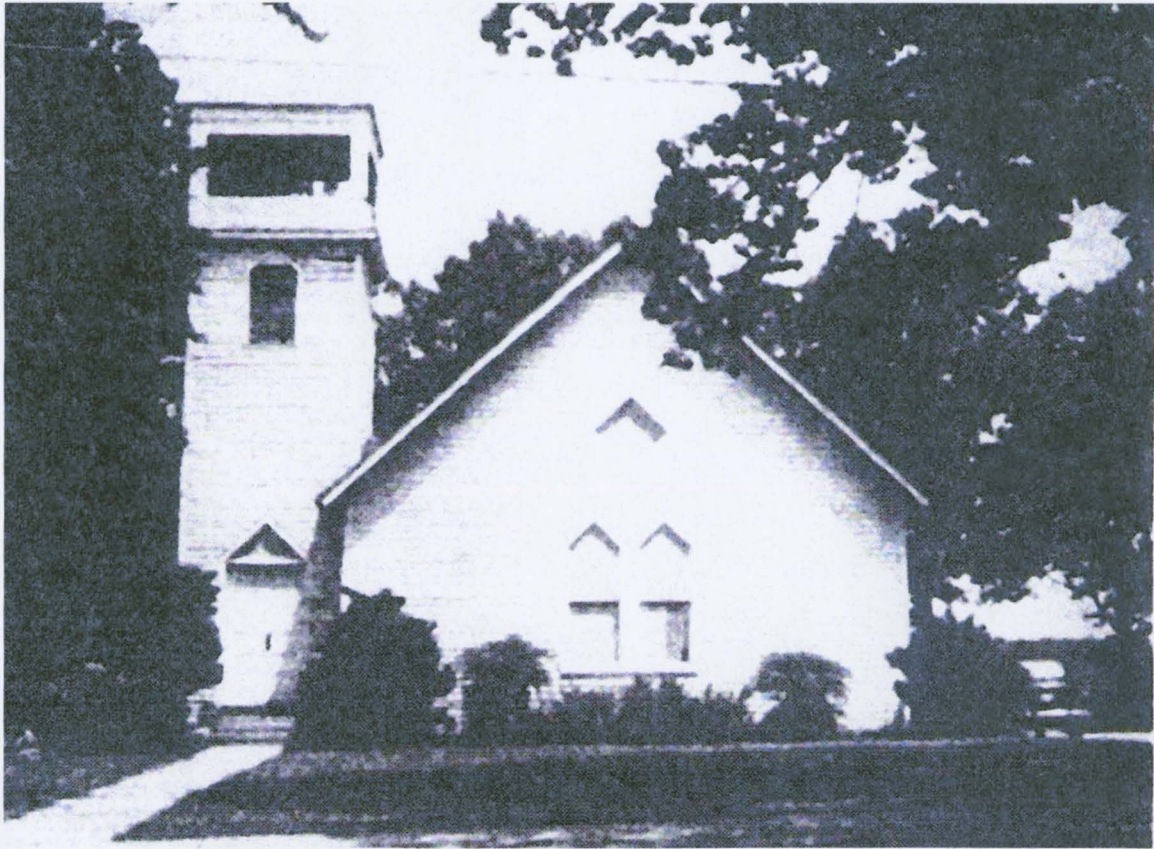


## Pilot Mountain Friends Meeting

During the early 1900's, a few interested people began to talk of the need for establishing a Friends Meeting in the town of Pilot Mountain. William C. Presnell, Hattie Presnell, and Paul Presnell presented this concern to Surry Quarterly Meeting in the form of a written request on 22 November 1914. This request was endorsed by Mount Airy Monthly Meeting of which the Presnells' were members. The committee appointed to consider the request consisted of Daniel M. Smith, Luther Key, and Granville Lineberry. This committee retired briefly and returned with a favorable report. The Quarterly Meeting then appointed a committee to oversee the establishment of a Friends Meeting in Pilot Mountain.



**Figure 139: Pilot Mountain Friends Meeting House ca 1950.**

Pilot Mountain Monthly Meeting was established on 16 January 1915, with ten active members and four associates. Eli Reece was the first pastor, with Alice Ledbetter (Walters) serving as the first clerk, and William C. (Tobe) Presnell, treasurer.

With the help of Mr. W. C. Presnell, a lot was secured on the north side of West Main Street and a building erected. Prayer services were held on the sills while the white frame building was under construction.

In 1956, the original church building (Figure 128) was purchased by Mr. Jarvis Kennon Smith and moved from West Main Street to a location about three and a half blocks east on School Street to a lot across from the Town of Pilot Mountain Water Tank #1. The old church was used as a storage building until it was demolished in the spring of 2007.

Construction on a new brick meeting house was begun in 1956 and dedicated on 22 September 1957. In 1964, the Friends built a modern brick parsonage on Spring Street. It was sold to Esker Wilmoth in 1985.



**Figure 140: Pilot Mountain Friends Meeting, 2012.**

Charter members of the Friends Church included Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Presnell, Robert and Rebecca Carson, Andy B. and Ellen M. Harrell, William W. and Elleno Davis, and Ester Smith.<sup>68</sup>

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<sup>68</sup> Pilot Mountain Friends Meeting Records