WESTFIELD FRIENDS MEETING



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Three church buildings are said to have housed the "Old Westfield" congregation. The first was built in the 1780's, but it decayed before the Civil War. It was rebuilt about 1870 and continued in use until about 1885 when the present building was erected, later to be modernized in 1939 and bricked in 1959 when an additional four Sunday School rooms were added to the rear of the building. In 1964 an educational building was completed on the south side of the meetinghouse.

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News of Yesteryear

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Games and contests were held followed by refreshments.

Those attending were: Zilla and Lillie Mae Priddy, Thurman Lawson, Louise Jessup, Annie Priddy, Posie Joyce, Hunter Bullin, Hubert Corn, Owen Joyce, Audrey Collins, Polly Vernon, Lou Ella Amos, Rosa Rhodes, Royce Hall, Johnnie Williams, Russell and Millard Shelton, Carlyle Joyce, James Vernon, Ailene Joyce, Ulric Handy, Orman and Kelly Hutcherson, Evelyn Joyce, Lewis Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins, Miss Pearl Johnson, Miss Rebecca Taylor, K.E. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Darr and Joan Darr.

March 30, 1939

The memories of pioneer Quaker ministers and leaders who pressed into the wilderness of western North Carolina before the American Revolution were revived at Westfield Thursday as hundreds of Friends leaders and laymen gathered to dedicate anew the "Old Westfield" Friends Church.

The "Old Westfield" meeting place, center of worship and educational interest for more than six generations of North Carolina Quakers, has had five separate meeting houses, the last of which was erected about 1890. It is that church, after a half century of use, that has recently been remodeled inside and out, that was dedicated anew Thursday to the service of the Westfield community on the Stokes-Surry line.

There were many older persons in attendance who received their early education at the "Old Westfield" school, many of them former pupils of Miss Ellen Minthorne, an aunt of former president, Herbert Hoover. Miss Minthorne came to Westfield from Iowa more than 60 years ago to teach in the school there.

Among some of those old pupils of the Quaker school were S.P. Christian of Danbury; Mrs. Mattie Taylor Slate of King; and R.T. Pell, J.W. Pell, R.K. Simmons, Mrs. Effie Chilton Hill, Mrs. Jettie Hunter Chilton, Rufus Hunter, L.A. Pell, N.F. Pell, Mrs. Ellen Chilton Neal, Mrs. Ida Cooke Inman, Mrs. Velna Cook Jessup, Mrs. Emma Christian Smith, Mrs. Etta Smith Simmons, A.W. Jessup, Rufus Cook, Aldie Cook, J.L. Jackson, Mrs. Katherine Pell Lynch, and Mrs. Laura Pell Lynch, all of Westfield.

September 28, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dalton of Francisco are the parents of a baby son, born September 17.

October 5, 1939

Mrs. Laura Frances Moran, Meadows, widow of Z.R. Moran, died suddenly at her home September 22. Her husband preceded her in death only six weeks.

Her survivors include seven daughters, Mrs. Foy Young, Mrs. J.H. Bennett, Mrs. Elbert Wagoner and Mrs. J.M. Smith of Walnut Cove, Rt. 1; Mrs. J.R. Leake of Danbury; Mrs. G.B. Denny of Pilot Mountain and Miss Dorothy Moran of the home; three sons, Sam Moran of Lawsonville; Ernest and Robert Moran of Walnut Cove, Rt. 1.

Funeral services were conducted at Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Elders J.A. Fagg and J. Watt Tuttle officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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NORTH CAROLINA

February 20, 1951

Mrs. Woodrow Smith
Westfield, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I received your letter in regard to historical data on the Westfield Friends Church, and I have been checking through my notes tonight to see just what I could find. I would really like to have time to check some of the records of early deeds at Dobson and Salisbury in an effort to see just when the earliest settlers located in that area, but that is obviously impossible, since you need the information very quickly.

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I hope this letter andthe sketch I am sending will answer your questions and your purpose.

Give mine and June's regard to all our friends and raletives there.

most sincerely

Luther N Byrd

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September, 1878

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1884

Westfield Academy 18' X 24' and consisting of four rooms in two stories was built. Trustees included J.H. Lowe, James M. Jessup, Sam M. Flippen, John H. Hunter and J.L. Smith, whose decendents (Mrs. Lana Covington) currently live in the remodeled (c. 1902) structure.

1916

Free school established on current site. A three room frame building and later a two story white frame building were used.

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Present building opened for Grades 1-11. Dr. Tom Smith, and Phyrus Jessup served on the school committee. Rev. O.H. Hauser was the first principal.

1942

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1952

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1959

New gym erected.

1961

Westfield High School consolidated into East Surry High School.

1966

Cafeteria built.

1972

Stokes County Board of Education forbid buses to bring students to Westfield.

May 28, 1991

Surry County Bond Referendum passes to build a new Westfield School (K-5), Shoals School (K-5) and to establish Pilot Middle School (6-8).

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A Brief Chronology of Westfield School
Westfield High School Alumni Meeting
May 31, 1992

1753:
Thomas Beales (1719-1801) became a minister and moved to Westfield, Surry County and "here he assisted also in building up a large meeting." He lived at New Garden (Greensboro) and Westfield and moved in 1781.

c. 1761
William Hill was ministering to Quakers in Surry County.

1770
Surry County established

Aug. 8, 1772:
From New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends: "..the Friends near the mountains request the indulgence of holding meetings on week-days among themselves.

May 29, 1773:
From New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends: "Uriah Carson, an inhabitor of Toms Creek near the mountains, makes request to be joined in membership with Friends of this meeting, which is granted accordingly."

Dec. 23, 1786
Westfield Monthly meeting set up.

February, 1787
Joseph Jackson and Sarah Jessup "appeared at the meeting and declared their intention of marriage with each other"

1790
Ann Jessup of New Garden, a minister, went to England and returned with grafts of fruit trees and grass seeds. Abijah Pinson moved to Westfield and established a nursery.

Aug. 1792
Westfield sets up a meeting for worship at Reed Creek (Tenn.) Westfield sets up meetings the following year for Lost Creek (Jefferson County, Tenn.) and Chestnut Creek (Grayson County, Virginia)

1817
From the minutes of Westfield Meeting: "The importance of literary and virtuous instruction of our youth coming under consideration, ...Joel Jessup, John Jackson, and John Carson are appointed to have care of schools in the future."

1832
Westfield Friends meeting laid down due to Westward migration.

April, 1860
A deed was made by the Trustees of Friends to the trustees of the Westfield neighborhood for a tract of land known as the "Westfield meeting house ground and graveyard." "The same to be know for all time to come as a public burying ground and meeting place for all respectable religious peoples"

Westfield School History

Within the oldest settled community of Surry County is located Westfield School. The history of Westfield can be traced back for one and one-half centuries.

In early days the Westfield school was located on the same lot with the Old Westfield Quaker Church. In order to get the history of one it is necessary to get that of both. The first teachers served as ministers of the church, also. It was these Quaker forefathers who were stirred by the need of their boys and girls for an education. The Westfield community was a center of education in a time when Mount Airy, Pilot Mountain, and even Dobson still were marked only by virgin forests with a thin polka dot of log cabins in tiny clearings.

The Westfield community had its beginning before 1787. According to the "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Geneology" in the Guilford College Library, the following minutes of the quarterly meeting held at Cane Creek November 13, 1786 states "The committee appointed at the last meeting to visit preparative meeting of Tom's Creek report as follows: We of the committee appointed to visit the preparative meeting of Tom's Creek and inspect with their capability of holding a monthly meeting do the honor of truth, have compledged with the appointment and do give it as our sense and judgement that their request may be granted which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting; John Talbot, John Hooker, Obadiah Harris, Thomas Wenslow, William Scattergood, and William Hill. Which judgment this meeting confirms and directs that the said meeting be

held on the seventh day preceding the last seventh day in each month, also that it be known in the future by the name of Westfield.' Minutes kept by Jesse Williams, Clerk."

"Tom's Creek meeting, the predecessor of Westfield Friends Meeting, was located in Surry County, North Carolina, not far from the Virginia line. The meeting for worship was organized about 1771. At the preparative meeting in 1784, as noted above, the name was changed to Westfield. The Monthly Meeting was established in 1786. Previous to that time, Tom's Creek Preparative Meeting had been attached to New Garden Monthly Meeting. In addition to Surry and adjoining counties in North Carolina the verge of Westfield Monthly Meeting included adjacent territory in Virginia and settlements in Green and Jefferson Counties, in Tennessee."

The following list of names taken from the early minutes represent a part "of the original membership of Westfield Monthly Meeting: Byron Ballard, John Beales, William Beals, Amason Beason, Samuel Bond, Gardner Bryant, John Bryant, John Burris, Sr., John Burris, Jr., Samuel Frazier, Moses Grigg, Joseph Hart, John Hiat, Joseph Hiat, Joseph Hiat, Jr., William Hiat, Curtis Jackson, Jacob Johnson, John Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Hannah Jessup, Thomas Jessup, Timothy Jessup, William Jessup, James McKinney, Richard Pinson, Thomas Puckett, David Reese, William Rudduck, Royal Simmons, Bowater Sumner, Caleb Sumner, Thomas Sumner, William White, David Ballard, Garmen Ballard, Moorman Ballard, Thomas Ballard, Benjamin Carr, Samuel Jackson, and Isaac Jones. (Note that Hannah Jessup was the only woman.)"

Benjamin Carr to the Quakers a deed. "This indenture made this nineteenth day of the seventh month called July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven between Benjamin Carr of Surry County and State of North Carolina of the one part and the Society of the people called Quakers...of the other part witness, the said Benjamin Carr for and in consideration of the sum of four pounds and ten shillings good and lawful money of North Carolina to him...hath granted...unto the society...one certain tract of land containing nine acres for a meeting house and buring ground...signed in the presence of Bowater Sumner, John Burchorn and Samuel Bond."

William Jessup to the Quakers, a gift of slaves. "Guilford County know all men by these presents that I, William Jessup...for the love and respect that I do hold for the Society of Friends called Quakers do hereby give, assign over, and transfer the use and benefit of said society unto Mordica Morris, Josiah Parker and others, agents of said society, and their successors in office, all my rights and title and interests in and to certain negroes namely Richard Annis, Richard Aason, Ausy, Martin, George, Rachel, Robbin, Jim, Nancy, Milla, Isaac, Annis, and Merriam. I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official any seal this twenty-eight of five months 1816. Test Joel Willis, Joshua Deiks, WWilliam Stanley, Joseph Anthack, Levi Jessup, Abijah Pinson, John Jackson. Signed William Jessup."

"Surry County. November term 1816. The execution of the within deed of gift or Bill of Sale was duly proven in open Court by the affirmation of Levi Jessup and ordered to be registered. Test Jo Williams Cl.....

Bowater Summer was the clerk of this meeting in December, 1786. He kept detailed records of the births, deaths, and marriages of its members, and also recorded the everday happings including their shortcomings. Sometime a member was excluded from active church membership for the violation of the strict religious creed then in force. They were excluded if they married out of the church unity, got drunk, had chicken fights, etc.

Numerous Quaker families moved into the community from the New Garden section of Guilford County, passing through Quaker Gap of the Sauratown Mountains and settling in the fertile valleys of Big Creek, Tom's Creek, and other small streams that flowed from Chestnut Ridges down into the Dan River. They settled as closely as they could to the Old Westfield Quaker Church, the oldest in Surry County. Many of these memtioned forefathers still have decendents scattered over various sections of the state.

"From 1873-1889 marks the missionary work in North Carolina that took place in the Blue Ridge Mission inside the Surry Quarter. The Surry Quarter is the youngest sister of the Yadkin Valley Quarter. Both having been established by the Parent Quarter Westfield after it had been 'laid down'," says Vora Klaan.

According to old records found in the Library of Guilford College, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County Courthouse, and from stories related by direct decendents of the early Quakers, land and means for the oldest church and school in Surry County, and one of the oldest in the state, were gained from several sources, some of which are listed as follows:

A tract of land granted by the heirs of Joel Jackson and conveyed to the "agents on behalf of Westfield Neighborhood and trustees by Amer Jackson, son of Joel Jackson" who received $125 for same but refunded to the trustees this amount as a contribution to the meeting house. The date of this was March 21, 1860.

According to records found in the Superintendent's office of Surry County Schools, all the people who received their education at Westfield School and entered the teaching profession made the highest grade on the teachers examination, which was given to ascertain the kind of certificate to be issued. The county issued teachers certificates instead of the state. These records dating from 1887 to 1900 showed that a county teacher's salary was from $14 to $25 per month depending upon his certificate rating and how well his students attended. School terms were from two to four months for these early dates.

The minutes of the early Quaker meetings show the interest these early settlers had in educating their children. Land was "conveyed to William Henry Pell, Cohas Simmons, Hiram Jessup, Joseph Pell, and Ambrose Jessup, agents on behalf of building a good and permanent school free for all who enter and also to hold religious meetings." (From an original paper preserved in Library of Guilford College.) Records of lists of school committees are found, some with notes as thus "the importance of the literary and virtuous instruction of our youth coming under consideration, Obijah Pinson, Jacob Bales, Nathan Bales, James McKinney, Lazarus Denny, Joel Jessup, and John Carson are appointed to have the care of the schools in the future" this dated 1817.

The Old Westfield Quaker Church fell into a period of decay when thirty-six families left Westfield Monthly Meeting between 1801 and 1822 taking 59 church members. Many went to Indiana. One Sunday four daughters of Joseph Jackson were married and all loaded up their buggies and left for Indiana never to return. This continued migration eventually depleted the church membership so that a regular Monthly Meeting was discontinued in the early 1830's and was not reestablished until the 1870's

Records of the meeting at New Garden, Deep River, and other Guilford County points show in the 1870's that many of the Pells, Carsons, Jessups, and Cookes were members of this Quaker group.

The school committee in 1872 included Sandy Cooke, William Henry Pell, and Benjamin F. Davis and a very fine school was operated under the church auspices during that period.

The good people of Westfield saw the need of enlarging their school and improving it, and a special tax district was formed and functioned for many years before the state-supported high school movement began. This is verified by old tax receipts dating from 1824 to past 1900 and found in the personal effects of some of the decendents of those early fathers.

In 1884 a four room school 18 feet by 24 feet was built on the site where Mr. W. R. Pell now lives. In fact, the building was greatly enlarged and is the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vinson and Mr. Pell. This school was the Westfield Academy and not a public school. Trustees of this school were T. L. Sorles, J. L. Smith, J.H. Lowe, James M. Jessup, Sam M. Flippen, James T. Scott, and John H. Hunter.

In 1916 the free school was moved one mile north to the present location on highway 89. The present brick structure, Westfield High School, was built in 1929, after a two story white frame school was used for many years. The present building was built largely through the influence of the late Dr. J. Thomas Smith, the late Phyrus H. Jessup, and others who served with them at that time on the school committee. The building program was carried out under the direction of Rev. O. H. Hauser who was for many years principal of Westfield High School and later a teacher in the high school, also pastor of the Westfield Baptist Church.

The Westfield High School continued to function through the years, with an able faculty and with splendid cooperation from the people of the community, and a goodly percentage of its graduates have gone on to college, to nurses' schools and to business colleges, with practically everyone making a splendid record.

One bright mark in the record of Westfield High School is the great number of very excellent teachers who received their early education there and have since made their mark in the classrooms of Northwest North Carolina and in other sections.

Some of the many teachers who have taught the students in Westfield School are "Aunt" Ronda Worth, M. C. Ashburn, Mrs. Ellen Minthorn Marshall, (the aunt who reared the late President Herbert Hoover), Mattie Woody, Rev. J.K. Humphries, Bird Bulla, Lafayette A. Pell, Marion F. Chilton, J.B. Sparger, Effie Ann Hill, W. C. Royal, C.E. Hiatt, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Avalon Hall, Mrs. N.F. Christian, Eva N. Johnson, Ethel S. Pell, Elisha Adams, Martin Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Wolf, Theodore Newsome,

Mallie P. Tilley, Maude P. George, Loline P. Hutchens, Mr. and Mrs. Luther N. Byrd, Amanda C. Pell, Eugene Marley, Woosley Marley, Carrie Redmon, Sally Chessie Murphy, Ida Belle Clinard, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ball, Irene Christian, Nellie P. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sowell, John R. Craven, Edward Denneheey, Mrs. Bruce Tharrington, Bill Hiatt, David Hiatt, Mozelle Collins, Nonnie H. Hauser, Bill Coble and many others. Anna P. Broadwell, Ima M. Chapell, Mycleta W. Hill, Gladys A. Jessup, Mary E Neal, Shirley N. Nunn, Bill Hiatt, Mozell Collins, Blanche W. Cooke,

Beginning with the 1961-62 school term the Westfield High School, having served its citizens well, was consolidated into East Surry High School, one of the three county high schools in Surry. The patrons voted for this change realizing that in this changing world their boys and girls will need to be fully equipped to cope with everything possible. In consolidation more advantage can be obtained. But Westfield Elementary School is still doing an excellent task in preparing its students for the high school.

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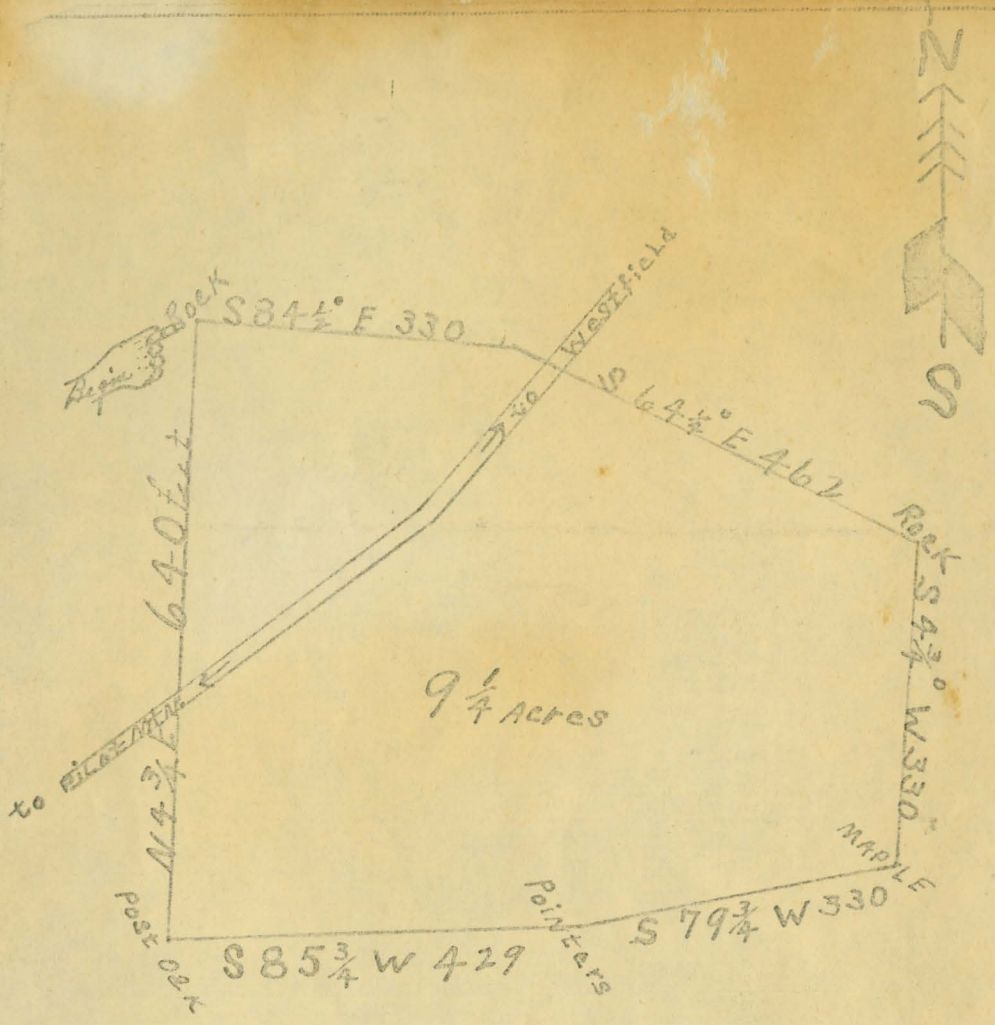
Reggie Francis

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Gray Dalton

Geroge Calloway

Jerry Jessup



The above platt represents 9¼ acres of land known as the Westfield Quaker Church lot lying and being Westfield Township Surry County. N.C.

Surveyed and platted by Golden W. Baker Oct. 1937

Scale 1 inch = 200 feet

CERTIFIC ATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

WESTFIELD FRIENDS MEMORIAL TRUST FUND,,INC.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves into a non-profit, non-stock, charitable corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55 of the General Statues entitled "Corporations," and the several amendments thereto:

I

The name of this corporation is WESTFIELD FRIENDS MEMORIAL TRUST FUND, INC.

II

The location of the principal office of the coporation is at Westfield Friends Church, Westfield, North Carolina, but it may have one or more branch offices and places of business in the state of North Carolina.

III

The objects for which this corporation is formed are as follows::

(a) To beautify, improve and maintain the cemetery at Westfield Friends Church, in Surry County, North Carolina, including the enlargement thereof, and all improvements and beautifications that the directors of this corporation may from time to time deem wise and expedient, and desire to do.

(b) To build, maintain and operate the recreation grounds, around said church and cemetery for the members of said church and their families, and its congregation, guest and visitors.

(c) To do each and every other thing lawful to be done, and that is not in conflict with the doctrines and creeds of Westfield Friends Church, that its directors may, from time to time, think to be beneficial to the spiritual interest of the members, families and congregation of Westfield Friends Church, and the community surrounding same.

And in order to properly prosecute the objects and purposes above set forth, the corporation shall have full power to purchase

lease, receive as gifts and donations, and inherit by will, and otherwise acquire, hold and mortgage, and to convey and otherwise dispose of, all kinds of property, both real estate and personal property, and especially including money, and generally to perform all acts which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the successful prosecution of the objects and purposes for which this corporation is created, and to acquire money and property to perform the same.

IV

The corporation shall be a charitable and non-profit corporation, and having no capital stock, and all of the properties of the corporation, of every kind and nature, shall be used for nothing except for charitable purposes.

V

All monies and other property, including real estate, shall be held by the corporation as a permanent fund, and no part of which shall be expended for the objects named in this charter, except the income therefrom, and except such monies as shall be donated to the said corporation to be applied to its temporary fund. The income from the permanent fund, including the income from the property owned by this corporation, and all donations donated to the temporary fund, is to be expended by the directors for the objects hereinbefore set forth. The permanent fund shall be invested by the directors in bonds, stocks, loans, or such other investments as will bring a profitable return to the corporation and as is deemed by the directors, or a majority thereof, to be a safe investment.

VI

The directors of this corporation shall be ten in number. The board of directors shall be composed of six persons who are Elders, Trustees, or members of the Cemetery Committee of Westfield Friends Church and four persons who are not members of Westfield Friends Church.

The first directors of the corporation chosen from the Elders, Trustees and Cemetery Committee of Westfield Friends Church Are:
Malbert Johnson, Winston-Salem, N.C. shall serve for one year.
Vada Hall, Route 1, Pilot Mountain, N.C. shall serve for one year.
Sam Lynch, Route 1, Pilot Mountain, N.C. shall serve for two years.
James Tandy Pell, Sr. Route 11, Pilot Mountain, N.C. shall serve for two years.
Isom Owens, Route 11, Pilot Mountain, N.C. shall serve for three years.
Elmer Collins, Route 11, Pilot Mountain, N.C. shall serve for three years.

The first directors of the corporation not members of Westfield Friends Church shall be:

Ray Taylor, Route 1, Westfield, N.C. shall serve for one year.
Carl Neal, Route 1, Westfield , N.C. shall serve for one year.
Howard Jessup Rt. 1, Box 478, High Point, N.C. shall serve for two years.
Frank Chilton, Route 1, Westfield, N.C. shall serve for three years.

The terms of directors shall end on the first Sunday in November of each year respectively. Their successors shall be elected by Westfield Friends church, eledting from its Elders, trustees and Cemetery Committee, directors to succeed directors whose term expires. The Westfield Friends Church shall elect directors who are not members of said church to succeed the directors whose terms expire. Such election shall be held not more than one month prior to the expiration of terms of directors, and notice of such election may be given by announcement at least seven days before such election at any Sunday School or Preaching service of Westfield Friends Church, naming the time and place of the election, or by announcement at the beginning of any morning preaching service that such election will be held immediately after the preaching service. The directors whose terms of office have expired shall hold office until their successors have been elected. + qualified.

VII

The presence of at least four directors who are members of the board of Westfield Friends Church, and one director who is not a member of said church shall be required as a quorum at directors meetings for the transaction of business.

VIII

In case of the death, disability, resignation or other cause that makes a director ineligible to hold the office longer, a successor to such director may be elected at any time to fill the unexpired term of such director, by calling the church into conference at a regular morming service or by announcing a conference for that purpose at any service, at least a week beforehand, giving time and place and the purpose of such conference.

IX

This charter may be amended at any time upon application signed by as many as four of its directors that are directors of members of Westfield Friends Church and two of its directors that are not members of Westfield Friends Church.

X

The directors, by a majority vote, shall have power to make, amend, and/or repeal by-laws relating to the government and operation of the corporation, but not inconsistent with any condition set forth in the charter.

XI

The names and post office address of the incorporators of this corporation are as follows::

NAME	ADDRESS
Elmer Collins	Route 11, Pilot Mountain, N.C.
Sam Lynch	Route 1, Pilot Mountain, N.C.
Isom Owens	Route 11, Pilot Mountain, N.C.
James Tandy Pell, Sr.	Route 11, Pilot Mountain, N.C.

XII

The incorporators of this corporation, together with the directors thereof, shall hold the first meeting of said corporation and shall mail a notice of said meeting to all directors named in the charter at least one week before the meeting, naming the time and place of the meeting, and all of said incorporators, and at least forty per cent (40%)of the directors named in the certificate of incorporation shall be present at said meeting, and said officers of the said corporation shall be elected at said meeting, for one year, in addition to such other matters as may come before the meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this the _____ 1966.

_____(SEAL)

_____(SEAL)

_____(SEAL)

_____ _____(SEAL)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN
THE PRESENCE OF _____(Witness)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SURRY

This is to certify that on this ____ day of _____ 1966, before, me, a notary public, personally appeared Elmer Collins, Sam Lynch, Isom Owens, James Tandy Pell, Sr., who, I am satisfied, are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing certificate of incorporation of WESTFIELD FRIENDS MEMORIAL TRUST FUND, INC., and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein expressed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and afficed my notarial seal this _____day of _____, 1966.

_____
Notary Public

My Commission expires

2 copies
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

Westfield Friends Memorial Trust Fund, Inc.,

(Name of Corporation)

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators for the purpose of creating a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Non-Profit Corporation Act", and the several amendments thereto, do hereby set forth:

1. The name of the corporation is Westfield Friends Memorial Trust Fund, Inc.,

2. The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

(May be perpetual or for a limited period)

3. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(a) to beautify, improve and maintain the Cemetery at Westfield Friends Church in Surry County, North Carolina, including the enlargement thereof, with the Directors of this Corporation having the authority to make improvements and to beautify in all such ways as they deem wise and expedient.

(b) to construct, maintain and operate the recreation grounds around said Church and cemetery for the members of said Church and their families, the congregation of the Church, and guests and visitors.

(c) To do each and every other thing which is lawful to be done, and which is not in conflict with the doctrines and creeds of Westfield Friends Church, that the Directors of the Corporation may, from time to time, think to be beneficial to the spiritual interest and pleasure of the members, families and congregation of Westfield Friends Church, and the Community surrounding the Church.

AND in order to properly prosecute the objects and purposes hereinbefore set forth, the Corporation shall have full power to purchase, lease, receive by gifts and donations, receive by Will or deed, and otherwise acquire, hold, and mortgage and to convey, and otherwise dispose of all kinds of property, both real and personal, and especially including money, and generally to perform all acts deemed necessary or expedient for the successful prosecution of the objects and purposes for which the corporation is created, & to acquire money & property for the

4. The corporation is to have the following class or classes of members: (If there are to be no members, so state.) Same.

All members of the Corporation shall be of One Class.

5. Directors of the corporation shall be elected in the following manner: After the appointment of the original directors, successors shall be elected by Westfield Friends Church.

6. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is as follows:

Street address, (if none, so state) Westfield ~~Rx~~ Friends Church.

City or town WESTFIELD N.C.,

County Surry County, N.C.,

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at the above address is James Tandy Pell, Sr., Route #2, Pilot Mountain, North Carolina

7. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors shall be 10., and the names and addresses (including street and number, if any) of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first meeting of the corporation or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS (If none, so state)	CITY OR TOWN
Malbert Johnson.	route 2	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
Vada Hall.	route 1.	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
Sam Lynch	route 1.	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
James Tandy Pell, Sr.,	route 2,	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
Isom Owens,	route 2.,	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
Elmer Collins	route 2,	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
(all of the foregoing are members of Friends Church of Westfield).		
Ray Taylor,	route 1,	Westfield, N. C.
Carl Neal.	route 1.	Westfield, N. C.
Howard Jessup	route 1, Box 478,	High Point, N. C.,
Frank Chilton	route 1,	Westfield, N. C.
(all of this group of 4 are non-member of Westfield Friends Church).		

8. The names and addresses (including street and number, if any) of all the incorporators are:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS (If none, so state)	CITY OR TOWN
Elmer Collins,	Route 2	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
Sam Lynch.	Route 1.	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
~~Isom Owens.~~	~~route 2,~~	~~Pilot Mountain, N. C.~~
James Tandy Pell, Sr.,	Route 2,	Pilot Mountain, N. C.,

9. In addition to the powers granted corporations under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the corporation shall have full power and authority to

All monies and other property, including real estate, shall be held by the Corporation as a permanent Fund, and no part of which shall be expended for the objects named in this Charter, except the income therefrom, and except such monies as shall be ~~donated~~ donated to the said corporation to be applied to, or earmarked for its Temporary Fund. The income from the permanent fund, including the income from the property owned by this Corporation, and all donations given to the temporary Fund, is to be expended by the directors for the objects and purposes hereinbefore set forth. The Permanent fund shall be invested by the directors in bonds, stocks, loans, or such other investments as will bring a profitable return to the corporation, and as is deemed by the directors or a majority thereof to be safe investments.

10. *

Of the Ten Directors of the corporation, six shall be persons who are Elders, Trustees or members of the Cemetery Committee of Westfield Friends Church, and the other four shall be persons who are not members of Westfield Friends Church.
The Directors, by a majority vote, shall have power to make, amend, and/or repeal by-laws, and rules relating to the direction and operation of the corporation, but not inconsistent with any condition set forth in the Charter of the corporation.

The incorporators of this Corporation, together with the directors thereof, shall hold the First Meeting of said corporation and shall mail a notice of said meeting to all directors named in the charter at least one week before the meeting, naming the time and place of the meeting and all of said incorporators, and at least forty per cent (40%) of the directors named in the certificate of incorporation shall be present at said meeting, and said officers of the said corporation shall be elected at said meeting for One year, this election to take place in addition to other business which shall come before said meeting.

The terms of office of the initial directors shall be decided at the first meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this the _____ day of October, 20, A.D. 19 66.

Sam Lynch
Elmer Collins
Isom Owens
James Tandy Pell Sr.

STATE OF North Carolina,
COUNTY OF Surry.

This is to certify that on the _____ day of October, _____, A.D. 19 66, before me, a Notary Public. _____ personally appeared

Elmer Collins,
Sam Lynch
Isom Owens
James Tandy Pell, Sr.,

who, I am satisfied, are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing Article of Incorporation, and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge that they signed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this the 20th day of October, _____, A.D. 19 66.

Gertie Harding
Notary Public.

(L. S.)

My Commission Expires. May 22, 1967

*Insert any provisions desired to be included in the Articles of Incorporation such as: regulation of internal affairs of the corporation, any matters required to be set forth in the by-laws, etc. See Chapter 55A of the General Statutes.

At the June, 1985 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westfield Friends Memorial Trust Fund, Inc. the following personnel changes were made on the Board of Directors:

(1) James Tandy Pell, Jr. (Route 2, Westfield, N. C. 27053) to replace James Tandy Pell, Sr. (deceased)

(2) Aldean Collins (Route 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 27041) to replace Howard Jessup (deceased)

(3) Boyd Owens (Route 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 27041) to replace Frank Chilton.

this Day and Date above written. Matthew Sparks (Seal)
Signed, sealed & Delivered in presence of
Thomas Wright
John Finch

Surry County Augt Term 1798 The execution of the within Deed was proved by Thomas Wright & ordered to be registered
Test Jo Williams Clk.

William Hough to Thomas Hinshaw, a Deed.

To Know all men by these presents that I William Hough of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina for and in consideration of the sum of thirty Pounds current money to me in hand paid by Thomas Hinshaw of the County and State aforesaid at and before the signing these presents, the receipt and payment whereof I do hereby acknowledge for myself and my heirs, do hereby bargain, sell alien, enfeoff and confirm unto him the said Thomas Hinshaw his heirs and assigns for ever a certain piece or Parcel of Land in the County and State aforesaid, situated, lying and being as follows, on the waters of Deep Creek, beginning at a black Oak in Martins line runs West eighteen chains to a post Oak thence South three chains to a black Oak & post Oak thence West twenty eight chains to a black Oak Simon Hadley's corner, thence South twenty eight degrees East along Simson's line thirty two chains to a Stake in Johnson's Williams' line, thence North twenty degrees East four chains to a Stake, thence North seventeen chains to William Hough's corner, thence East thirty one chains to Martin's line, thence along the same North thirteen degrees East to the place of beginning containing fifty eight and a half acres more or less which said piece or Parcel of Land with all Ways, woods, waters and every other appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining I have hereby for myself my heirs exrs and admrs sold and set over conveyed, released and confirmed in open market to the said Thomas Hinshaw and his heirs and assigns for ever, and I do hereby for myself my heirs exrs admrs covenant and promise to and with the said Thomas Hinshaw his heirs exrs admrs or assigns that I and my heirs exrs and admrs shall and will warrant and for ever defend the said piece or parcel of Land with all and every of its members and appurtenances free from all Lawful claims of any person or persons whatsoever unto the said Thomas Hinshaw his heirs, exrs admrs and assigns for ever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal this twenty fifth Day of the seventh Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five and the nineteenth year of American Independence. William Hough (Seal)

Signed, sealed & Delivered in the presence of
John Hood
Jas Simpson Jr Bapt minr

Surry County Augt Term 1797 The execution of the within Deed was duly acknowledged in open Court by the said William Hough & ordered to be registered.)
Teste Jo Williams Clk

Benjamin Coan to the Quakers, a Deed.

This Indenture made this nineteenth Day of the seventh Month called July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven

hundred and ninety seven between Benjamine Carr of Surry County and State of North Carolina of the one part and the Society of the People called Quakers in the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that the said Benjamine Carr for and in consideration of the sum of four pounds ten shillings good and lawful money of North Carolina to him in hand paid by the said Society the receipt whereof he the said Benjamin Carr doth hereby acknowledge and that he is therewith fully satisfied contented and paid, hath given granted bargained & sold enfeoffed and confirmed and doth by these presents give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff and confirm unto the Society of the people called Quakers in Surry County one certain tract or parcel of Land containing nine acres for a Meeting House and Burying Ground lying and being in the County of Surry, including Westfield meeting House and is bounded as followette, beginning at a Chesnut tree pointed by a Spanish Oak and black Oak running East twenty Poles to a Chesnut tree, South seventy one East twenty eight poles to a Spanish Oak, South twenty poles to a white Oak South seventy five West twenty poles to a white oak, South eighty one West twenty six poles to a black Oak thence North thirty eight and a half poles to the beginning corner Chesnut tree together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging To have and to hold and I the said Benjamin Carr will warrant and defend the said Land from me my Heirs executors Administrators or assigns free from the title claims or demand of any person or persons what soever as an indefeasible inheritance in fee simple. In Witness whereof he the said Benjamine Carr hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of
Bowater Sumner
John Burcham
Samuel Bond

Benjamin Carr Seal

Surry County Aug. term 1797 The execution of the within Deed was duly acknowledged in open Court by the said Benjamin Carr & ordered to be registered.

Test. Jo Williams Clk

George Hobson to Stephen Hobson, a Deed.

Know all men by these presents that I George Hobson of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina for and in consideration of the Sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds current money to me in hand paid by Stephen Hobson of the County of Surry and State aforesaid at and before the sealing and signing of these presents the receipt and payment whereof I do hereby acknowledge for my self and my heirs do hereby bargain sell alien enfeoff and confirm to him the said Stephen Hobson his heirs and assigns for ever a certain piece or parcel of Land in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina situate lying and being on the waters of Forbis's Creek as follows containing one hundred Acres it being part of a Grant originally made by the State to William Johnson beginning in the line on the West side of said tract at a certain point from whence a dividing line running a straight course and parallel with the South line of said tract will make one hundred Acres on the South side of s.d dividing line in which said piece or parcel of Land with all ways woods, waters and every other appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining I have hereby for myself my heirs exrs adm. &d

Surry County Internet Copy

"The original of the annexed Deed of Trust, executed by Harry Noble Wilson and wife Margie R. Wilson to W. W. Norman, Trustee, for Bank of Pilot Mtn. is now in my hands. It secures a note of even date therewith payable to the order of Bank of Pilot Mtn. and has been fully paid. I hereby request the Register of Deeds to cancel the same of record. This the 5th day of Dec. 1966. Bank of Pilot Mtn. By: J. M. Gordon, Pres. Attest: [illegible] Sec'y. The foregoing payments of satisfaction endorsed thereon by the Bank of Pilot Mtn. and the same has been exhibited to me. I hereby cancel by marking "SATISFACTION"

Form DT-202--DEED OF TRUST. Sold by James Williams & Co., Yadkinville, N. C.

Mail to: Bank of Pilot Mountain, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 445
(Name) (St. and Number or R.F.D.) (City) (State)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Surry

DEED OF TRUST

THIS INDENTURE, made this 28th day of May 19 65, by and between

Harry Noble Wilson and wife Margie R. Wilson

part ies of the first part, and W. W. Norman Trustee, party of the second part and Bank of Pilot Mountain, Pilot Mountain, N. C. part Y of the third part:

WITNESSETH, Whereas, the said part ies of the first part being indebted to said part ye of the third part in the principal sum of Seven thousand and 00/100---------- Dollars for

as evidenced by note(s) of even date herewith, as follows: $7,000.00 due and payable on the 28th day of November, 1965, with interest after maturity at the rate of six per cent per annum,

the payment whereof the said part ies of the first part desire(s) to secure.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and in further consideration of one dollar to each in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said part ies of the first part h ave granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said W. W. Norman Trustee, his successors, or assigns that certain piece, parcel, lot or tracts of land lying in Westfield Township, Surry County, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a planted stone, being corner of Elisha Adams property, same being located about 100 feet south of Highway No. 1811 and southeast of Toms Creek Primitive Baptist Church and runs with said Elisha Adams property South 07 degrees 30 minutes West 462 feet to a stone; South 82 degrees 30 minutes East 432 feet to a maple, corner of Elisha Adams and Roscoe Cooke; thence, running with Roscoe Cook property South 09 degrees 30 minutes West 96 feet to an iron; North 88 degrees 00 minutes West 222.8 feet to an iron; South 02 degrees 00 minutes West 165 feet to an iron; South 86 degrees 50 minutes East 774.5 feet to an iron, corner of Westfield Friends Meeting Church lot; thence, with line of said lot South 02 degrees 00 minutes West 231 feet to an iron; South 05 degrees 00 minutes West 333 feet to an iron, corner of said church lot, located on northwest side of Highway No. 1809, thirty feet from center of said highway; thence, with said right of way South 55 degrees 00 minutes West 300 feet to an iron in said right of way, same being corner of Velva Flippin dowry tract; thence, with dowry tract North 35 degrees 00 minutes West 200 feet to an iron; South 80 degrees 00 minutes West 1,546 feet to an iron; South 31 degrees 00 minutes West 677.4 feet to an iron; South 01 degree 30 minutes West 418 feet to an iron, line of Joe Pell, Jr.; thence, with said line North 81 degrees 45 minutes West 377 feet to a sourwood, same being corner of Eldridge Jackson in said Pell line; thence, with Jackson property lines North 06 degrees 27 minutes East 1,090 feet to a locust; North 70 degrees 00 minutes West 1,065 feet to an iron; North 10 degrees 15 minutes West 257 feet; North 20 degrees 00 minutes East with Toms Creek 160 feet; North 01 degree 00 minutes East 90 feet; thence, with a branch North 34 degrees 00 minutes West 163 feet; thence, leaving branch North 26 degrees 20 minutes East 215 feet to a planted stone; North 87 degrees 40 minutes East 188 feet; South 75 degrees 40 minutes East 139 feet; North 84 degrees 00 minutes East 100 feet; North 87 degrees 40 minutes East 196 feet; North 61 degrees 00 minutes East 120 feet; North 84 degrees 00 minutes East 330.4 feet; North 84 degrees 00 minutes East 143 feet; North 74 degrees 30 minutes East 124 feet; North 59 degrees 30 minutes East 223 feet; North 66 degrees 00 minutes East 424 feet to a planted stone; thence, South 86 degrees 00 minutes East 756.6 feet crossing Highway No. 1811 to the point of beginning, containing 105.7 acres and being Lots Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 15 and Tracts Nos. 1, 2, and 6, and being a part of the land known as the Dr. Robert Flippin farm, being a part of the property described in the original petition in said special proceeding and being the aforementioned lots and tracts as shown by plat and survey of Ralph L. Marsh, Surveyor, dated March 27 to April 2, 1962.

The above land was conveyed to grantors by Fayrene W. Wells and husband See Book No. 254 Page 570

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The said premises, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, incident or appertaining thereto, unto the said W. W. Norman Trustee, his successors and assigns, in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter limited, described and declared. And the said part ies of the first part covenant(s) with the said Trustee that they is/are seized of said premises in fee, and ha ve the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free from all encumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the title to the same against the claims of any and all persons whomsoever.

PROVIDED, Nevertheless, and on this EXPRESS CONDITION, that if the said part ies of the first part shall fail or neglect to pay the interest on the aforesaid note(s) as the said interest becomes due and payable, or if the Y shall fail or neglect to pay any part of the principal and interest due on any of said note(s) at the maturity of any of them, or if any part of said note(s) shall remain due and unpaid, then it shall be the duty of the said W. W. Norman Trustee, his successors or assigns, at the request of the said party of the third part, or its assigns, to sell said land at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on the premises or some public place in Surry County, N. C., such place to be fixed and designated by the Trustee after first advertising the same for a period of thirty days by posting a notice thereof at the courthouse in Dobson N. C., and also by publishing said notice at least once a week for four consecutive weeks within such thirty days, in some newspaper published in said County, therein appointing the date, time and place of said sale, and shall make and deliver to the purchaser thereof a deed therefor, and the said Trustee, after deducting 5% commission for making said sale, and after paying all expenses necessarily incurred in properly executing the trust herein declared, shall apply the proceeds of said sale to the discharge and payment of the aforesaid note and interest, then pay the surplus, if any, to the parties entitled to same according to law.

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To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said party of the second part and his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said parties of the first part do covenant that they are seized of said premises in fee and have the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free from incumbrances; and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals.

Fayrene W. Wells (SEAL)
Fayrene W. Wells

C. T. Wells (SEAL)
C. T. Wells, Jr.

NORTH CAROLINA
MECKLENBURG COUNTY

I Lee H. Eagle a notary public in and for said county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Fayrene W. Wells and husband C. T. Wells, Jr. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 11th day of March, 1965.

Lee H. Eagle
Notary Public

My commission expires December 2, 1965.

This deed prepared by
William G. Reid, Attorney

NORTH CAROLINA
SURRY COUNTY

The foregoing certificate of Lee H Eagle
NOTARY PUBLIC of Mecklenburg County, NC
is adjudged to be in due form.
Let the instrument with the certificate be registered.
This the 14 day of April, 1965

Dorothy G. Haymore
Dep. Clerk Superior Court

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, SURRY COUNTY, OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS.
File for record this the 14 day of April 1965 at 9 o'clock A M and duly recorded
in said office this 20 day of April 1965 in Book 254 Page 572

Betty W. Howard
Betty W. Howard Register of Deeds $3.70

Deputy Register of Deeds

1,065 feet to an iron; North 10 degrees 15 minutes West 257 feet; North 20 degrees 00 minutes East with Toms Creek 160 feet; North 01 degree 00 minutes East 90 feet; thence, with a branch North 34 degrees 00 minutes West 163 feet; thence, leaving branch North 26 degrees 20 minutes East 215 feet to a planted stone; North 87 degrees 40 minutes East 188 feet; South 75 degrees 40 minutes East 139 feet; North 84 degrees 00 minutes East 100 feet; North 87 degrees 40 minutes East 196 feet; North 61 degrees 00 minutes East 120 feet; North 84 degrees 00 minutes East 330.4 feet; North 84 degrees 00 minutes East 143 feet; North 74 degrees 30 minutes East 124 feet; North 59 degrees 30 minutes East 223 feet; North 66 degrees 00 minutes East 424 feet to a planted stone; thence, South 86 degrees 00 minutes East 756.6 feet crossing Highway No. 1811 to the point of beginning, containing 105.7 acres and being Lots Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 15 and Tracts Nos. 1, 2 and 6.

BEGINNING at an iron pin the same being the northwest corner of R. V. Marshall property in line of Velva Flippin dowry tract and runs with said dowry tract North 55 degrees 06 minutes East 310 feet to a maple; North 44 degrees 00 minutes East 380 feet to a maple; North 27 degrees 30 minutes East 316 feet to a maple; same being the corner of Velva Flippin dowry tract; also, corner of cemetery lot of the Westfield Friends Meeting; thence, North 20 degrees 30 minutes East 321 feet to a planted stone corner of said cemetery lot and Roscoe Cook property; thence, with Roscoe Cook property line North 70 degrees 30 minutes East 1,144.4 feet to an iron in said line, same being located thirty feet from center of Highway No. 1810 on west side of said highway; thence, with right of way line of said highway South 06 degrees 00 minutes East 226.5 feet; South 09 degrees 30 minutes East 105 feet; South 10 degrees 30 minutes East 105 feet; South 14 degrees 30 minutes East 105 feet; South 16 degrees 30 minutes East 105 feet; South 19 degrees 00 minutes East 60 feet to an iron located on west side of above mentioned highway thirty feet from center of same: thence, leaving highway South 82 degrees 40 minutes West 200 feet to an iron, corner of Tract No. 5 of Dr. Robert Flippin property; thence, with line of the same South 70 degrees 36 minutes West 1,107 feet to an iron; thence, South 03 degrees 00 minutes West 332 feet to an iron same being southwest corner of Tract No. 5 and in line of the R. V. Marshall property; thence, with said line North 85 degrees 00 minutes West 763.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 31.59 acres and being Lots Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 20 and 21 and Tract No. 4.

The above-described parcels of land being a part of the land known as the Dr. Robert Flippin farm, being a part of the property described in the original petition in this special proceeding and being the aforementioned lots or tracts as shown by plat and survey of Ralph L. Marsh, Surveyor, dated March 27 to April 2, 1962.

Property SW of Church

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NORTH CAROLINA }
SURRY COUNTY }

D E E D

THIS DEED, Made this the 10th day of March, 1965, by PAYRENE W. WELLS and husband, C. T. WELLS, JR., of Mecklenbury County, North Carolina, parties of the first part, to HARRY NOBLE WILSON, of Surry County, North Carolina, party of the second part;

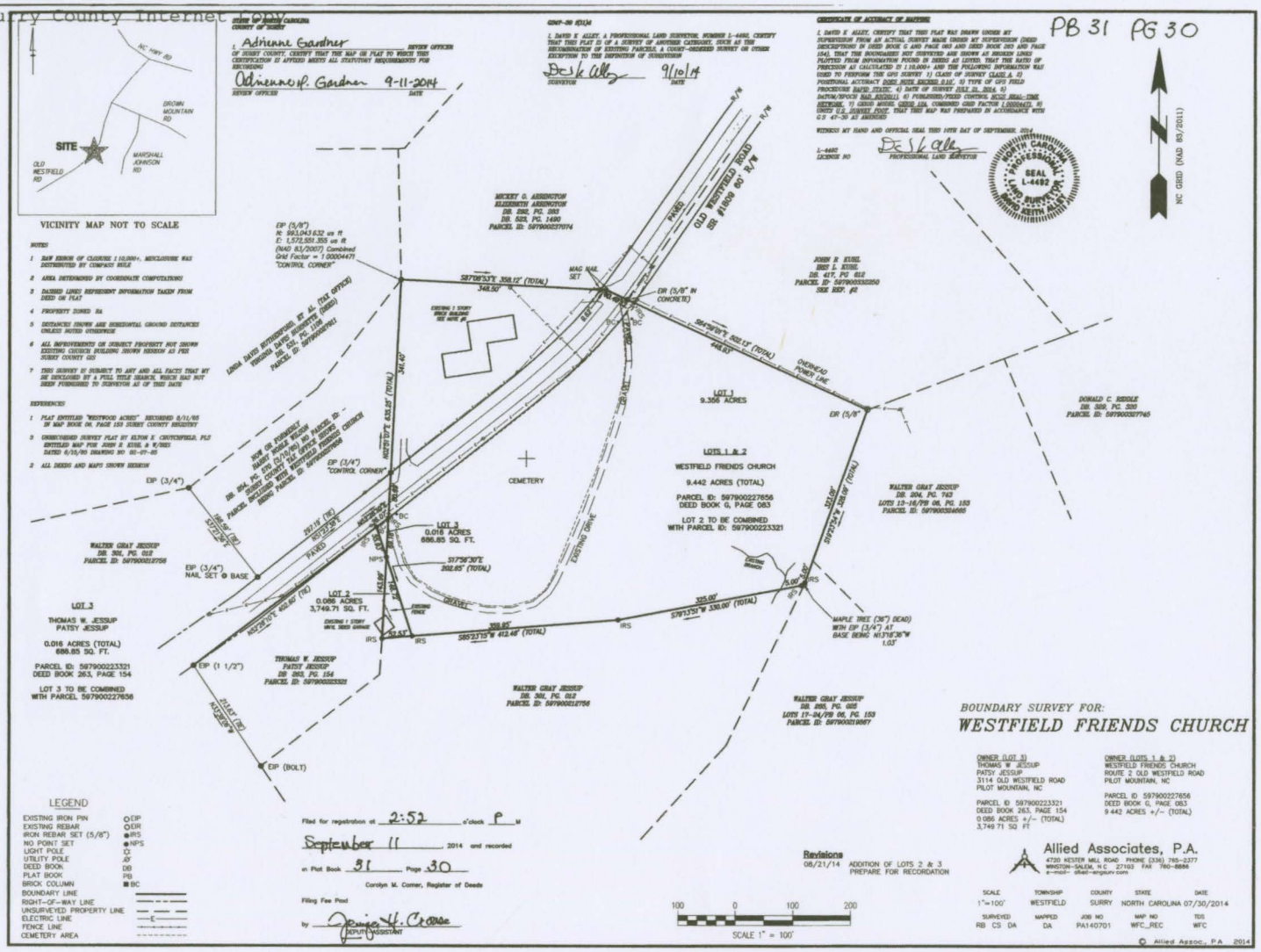
W I T N E S S E T H:

That the said parties of the first part in consideration of ten dollars and in further consideration of the grantee herein assuming the grantor, Payrene W. Well's, obligation to purchase the land hereinafter described by virtue of an agreement executed by her dated the 13th day of June, 1964, wherein she agreed to purchase the land hereinafter described from M. L. Nash and William G. Reid, Co-Commissioners, to them paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part and his heirs those certain tracts or parcels of land in the County of Surry, and State of North Carolina, in Westfield Township, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a planted stone, being corner of Elisha Adams property, same being located about 100 feet south of Highway No. 1811 and southeast of Toms Creek Primitive Baptist Church and runs with said Elisha Adams property South 07 degrees 30 minutes West 462 feet to a stone; South 82 degrees 30 minutes East 432 feet to a maple, corner of Elisha Adams and Roscoe Cooke; thence, running with Roscoe Cooke property South 09 degrees 30 minutes West 96 feet to an iron; North 88 degrees 00 minutes West 222.8 feet to an iron; South 02 degrees 00 minutes West 165 feet to an iron; South 86 degrees 50 minutes East 774.5 feet to an iron; corner of Westfield Friends Meeting Church lot; thence, with line of said lot South 02 degrees 00 minutes West 231 feet to an iron; South 05 degrees 00 minutes West 333 feet to an iron, corner of said church lot, located on northwest side of Highway No. 1809, thirty feet from center of said highway; thence, with said right of way South 55 degrees 00 minutes West 300 feet to an iron in said right of way, same being corner of Velva Flippin dowry tract; thence, with dowry tract North 35 degrees 00 minutes West 200 feet to an iron; South 80 degrees 00 minutes West 1,546 feet to an iron; South 31 d egrees 00 minutes West 677.4 feet to an iron; South 01 degrees 30 minutes West 418 feet to an iron, line of Joe Pell, Jr.; thence with said line North 81 degrees 45 minutes West 377 feet to a sourwood, same being corner of Eldridge Jackson in said Pell line; thence, with Jackson property lines North 06 degrees 27 minutes East 1,090 feet to a locust; North 70 degrees 00 minutes West

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WHEREAS, Jacob Jackson, son of Samuel and Catherine Jackson, of the County of Surry, and province of North Carolina; and Ann Beals, daughter of Bowater and Sarah Beals, of the County and province aforesaid, having declared their intentions of Marriage before several of the Monthly Meetings of the people called Quakers, at New-Garden whose proceedings therein (having consent of Parents and Relations concerned) were allowed of by the said Meetings -

NOW these are to certify whom it may concern, that for the full accomplishment of their said intentions, this Tenth day of the Eighth month in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, they, the said Jacob Jackson and Ann Beals, appeared in a Publick assembly of the said People, and others met together, at their usual Meeting-House at Toms Creek, in the County of Surry aforesaid, and the said Jacob Jackson, taking the said Ann Beals by the vHand, did in a solemn manner openly declare that he took her to be his Wife, promising to be unto her a loving and faithful Husband, until Death should seperate them. And then and there in the said Assembly, the said Ann Beals did in like manner Declare that she took the said Jacob Jackson to be her Husband, promising to be unto him a loving and faithful Wife untill Death should seperate them, or words to that effect. AND MOREOVER the said Jacob Jackson and Ann Beals, she according to the custom of marriage assuming the name of her Husband, as a further confirmation thereof, did then and there to these presents set their hands. - - -

Jacob Jackson
Ann Jackson

And we whose names are hereunder subscribed, being amongst others present, at the solemnization of their marriage and superscription in manner aforesaid, as witnesses thereto, have hereunto set our hands, the day and year above written.

Thomas Jessop	Amos Henley	Joseph Hiett	Samuel Jackson
Thomas Jessop,Juner	Uriah Carson	Ann Jessop	Bowater Beals
Moorman Ballard	Curtis Jackson	(Suzannah)Hiett	Ths. Beals
David Ballard	Thomas Sumner	Elizabeth Beals	Sarah Beals
John Bryant	Henry Worley	Hannah Hiett	Catherine Jackson
Daniel Beals	Richard Jones	Ann Hiett	Sarah Beals
Samuel Bond	Jamima Jones	Ruth Worley	Ruth Beals
	John Burris	Mary Jessop	Ester Burris
	Caleb Jessup	Hannah Hiett	Phebe Summer
	Jacob Jessop		Lydia Bryant
	John Hiett		

14927 El Soneto Dr.
Whittier, California
October 13, 1954

Rev. Ora S. & Cleta B. Evans
Rt. 1
Germantown, North Carolina

Dear Friends:

Our mutual friends, Harold and Edith Terry, have written us that you are the ministers at the Westfield Friends Church.

When the Terrys and the Willard Hinshaws were in California in the Spring, we became acquainted with them and told them about the marriage certificate of my husband's ancestors, dating back to 1774,-- the wedding taking place in a Meeting House at Toms Creek.

Our new friends became interested, and Edith Terry wrote us that they had discovered that the Westfield Church used to be known as Toms Creek, and that there is a marker in the churchyard to that effect. She also said the old records were still upstairs in the present church.

Now we certainly do not expect you to spend any time looking up these records, but I thought you just might be interested in this bit of early church history, so I am sending you a copy of the marriage certificate.

You will see there is a list of names of the witnesses. Perhaps the descendants of some of these people are still living around there.

We do not know when Jacob and Ann Jackson left North Carolina or whether they had any children while living there. Our records only trace the family as far back as Ohio, except for this certificate.

If my husband and I ever come back to North Carolina we would like to look for any record of the Jackson family we could run across.

We are so happy to have made friends with the Terrys and the Hinshaws and appreciate the interest they have taken. It makes our country seem smaller, somehow, to know other Friends clear across the continent.

I will unofficially send GREETINGS to your church from our church at East Whittier.

Sincerely,

Ida Jackson



Bicentennial of Westfield Friends



Bicentennial of Westfield Friends

History of Westfield Friends Monthly Meeting

Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is the oldest church in the general area of the state next to the Moravians of Old Salem. The meeting was established as an off-spring of the historic New Garden Monthly Meeting at Guilford College in 1772. Since it was located west of Guilford College, it was referred to as "The Western Field" and thus came the name of Westfield. Before that it was called "Toms Creek."

The Westfield Friends would send representatives all the way to New Garden seventy miles every month, the Western Quarterly Meeting records show this. Travel between Guilford and Westfield in 1770 was through a gap in the Sauratown Mountain range, which to this day bears the name Quaker Gap.

Elders who have served our meeting in the past who are still living.

Rebecca Collins (our oldest living member)

W. R. Pell (Roy)
Robert Gammons
Isom Owens
Harvey Hunter
Carl Inman
James Tandy Pell, Sr. (J. T.)
Woodrow Smith
Jennie Simmons
Claudia Lynch
Don Fulk
Frankie Cooke Fulk

Clerks of the meeting of this century who are still Friends:

John Chilton — deceased
Amanda Cooke Pell — deceased
Bertie Dix Carroll — deceased
J. Wesley Pell — deceased
Nannie Inman Johnson
Annie Marshall
Raynor Pell Wilson
Elizabeth Johnson Smith
Jennie Collins Simmons
Judy Vaughn Johnson

Claudia Jessup Lynch — Present Clerk



CHURCH OFFICERS

1972-1973

Presiding Clerk	Claudia Lynch
Recording Clerk	Janie Moss
Treasurer	Eula Mae Vaughn
Assistant Treasurer	Sam Lynch
Elders	Raynor Wilson
	Jennie Simmons
	Malbert Johnson
	Sam Lynch
	Radford Hiatt
	Elmer Collins
	Nannie Johnson

Trustees	Sam Lynch
	Carl Inman
	Erastus Vaughn
	Radford Hiatt
	Don Fulk
Finance Committee	Don Moss
	Carl Inman
	Sue Hiatt
	Frankie Fulk
Cemetery Committee	Robert Gammons
	Josephine Collins
	Vadie Hall
	Erastus Vaughn
	Raynor Wilson
	Elizabeth Smith
Plot Man	Isom Owens
Assistant	Elmer Collins
Nominating Committee	Judy Johnson
	Don Fulk
	Nannie Johnson
	Lucy Jessup
	Woodrow Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

1972-1973

Superintendent	Donald Fulk
Assistant	Carl Inman
Secretary	Denise Smith
Assistant	Joy Collins
Adult Class Teacher	Judy Johnson
Assistant	Raynor Wilson
Young Adult Class Teacher	Don Moss
Assistant	Radford Hiatt
Young Peoples Class Teacher	Janie Moss
Assistant	Frankie Fulk
Junior Class Teacher	Claudia Lynch
Assistant	Lucille Jessup
Beginner's Class Teacher	Elizabeth Smith
Assistant	Pam Hundley



STANDING COMMITTEES

Christian Education ..... Frankie Fulk (Chairman)
Eula Mae Vaughn, Sue Hiatt, Rachel Jessup,
Elizabeth Smith
Public Morals ..... Gary Leftwich
Stewardship ..... Sue Hiatt
Peace ..... Lucy Jessup
Literature ..... Elizabeth Smith
Young Friends ..... Denise Smith, Sandy Hiatt
Missions ..... Claudia Lynch
Evangelism ..... Donald Fulk


Westfield
Friends
Meeting
Established 1772

Westfield Friends Meeting

The Westfield Friends Meeting dates back to 1760's when pioneer Quakers came from New Garden (Guilford College) to plant a new church in the valley of Jones Creek.

Quakers from New Garden camped in what is today called Quaker Gap. They called this their Western Field. Later the Meeting and village was named Westfield. Quaker Gap township goes from near Westfield across the Shawtown Mountain.

The Western migration took a heavy toll of the Old Westfield Meeting, and the records show that thirty eight families left Westfield Monthly Meeting between 1801 and 1822, a total of 159 members.

The Quakers that left Westfield were the leaders of Friends that started Churches and schools in Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and other Western Quaker settlements in the first half of the nineteenth Century.

Westfield Friends were pioneers in education and had a church school when the government had'nt started public schools as we know them today. The school got so large the Church had to get outside teachers.

The school Committee in 1872 one hundred years after Westfield had become a Monthly Meeting were Sandy Cook, William Henry Pell and Benjamin F. Davis. The teacher that we heard so much about was Ellen Minthorne. who came down from Iowa. She was President Herbert Hoover's aunt - his mother's sister. She fell in love & married Merlin Marshall of White Plains. She is buried in the White Plains cemetery. People came from what is now Mt. Airy, White Plains and Va. to take advantage of the Westfield Friends School. According to records found in the Superintendent's office

of Surry County Schools, all the people who received their education at Westfield and entered the teaching profession made the highest grades on the teachers examination, which was given to ascertain the kind of certificate to be issued.

The early friends introduced many varieties of grass seeds and fruit Abijah Pinson was a leader in bringing in cultivated grass seed as Timothy, and English millet, Hannah Jessup a Quaker Missionary from England brought the first alfalfa seed to this country. They first grew down near the old spring that is called the George Fox Spring.

The oldest record of a marriage certificate is Jacob Jackson and Ann Beals recorded in 1774 with 37 names listed as witnesses.

4/1 This couple left for Ohio soon after the Wedding. One of their ancestors Albert Jackson from Whittier Calif. sent this record to our church. This family is still Quaker. "I believe God wanted us to be a seedbed for his Work." That seems to be our history.

The Meeting House was remodelled in 1939. A large crowd was present for the all day meeting at the oldest place of Worship in Surry County. Dr. Clyde Milner, president of Guilford College, and Murry C. Johnson executive secretary were the principal speakers, Lewis McFarland was the pastor.

Westfield Friends held their bicentennial in 1972, four years before our nation did.

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The day began with the tolling of the church bell 200 times at 9 O'clock. by Elmer Collins. The rope broke as it sounded for the two hundredth time. The covered Wagons began to roll from the Westfield school grounds bringing members visitors into the Meeting House. Wayne Johnson was pastor. Wendell Hill, former pastor and executive secretary of North Carolina Yearly Meeting brought the 11 o'clock Message. At noon lunch was served in the fellowship Hall of the church. It was said that 5 hundred were in the Fellowship Hall at one time.

The cake was made by Elizabeth Smith and Josephine Collins. It was put together and decorated in the Fellowship Hall. It covered

6/ a table and served over 500 people.

Annie Marshall furnished the flowers and arranged by Addie Hunter and Raynor Wilson

HISTORY OF WESTFIELD FRIENDS MEETING

Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends dates back to the 1760s. A monthly meeting since 1772, pioneer Quakers came from New Garden (Guilford College) to plant a new church in the valley of Tom's Creek. Quakers from New Garden camped in what is now Quaker Gap in Stokes County. They called this their Western Field; later the meeting and village were named Westfield.

The western migration took a heavy toll on the Westfield Meeting. The records show that 38 families (a total of 59 members) left Westfield Meeting between 1801 and 1822. The Quakers who left Westfield became the leaders who started Friends churches and schools in Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, and other western settlements in the first half of the nineteenth century.

The Friends at Westfield were pioneers in education and had a church school when the state had not yet started public schools as we know them today. The School Committee in 1872 (100 years after Westfield became a monthly meeting) were Sandy Cook, William Henry Pell, and Benjamin F. Davis. The teacher we have heard so much about was Ellen Minthorne who came from Iowa. She was President Herbert Hoover's aunt (his mother's sister). Ellen fell in love with and married Merlin Marshall of White Plains. (She is buried in White Plains Friends Cemetery.) Westfield Friends had students to come from what is now Mt. Airy, White Plains, and Virginia to take advantage of the school. According to records found in the Superintendent's office of Surry County Schools, all the people who received their education at Westfield Friends and entered the teaching profession made the highest grades on the teacher's examination which was given to ascertain the kind of certificate to be issued. (Luther Byrd looked this up.)

The early Friends introduced many varieties of grass seed and fruit. Abijah Pinson was a leader in bringing in cultivated grass seeds such as Timothy and English Millet. Hannah Jessup, a Quaker missionary from England, brought the first alfalfa seed to this country. Westfield Quakers first grew alfalfa on the meeting's property down near the old spring that is called the George Fox Spring. Friends took seed west with them and alfalfa became the great hay crop of the West.

The oldest record of a marriage certificate is that of Jacob Jackson and Ann Beals recorded in 1774 with 37 names listed as witnesses. This couple left for Ohio soon after their wedding. One of their ancestors, Albert Jackson from Whittier, California, sent this record to our church. This family is still Quaker. "I believe God wanted us at Westfield to be a seedbed for His work." That is what we have been for over 200 years. This seems to be our history.

The meetinghouse was remodeled in 1939. A large crowd was present for this all-day meeting at the oldest place of worship in Surry County. Dr. Clyde Milner, President of Guilford College, and Murry C. Johnson, Executive Secretary, were the principal speakers. Lewis McFarland was the pastor. Several people from Westfield and other places who attended school when Ellen Minthorne was their teacher were there.

The first meetinghouse (log) was in the middle of what is now the cemetery. Later a building was placed where we now have the boxwood and planter. We call this our memorial to Lewis McFarland who was our beloved pastor in the thirties and early forties.

During the war years, members and non-members saved their small amount of gas to come to church. They brought people with them. In the early fifties the polio epidemic hurt some but we at Westfield have always had our faithful few.

Westfield Friends held their bicentennial in 1972 (four years before our nation did). The day began at 9 o'clock with Elmer Collins tolling the church bell 200 times. The bell rope broke as it sounded for the two hundredth time. The covered wagons began to roll from the Westfield School grounds, bringing in members and visitors to the meetinghouse. Wayne Johnson was pastor; and Hershel Hill, former pastor and at that time Executive Secretary of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, brought the 11 o'clock message. At noon, lunch was served in the fellowship hall of the meetinghouse. It was said that 500 were in the fellowship hall at one time.

The cake was made by Elizabeth Smith and Josephine Collins. It was put together and decorated in the fellowship hall. It covered a table and served over 500 people. Annie Marshall furnished the flowers. They were arranged by Addie Hunter and Raynor Wilson.

In the afternoon program, a history by Raynor Wilson was read. Visitors were recognized.

Several improvements the last few years at the meeting include paving a parking area, new stained-glass windows, and lighting in the worship center. The present pastor is James Parker (wife Janie).

This is just a small amount of history about our meeting. We are 23 years into our third century, and we are greatly indebted to the past saints who labored so hard in God's work here at Westfield. May we with all Christian love and fellowship look to God for help and guidance in everything we do as we labor in His vineyard.

Written by Raynor Pell Wilson, June 1995.

Westfield dates back to 1760

Westfield dates back to 1760, when it was West Field.

Pioneer Quakers from the "New Garden Meeting" in Greensboro decided to cross the Quaker's Gap in Sauertown Mountain to build two communities, one in the valley of Big Creek, and the other in the valley of Tom's Creek.

The community formed up at Westfield, called "Old West Field Friends Meeting" is the oldest recorded religious organization in Surry County.

The meetings were started by these early Quakers in 1772, and December 23, 1786, marked the start of regular monthly meetings of the Friends at Westfield.

The meetings grew rapidly. Several new meetings were established. However, as a westward migration trend began, the meetings were weakened, and in 1832, the Westfield Friends Meeting was dissolved, at least temporarily.

In 1868, Friends once again gathered in Westfield, and by 1883 they had firmly established a regular monthly meeting. The meetings have continued since then without interruption. Today, the Westfield Friends Meeting is a strong part of the Westfield community, which is located some 7 miles north of Pilot Mountain.

The original Quaker meeting house was constructed in the 1780s, but it decayed before the Civil War. A new structure was build around 1870, and it continued to be used until 1883, when the present building alongside the Westfield Road was built. It has been modernized.

Quakers also started the first school in Westfield.

Mrs. Ellen Menthorn was a teacher at the first school. She happens to have been the sister of President Herbert Hoover, which is an item of local pride in Westfield.

Today, in addition to the Westfield Friends Meeting, there are two other churches right in the immediate Westfield School area. A large number of other churches dot the surrounding area.

Westfield has a number of businesses operating right in the immediate area and in the surrounding area. There are four grocery stores, 2 used car lots, and a new sandwich shop located alongside N.C. 89, which is operated by Todd and Terri Inman.

Westfield has its own medical center.

The Westfield Medical Center is owned by the community and is operated by a board of directors consisting of local residents. Dr. Alice Inouye and Ann Potter, F.N.P., together provide comprehensive health care to all members of the community, as well as the surrounding area.

Westfield also has a volunteer fire department that has been consistently ranked as being among the superior units in the entire area.

Grant Christian is chief of the fire department; John Kuhl is president of the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department. Iris Kuhl heads the WVFD Ladies Auxiliary.

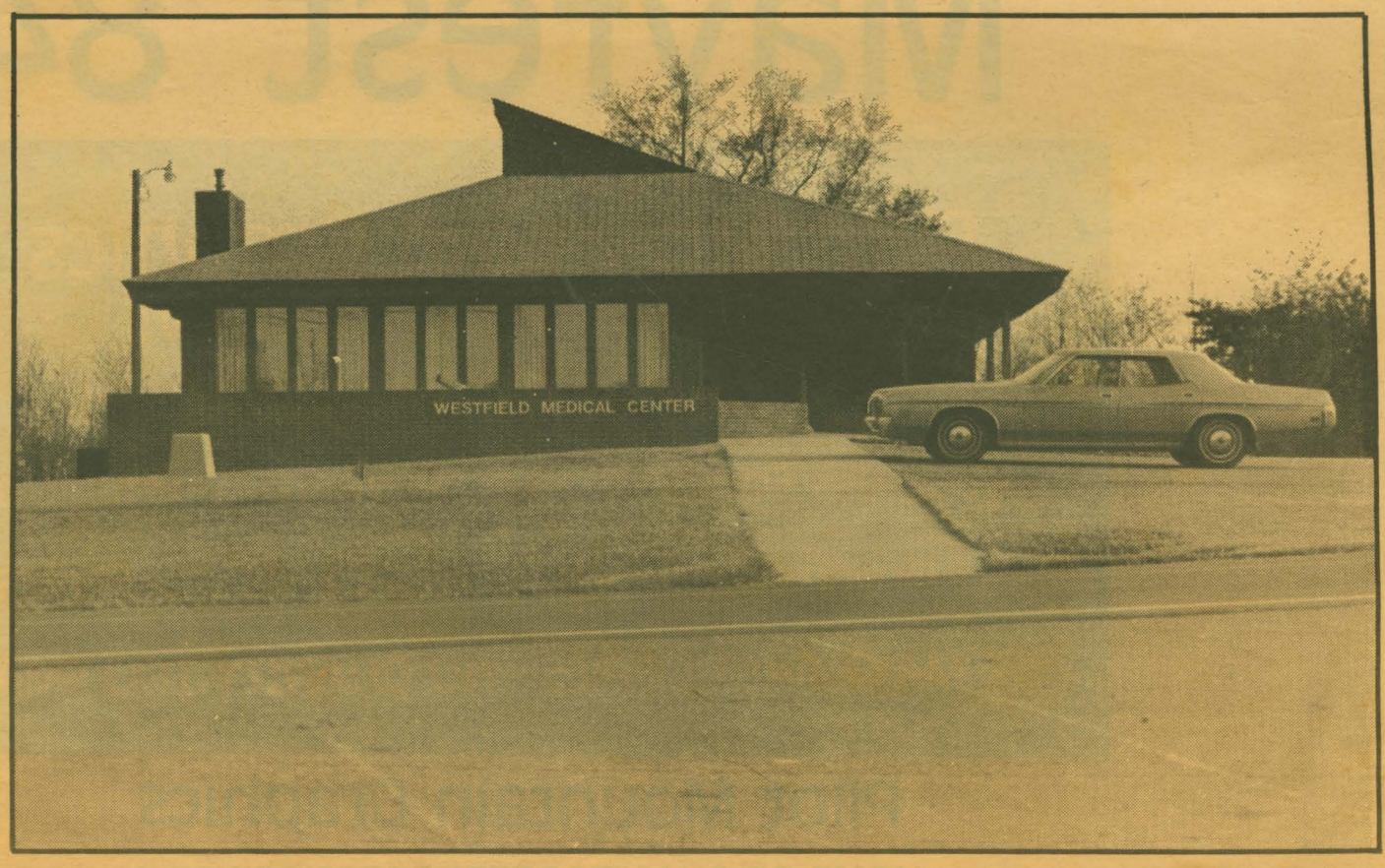
A Ladies Bible Study group has regular meetings in Westfield, and there is an active Senior Citizens Club, which has 30 members. Each month, the senior citizens enjoy a covered dish meal before their meeting.

The Westfield Boy Scout Troup is very active. Raeford and Betty Taylor provide leadership for the troop.

Westfield is also home of the Westfield Rangers Little League team, coached by Eugene Terry.

A matter of great local pride in Westfield is that both the boys and girls basketball teams at the Westfield School won the Surry County championships this past winter. Richard Hauser coaches both teams.





Surry Quarterly Meeting

The newest Quarterly Meeting in the Yearly Meeting is Surry, composed of Meetings located in that County, and around Galax, Virginia.

The beginnings of this Quarterly Meeting are given in the Yearly Meeting Minutes for the year 1898:

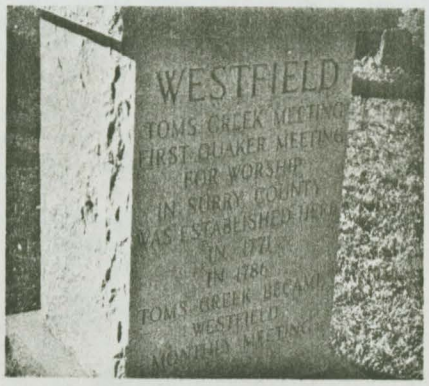
> *Yadkin Valley Quarter requested that a new Quarterly Meeting be set up to be composed of White Plains, Westfield and Mount Airy Monthly Meetings, all on the north side of the Yadkin River, and named Surry Quarter, to be held on the 4th 7th day in 9th, 12th, 3rd and 7th months at* 11:00 *o'clock, and the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight on 6th day preceding at 2:00 p.m. Said Quarterly Meeting to be set up at White Plains in 9th month next; held in 12th month at Mount Airy, in 3rd month at Westfield, in 7th month alternating between Blue Ridge Mission and Pine Hill, beginning with the former.*

The request was granted, and the committee appointed to attend the opening meeting "and to have care of the Quarterly Meeting during the year" was Rufus P. King, Albert Peele, Mary E. Cartland, Alpheus White, Victoria Petty, Anna V. Edgerton, Alice R. King, L. L. Hobbs, and Joel G. Anderson.

Due procedures were followed, and at the opening session of Surry Quarterly Meeting on the 24th of 9th month, 1898, J. Addison Griffiths was named to serve as clerk of the day, with Lottie Robertson as assistant.

A committee to suggest names for clerks and treasurer consisted of G. C. Welch, Nathan Hutchens, Nannie Nichols, Wilson Hutchens, and Mary Barker. They reported the names of J. Addison Griffiths and Minnie Marshall for clerks, and Samuel W. Cook for treasurer, "all of which were satisfactory to the meeting and they were appointed accordingly."

In addition to Friends work at the Blue Ridge Mission, noted elsewhere, activities continued for a time at Ivey Hill and at Raven Rock. Both have been discontinued.



Westfield

Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is the oldest church in Surry or Stokes County, and probably the oldest religious group in this general area of the state, next to the Moravians of the Old Salem settlement. This community was settled in the 1760's when Quakers from the New Garden area crossed Quaker Gap of the Sauratown Mountains into the valleys of Big Creek and Toms Creek.

Meetings for worship were held at Westfield as early as 1772, under the care of New Garden Quarterly Meeting. New Garden Friends regarded this work as a kind of mission project. It was referred to as "The Western Field." Hence the name.

The Monthly Meeting was officially established November 13, 1786. Prior to this time, Westfield Friends attended New Garden Monthly Meeting, 67 miles away. Bowater Sumner was the first clerk.

Some 36 families moved westward during the period of the great migrations, and the Monthly Meeting was discontinued in 1832. It was revived again in 1868 when Albert Peele and Isham Cox came, and met on Sunday morning with about 150 people in the open air.

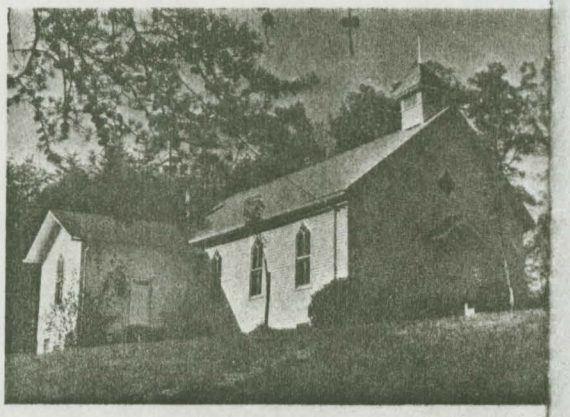
Just when the first building was erected is not known, but a deed for nine acres of land "including Westfield Meeting House" in 1797 indicates that a building was constructed soon after the establishment of the Meeting. The present building is the third to serve the congregation. The first building was replaced in 1870, and was used until 1885, when the present structure was built. Through the years it has been remodeled, and an educational building added.

As was the custom of Friends before the coming of the public school system, a school house was built nearby, operating under the care of the Meeting. One of the teachers was Ellen Minthorne, a sister of President Hoover's mother. This school later became Westfield Academy.

Westfield Meeting House



Ararat



June 20, 1924, Ararat Monthly Meeting was "set off" from Pine Hill, becoming a part of Surry Quarterly Meeting. There were 23 charter members, made up of family names such as Chilton, Mills, Jackson, Norman, and Lawrence.

The Meeting has remained small in numbers, but it has made a great contribution to the state at large though the number of outstanding young people attending Guilford and other Colleges, and later finding places of leadership and usefulness in various communities.

Among the local leaders who have meant much to the Meeting and to Surry Quarterly Meeting, the name of Vilena Chilton deserves special mention.

A number of able pastors have served the Meeting. Recently, Claude Hobson has led the Meeting in many progressive steps. The Meeting House has been extensively remodeled and renovated, until it is a very attractive place of worship.

Although a very small Meeting, there is a warm fellowship, and an unusually high level of stewardship and loyalty to our cooperative work.



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Quaker church in Surry County

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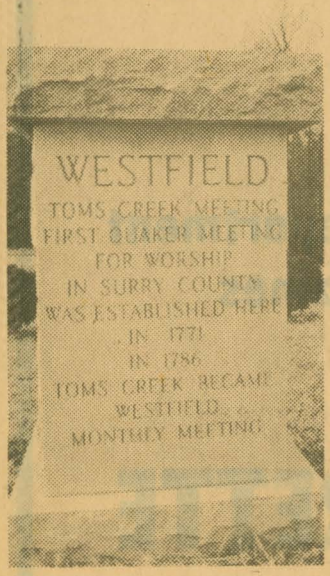
According to a bulletin of Westfield Friends, the meeting was established as an off-spring of the historic New Garden Monthly Meeting at Guilford College in 1772. Since it was located west of Guilford College, it was referred to as "The Western Field" and thus came the name of Westfield. Before that it was called "Toms Creek."

The meeting's first clerk was Boatwater Sumner. The meeting, realizing the need for good schools, conducted one of the first schools in this part of the country, providing teachers before public schools were known in this area.

According to records found in the superintendent's office of Surry County Schools, all the people who received their education at Westfield and entered the teaching profession made the highest grades on the teachers' examination.

The first meeting house and school were located across the road where the cemetery is now. Later, a building was placed where the boxwood and planter now stand. This is known as a memorial to Lewis McFarland, the church's pastor in the 30s and 40s. George E. Edwards and his brother, Dr. Edwards, placed the granite marker on the meeting house grounds telling the church history in the memory of their mother's family, the Davis', who lived here and were Quakers.

The early Friends introduced many varieties of grass seeds. Adijah Pinson, the father of the fruit industry in this portion of the country, brought 20 varieties of fruits from England and such grass seed as Timothy and English millet.



Marker recalls

History of church

y News Sunday, October 5, 1997

ory Of Friends, Area Are Entwined

BERRIER
Staff Writer

owing our love for history, Melva K. Greene brought a copy of "Carolina Quakers," by the office of *The Mount Airy News* some time back.

The publication, edited by two of North Carolina's better-known Quakers, Seth Hinshaw and his wife, Mary Edith Hinshaw, is one designed to delight history buffs, particularly if the history enthusiast happens to be a Friend.

While we are not a member of the Friends, the publication, which marked the Quakers' tercentenary - 1672 to 1972 - is one that we enjoyed, for the history of the Friends and Surry County are closely entwined. The Hinshaws are to be congratulated for the obvious hard work and expertise that went into the publication they masterminded.

Of particular interest to us is the Table of Dates. Historian Ruth Minick is responsible for our longtime interest in the Westfield Friends because of some of her columns and our conversations on the topic.

It was recorded in the Table of Dates that Westfield Friends (Toms Creek) was begun in 1773, becoming a Monthly Meeting in 1787.

The Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is the oldest church in Surry and Stokes counties, according to the book. It is also probably the oldest religious group in this general area of the state, next to the Moravians of the Old Salem settlement down in Forsyth County.

The community was settled in the 1760s when Quakers came from the New Garden area, crossed Quaker Gap in the Sauratown Mountains and came on into the valleys of Big Creek and Toms Creek.

Meetings for worship were held in Westfield as early as 1772. As we had heard from Ruth on several occasions, it was referred to as "The Western Field," hence its name.

The Monthly Meeting officially was established Nov. 13, 1786.

The Westfield congregation was one of those drastically affected by the exodus of Southern Quakers, who moved westward during the 75 years preceding the War Between the States.

Precipitating the migration was the Ordinance of 1787, when the Northwest Territory was declared a land forever free of slavery.

As the Hinshaws write in their publications, the Quaker population of the South was decimated. The Virginia Yearly Meeting declined and finally was "laid down."

"All Meetings in South Carolina and Georgia disappeared, and the continued existence of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting was for a time uncertain," they reported.

Between 1800 and 1860 it was estimated that at least 6,000 Friends settled in the Midwest, most of whom were from North Carolina.

Some 36 families from "The Western Field" moved westward during the period of the great migrations, and the Monthly Meeting was discontinued in 1832, remaining inactive for 36 years. It was revived again in 1868 when about 150 people held an open-air meeting.

The Hinshaws reported in their book that the Surry Quarterly Meeting was the newest in the N.C. Yearly Meeting. It consisted of Meetings located in Surry County and also around Galax, Va.

The new Meeting was requested by the Yadkin Valley Quarter, which asked that it be composed of White Plains, Westfield and Mount Airy monthly meetings.

It isn't known when the first Westfield Meeting House was constructed, but a deed for nine acres of land "including Westfield Meeting House" in 1797 indicated that a building went up soon after the establishment of the meeting.

A school facility was built nearby, maintaining a well-known practice of the Friends and other church groups in the area before the advent of the public school system. One of the teachers in that predecessor to Westfield Academy was Ellen Minthorne, a sister of the mother of President Herbert Hoover.

We told you at the onset that the history of the Quakers and Surry County was closely interwoven.

If Melva will leave her copy of "Carolina Quakers" in our possession a bit longer, we will report in the future on more of the other interesting stories to be found in those pages.

Appreciation also goes to Seth Hinshaw, who gave permission, through Melva, to use his publication for *The News'* history page.



THE WAY THEY WENT: These were the major routes followed by N.C. Friends on their westward migration.

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Corrected Listing Of Historic Sites Continues



RUTH MINICK

We will continue our corrected list of historic sites of Surry County as listed in a little Bicentennial booklet of 1975. We had listed Elkin, Dobson, Lowgap and vicinity, and the Mountain Park-Mitchell's River Valley vicinity, and were down to Pilot Mountain and Mount Airy.

There are many innocent errors in the Bicentennial booklet, thought at the time to have been correct, but which in the twenty years since found to have been in error. Many of these errors are still being perpetuated, even in print, in spite of the intensive effort of this writer's and others to correct them. Once in print, there it stays.

This writer will not guarantee that all sites listed in this series are still there, or if the facts given are correct. But here goes anyway.

SECTION C
PILOT MOUNTAIN-WESTFIELD VICINITY

C-1 Pilot Mountain, mountain. From earliest times a Surry county landmark. First recorded view made by William byrd in 1728 on his survey of the virginia-Carolina border who sa it from a spot in Stokes county. Known as Old stonehead, as Mount Ararat on the Jefferson-Frye map based on survey of 1747, then as Pilot mountain by Moavians who first called it thus in 1753. First recorded owner William shepperd. Early Moravians mined flint rock there.

C-2. Pilot Mountain, Town of. Settlers noted in region as early as 1761. Early iron mines on Tom's Creek and on Ararat. Settlement first known as Kincannon's Iron Works, then as Tom's Creek, then Pilot Mountain. Town incorporated in 1889.

C-3. Westfield Friends Meeting. Originally known as Tom's Creek Meeting when founed in "west fields" by New Garden Quakers, which designation gave the community its name. Congregation established in 1772, the oldest church organization in Surry.

Graveyard known as Tom's Creek Graveyard in the center of which stood original church. About one mile southwest of Westfield on #1809-Pilot Mountain-Westfield Road.

C-4. Tom's Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Organized before 1856. Old graveyard on west front yard now obliterated. 1/4 mile west on #1808 on original Cross Creek-Cape Fear Road.

C-5. Amos Jackson Homeplace. Homeplace of Amos Jackson, early settler and Quaker. Built around 1829. 3/10 miles south on #1811.

C-6. Old Westfield Academy. Old academy building which flourished in lte 1880s and early1900s. Incorporated into the present houe at the inersection of #89 and #1809.

C-7. Mount Herman Methodist Church. Early Methodist church oganized around 1829. On #1789, Mount Herman Road, Slate Mountain community.

C-8. Chestnut Ridges. Southern Surry County. Somehwere in ridges site of Revolutionary War skirmish between Patriots and Tories.

MOUNT AIRY AND VICINITY

C-9. The Hollows. Mount Airy and vicinity called "The Hollows" by early settlers and Moravians because of the basin, or the "hollow" formed by Pilot Mountain, Slate Mountain, the Chestnut Ridges and the Blue Ridges. Important hunting grounds by earliest white settlers. Early trading center at the confluence of the Ararat (Rentfrow's Creek), Lovill's (Loven's Creek) and Stewart's (Stuart's Creek) creeks became town of Mount Airy. Noted on Jefferson-Frye map based on their survey of 1747.

C-10. Mount Airy, Town of. Date of beginning before 1747. First "business center' of town on Hamburg Street where it crosses the Ararat River. Home of high sheriff of Surry County, Martin Armstrong, and later of merchant-land owner, nearby.

In the 1820s, business center moved to present center of town on Main Street. Settlement became known as Mount Airy, after name of plantation given by Thomas Perkins.

Town became prominent in the 1820s and '30s after organization of stage coach line between Salem and Wytheville.

C-11. Renfro Hill. Probably home site of earliest known hunter, a Scotsman named Rentfrow, whose home must have overlooked his creek, Rentfrow's Creek, which was the Tarraratt, and later the Ararat River.

Long a traditional social center. Location of "ice cream" and "oyster" suppers, tent meetings, and of the entertainment company, the Chautauqua.

Location of the fabulous summer resort inn, the short-lied Renfro Inn, built in early 1892 and destroyed by fire in the summer of 1895.

The site of the present art-deco granite post office building, for which part of the hill was cut down.

C-12. Brower's Mill site. First cotton mill in Surry County started in the early 1840s by Jacob Brower. Important concern until around 1930. On site of the early center of Mount Airy.

(More coming later.)

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Community Church. (Courtesy of C.W. Finn.)



WESTFIELD FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, C. 1910. Quaker worship services were held in Westfield as early as 1772 under the care of New Garden Quarterly Meeting. The area was referred to as "the western field" because it was west of New Garden Friends Meeting at Greensboro, North Carolina. Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends was established November 13, 1786. (Courtesy of the Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College in Greensboro and Mildred Matthews.)

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This 'n That About Surry County History

Quakers At Westfield First To Orga

Last week's column was an introduction to the trials and tribulations of writing a church history as a prelude to this writer's recitals of her own trials in trying to run down the history of the Mount Airy Methodists. Object: she hopes to motivate some of you to work on your own church history.

As a background, the writer briefly reviewed the very early Baptist church history of Surry, a county chock full of Baptist churches.

She noted that Baptists have been preaching in these parts as early as 1764 — Baptist preacher noted in 1766 — but that no formal Baptist churches were formed until thed 1780s.



Ruth Minick

To the Quakers went the distinction of the organization of the first formal congregation at Westfield, starting their church in 1772. Unfortunately, the writer does not know nearly as much about this Westfield organization as she would like. Many members of that community, she has learned, have not known that the church was almost disbanded in the late 1700s or early 1800s when so many of their members moved west — a rich subject for research.

The Moravians had sent preachers up here to us in The Hollows as early as 1764 but did not get around to organizing formal congregations until the 1850s, and these churches were in the Orchard Gap community of Virginia.

The Mormons had their organization going by 1839 at Sheltontown.

The writer's interest in local Methodists was with another organization with early beginnings. Its ministers had been preaching up here since the early 1800s certainly,

nize A Congregation

and perhaps the late 1700s — traditions to that effect keep popping up here and there. The earliest Methodist church was down at Siloam, started in the very early 1800s. Up here in our vicinity, the earliest formal organization was started in Mount Airy in 1833. Another rural church claims 1829, which might be correct, but the writer has not had access to any positive evidence, just tradition.

So now to the writer's personal experience in writing a church history. Having been born in Mount Airy of Methodist parents she had long been interested in Mount Airy Methodism. She had always known that there had once been an old Methodist church named Lebanon up on Lebanon Hill, that hill up on North Main Street where stand the water tanks.

Credible historians do not take anybody's word for a fact, and that would include those of this writer even if she did assure them that she had heard the fact first hand. Which she had.

Some years ago one of the local papers had asked local ministers to submit a short history of their respective churches. Her minister, in desperation, asked this writer to write a short sketch for the paper.

Now she knew nothing about the church except that a church named Lebanon had been up on Lebanon Hill. But she did know

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Floyd and Myrtle Puckett

Floyd Puckett
Pastor

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"Jesus is the Lighthouse"

Westfield Friends Meeting



Hershel and Janetta Hill



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James and Janie Parker

Up close and personal

Hershel Hill: Preaching, A way of Life

By Merle Monahan
Correspondent

HOLLAND — Hershel Hill, 90, is no doubt one of the oldest preachers still working in this area, currently preaching two Sundays a month, and he shows no signs of slowing down.

What's more? His wife, who is about eight months his junior, is by his side every Sunday.

"Preaching is our life's work," the minister said. "I'm sure God will let us know when it's time to stop.

Hill is the pastor at Bethel Friends Meeting just off Sedley Road. While he conducts services, his wife, Janetta, plays piano. They have worked side-by-side in the church their entire married lives.

Born and raised on a farm in Westfield, Indiana, Hill graduated from Cleveland Bible College. He smiles when he remembers what led him to become a preacher.

"I was attending a yearly meeting and one morning, while sitting in the choir at church, a feeling that I had never had before, came over me. I had the feeling that I should be up in the pulpit.

"I talked to my minister and he said, well, we'll see what we can do about getting you into Bible College.

"I prayed to God to give me a sign that would confirm my feeling, to show me that I should go into the ministry.

At the time, I was still living on the farm and had my own herd of 50 pigs. I just told the Lord that if He wanted me to preach, He'd have to get rid of those pigs.

"You know what? The very next day, a man came by and bought every single pig I had.

"Of course, then, I had no doubts," he said with a big grin.

While at college, Hill met fellow student, Janetta, and after graduation, the couple was married.

"Janetta has the same education, the same qualifications that I have," Hill said, so she is also a preacher.

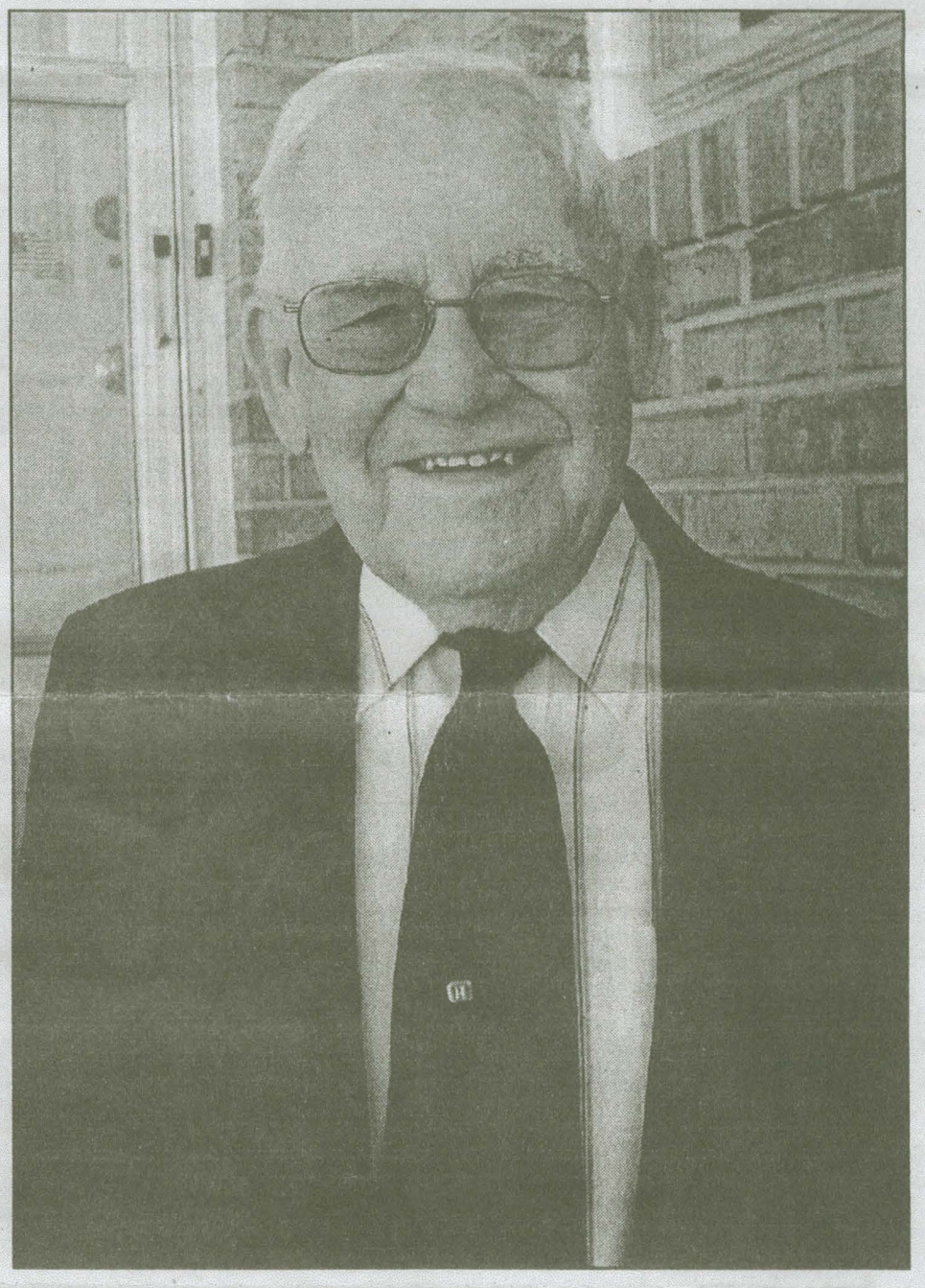
"The only thing is, she is not recorded as a minister of the Quaker Church and because of this, she cannot perform marriages."

"But I am quite satisfied in my position as a preacher's wife," Janetta said with a smile. "This is where I should be."

The couple has traveled to and lived in states from Indiana to North Catrolina and Virginia during their 68 years of marriage. Hill has pastored nearly a dozen churches, including Corinth, Somerton and Bethel, and, with his wife, served as a missionary for about three years.

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Name: Hershel M. Hill.

What brought you to this area:? I was called to preach at Corinth Friends Meeting in1974.

Hometown: Westfield, Ind.

Age: I was 90 last week.

Nicknames and explanations: None.

Favorite hobbies: Reading, fishing and chair caning.

Ideal vacation: A week of fishing at Nags Head. We have a dear friend who lends us her cottage every year.

Pet peeve: People who try to force their religion on others.

First job: When I was in school, my 4-H project was raising a herd of pigs, which I had to care for.

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Actually, I had retired a few years back and we had purchased our home here. Since we had lived in parsonages all our married life, we decided this would be a nice place in which to settle.

But as it turned out, it was not time for Hill to settle down. Sometime in late 1999, the Bethel pastor left. Shortly after that, two of Hill's friends invited the couple out to lunch and prevailed upon Hill to take over the Bethel pastorate.

"I seemed the right thing to do," Hill said with a smile. "So here we are."

The dedicated pastor said the church is small, so he only has two sermons a month. There is plenty to do between sermons, however.

"Janetta and I have always volunteered our time to visit patients at the hospitals and nursing homes wherever we've lived," Hill said. "We've been going over to the Lake Prince Nursing Home for a while now.

Hill said they've been working with Alzheimer's patients recently. "Janetta plans little programs that we act out. We even dress up. We've done Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas. It seems to reach a lot of them, although, sadly, there are some that are unreachable."

"It never hurts to try, though. It is heartwarming to see just a little glimmer of recognition on their faces."

Again, Hill has no plans to stop preaching. "God will have a hand in that," he said. "Right now, Janella and I are as happy as we can be."

Name: Hershel M. Hill.

What brought you to this area:? I was called to preach at Corinth Friends Meeting in1974.

Hometown: Westfield, Ind.

Age: I was 90 last week.

Nicknames and explanations: None.

Occupation: Minister at Bethel Friends Meeting.

Marital status: I have been married to Janetta for 68 years.

Children, schools and ages: We have one daughter, Elsie Pinkston, 66, of Ft. Pierce, Fla. and a son, Robert, 59, an electrical engineer, who lives in Knoxville, TN. Then we have five grandchildren.

Favorite movie: I don't have one.

Favorite television show: We watch the news most to the time.

Magazines you regularly subscribe to: Friends Journal, Quaker Life, Reader's Digest and Guideposts.

Favorite author: Elton Trueblood.

Favorite restaurant: Fred's.

What do most people not know about you: I played trumpet in high school was fortunate enough to play with our band at the World's Fair in Chicago.

What is the best thing about yourself: I care about people and visit patients in our nursing homes as much as possible.

What is your worst habit? I eat too much.

Favorite hobbies: Reading, fishing and chair caning.

Ideal vacation: A week of fishing at Nags Head. We have a dear friend who lends us her cottage every year.

Pet peeve: People who try to force their religion on others.

First job: When I was in school, my 4-H project was raising a herd of pigs, which I had to care for.

Worst job: I really haven't had a bad job.

Favorite sports team: I am not a sports fan.

Favorite music/musician: Lawrence Welk and his band.

What is the best thing about living in Holland? Our good neighbors.

What was the best time of your life?: When I married Janetta 68 years ago.

Three words that describe you: Compassionate, dedicated and nature-loving.

One thing you have always wanted: Our own home. For years we lived in parsonages, but now I'm thankful to say we do own our own home.

I'd give anything to meet: Philip Gulley.

The one person in history you would like to meet: George Fox, who started the first Quaker Church in England.

Behind my back, my friends say: It's time for him to slow down.

What is the quality you most like in a woman?: One who is supportive.

How would you like to be remembered:? As a good 'Friend.'