Robert McKnight, John and Andrew Wright, William Love, Sr. are known to have been ruling elders. According to tradition among those originally constituting the congregation were Peter Galloway; Alexander Galloway, father of the Rev. Robert and Jonathan Galloway; and also Hugh Galloway; several families of Wrights; Robert McKnight; the Bighams, Lindsays, Williams, Scotts, Robert and William Kennedy, a family of Millens, one of whom donated the land on which the Church now stands (1893). There was a family of Russells from whom the Rev. R. Y. Russell sprang; also a family of Rainey one of whom had been educated for the ministry in the Associate Church. He died of consumption on the eve of his licensure.

When the slavery question began to agitate the Associate Synod many families moved to Ohio and Indiana and became fruitful in the United Presbyterian Church. Some went to Tennessee; a substantial part of Hopewell, Maury County, came from Old Sharon.

Sharon Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, located in the western part of York County on a branch line of the Southern Railroad, was organized by the Rev. James Rogers in the summer of 1796. In his historical address delivered at the Semi-Centennial Exercises of Dr. Ross' Pastorate, Rev. E. E. Boyce, D. D. describes the origin of Sharon in these words. Quote:

"I have at home an old manuscript. I wish I had brought it here today, but I did not. It looks as if it had come over the sea, and had been discovered among archaeological deposits of Egypt or Syria. I read on the fly leaf:"

"Kings Mountain March 20, 1796. Gulielmus Dickson."

Then I turn over and read: "January 1797. Preached at Sharon on Song 1:7 -- "Tell me thou whom my soul loveth where thou feedest; Where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon."

Then I read again. "William Dickson, ordained June 1, 1797, after giving a lecture on Hebrews 1:1 - 3, by Rev. Jas. Rogers. Morning Psalm explained, Rev. Wm. Blackstocks. Sermon preached by Rev. John Hemphill from Luke 12:43, and charge given by Rev. Peter McMillen." (Mr. Dickson had recently come from Scotland.)

So we have before us the first pastorate of Sharon beginning in 1797, and four years hence the congregation will have a history of one whole century. One quarter of that was by the first pastor."

In the summer of 1796 Sharon united with Bethany in the northern part of the county and Carmel Hill in the south in a call to the Rev. William Dickson, "a probationer under the care of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Presbytery of the Carolinas and Georgia. He was installed at Sharon on June 5, 1797. The Presbytery that ordained and installed him consisted of Revs. James Rogers, John Hemphill, Peter McMillan, and William Blackstocks." (Record of Rev. R. A. Ross, D. D.)

About 1804 or 1805 Mr. Dickson and Rev. Peter McMillan withdrew from the Associate Reformed Church on account of the position of this Church on frequent communion, and because the Church had dispensed with the days of fasting and thanksgiving in connection with the Sacrament. Sharon went with her pastor. Very soon after, probably in 1805, Sharon and some other churches were organized into the Associate Presbytery of the Carolinas.

It is not certain when Mr. Dickson ceased to be pastor of Sharon but it is certain there was a vacancy in 1826 for in that year Sharon, Tirzah and Carmel Hill united to call Rev. William Meek McElwee, "a licentiate of the Associate Presbytery of the Carolinas, and a graduate of the Associate Theological Seminary at Canonsbury, Pa. The call was presented in Oct. 1826 and he began regular preaching Jan. 1827 but was not ordained and installed till the first Thursday of April 1827. The session during his pastorate (1826-1832) consisted of Joseph Bigham, Andrew Roddy, Samuel Wylie and William Gibson. This was the last session Sharon had in connection with the Associate Presbytery." (Record of Dr. R. A. Ross)

Rev. McElwee continued the pastorate till 1832. During the latter part of his pastorate the churches were vexed and torn by the controversy on slavery, and Free Masonry; Mr. McElwee, feeling that his ministry here any fruther would prove unfruitful, gave up the charge and moved to Pennsylvania, where for many years he was pastor of the Associate congregation of Frankfort Springs and Service in Beaver County.

Then came a vacancy of ten years. "Old people tell us that Revs. Ketchen, Flenniken, Dr. Boyce, McDonald, J. S. Pressly, and S. C. Millen all preached more or less." During this period a sacramental meeting in the summer was conducted. Rev. Thomas Ketchen held one in 1836; Dr. James Boyce one in the summer of 1840 and Rev. L. McDonald in 1843, and Mr. Ross once or twice in 1842 and 1843." (Record of Dr. R. A. Ross)

In 1835 Sharon was again organized into an Associate Reformed Church. Tradition says Rev. Thomas Ketchen, who had recently come out of the Associate Church into the Associate Reformed Church, was the officiating minister. Sharon was supplied, as stated above, by various ministers till Rev. R. A. Ross was issued a joint call by Sharon, Smyrna and Olivet, all of York County.



Rev. R. A. Ross, D.D.
1843-1893

This call, issued in August 1843, moderated by Rev. R. C. Grier of Bethany and Pisgah churches, "was presented at the fall meeting of First Presbytery in Oct. 1843 at Hopewell, Chester County. Dr. Ross was ordained and installed at Sharon the first Wednesday of December 1843. Rev. Thomas Ketchen preached this ordination sermon from Malachi 2d. chapter and 17th. verse. Rev. L. McDonald led in the ordination prayer and addressed the pastor and Rev. S. C. Millen addressed the people." (Dr. E. E. Boyce) "It was a cold and stormy day. Nevertheless there was a good congregation out." - (Dr. R. A. Ross)

The call was issued "for one-third time, and a promise of \$158.00." John Galloway, J. N. McElwee, John Kennedy, and Hugh Galloway, four elders, signed it." (Dr. E. E. Boyce) The formal beginning of this pastorate was June 1, 1844.

The families of Joseph Wylie, Robert Gilfillan, John Rainey, Joseph Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Laughrage were soon received into the fold from the Associate Church. In the fall of 1844 Robert Gilfillan and Thomas Whitesides were added to the bench of elders.

About 1847 with the aid of a liberal donation from Capt. John Blair, of Yorkville, a former member, and some other small donations outside the membership, the congregation built "A large and commodious church 60 x 40 ft. with a gallery across one end of it for the colored people." (R. A. Ross)

The session, being decreased by death and otherwise to its original number 4, added Lawson Jenkins, A. F. Love, R. E. Gettys and Samuel Blair to the list. Mr. J. C. Mitchell, an

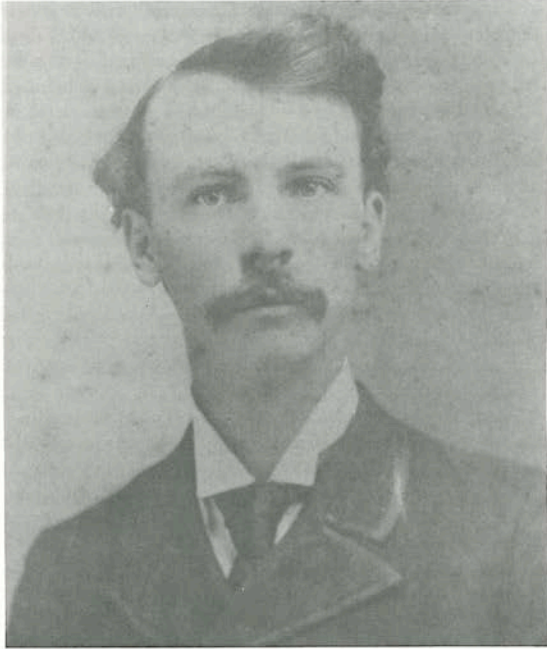
elder at Olivet, moved into the bounds of Sharon and was received as an elder. The others were John Kennedy, Hugh A. Galloway, Thomas Whitesides, Robert Gilfillan. John Kennedy died 1861. Dr. Henry C. Castles, elder from Smyrna, was so received. Death removed Robert Gilfillan and Dr. Castles in 1869, and several had moved away over a period of years making it necessary in 1874 to increase the number again. Robert A. Gilfillan, H. H. Mitchell, W. M. Kennedy, and J. R. Patrick were elected. At the same time R. A. Latham, R. A. Patrick, R. R. Love, and Sam Scott were elected and ordained deacons. These deacons are the first ordained to that office in this church, though men had served as deacons before this. J. P. Blair replaced R. A. Patrick who moved away in 1875. "The present officers of the congregation are R. A. Ross, pastor who had accepted this position for nearly 33 years; Elders H. A. Galloway, T. K. McKnight, J. C. Mitchell, R. E. Gettys, A. F. Love, Samuel Blair, R. A. Gilfillan, H. J. Mitchell, W. M. Kennedy, and J. R. Patrick; Deacons R. A. Latham, J. P. Blair, and R. R. Love. Samuel Blair is Treasurer and A. F. Love Clerk of the Session." (1876 - R. A. Ross)

Rev. J. S. Grier gave a brief sketch of the Ross pastorate for 1876 - 1893. In 1884 R. T. Riggins, W. M. Ross, S. M. Scott and J. P. Blair were chosen elders, J. C. Blair, J. G. Maloney, A. E. Love, and J. T. Latham deacons. Hugh A. Galloway died in 1886, one of oldest elders, leaving \$200.00 as endowment to the church with interest to be applied to pastor's salary. In 1888, A. S. Wallace, received as elder from another church, J.H.B. Jenkins, by certificate from Gastonia A.R.P. Church, also an elder, was added. Deacons added in 1891 were J. B. Patrick, H. H. Sherer, R. S. Plexico, M. McGill and J. L. Rainey. The 1893 roll of the session read as follows: Samuel Blair; R. E. Gettys; R. A. Gilfillan; S. M. Scott; R. T. Riggins; W. M. Ross; A. F. Love; J. P. Blair; A. S. Wallace; J.H.B. Jenkins; and the diaconate: J. T. Latham; J. C. Blair; J. G. Maloney; R. R. Love; A. E. Love; J. L. Rainey; H. H. Sherer; R. S. Plexico; and the church roll numbered 180. Mr. Grier stated that this was remarkable because Sharon had lost large numbers to Ohio and Indiana during the slavery controversy; also Hopewell, Tennessee, claimed a considerable number, as did White Oak, S. C., largely composed of former Sharon members.

The last person Dr. Ross received into the church was Mrs. L. B. Sherer by certificate July 2, 1893; the last by profession, R. Carrie Caldwell April 29, 1893.

The program celebrating the fifty year pastorate consisted of a poem written by Rev. I. G. McLaughlin read by Rev. W. W. Orr; Historical address by Rev. E. E. Boyce, D. D.; Open Letter from Mr. George Earle, L.L.D. read by Rev. J. C. Galloway; and Address on behalf of Synod by Rev. W. M. Grier, D.D.

Mr. Grier concludes his report thus: "Dr. Ross graduated at Jefferson College, Penn. in 1840 and lived to be 76 years 1 month and 15 days of age."



Rev. J. S. Grier
1896-1909

From Mr. J. S. Grier's account 1893-1900

The church was vacant from Oct. 21, 1893 when Dr. Ross resigned till July 1896 when Mr. Grier, called in the fall of 1895, was installed as pastor. Various Presbytery supplies were sent from Oct. 1893 through 1894. Rev. W.A.M. Plaxco began preaching about the beginning of 1895. He was called by the congregation but refused because it was not unanimous. Rev. J. E. Johnson served as supply from the fall of 1895 till July 23, 1896.

Dr. Ross stated in his sketch that Sharon always paid the assessments of Synod and Presbytery. The church fell behind after his death, but with the new shepherd's urging the assessment \$172.00 for 1896 was paid in full before Synod's books closed.

Salary promised Mr. Grier was \$450.00 for three-fourths time and a parsonage in addition.

Officers lost by death 1893-1900 include Elders

- A. S. Wallace, March 1893
- J. G. Maloney, Nov. 30, 1898 having served 16 months
- R. E. Gettys, the oldest elder, March 13, 1900 "Who served us officially for 45 years died at the age of 88 years, 2 months."
- A. F. Love, Jan. 31, 1901
- S. M. Scott, Sept. 10, 1901
- R. A. Gilfillan, Dec. 18, 1905
- S. A. Gilfillan, Dec. 17, 1905
- Samuel Blair, Oct. 28, 1907

Officers elected during this period were:

Oct. 6, 1895 — deacons, R. M. Sherer, and J. E. Gettys, elders: Aug. 1, 1897, J. G. Maloney, R. H. G. Caldwell, J. H. Sherer, and S. A. Mitchell; and J. A. Maloney, deacon to replace his father elevated to eldership.

In 1900 the Session roll included

- A. F. Love, Samuel Blair,
- S. M. Scott, J. P. Blair,
- R. A. Gilfillan, W. M. Ross,
- W. S. Love, R.H.G. Caldwell,
- S. A. Mitchell, J. H. Sherer

and the diaconate:

- R. R. Love, H. H. Sherer, J. L. Rainey, J. C. Blair,
- R. M. Sherer, J. E. Gettys, and J. A. Maloney.

The church roll numbered 184.

Mr. Grier died April 10, 1909 after suffering apoplexy. He was stricken at the barn and crawled to the house for help.



Rev. E. B. Hunter, D.D.
1909-1944

From the Sessional Records 1909-1944

The next pastor, Rev. E. B. Hunter, began work Nov. 7, 1909 — serving Sharon three-fourths time, and Tirzah one-fourth as Mr. Grier had done. Many improvements were made under his leadership, and the youth groups became very active.

In 1910 an individual communion set, still in use, was purchased. In 1911 the weekly envelope system was placed on trial for one year in an effort to raise the assessments. Between 1910 and 1920 the pastor's salary was boosted by two raises. In 1913 Miss Mary Gilfillan left \$300.00 bequest which was used to buy three shares of bank stock.

Mr. S. A. Gilfillan, a former member and elder, returned

from Gastonia and was received on that status, serving capably from 1913 till his death Jan. 20, 1938.

By this time it was felt the church building should be replaced by a new building, evidently proposed by the women. Sessional record for April 16, 1916 contains this statement; "It was decided not to do anything toward building a new church on the account of the unsettled condition of our government, but that, we, as a Session will not hinder, or put a damper on anything that the Ladies see their way clear to do." Again June 18, 1916: "It was decided to go on record to begin a Church Building Fund for a period of five years."

Under Mr. Hunter's leadership July 15, 1917 the session voted to have "two or three days preaching at Blairsville schoolhouse sometime during this summer." Sabbath Schools were organized at Blairsville and Pine Bluff, meeting at the school building and continued for a number of years. There would be no night services during the summer in order that the pastor might have time for these extra services.

In 1918 Synod requested a five hundred pound bale of cotton be raised by the churches to aid the finances. Members pledged from one hundred pounds seed down to ten pounds. These efforts yielded two bales; proceeds from the second bale were used to paint the parsonage. Kanapolis and West Gastonia Churches were given \$5.00 each to help with their finances.

In March 1919 the church land was ordered surveyed and corners established. In June a committee consisting of J. S. Rainey, C. L. Kennedy, V. K. Plaxco, and Rev. E. B. Hunter was appointed to drill a well at the church. Oct. 19, 1919 W. S. Love resigned as clerk of the session after twenty years, and Porter B. Kennedy was elected; he served till his death Feb. 16, 1931. Presbytery was petitioned for full time pastor beginning Jan. 1, 1920 with Tirzah agreeable to the change. With this in mind morning services were set for every Sabbath at Sharon; afternoon service second and fourth Sabbaths at Blairsville and third Sabbath afternoon at Pine Bluff School.

J. A. Maloney, J. E. Latham, P. B. Kennedy, Mrs. E. B. Hunter, Miss Iva Sherer, and alternate for Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. C. L. Kennedy, were appointed to buy a new organ or piano, in May 1920. A piano was purchased.

The highlight of this period was celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Church Aug. 18, 1921. News reports estimated over a thousand attended. Rev. R. M. Stevenson, D. D. delivered the sermon and Rev. W. A. Kennedy and Rev. R. R. Caldwell afternoon addresses.

June 25, 1922 a congregational meeting was called to decide whether to cover and remodel the old building, or build a new church. A committee appointed to secure estimates reported a week later with three plans:

1. Cover old building at cost of \$300.00
2. New building same seating capacity as present building, \$12,000
3. Enlarge and remodel present building to add eleven classrooms and furnace room, \$7,500 - Architect W. W. Blair.

The congregation voted to remodel. Later meetings were called to secure pledges. On Sept. 10 there was a statement of the desire of a good many to build a new church with promise

of increased pledges. After several congregational meetings, and hearing a plan submitted by W. W. Blair giving 611 seating capacity, ten basement classrooms and a furnace room at an estimated cost \$10,500, the remodelling idea was abandoned in favor of an entirely new building which was completed in 1924. New seats were purchased for the sanctuary and old seats used in the basement and gallery. In Oct. 1923 a committee was appointed to sell the old church for not less than \$500; or tear down and sell the lumber at half the price of new lumber. The latter was the method of disposal. Last service in the old church was Dec. 23, 1923. Beginning Dec. 30, 1923 services were held in the basement until the "upstairs" area was completed. First Service in sanctuary was held early in 1924.

Pastor's salary was increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year in mid 1924.

Dr. A. J. Ransom and Mr. R. C. Bannerji of India visited us July 9, 1926 giving valuable insight into our mission field in India which later became Pakistan.

During the summer the York County Mail Carriers' Association and the County Medical Association were granted permission to hold annual meetings on the grounds, or in the basement in case of inclement weather.

March 20, 1927 the Session appointed a committee to study the cemetery in regard to family selections; the first report was it could not be arranged in present shape. This might be considered the roots for enlarging the cemetery, and repairing and rebuilding the wall later.

The Church debt was fully paid before the end of 1927. Dedication Service was held Dec. 25, 1927 with the sermon delivered by Rev. R. M. Stevenson, D. D., on the theme, "This is my Father's house." Jan. 15, 1928 Mr. Hunter was instructed to replace the old pulpit Bible. The old Bible was returned to Mrs. M. A. Garvin who donated it so that she might have it as a family relic. In later summer 1929 the Ladies Society was granted permission to plant shrubbery and lay off drive ways.

In 1925 R. M. Mitchell, S. M. Sherer, J. R. Blair and J. R. Duncan were elected elders; and J. E. Latham and J. L. Whitesides deacons.

During the 1930's Mr. Hunter was plagued with bouts of arthritis and forced to take leaves of absence. In 1931 J. A. Maloney requested permission to invite the York County Singing Convention to meet at Sharon. The Cemetery Committee reported; Session voted to extend the Cemetery 35 or 40 yards below present limits. A committee, J. S. Rainey, W. F. Rhodes and W. R. Latham, was instructed to carry out the motion using funds from Reconstruction Finance Corporation. In May 1936 a new garage for the parsonage was ordered built; Mr. Hunter donated \$50.00 towards cost. In August 1937 Highway No. 91 was granted right of way to run south of the Church building. The Session voted for the congregation to join Woodlawn in Dedication Service of their new building Nov. 19, 1939.

The following officers were elected 1930-1939; Elders: W. P. Youngblood, R. C. Caldwell, J. L. Whitesides, J. S. Rainey, (C. L. Kennedy declined the nomination); L. M. Sherer, S. L. Love, E. R. Maloney, W. R. Latham, M. H.

Blair and Warren Duncan; Deacons: W. R. Latham, J. S. Hartness, W. T. Sherer, Sr., H. S. Sherer, S. L. Blair, E. R. Maloney; C. O. Rhodes, James W. Kennedy, L. B. Sherer, Boyd R. Latham, J. Louis Mitchell, Brice Bigham, J. R. Blair, clerk of Session, C. L. Kennedy, Treas.

The 1940's - Annuity Plan of Elderly ministers, under which Pastor and congregation pay 1 1/2 % each of salary, was adopted. In May Mr. Hunter went to Hot Springs, Ark. for Arthritis treatment. In March, 1941 a committee to enlarge the cemetery and build a new wall was appointed; in Nov. they reported on kind of wall and the estimated cost. This committee, consisting of J. R. Blair, E. R. Maloney, W. R. Latham, Mrs. C. L. Kennedy, and Mrs. J. S. Rainey, was instructed to decide on kind of wall, size, and make necessary arrangements to secure funds and labor.

Dr. Hunter was scheduled for surgery on March 10 and would be out about ten days. Fulfilling an earlier promise to resign at age 65, Dr. Hunter tendered his resignation Dec. 20, 1942 which the Session refused. It was presented to the congregation Jan. 3, 1943 and was not accepted. Dr. Hunter agreed to continue as pastor. In April 1943 Dr. Hunter became unable to preach; he refused his salary "until I am able to preach." In late summer he went to Florida; in October word came that an operation was necessary.

In early May 1943 the Woodlawn Men's Bible Class initiated a joint meeting of the churches to introduce Bible teaching in the Schools of Sharon and Hickory Grove. In Jan. 1944 Dr. and Mrs. Hunter donated \$150.00 for "church improvement". Rev. Roy Maloney, supply, offered to do the plumbing for restrooms as his contribution. Dr. Hunter came home in March and stated that he desired to take up his duties April 1. The congregation accepted the invitation to the dedication of Hickory Grove Church the first Sabbath of May. Dr. Hunter's health did not improve. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1944 the Session, called to meet at the manse, changed the place of meeting due to the funeral of Mrs. J. H. Sherer, assembling at the church instead. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the resignation of Dr. Hunter, effective Nov. 1, 1944. It was accepted with deepest regret. For the last time as pastor the night of Oct. 22, 1944, Dr. Hunter called the Session to meet. He stated that he and Mrs. Hunter wanted to donate \$500.00 toward stained glass windows for the church, and if this project was not approved, they reserved the right to say where the gift would be used. One month later, Nov. 21, 1944 Dr. E. B. Hunter was called to his heavenly home. This is the second longest pastoral service at Sharon. During this time Dr. Hunter not only supervised the needs of his charge well but also did a great deal of work for the A.R.P. denomination in its financial affairs, and served on the committee to revise the Bible Songs. Synod recognized his efforts and Erskine College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity in early 1930's.

January 1945 the pulpit was declared vacant and search for a pastor begun. In July Rev. B. G. Pressly, D. D. gave a favorable reply and was called at a salary of \$1,800.00 yearly. Rev. S. A. Boyce moderated the call July 15. Arrangements for moving Dr. Pressly and repairs on the manse were made. His first sermon was delivered Sept. 2, 1945. The church bell,



Dr. B. G. Pressly, D.D.
1945-1947

no longer used, was given Rev. Roy Maloney for one of his churches. The stained glass windows were installed the first week in November, 1945.

The installation for Dr. B. G. Pressly was set for the evening of Nov. 18. Rev. W. P. Grier of Clover preached the sermon; Rev. A. B. Love, grandson of Sharon, read the scripture, Isa. 52; Rev. W. A. Kennedy, son of the church, charged the pastor, and Rev. S. A. Boyce addressed the congregation.

1947 - January - A vacuum cleaner was ordered bought for the church to cut down the dust problem. February - Mr. Dunbar of Spartanburg donated his furnace used a short time to the church. A committee was appointed to see if it would adapt. In June, Mrs. Pressly needed surgery. \$200.00 was donated towards her operation. August 4, 1946 Sharon celebrated her 150th anniversary with appropriate service. In August, Mr. James Lee Love of Burlington requested permission to replace broken monuments of his relatives; he offered a donation of \$500.00 to build a wall around the cemetery. Since a wall was already built, the session thought organization of a Memorial Association a good plan, and asked if he would be willing to place his donation there. Dr. B. G. Pressly, Elder S. L. Love, Mrs. Eddie Burgess, and Miss Helen Kennedy were appointed a committee to draft constitution and By-laws for the association which was organized shortly. Sept. 21, 1947 Dr. Pressly died from a heart attack suffered a few days earlier.

The pulpit was supplied by Seminary students: L. M. Allison, Jr. was secured for the summer 1948 full time at a salary of \$200.00 per month. Sept. 26, 1948 Mrs. L. M. Allison, Jr. placed her letter at Sharon. A railing on the base-



Rev. L. M. Allison, Jr.
1949-1954

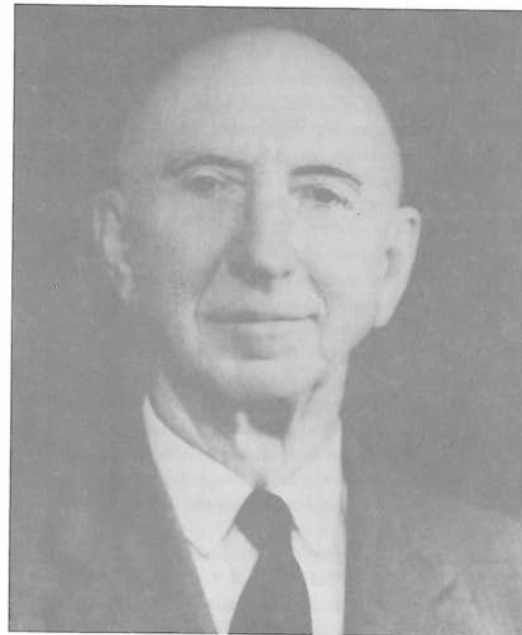
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| Lee M. Sherer | W. T. Sherer, Sr. |
| S. M. Sherer | F. H. Youngblood |
| H. S. Sherer | Joe H. Rainey |
| M. H. Blair | P. B. Maloney |
| J. H. Sherer | Chas. H. Maloney |
| J. L. Whitesides | S. C. White |
| J. S. Rainey | J. A. Whitesides |
| E. H. Burgess | J. E. Latham |
| J. I. Chason | J. S. Hartness |
| J. P. Gourley | C. L. Kennedy |
| L. B. Sherer | C. S. Warmoth |
| B. W. Sherer | J. H. Maloney |
| S. C. White | C. E. Blackwell |
| | Don Sherer |

The first of the year 1950 the manse building committee was composed of Elder H. S. Sherer; Deacon C. C. Maloney; from congregation, M. H. Blair; Sabbath School, W. R. Latham, Woman's Society, Mrs. Boyd R. Latham; and treasurer, Frank Duncan, ex officio, R. M. Mitchell. Under their supervision the new brick manse was completed in late 1950; and the old manse sold to the Baptist Church. The garage was part of the new manse lot and retained. C. L. Kennedy who had served as treasurer since 1899 died Feb. 25, 1951 and F. H. Youngblood was elected church treasurer and Boyd R. Latham assistant. In Oct. 1951 the pastor's salary was raised \$50.00 per month; a new heating system purchased in July 1952; wall-to-wall carpet was laid in the sanctuary in 1951; December 1953 a duplicating machine for printing the church bulletins was ordered; Session members ordered Books

ment stairway was installed about this time. Oct. 3, 1948 the idea of starting a manse fund was presented to the congregation and favorably received. Frank Y. Duncan was elected treasurer. Early in 1949 a call was issued to Mr. Allison effective upon graduation. Mr. Allison was transferred from First Presbytery to Catawba in April 1949 with the help of Rev. S. A. Boyce. June 12, 1949 at 4 P.M. the ordination and installation service was held. Rev. S. A. Boyce preached the Sermon; Rev. L. M. Allison, Sr. ordained his son; Rev. J. R. Love charged the pastor and Judge J. R. Moss the people.

In the fall of 1949 H. S. Sherer, W. T. Sherer, Sr., Brice Bigham, and Louis Mitchell were elected Elders; J. A. Whitesides, F. H. Youngblood, C. C. Maloney, Frank Duncan and W. T. Sherer, Jr. were elected Deacons. During the fifties the roll of the Session and Diaconate were:

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| Elders | Deacons |
| B. G. Bigham | S. L. Blair |
| J. R. Blair | E. H. Burgess |
| R. C. Caldwell | F. Y. Duncan |
| J. R. Duncan | L. T. Dowdle |
| Warren Duncan | J. P. Gourley |
| W. R. Latham | B. R. Latham |
| S. L. Love | C. C. Maloney |
| W. J. McGill | J. T. Mitchell |
| R. M. Mitchell | C. O. Rhodes |
| J. Louis Mitchell | L. B. Sherer |
| W. T. Sherer, Sr. | B. W. Sherer |



Rev. B. L. Hamilton, D.D.
1955-1961

of Church Government; and Mr. Moffat Sherer was commissioned to build cabinets for the treasurer's records. In April 1954 Mr. Allison submitted his resignation effective June 1, 1954 to accept a call to Statesville, N. C. A pulpit committee, R. M. Mitchell, L. M. Sherer, James Kennedy, C. C. Maloney, and Mrs. W. J. McGill, began the search for a new shepherd. May 9, 1954 the church elected L. M. Sherer, C. E. Blackwell, Miss Betty Blair, Mrs. W. J. McGill and Mrs. F. H. Youngblood to investigate the purchase of an organ, and in July the committee recommended a Baldwin electric priced at \$2,800.00 and pledges were taken. Mr. Tom Hartness pledged ten per cent of the cost if the church paid cash; his pledge was claimed. In the fall a new roof to the church was applied.

In May 1955 Dr. B. L. Hamilton accepted the charge to begin work July 1 and was installed July 31, 1955. During his pastorate in March 1957 the basement was painted and folding chairs replaced the old benches which were sold. Dr. Hamilton suggested consideration of the Rotary System for elders and deacons but the Session felt this church is too small for the system. In 1958 the M. H. Blair family renovated the Men's Bible Class in memory of their parents. In 1959 the Ministerial Insurance and Retirement plan was adopted. The officers voted to plant pines on the vacant part of the church lot behind the picnic area.

Dec. 11, 1960 Dr. Hamilton resigned to accept a short term reassignment by the Foreign Mission Board to Pakistan. Student, C. E. Linderman was hired for the summer of 1961 during which time he was married to Miss Harriet Smith Aug. 22, 1961. Mr. Linderman was asked to supply during the winter and May 6, 1962 there was a congregational meeting to petition Presbytery to moderate a call for him. Mr. Linderman was installed as pastor the second Sabbath of July 1962.



*Rev. C. E. Linderman & Family
1962-1965*

In 1963 the church was painted inside and new lighting fixtures installed. Sometime in 1965 Miss Bess Mitchell and Mrs. Eva Allison completed a set of communion cloths. Sept. 9,

1965 Rev. Earl Linderman read his letter of resignation effective Oct. 25, 1965 to accept a call to St. Andrews, Gastonia, N. C.

Rev. A. F. Regan, a retired Methodist Minister living in Rock Hill, S. C., supplied until June 26, 1966 when Rev. Rogers White became pastor. R. M. Mitchell resigned as clerk of Session July 17, 1966 and Lee M. Sherer was elected successor, and authorized to get a new record book. For the year 1967 Presbytery assessed Sharon \$695.00 for its Building Fund; Synod set up a voluntary contribution plan requesting 20% of annual church budget be donated to Synod's budget; Sharon adopted it. For several years the church has had an annual "Singing Day" the last Sabbath of January; the fifth Sabbath was the date for this year. Warren Duncan was assigned by the Session to list local church property for Synod.

July 9, 1967 Rev. J. Rogers White resigned. A pulpit committee presented the name of Rev. R. M. Bell, D. D. to the congregation Nov. 5, 1967 resulting in unanimous vote to call. Rev. Frank B. Edwards moderated the call Dec. 31, 1967. Dr. Bell began work in January 1968. The installation was held Feb. 4, 1968 at 4:00 P.M. with sermon preached by Rev. John R. Thompson, pastor of Hickory Grove-Smyrna. Dr. E. E. Glenn, retired Methodist minister who had been our supply, gave the prayer; Rev. Frank B. Edwards, D. D. charged the pastor and Judge Joseph R. Moss the people.



*Rev. R. M. Bell, D.D.
1968-1969*

The church assumed sponsorship of the Cub Scouts early in February 1968; a \$500.00 bequest from the estate of J. Guy Caldwell to go to Missions was received by the treasurer.

J. I. Chason was appointed treasurer of the Capital Funds campaign. In March at a congregational meeting the report of a committee to get cost of a public address system with hearing aids in designated pews was heard. The cost reported was \$390.00; the committee was empowered to install the system. In April Civil Defense was granted permission to use specified space for "Fall-out Shelter". That part of church property not recorded was duly recorded in office of York County Clerk of Court by Atty. J. L. Moss in early May. Air-conditioning was installed in the sanctuary at a cost of \$4,132.00 during the summer. In December 1968 the rotary system was adopted for the deacons, setting up a four year rotation schedule.

Permission was given the Athena Club of Sharon to hold services in the church in connection with unveiling a historical marker on the site of Blairsville Schoolhouse Nov. 10, 1968.

In the spring of 1968 Dr. Bell initiated the addition of communion chairs to match the pulpit chairs. Jackson's Cabinet Shop, Rock Hill, S. C. built the chairs matching the pulpit furniture exactly. This project was completed after Dr. Bell's death.

August 19, 1969 Sharon joined Bullock Creek in celebrating her 200th Anniversary. In September the purchase of more copies of the Bible Songs was authorized. After the sudden death of Dr. Bell Sept. 8, 1969, Dr. Paul L. Grier supplied during the fall and winter; Seminary student James Hunt lived in the manse as supply that summer and Dr. Grier returned in the fall. Other seminary students filled in during 1971-72 school year.

Nov. 23, 1969 Charles Grant, Charles H. Maloney and C. O. Rhodes were elected deacons for 1969-1973 term. Dr. Grier was granted permission to baptize the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Warmoth, Nov. 30, 1969.

During the sixties the list of elders included J. I. Chason, Frank Y. Duncan, Warren Duncan, B. R. Latham, W. R. Latham, C. C. Maloney, S. L. Love, W. J. McGill, R. M. Mitchell, S. M. Sherer, Lee M. Sherer, C. S. Warmouth, B. W. Sherer, H. S. Sherer, S. C. White, Louis Mitchell, W. T. Sherer, Sr., J. P. Gourley.

March 28, 1971 at a congregational meeting the chairman of the pulpit committee stated that a salary increase is needed to attract a pastor and requested a maximum of \$7,500.00 be allowed the committee. This request was granted. In the fall steps were taken to correct basement water damage.

April 2, 1972 at a congregational meeting Jerry R. Wright, recommended by the pulpit committee, was selected to be called as pastor of the charge upon graduation in May. At the same meeting carpeting the entrances to the sanctuary, the pastor's study and its entrance was agreed upon. The Lawton Burgess family endorsed the project for use of memorials to Mr. Burgess.

April 16, 1972 Dr. L. M. Allison, Jr. moderated the call for Jerry Ray Wright to begin services June 1 at annual salary of \$7,200.00; utility allowance \$600.00; payment of one-half medical insurance premium and moving charges. Mr. Wright was installed June 25, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

In October 1972 the Basement Repair Committee was instructed to seek bids on waterproofing the walls and



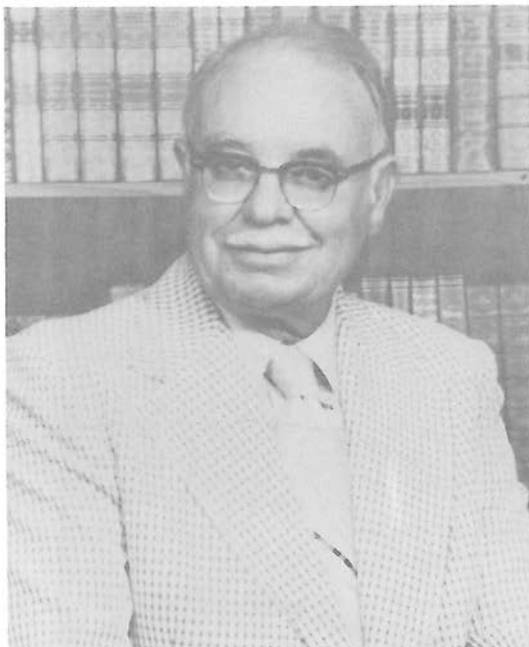
*Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Wright
1972-1974*

replacing drain tiles. Bills were submitted in December and a Charlotte, N. C. firm selected. About this time the church lot at Bonclarken was sold and the money used in these repairs.

In 1974, the four-year rotation of deacons was changed to a three-year rotation to conform with church government rules. The portion of the will of Julia Mae Mitchell dealing with a bequest to Sharon Church was read in Session and Lee Sherer was instructed to consult lawyers Spratt and McKeown as to legal aspects. On receiving the opinion that a bequest can be handled by church officers, the \$19,400.00 bequest was placed on savings at Home Federal Savings and Loan, York, S. C.

March 3, 1974 Mr. Wright tendered his resignation effective June 1 to accept Presbytery assignment to organize a church at Irmo, S. C., and a pulpit committee began search for a pastor.

At a congregational meeting June 2 Warren Duncan reported two bids and a Cost-Plus plan for basement renovation. Cost-Plus plan was favored. Basement was remodelled in 1974 using the Mitchell bequest. Catawba Presbytery met at Sharon July 23. Elder S. L. Love volunteered to be delegate. Frank Duncan, chairman of the Pulpit Committee, announced in early October that the process of clearing requirements of Presbytery to present the name of Rev. James H. Boyce for pastor was in motion; at a congregational meeting Oct. 20, 1974 his name was submitted and received unanimous vote. Rev. Arthur A. Fischer of Tirzah moderated the call Oct. 27. The year 1974 was ended with the acceptance of the Call effective Jan. 1, 1975.



Rev. James H. Boyce
1975-

The Boyce family moved from Craig Avenue A. R. P. Church, Charlotte, N. C. on Jan. 3, 1975. The new pastor was installed at 7:30 P. M. Feb. 2, 1975 with visitors from all Sharon churches, Bullock Creek, Smyrna, Blacksburg, Hickory Grove; Rev. Robert J. Robinson from Rock Hill A. R. P. church and Mr. Bruce Robinson, Lancaster, Stated Clerk of Catawba Presbytery present.

Aug. 17, 1975 F. H. Youngblood and Joe H. Rainey were elected elders. In September the congregation voted to adopt a Hymn Book to supplement the Bible Songs; and voted to use a \$2,000.00 memorial donated by relatives of S. L. Love towards purchase of cushions for the pews.

During 1976 some highlights include an invitation to Mr. Boyce to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon at Erskine College, an honor the church is proud of. The pastor's salary raise 7.5% beginning with May check was recommended by the diaconate; Session was informed that nieces and nephews of Miss Bess Mitchell, and Mrs. Glynn Mitchell planned to give a memorial gift of a Cross and Candle Holders for the Communion table; and the basement was air conditioned.

The Erskine Endowment Campaign assessed Sharon \$10,400.00 to be spread over four tax years, beginning in 1977. The pastor's salary was increased about 7% as recommended by the deacons. A \$100.00 memorial to Pakistan in memory of Dr. B. L. Hamilton, a former pastor, was sent Synod's treasurer; and financial help to Mary Frances Maloney Stewart undergoing rare brain surgery in Canada was given during November.

Mr. and Mrs. David Simmons (Marilyn Allison, daughter

of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Allison), who planned to leave for the mission field in Peru, spoke at a night service in November.

In the summer of 1978 the Baptists received permission to hold the Adult Bible School Class in the church basement. Love gifts to the Elvie Warmoth family to aid in her battle with cancer were given in the fall. The pastor was scheduled to receive a raise Jan. 1, 1979.

Deacon Calvin Martin secured bids on paving the drive on the church grounds and paving was done at a cost of \$6,000.00.

In the spring of 1979 our Session recommended Mr. Boyce as candidate for the Doctor of Divinity degree. The session established \$75.00 as honorarium for supply minister. Mr. Boyce underwent successful eye surgery in October. Dec. 16, 1979 Mr. and Mrs. Boyce attended graduation exercises in Atlanta when their daughter, Trudy, received her Masters degree.

The congregation voted to meet Synod's request for 20% of church budget for 1980. In May the church received the memorial gifts honoring Miss Bessie Mitchell and her family: brass candle holders from Mrs. Glynn Mitchell and brass Cross from the nieces and nephews of Miss Bessie. These gifts were dedicated at the Home Coming June 15, 1980. Oct. 5, 1980 the Session granted the officers of the Memorial Association permission to publish a cemetery roster prepared by T. J. Caldwell, York, Joe Hart, York, and Mrs. Boyd R. Latham, treasurer of the Association.

In 1975 the Session roll read as follows:

Elders:	H. B. Burgess	W. J. McGill
	J. I. Chason	B. W. Sherer
	Warren Duncan	H. S. Sherer
	Frank Y. Duncan	S. M. Sherer
	B. R. Latham	Joe H. Rainey
	S. L. Love	F. H. Youngblood
	P. B. Maloney	Lee M. Sherer, Clerk
	J. L. Mitchell	

By the end of 1980 reduced by death it read:

Elders:	H. B. Burgess	J. L. Mitchell
	J. I. Chason	H. S. Sherer
	Warren Duncan	Joe H. Rainey
	Frank Y. Duncan	F. H. Youngblood
	P. B. Maloney	Lee M. Sherer, Clerk

All eligible men not serving as elder have served as deacon for a term since the Rotary System began. This makes annual changes to keep the three-year term active.

Membership stands at 108, about half Sharon's greatest strength. Rev. James H. Boyce is pastor.

The following sons of the church have entered the ministry: Revs. McElwee Ross, D.D., W. Y. Love, W. A. Kennedy, D.D., Luther Latham, J. L. Maloney, W. Harris Blair, D.D., Robert E. Sherer, and W. T. Sherer, III. Ray J. Sherer planned to enter the ministry, but his life was cut short in June 1940.



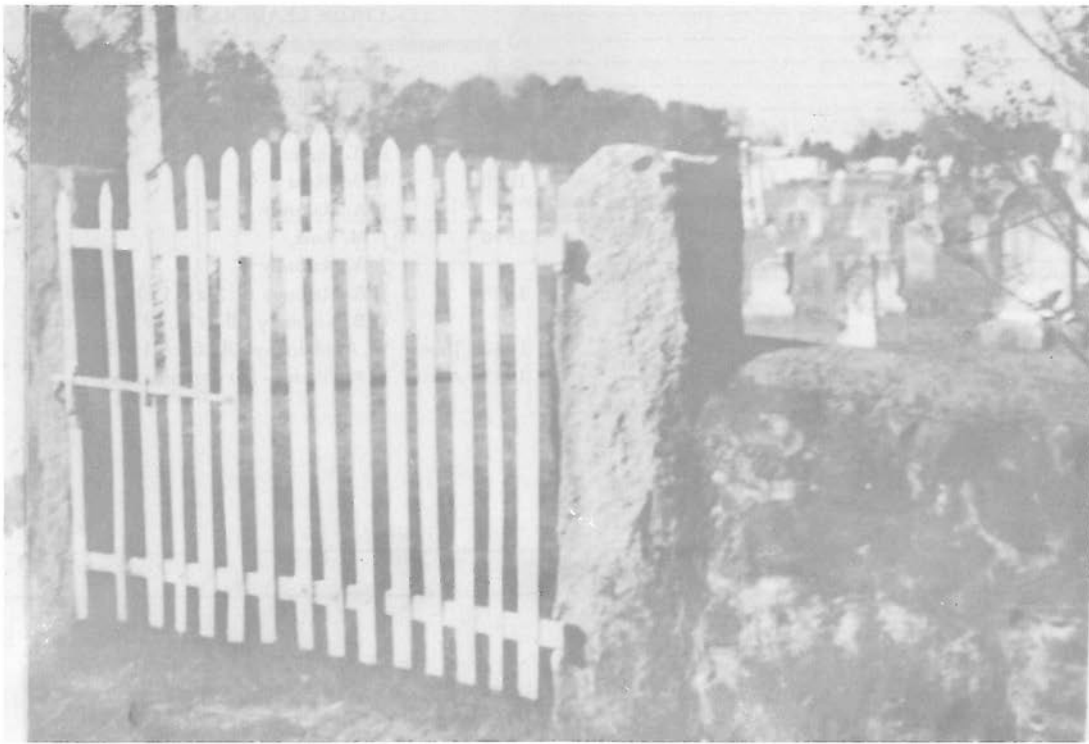
Second Building – Sharon A. R. P. Church



Present A. R. P. Church – Sharon



*Rev. J. S. Grier in pulpit.
Interior of Old Church*



Sharon A. R. P. Cemetery Gate

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

The Sabbath School has been active since 1880's, the exact date unknown. The children's department meets in the basement and adult classes on the main floor.

The young Men's Society organized in early days of the church "entertained one of the earliest Young People's Conventions in the Synod, perhaps in 1894" (Sesquicentennial History). This organization became the Young People's Christian Union and was a thriving agent of the church during 1920's and 1930's. It declined in numbers after that period.

Also during the 1920's and 1930's the Intermediate Union and the Junior Union were strong.

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1886 under the guidance of Dr. R. A. Ross, with 32 charter members. It traveled under several names to become known in 1980 as Women of the Church (WOC). When the youth organizations were thriving, there were five circles; the number has dwindled to two with combined membership 25. Their contributions through the Women's organization amounted to \$146.69 per capita in 1979. The history of WOC is written to date and filed at Montreat Foundation and Bonclarken annually, and a copy kept in the local church.

PASTORS OF SHARON A.R.P. CHURCH SHARON, S. C.

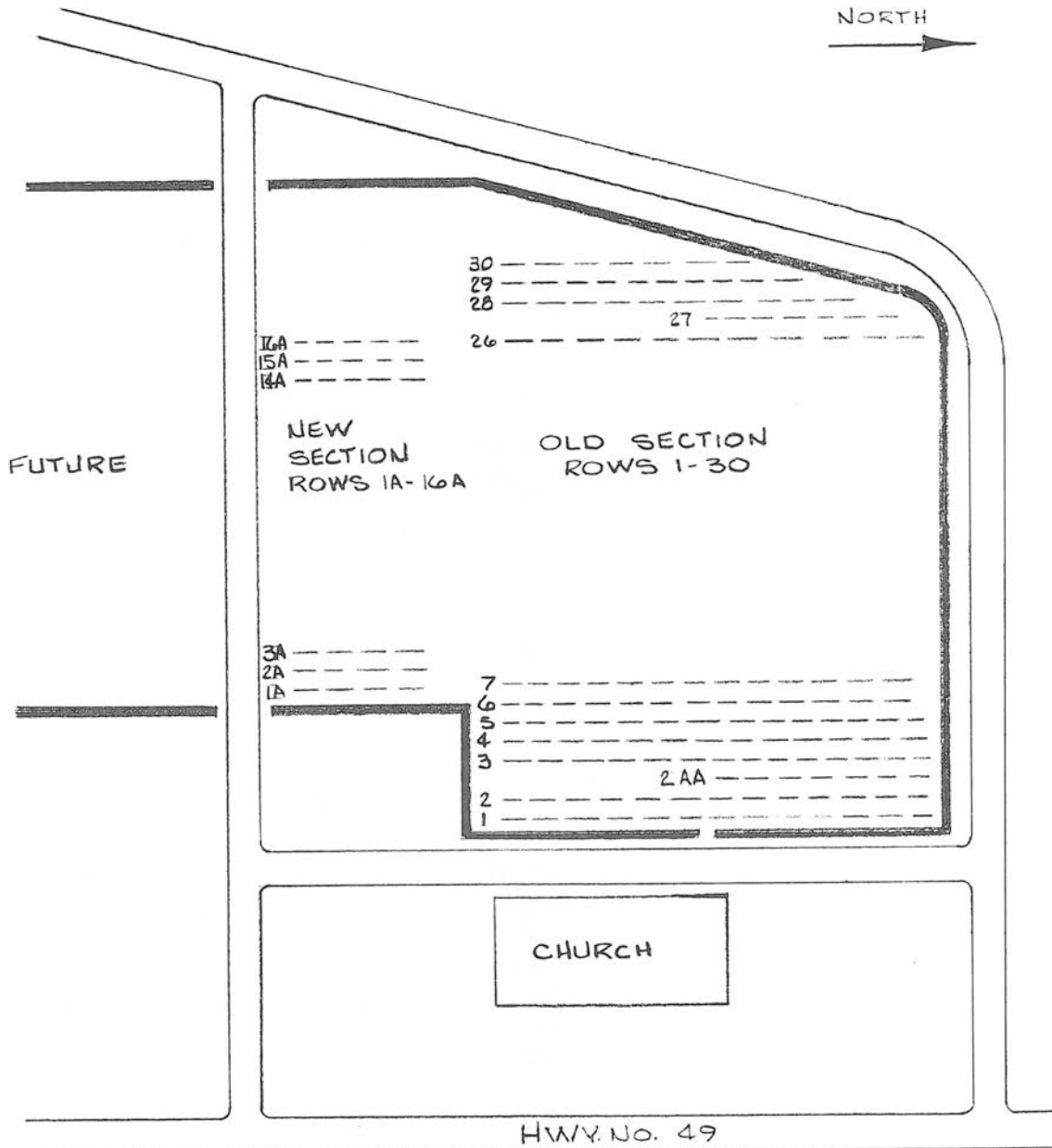
1. Rev. William Dickson (misspelled Dixon) 1797-1825
2. Rev. W. M. McElwee — 1826-1832
3. Rev. R. A. Ross, D.D. — 1843-1893
4. Rev. J. S. Grier — 1896-1909
5. Rev. E. B. Hunter, D.D. — 1909-1944
6. Rev. B. G. Pressly, D.D. — 1945-1947
7. Rev. L. M. Allison, Jr. — 1949-1954 Later D.D.
8. Rev. B. L. Hamilton, D.D. — 1955-1961
9. Rev. C. E. Linderman — 1962-1965
10. Rev. J. Rogers White — 1966-1967
11. Rev. R. M. Bell, D.D. — 1968-1969
12. Rev. Jerry R. Wright — 1972-1974
13. Rev. James H. Boyce — 1975-

CLERKS OF THE SESSION 1845-1980

1845	Robert Gilfillan
1873	A. F. Love
1891	J.H.B. Jenkins
1893	J. R. Kennedy
1893	J.H.B. Jenkins
1899	W. S. Love
1919	P. B. Kennedy
1931	J. R. Blair
1941	R. M. Mitchell
1966	Lee M. Sherer

CHOIR LEADERS SINCE 1875

	Henry Mitchell
	Hugh Galloway
	W. M. Ross
	H. J. Sherer
1880	W. M. Ross
	J. A. Maloney
1896	J. M. Ross
	J. A. Maloney
1898	J. A. Maloney till May, 1932 (death)
	P. B. Kennedy till Feb., 1931 (death)
1932 - June	W. A. Maloney till March 1943
1943 - April	L. M. Sherer - (to present time)



- NOTES -

1. ROW NO. 27 STARTS IN MIDDLE.
2. ROW NO. 2AA IS A PARTIAL ROW LYING BETWEEN ROWS 2 AND 3 ON THE NORTH END OF THE CHURCH YARD.

Sharon A. R. P. Church Cemetery

	BIRTH	DEATH	Row	INSCRIPTION
Morris, Thomas Alexander	Sep 19 1886	Mar 2 1924	18	h/o Mary S. Morris Shedd
Morris, W. A.	Jul 1 1855	Nov 2 1924	19	h/o Elizabeth S. Moore Morris
Nichols, Infant Son		Apr 12 1891	15	s/o J. M. & M. E. Nichols
North, Martha Jane	Sep 14 1838	Aug 9 1861	15	d/o Perry & Letha Dye, w/o J. W. North of the S.C. Conference
North, Samuel Perry		Oct 5 1861	15	aged 1 year and 3 days s/o W. & M. J. North
Patrick, Alexander	Oct 8 1825	May 13 1859	3	
Patrick, Isabella	1820	Nov 3 1842	3	in the 23rd year of her age
Patrick, Joseph	1823	Dec 7 1846	1	in the 23rd year of his life s/o Thomas & Mary Patrick
Patrick, Mary Gilfillan	1790	Aug 21 1843	1	in the 53rd year of her age w/o Thomas Patrick
Patrick, Nancy Blair	1829	Aug 14 1830	3	2d year of her age d/o Isabella Patrick
Patrick, Sallie Arabella	1879	<u>Jun 27 1880</u>	3	aged 11 months and 13 days d/o S. R. & E. G. Patrick
Patrick, Thomas	1784	Aug 8 1842	1	in the 58 year of his age, h/o Mary Patrick
Peninger, Annis J.	Mar 27 1918	Apr 17 1918	26	d/o T. R. & M. C. Peninger
Pierson, Jane		Feb 3 1836	3	in her 80th year
Pierson, Joseph		Oct 3 1829	3	in his 66th year
Plexico, Bessie Sherer	Aug 20 1879	Aug 24 1948	22	w/o J. M. Plexico
Plexico, Ida L.	Jul 1 1868	Mar 5 1894	14	w/o J. M. Plexico
Powell, Jane D.	Jul 4 1809	Nov 3 1846	11	w/o John Naugle
Pratt, Bennie Preston	Oct 30 1905	Oct 15 1908	21	d/o Mr. & Mrs. S. B. Pratt
Pratt, Daniel S.	Aug 14 1849	Aug 29 1915	23	h/o Martha T. Cranford Pratt
Pratt, Eleanor	May 12 1921	Oct 3 1938	23	
Pratt, Ila Page	Nov 4 1886	Apr 12 1972	23	w/o John Oscar Pratt, Sr.
Pratt, John Oscar, Sr.	Jan 2 1879	Jan 9 1926	23	h/o Ila Page Pratt
Pratt, Martha T. Cranford	Dec 27 1850	May 3 1926	23	w/o D. S. Pratt
Pratt, Nannie V. Turner	Aug 28 1871	Jun 3 1931	21	w/o Samuel Benjamin Pratt
Pratt, Samuel Benjamin	Aug 12 1875	Apr 16 1937	21	h/o Nannie V. Turner Pratt
Price, John (Jack) Caldwell	Sep 30 1914	Dec 30 2001		KYCH h/o Shirley Pratt Sherer Price

SHARON ARP CHURCH EARLY MEMBERS AND ELDERS - 1

#	Early Members	#	Early Members	Elders	Dates Served	Minister
1	Bighams	8	Kennedy, Robert	15	*Blair, Samuel - died 28 Oct. 1907	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.
2	Galloway, Alexander	9	Kennedy, William	16	*Gettys, R. E. - died 13 Mar. 1900	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.
3	(Father of the Rev.'s Robert and Jonathan Galloway)	10	Rainey (Family from which a young ministerial student died)	17	Jenkins, Lawson - died 21 Oct. 1887	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.
4	Galloway, Hugh	11	Russell (Family from which Rev. R. Y. Russell descended)	18	*Love, A. F. - died 31 Jan. 1901	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.
5	Galloway, Peter	12	Scotts	Elders added between 1847 and 1874		
6	Lindsays	13	Family members moved to Maury Co., TN in early 1800's	19	Castles, Dr. Henry C. - died in 1869	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.
7	McKnight, Robert	14	Williams	20	*Galloway, Hugh A. - died in 1886	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.
8	Millens (one of whom donated the land on which the church stands)	15	Wrights (Several families)	21	*Mitchell, J. C. - died 31 Aug. 1891	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.
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#	Elders	Dates Served	Minister			
1	McKnight, Robert	Early period in the church				
2	Love, William, Sr.	Early period in the church - died 26 Jul. 1836				
3	Wright, John	Early period in the church				
4	Wright, Andrew	Early period in the church				
Last Session Sharon had in connection with Associate Presbytery.						
5	Bigham, Joseph	1826 - 1832	Rev. William Meek McElwee			
6	Gibson, William	1826 - 1832	Rev. William Meek McElwee			
7	Roddy, Andrew	1826 - 1832	Rev. William Meek McElwee			
8	Wylie, Samuel	1826 - 1832	Rev. William Meek McElwee			
9	Galloway, Hugh	Before 1844 -	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
10	Galloway, John	Before 1844 -	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
11	Kennedy, John	Before 1844 - 04 Apr. 1860	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
12	McElwee, J. N.	Before 1844 -	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
Elders added in the Fall of 1844.						
13	Giffilan, Robert	died 15 Jun. 1873	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
14	Whitesides, Thomas	died 13 Feb. 1874	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
The session (deceased by death & otherwise to it's original number 4) added in 1847:						
28	Blair, J. P.	1884 -	Elders added between 1884 and 1888			
29	Jenkins, J. H. B.	1888 -				
30	Riggins, R. T.	1884 - d. 04 Nov. 1894	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
31	Ross, W. M.	1884 - d. 28 Sep. 1927	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
32	Scott, S. M.	1884 - d. 10 Sep. 1901	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
33	Wallace, A. S.	1888 - d. Mar. 1893.	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
*10 member 1876 Session (preceding)						
26	McKnight, T. K.		Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
27	Mitchell, H. J.		Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
22	Giffilan, Robert A.	d. 18 Dec. 1905	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
23	Kennedy, W. M.		Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
24	Mitchell, H. H.		Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
25	Patrick, J. R.	- to White Oak, SC 1892	Dr. R. A. Ross, D. D.			
Elders added between 1874 and 1876						
34	Caldwell, R. H. G.	died 28 May. 1934	Rev. J. S. Grier			
35	Maloney, J. G.	- died 30 Nov. 1898	Rev. J. S. Grier			
36	Mitchell, S. A.	- died 02 Sep. 1928	Rev. J. S. Grier			
37	Sherer, J. H.	- died 19 Sep. 1952	Rev. J. S. Grier			

SHARON ARP CHURCH REARED VETERANS - PLACE OF BURIAL ELSEWHERE OR UNKNOWN - 2

War Between the States		Data from Cemetery Roster & "Confederate Vet's Enrollment Book of York Co., SC 1902" & "Supplement 1984"	
12	Hartness, John Smith	"C" 17th SCV Regt.	Wallaces Brgd. Infantry Pvt.. 17 May, 1846 - 1864 (Died of disease in POW prison in Elmira, NY.)
13	Hartness, William Thomas	"C" 17th SCV Regt.	Evans Brgd. Infantry Sgt.
14	John Smith and William Thomas Hartness were sons of John William Alexander & Elizabeth Hart Burriss Hartness James Albertus James Madison and Lucinda Powell Hope Note: Per "The Struck Eagle, Brigadier General Micah Jenkins" by James J. Baldwin, page 393: Roster of Palmetto Sharpshooters "Hope, J. A. - Pvt.(Co. G) - Entered service 4/13/1861 @ Yorkville - Final disposition unknown - Not wounded"?. Kennedy, William Meek William Meek Kennedy was the son of John and Naomi McEiwee Kennedy	Jasper Co. 5th SCV Regt. Jenkins Brgd. Infantry Sgt. Evans Brgd. Jenkins Brgd. Evans Brgd.	Transferred to postmastership Richmond, VA Buried in Woodlawn Pres. Church Cemetery Roster of Palmetto Sharpshooters - Not wounded"?. Cavalry Pvt.
15	Love, Daniel Moore	"E" 5th SCV Regt.	Jenkins Brgd. Infantry Cpl...
16	Love, Robert Walter	No Co. or Regt.	1st Bigd. SC Junior Reserve Cpl. Killed at Gaines Mill 12 May, 1864 Lived in Crawford GA after the War
17	Love, William Beatty	No Co., Regt., or Brigade	State Militia Pvt.
18	Daniel Moore, Robert Walter and William Beatty Love were sons of Andrew Franklin and Mary Seraphina Moore Love	"G" 5th SCV Regt.	Jenkins Brgd. Infantry Pvt..
19	Mitchell, Thomas Patrick	"G" 5th SCV Regt.	Jenkins Brgd.
20	Son of Joseph Clokey and Rebecca Jane Patrick Mitchell Patrick, Samuel T. B. Son of Thomas and Mary Gilfilian Patrick	"K" 17th SCV Regt.	Evans Brgd. Infantry Pvt.. ca 1833-1863 Died of disease in Kinston, NC
21	Ramsey, Abraham	"G" Palmetto Sharpshooters	Jenkins Brgd. Infantry Sgt.
22	Ramsey, John	"G" 5th SCV Regt.	Jenkins Brgd. Infantry
23	Ramsey, William Harvey	"G" Palmetto Sharpshooters	Jenkins Brgd. Infantry Pvt.. Killed at battle of Second Manassas
24	These 3 Ramseys were brothers of Elias Ramsey and sons of Thomas and Pinckney Johnson Ramsey. Thomas, David Eli	"K" 17th SCV Regt.	Evans Brgd. Infantry Pvt..
25	Son of Pressley & Martha Paulina Johnsey Thomas	"B" 12th SCV	m. 1st Lydia Jane Sherer m. 2nd Manerva Ellen Colin
26	Whitesides, Joseph M.	"B" 12th SCV	Infantry Pvt. These three brothers plus Robert C. & Wm. M. Whitesides were sons of Thomas and Margaret Brown Whitesides.
27	Whitesides, Rufus J. Whitesides, Dr. Thomas Dixon or Dixon Thomas	"B" 12th SCV	Infantry Sgt. Infantry Sgt. Infantry Sgt.
28	Wylie, Dr. Samuel Moffatt, M. D.	"K" 17th SCV Regt.	Evans Brgd. Infantry Lt. Son of John L. and Sarah Moffatt Wylie
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Note: Evans Brigade became known as Walkers, then Elliotts, and Wallaces

Note: Greggs Brigade became known as McGowans, then Perrins, Browns, Connors and back to McGowan

Note: Jenkins Brigade became known as Brattons.

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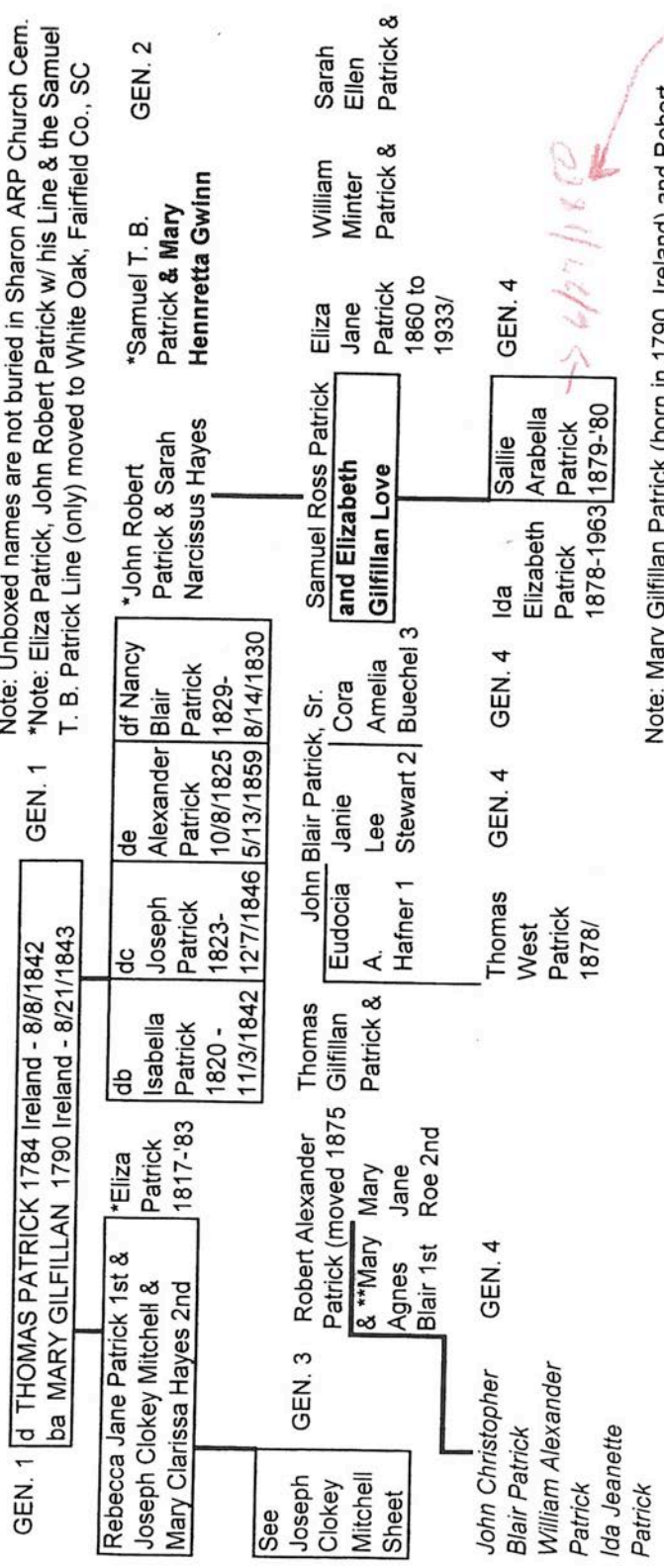
1 Alexander, Samuel B.	
2 Berry, Alexander	c 1793-8/8/1820
3 Berry, Georgia Ann McAiley	c 1831-2/1/1889
4 Berry, John Barron	2/14/1803-8/22/1822
5 Berry, Louisa Darwin Smarr Hemphill	8/27/1816-2/6/1865
6 Berry, Mary Barron	
7 Berry, Mary Rebecca	4/1839-1900+
8 Berry, Samuel	c 1755-7/22/1825
9 Berry, Susan A. Nichols	
10 Berry, Thomas Leander	c 1831-2/1/1889
11 Berry, William Peyton	c 1824-8/18/1864
12 Black, Samuel	7/5/1873-9/3/1874
13 Burgess, John Marion	9/3/1886-5/5/1957.
14 Burgess, Macie	8/29/1886-3/9/1983.
15 Burgess, Mary Catherine Love	1/22/1881-10/31/1916
16 Burgess, William R.	12/1856-?
17 Cairnes, Jean D. Harper	? - 1844 to 48
18 Cairnes, Margaret Jane Donaldson	1824 - 1880+
19 Cairnes, Robert	? - before 1850
20 Caldwell, Mary Frances Jenkins	1/23/1846-7/24/1897
21 Carroll, Cynthia B.	12/1828-3/22/1829
22 Carroll, Polly B.	
23 Clark, Elizabeth Jane	
24 Davison, Ella M. Crosby	1849 - after 1884
25 Dye, L. H.	
26 Gettys, Mary Adeline McElmoyl	? - 1844 to 47
27 Gilfillan, Mary A.	1859 - ?
28 Gilfillan, Mary Jane (Proctor) Roe	1845 - 1900+
29 Gourley, Infant Son	
30 Hardin, Rachel Bradshaw	
31 Hafner, James H.	8/1898 - ?
32 Harshaw, Mary W.	1/21/1821-10/10/1835

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33 Hope, James	4/13/1789-3/30/1840
34 Hope, Jane Barron Stephenson	11/13/1767-11/30/41
35 Hoyle, Mary Elizabeth Pearl Sherer	12/28/1875- ?
36 Hoyle, William R.	
37 Latham, Isabella Christina	9/3/1855-11/23/1922
38 Latham, J. Darnall	4/21/1850-10/31/1922
39 Latham, Ruby Gatlin	8/27/1890-8/16/1891
40 Laughridge, Nancy Scott	1828 - ?
41 Maloney, Mary Blanche	2/2/1886-5/5/1903
42 Mitchell, Alexander	
43 Mitchell, still born Daughter	2/26/1885-2/26/1885
44 Mitchell, Samuel Thomas Patrick	1833-1863
45 Moore, Margaret Louisa McClain	1836 - before 1930.
46 Patrick, Elizabeth Gilfillan Love	
47 Patrick, Mary Hennretta Gwin	
48 Pratt, Marion Jasper	
49 Scott, Jane Elizabeth Gettys	? - c 1840
50 John Scott	1774 - 1854
51 Scott, Lucy Maloney	1810 - 7/10/1882
52 Scott, Mary	1824 - 1867 to 70
53 Scott, Sarah Jane	1827 - 4/9/1887
54 Sherer Infant	6/6/1868-6/6/1868
55 Sherer, Infant Daughter	4/5/1910-4/5/1910
56 Sherer, Emily Flowers	
57 Sherer, Emma Jane	4/7/1878 - c 1886
58 Sherer, John Garner	1848 - 1/7/1902.
59 Sherer, Martha Jane Thomas	3/13/1850-12/23/1883
60 Sherer, Robert Walker	c 1881 - ?
61 Stephenson, Anna M.	1878 - ?
62 Stephenson, Frances Avaline	3/7/1856-2/8/1922
63 Stephenson, Mary Anneytte Duncan	8/14/1876 - ?
64 Whitesides, Thomas L.	c 1822-c 1862

THOMAS PATRICK & MARY GILFILLAN F. T.

HIS PARENTS WERE ROBERT PATRICK & ?? (Ireland)



Note: Listed just issue buried in Sharon ARP Church Cemetery
 Note: Graves marked or as noted
 Note: **Graves not marked**
 Note: Unboxed names are not buried in Sharon ARP Church Cem.
 *Note: Eliza Patrick, John Robert Patrick w/ his Line & the Samuel T. B. Patrick Line (only) moved to White Oak, Fairfield Co., SC

Note: Mary Gilfillan Patrick (born in 1790, Ireland) and Robert Gilfillan (born in Ireland, 1800) were sister and brother. See Robert Gilfillan Sheet.
 Note: **Samuel T. B. Patrick** served in "K" 17th Regt. SCV Wallaces Brigade Infantry CSA and died of disease at Kinston, NC in 1863.
 Note: Samuel & Elizabeth G. Love Patrick buried daughter, Sallie Arabella Patrick, in Sharon ARP Church Cem. before moving to White Oak, SC. He is buried there in the White Oak ARP Church Cemetery with the remainder of his Family with the exception of his wife, Elizabeth. She was buried back in the Sharon ARP Church Cemetery.

Note: Numbering system per Hart Family Papers.
 Note: Robert A. Patrick left Sharon ARP Diaconate in 1875 in order to move to White Oak, Fairfield Co., SC.
 Note: *Born prior to 1875 in York County*
 Note: John R. Patrick listed on Sharon Session in 1876 and John B. Patrick listed on Sharon Diaconate in 1891. (neither listed in 1893 - assume they both moved in 1892).
 **Note: Mary Agnes Blair was the daughter of Samuel and Catherine H. Strong Blair. See Samuel Blair Sheet for additional members of this Family.

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