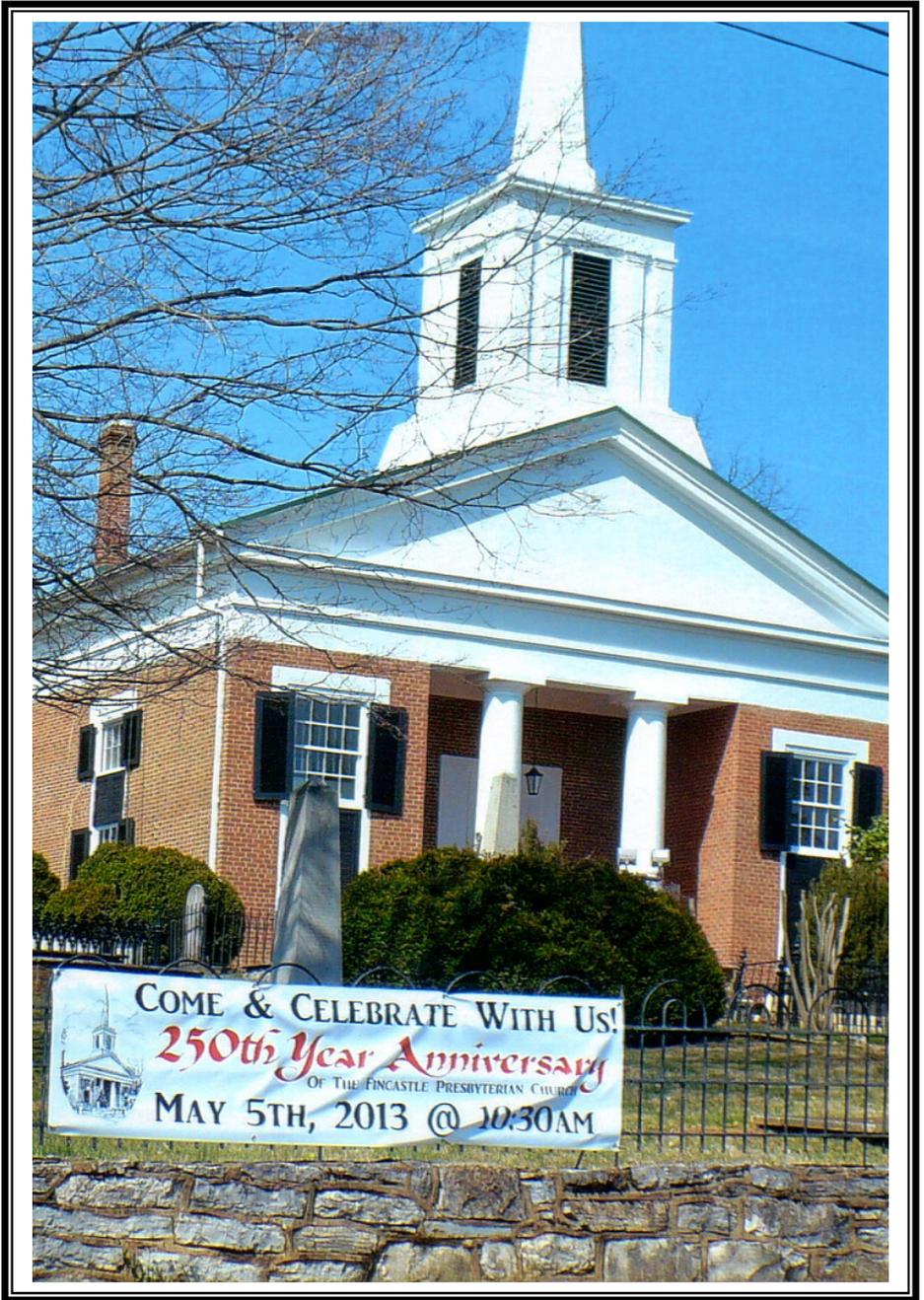


Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Founded 1763
250th Anniversary
May 5, 2013



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Fincastle Presbyterian Church
1763 - 2013

FOREWORD
By Dr. Iain S. Maclean

The Two Hundred and Fiftieth year anniversary of the Fincastle Presbyterian congregation has come. As the date of the 5th May, 2013 approached what became clear if not obvious was the fact that the congregation, in the words of the well-known medieval saying, “stood on the shoulders of giants” Indeed looking backwards at the past is the privilege of the present and since we live and work on that which was laid and built before, so only are we still standing on the wide and strong shoulders of our forbearers in the faith. Thus the Session has approved the issuing of this Commemorative Booklet so that the past 250 years can be outlined and hopefully better understood.

In one of his memorable poems, the poet Walt Whitman comments that “we are living out the dreams of our ancestors” and for us now, that becomes more so as we understand what are forbearers did and thought. This raises then this question now also for us. What future are we dreaming and imagining? What done or what said now would make that future a closer reality? This is answered by recalling the past first, in our rapidly-changing present and, from those very same shoulders looking forward and seeing from our vantage point, even clearer views of the future. In this as in past times we as the Church here rely on Jesus Christ through whom God has truly been with His people these last 250 years and we pray may He continue to be with us as we envision and build that future here in Fincastle and beyond.

Dr. Iain S. Maclean, Minister
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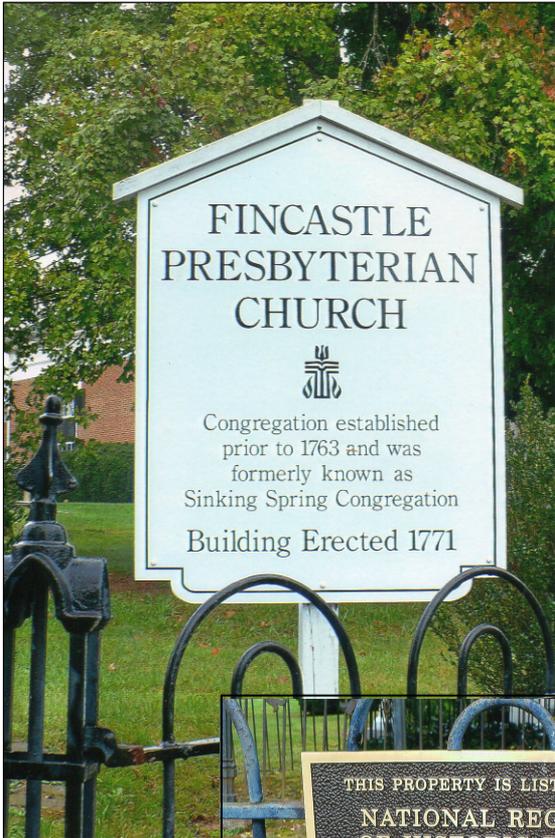
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Ministers of Fincastle Presbyterian Church

1	Rev. James Campbell	1771 - 1772
2	Rev. Edward Crawford	1778 - 1782
3	Rev. Robert Logan	1800 – 1828
4	Rev. Jephthah Harrison	1835 – 1837
5	Rev. Stephen T. Cocke	1837 – 1845
6	Rev. Henry H. Paine	1845 – 1856
7	Rev. Dr. John S. Grasty, D.D.	1856 – 1867
8	Rev. Dr. John H. Bocock, D.D.	1867 – 1870
9	Rev. Rutherford Houston	1871 – 1890
10	Rev. Peter C. Clark	1891 – 1897
11	Rev. James C. Shive	1897 – 1899
12	Rev. James M. Holladay	1899 – 1904
13	Rev. Tomas Mowbray	1904 – 1910
14	Rev. Rutherford Houston	1912 – 1916
15	Rev. James Batte	1917 – 1918
16	Rev. S.S. Oliver	1918 – 1922
17	Rev. J.C. Clark	1923 – 1925
18	Rev. James Armstrong	1926 – 1941
19	Rev. John Morgan	1941 – 1942
20	Rev. David Herr Coblentz	1944 – 1951
21	Rev. J.T. Hayter, Jr.	1954 – 1960
22	Rev. Edgar C. Mayse	1960 – 1966
23	Rev. William C. Caperton	1968 – 1972
24	Rev. William P. Shackleford	1972 - 1978
(Exchanged pulpits with James F. Riach of Scotland from September 1977 to September 1978)		
25	Rev. Jeff L. Deardorff	1980 – 1986
26	Rev. Edgar C. Mayse, Ph.D.	1987 – 1991
27	Rev. Neil Dunnivant	1992 – 2003
28	Rev. Richard Goodman	2005 – 2006
29	Rev. Rodney Wilson	2008 – 2009
30	Rev. Iain S. Maclean, Th.D.	2011 - Present

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

FINCASTLE

BOTETOURT COUNTY,

VIRGINIA.

1880.

CORPORATION

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Logan
homeplace, approx.
1800-1828

Min. K. Mc Donnell

Price Estate

CEMETERY



7 1/2 Miles

ROANOKE

FEDERAL ST

BACK

MAIN ST

CHURCH

MURRAY

GRIFFIN ALLEY

Wooden Mill

H. Ann Spangh

J. Camper

L. Bowyer

GRAYS NEW MAP

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COUNTY JAIL

COURT HOUSE

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Lot numbers

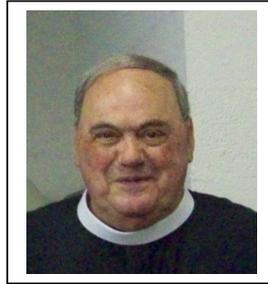
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Map details

GOD'S ACRE IN FINCASTLE

A Brief History of Fincastle Presbyterian Church

By Hellen C. Caldwell and updated by Dr. Edgar C. Mayse 2013



In 1770, when ten acres of land for the Botetourt County Court House and prison grounds were set aside from the forty-five acres purchased from Israel and Elizabeth Christian for the site of Fincastle, one acre of land in the eastern corner of the prison grounds, near the Courthouse grounds, was set aside for the Established Church. This is the site of the present Fincastle Presbyterian Church. Botetourt parish church was built in 1771 for the established Anglican Church in the new county. Originally, the building was square with the door in the east wall. The roof was pyramidal terminating in a cupola in the center in which a bell hung. When the Church of England occupied the building, pew rents were two dollars and a quarter. The floor was probably flagstone and the interior simple. The first rector of the parish was the Rev. Adam Smyth who served here during the American Revolution and lies buried beneath the present structure.

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After the Act of Religious Freedom was passed in 1785, the Established Church building in Fincastle came to be used by dissenters rather than its former Anglican members. Since the tithe was no longer collected by the state, the church was destitute. Fincastle was largely populated by dissenters, chiefly Presbyterians many of whom were members of the Sinking Spring congregation. This congregation was formed in 1754 when Robert Montgomery and Patrick Shirkey granted a tract of land about two miles east of Fincastle on the Sinking Spring Creek for the use of the Presbyterian congregation. The community was interested in its own form of worship and was willing to provide for it. This was the meeting place for the inhabitants of the whole region and the beginning of the flourishing Presbyterian congregation that succeeded the Established Church in the present building.



The original bell in the church is said to have been the sister of the Liberty Bell. This is the present bell that was cast by J. Welbank of Philadelphia in 1829. Photo by Bobby Burrell.

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“PRESBYTERIANISM IN BOTETOURT COUNTY”

“On September 3, 1755 a petition was brought before the Synod of New York, stating the necessity of “erecting” a new Presbytery in Virginia. From this sprang the Presbytery of Hanover, which met on December 3, 1755 at Hanover, Virginia and became the Mother Presbytery of this section” (Stoner 349).

“On May 4, 1763, the manuscript records of Hanover show, “Supplications for Supplies were presented from...Sinking Spring”... Thus is shown the first official request for a pastor for this Botetourt Church” (Stoner 349).

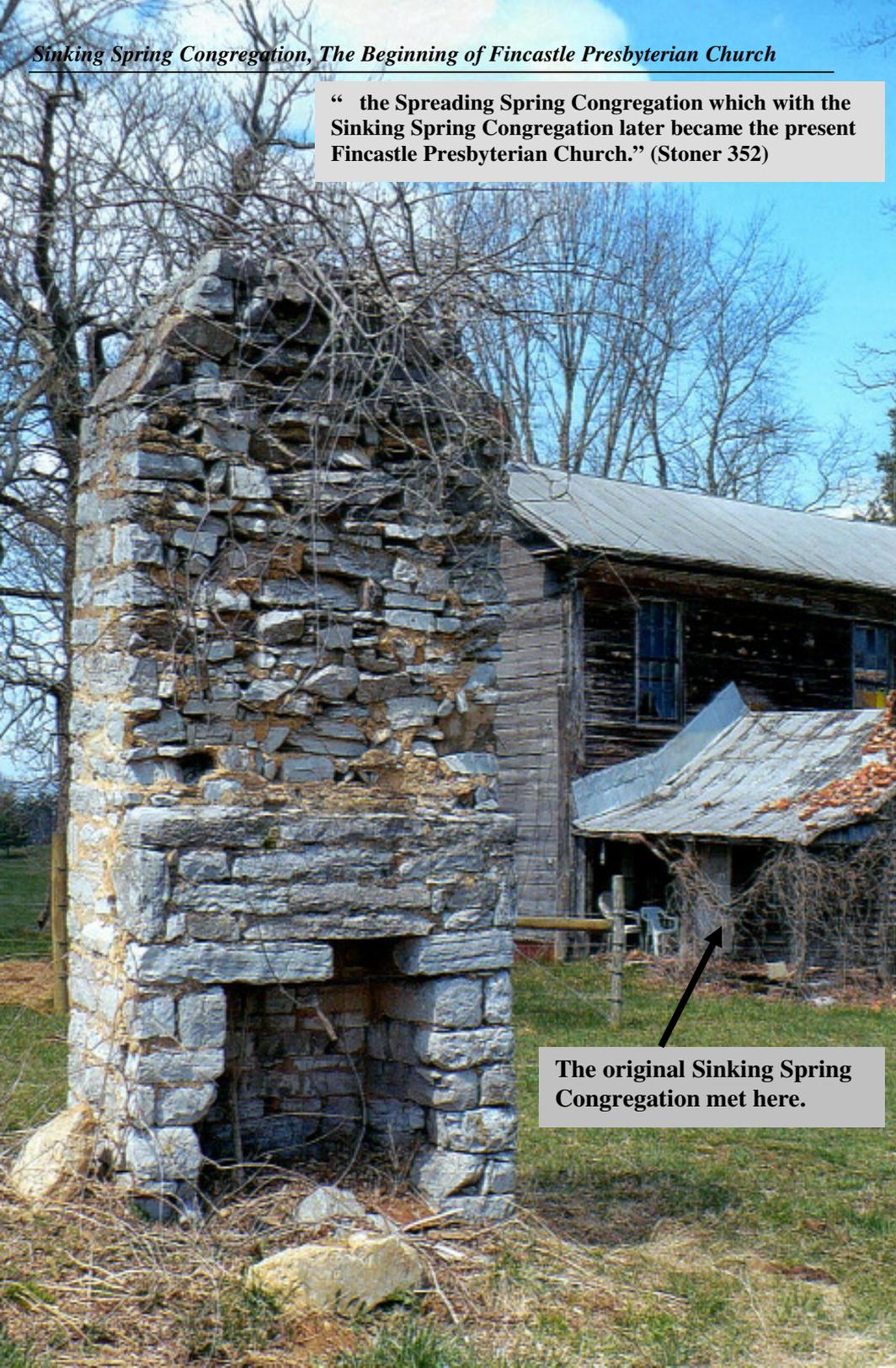
“The Craig’s Creek congregation was along the mouth of that creek and along the James River. From this congregation sprang the Spreading Spring Congregation, which with the Sinking Spring Congregation later became the present Fincastle Presbyterian Church. Therefore, we can safely say that the present Fincastle Presbyterian Church was organized prior to May 4, 1763, and was seeking a pastor. Though Sinking Spring congregation was united, in or before the year 1771, with Tinker Creek, Edward Crawford on October 27, 1778, accepted a call from Sinking Spring and Spreading Spring, showing that Spreading Spring had replaced the Tinker Creek Congregation” (Stoner 352).

“Later, the location of the place of worship was changed from east of Fincastle to its present location, but the congregation was the same” (Stoner 352).

The Register of Marriages of Botetourt County, Virginia located in the Botetourt County clerk’s office lists 157 marriages performed by Edward Crawford from 26 February, 1782 (Margaret Miller to John Fogle) through 20 November, 1794 (Barbara Cosp to Adam Beesaker). A copy of these records is in the “Weddings” book on display in the Fellowship Hall of the Fincastle Presbyterian Church.

Sinking Spring Congregation, The Beginning of Fincastle Presbyterian Church

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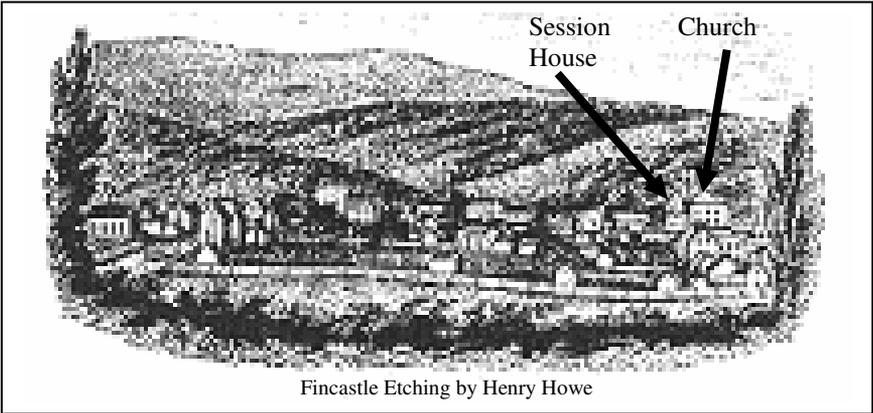


The original Sinking Spring Congregation met here.

“ the Spreading Spring Congregation which with the Sinking Spring Congregation later became the present Fincastle Presbyterian Church.” (Stoner 352)



This is in the vicinity of the site of the meeting place of the Spreading Spring Congregation. We have no evidence of the exact location.



In December 1813 the Presbyterians of Botetourt petitioned the General Assembly “for erecting a church on the grounds formerly occupied by the Establishment”. Whether a new building was erected or the original structure was repaired and reused cannot be determined definitively at present. The sketch of Fincastle by Henry Howe in 1843 shows a square building with a Session house attached as a west wing. In 1849, the congregation totally renovated the then existing Georgian building and made it into a fine example of Greek revival architecture. The entrance was moved from the east to the south side and the large Greek-style columns and the tall steeple were added.



Norfolk and Western
Historic Photograph
Collection

In 1853 a Communion Service of silver was given by four of the elders: Capt. Martin McFerran, Dr. Charles Williams, Judge Robert Hudson, and Morgan Utz.

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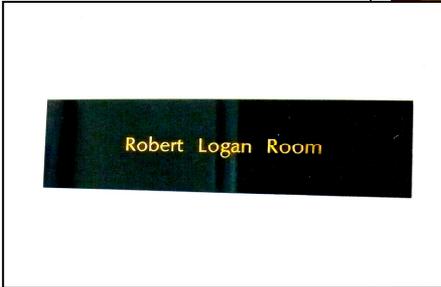
“The brick building, as it stood in 1832, was square, the roof coming to a point in the centre, and upon which was a belfry. It was entered on the right-hand side of the present building... In the rear of the church, on the outside, can now be seen marks of three windows which were in the old building.” Holladay p. 19



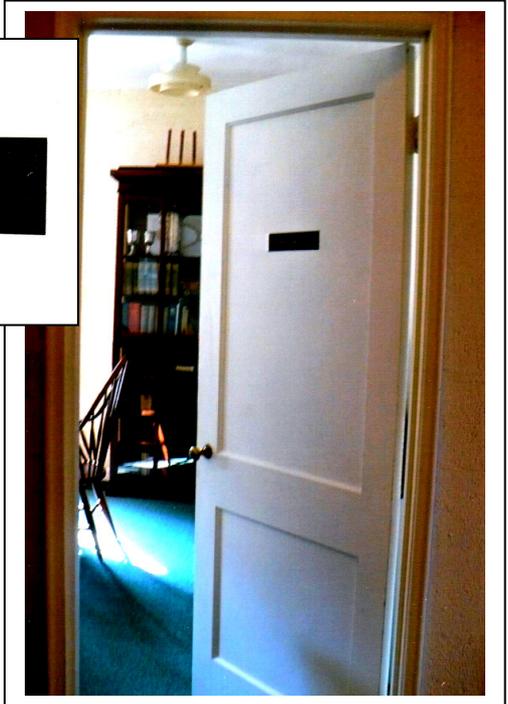
“...it was not until 1818 that the new one was erected. It was Georgian in style, square in plan with a hipped roof topped by a belfry. Its entrance faced east toward the old spring and market area...Parts of the brick walls of this church remain in the present structure, and some of the marks of its windows may still be seen.” Niederer p. 30

Robert Logan

During the ante-bellum period the congregation was ably served by seven ministers, the longest pastorate being that of Robert Logan from 1800-1828.



The Robert Logan Room is located on the top floor of the educational building.



Robert Logan is buried in lot 114 in the Fincastle Presbyterian churchyard.



On January 5, 1808, Willam Clark of the famed Lewis and Clark expedition, married Julia Hancock at her family’s home, south of the town of Fincastle, Virginia. The pastor of Fincastle Presbyterian Church, Robert Logan, performed the ceremony. Crotty p. 55



“On Saturday, November 3, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., Botetourt County officially became a national Meriwether Lewis and William Clark community. This historical distinction is rooted in the many, varied connections the two Expedition-famed explorers had to Botetourt County both before and after their westward venture. Their history and connections to Botetourt County will be signified forever by the placement of an NOAA Lewis & Clark disk on the front lawn of the Botetourt Courthouse.”

Botetourt View Online 10/31/2012.

Julia Hancock’s younger brother, John, is buried outside at the southeast corner of the church.

Godwin and Figgat

The Godwins and the Figgats were two prominent Fincastle families who contributed much to the community. Dr. I.R. Godwin, R.K. Godwin and Thomas Godwin rented pews at Fincastle Presbyterian Church. James M. Figgat and Dr. William Fletcher Figgat, E.W. Figgat and Robert C. Figgat are all buried in the Fincastle Presbyterian cemetery.



E. W. Figgat
Photo from findagrave.com



Robert C. Figgat
Photo courtesy of Anita Firebaugh

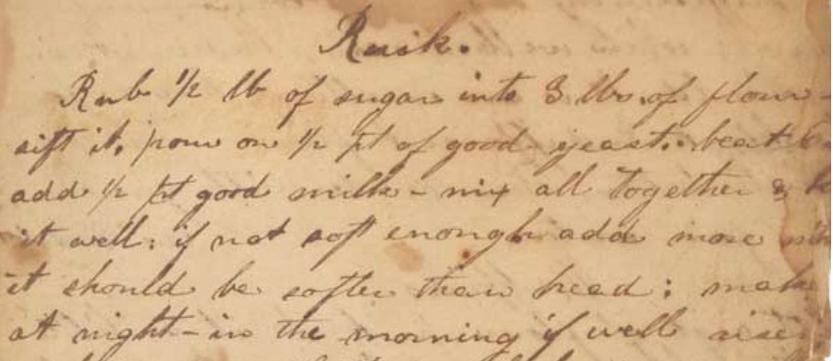
Nancy Godwin Figgat b.1835, also known as Nannie, is the author of a manuscript recipe book entitled “Nancy G. Figgat Recipe Book,” circa October 29, 1860, housed in the The Peacock-Harper Culinary History Collection at Virginia Tech.



<http://www.roanoke.com/dtiphotos/140208.jpg>

Rusk

Rub $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of sugar into 3 lbs of flour; sift it, pour on $\frac{1}{2}$ pt of good yeast, Beat 6 eggs and $\frac{1}{2}$ pt good milk, mix altogether and knead it well; if not soft enough add more milk; it should be softer than bread; make at night; in the morning, if well rises, work in 6 oz butter, and bake in small rolls; when cold slice it, lay on tin sheets and dry in the oven.



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Adapted Recipe

Orange Rusks

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cakes yeast, $\frac{1}{2}$ c lukewarm water, 2 cups orange juice, $\frac{1}{2}$ c shortening, $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar, 2 t salt, 2 eggs beaten, 1 t more orange peel, 8 c flour. Topping: 2 c confectioner's sugar, 1 t grated orange rind, $\frac{1}{4}$ c orange juice.

Put yeast to soak in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lukewarm water. Combine 2 cups orange juice with sugar, melted shortening, orange peel and 2 well-beaten eggs. Sift flour, salt and (mace) together. Add yeast to orange mixture and stir in flour. Let rise until double in bulk. Stir dough, and spoon into greased muffin pans. Let rise until very light. Bake in hot oven, 450 degrees, for about ten minutes or until nicely browned. Mix together the confectioner's sugar, grated orange rind and orange juice. When rusks are removed from the oven, frost with this mixture.

From Virginia Cooking Past and Present

At the beginning of the brick walk at the front of the church stands a copy of one of the original town lamps, which was converted from oil to electricity. The grounds surrounding the church have been used as a burial site since the church was erected. Several stones were erected in the colonial period and many bear the names of Virginians who were prominent frontier heroes and leaders in early Virginia history. The burial grounds have long been known as “God’s Acre”. The southwest area of the cemetery, where no gravestones are visible is the burial place of some of the Botetourt Revolutionary War era soldiers and patriots of the Fincastle community. In June 1973 a Memorial Grave Marking service was held for these soldiers and patriots and a monument with the names of twenty-six of these was unveiled. Botetourt County and the General James Breckenridge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were sponsors of this project as an observance of the American Revolutionary Bicentennial.



Harold Robertson made this electric replica of the original town oil lamp.

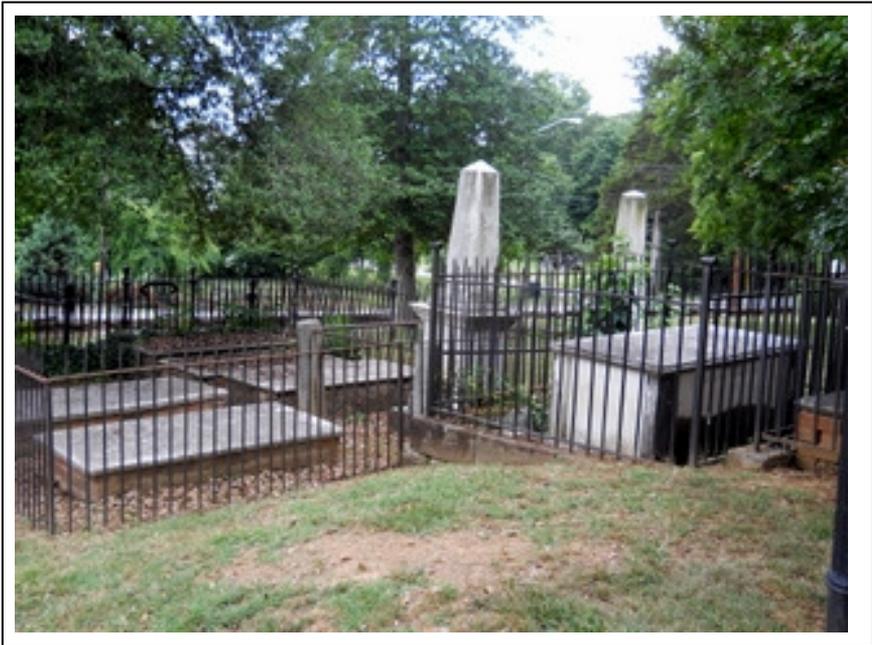


Southwest corner of the cemetery.

“God’s Acre”

I like that ancient Saxon phrase, which calls
The Burial-ground God’s Acre! It is just:
It consecrates each grave within its walls.
And breathes a benison o’er the sleeping dust.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



From “The Southwest Corner”

By Goodridge Wilson

“Sunday, September 10, 1944 is a day to be remembered as a notable occasion in the lengthening annals of the historic Presbyterian church at Fincastle. On that day the church welcomed to its pulpit a new pastor, and on that day the church rededicated its building in celebration of a work begun over a year ago and carried through to a successful conclusion by joint efforts of the congregation of the Fincastle Presbyterian church and the Garden Club of Virginia.

...Considerably over a year ago I had some correspondence with Mrs. Fred Stone of Roanoke and vicinity in regard to this old church and its burying ground and the effort to enlist the Garden Club of Virginia in the work of its restoration. She sent me a paper...from which I quote the following:

“Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains in the county of Botetourt is the quaint and historic Virginia town of Fincastle, once the gateway and county seat for all the territory of the great unknown West to the waters of the Mississippi. Fincastle is still the county seat of Botetourt....The Garden Club of Virginia will be instrumental in preserving an important link in the history of the growth of this county.” Mrs. Stone, the Garden Club of Virginia, and the Fincastle Presbyterian church are to be congratulated.”

In 1943, the Garden Club of Virginia became interested in restoring the churchyard and donated \$1,200 for this work. Contributions were also received from descendants of families buried there. Sunken and broken tombstones were repaired; a stone wall was erected along one side of the yard and a brick terrace was added at the front of the church. Holly, crepe myrtle, boxwood and spring flowering bulbs were planted.

Inspired by this work in the churchyard, the members of the congregation decided to attempt a complete restoration of the building. The reredos, pulpit and railing were installed and the design was copied from an early plan, which may have been in the church before its renovation in 1849. A new ceiling was constructed; walls repaired and painted, pews refinished and the floors uncovered and sanded. From the old carpet that was taken up, enough strips were salvaged to be placed in the aisles. The original lamps were replaced in the wrought iron and wired for electricity.



In 1958, the educational building was constructed. The brick came from the old Brick Union Church built about 1842 and located on the Trinity Road between Route 220 and Troutville. This building was last used by the Lutherans and the bricks were donated by the Lutheran Synod of Virginia. After completion of the educational building, the Garden Club of Virginia completed planting the side and back of the churchyard using boxwoods and white pines. In 1969 a church committee headed by Page Muse was appointed for the purpose of raising funds to establish a perpetual care fund for the cemetery. The drive was successfully completed in 1977.



West side of the educational building, 2013.



East side of educational building.



Fellowship Hall



West side doors of the educational building.

During the past twenty years the music of the church has been vastly improved by the installation of a Zimmer pipe organ in the gallery of the sanctuary. Long-standing problems of parking on Back Street have been solved and greater stewardship of this historic structure has been addressed through a healthy endowment fund. The membership is at an all-time high with parishioners coming to serve from throughout the county.



Zimmer Organ, 2013

History of the Auxiliary of the Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Dear Friends and Ladies of the Fincastle Presbyterian Auxiliary:-

You have appointed me to write the history of our society from its organization to the present time, with corrections by Mrs. W.B. Simmons. In doing so, I feel that I am writing my last will and testament, or writing my autobiography.

In the year 1871 or 72 our Presbytery sent the Reverend A.T. Graybill, who had just graduated from Union Theological Seminary, to our next door neighbor, Mexico, to see the field and find out the possibility of opening mission work in that priest-ridden country. On his return he delivered an address on Mexico and her needs that so fired the Missionary blood of the women of the Fincastle Presbyterian Church that they decided to organize a Women's Missionary Society, a courageous thing to do in those far away days when women were taught "to keep silent". Not so our women. Even the knowledge that their organization was adversely discussed on the floor of the Presbytery could not throw cold water on their zeal. They were organized to stay, and proud they were to be one of the very first organizations of the women for foreign mission work in the Synod of Virginia.

The first President was Miss Rebecca Glasgow and Miss Mary Spiller was Secretary and Treasurer, and there were ten charter members, and the first report of their gifts was a collection for the first four months of \$20. This was forwarded to Dr. Graybill Christmas 1875 to aid in building church at Matamoras. Dr. Graybill writes that \$20.00 would pay for 2000 bricks in the new Church and that he hoped that church would be a nucleus for a Presbytery of Mexico. We know how amply his prayers and faith have been and are still being answered.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society continued to work as such until September 11th, 1885, when it was reorganized as The Aid Society, but it pledged itself to always give one-fourth of its collections to Foreign Missions. Mrs. Glasgow was made President, Mrs. R. Huston was made Vice Pres., and Miss Bettie Glasgow, Secretary and Treasurer.

In 1887 the Glasgows moved to Lexington and Miss Emma Spiller was made President, and it was again called The Missionary Society. A few of us remain who can recall the struggle that little organization passed through for the next twenty years, even thirty years. If only three came, we met; if six or seven our joy knew no bounds. If collection was only 50 cents we prayed and hoped for better things; if, and occasionally it was, as much as \$2.00 a wild rush was made for the bank to leave it in Mr. Godwin's safe keeping.

In 1892 an Aid Society was again added to the Missionary Society. From it due to the energy and perseverance of Mrs. Alfred Beckley and Mrs. E.M. Scott came the Presbyterian Cook Book, which to the present time continues to pour fifty cent pieces into our Treasury every few meetings.

For a number of years, in the years from 1895-1910 or 12, Miss Mary Spiller was our faithful President, until the accident befell her which has ever since left her a helpless cripple, and her office fell to my lot, where it remained until five years ago when our delegates to the Presbyterial could not longer hold up their head in that body as coming from a Missionary Society. So we decided to organize into an Auxiliary, and as only four came to this meeting we were all made officers; and this we launched, with fear and trembling, the Fincastle Auxiliary of which we are all proud, and whose gifts have grown from \$30 or \$40 per year to between \$300 and \$400.

Likely written in 1933-34 by
Louise Armstrong, Historian or
Mrs. Ben Haden, President

Currently, the Presbyterian Women of
Fincastle Presbyterian Church meet on the
second Tuesday of most months.

THE
Housekeeper's Friend

A BOOK OF TESTED RECIPES

And Miscellaneous Information Gathered from Many
of the Best Housekeepers of Botetourt
County and Elsewhere.

BY
THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FINCASTLE, VIRGINIA.

ROANOKE, VA. :
THE STONE PRINTING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY.
1896.

Cheese Straws.

One cupful of grated cheese, one cupful of flour, one teaspoonful of butter, a pinch of salt, a pinch of red pepper; mix with yolk of one egg, thick, like paste; roll out to thickness of a silver quarter; cut into strips one-third of an inch wide and four or five inches in length and lay them in a pan slightly floured. Bake in a moderate oven until slightly crisp, but they must not be in the least brown. Serve cold, piled log-cabin fashion on a handsome dish. If put away in tin these straws will keep a long time.

MRS. TURNER McDOWELL.

Grandmother of Paxton Davis, late husband of Peggy Davis

Noodle Soup.

For one fat chicken, take three eggs, three tablespoonfuls of cream and a little salt. Beat all together and mix in flour to make a stiff dough. Roll into three cakes, very thin, and turn them over occasionally until tolerably dry. Then lay them together, roll up, and cut into very narrow strips; boil these for half an hour in the chicken broth and season with parsley; add salt and pepper to taste. The dough should be mixed early in the morning if a twelve o'clock dinner is desired.

MRS. WILLIAM BURGER.

Great-great Aunt of Phyllis A.B. Tenser

Corned Beef.

The best pickle for corning beef out of the very many I have tried is made as follows: For each one hundred pounds of beef, take six gallons of water, nine pounds of salt, two and one-half pounds of brown sugar, one ounce of soda and three ounces of saltpetre. Put in a vessel and boil until all scum ceases to rise. When cool, add two ounces of pepper. It is best to salt the beef lightly and let it lie in the salt four or five days, which draws out the blood. Wash it thoroughly, and let it stay an hour or so in pure fresh water before putting it into the brine.

K. B. STONER.

Grandfather of Catharine Ammen Stoner Peaslee and Betsy Stoner Holt

Tongue and Prunes.

Get a fresh beef tongue, parboil and skin it, add a pound of prunes, a cupful of brown sugar, and spices to taste; let it stew until well done; when nearly done add one lemon.

MRS. I. R. GODWIN.

Wife of Dr. I. R. Godwin of Fincastle who rented pews at Fincastle Presbyterian

Scottish Marmalade.

Take three dozen Seville oranges; pare off the skins thinly, so there shall be as little as possible of the white part. Cut the parings into chips in very small pieces; put them into a kettle with as much water as will cover them. Boil for one hour to take out the bitter taste; then strain through a seive and lay aside; next quarter the oranges and take out the juice and pulp into a dish, throwing away the white skins and seeds; put the whole into a kettle with nine or ten pounds of sugar; boil for one-half hour; skim it and put into jars for use.

MRS. DR. MILLER.

Great-grandmother of Bill Simmons, late husband of Pat Simmons

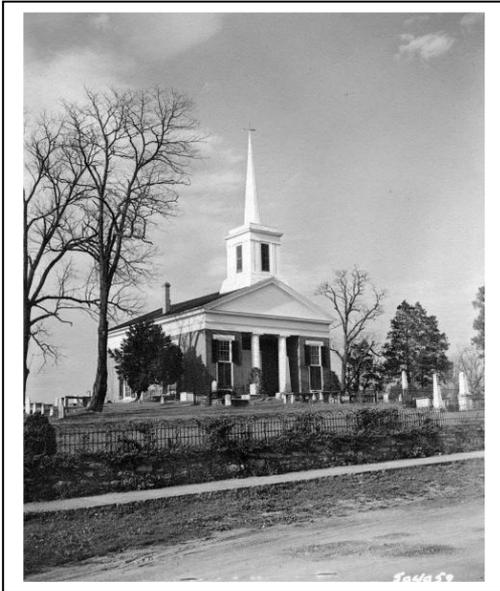
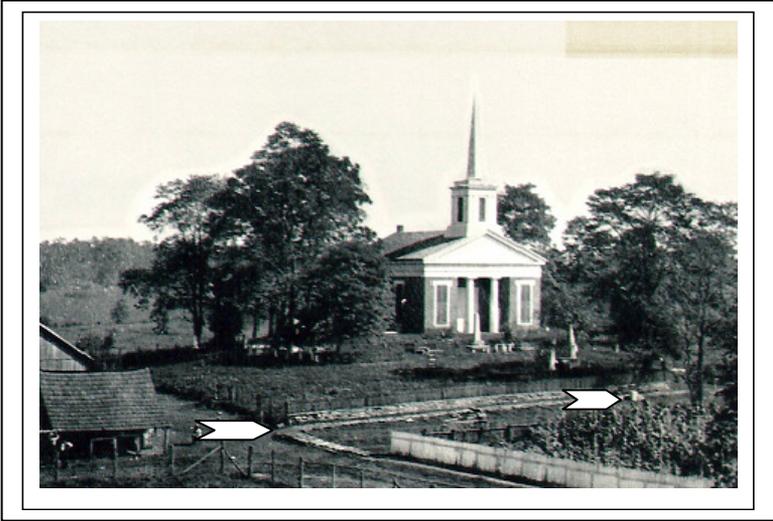
Sweet Rusk.

One pint of warm milk, one-half cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar, two eggs, one teaspoonful of salt, two table-spoonfuls of yeast, make a sponge with the milk yeast, and enough flour to make a thin batter, let it rise overnight, in the morning add the sugar, butter, eggs and salt, well beaten together, with enough flour to make a soft dough, let it rise again, then work out into round balls and let rise again; bake in a moderate oven.

MRS. J. C. BOLTON.

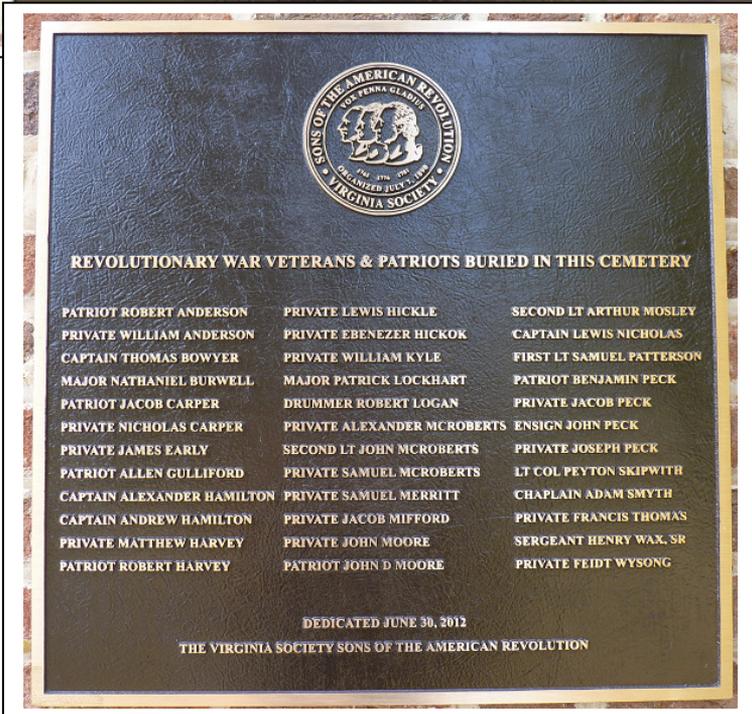
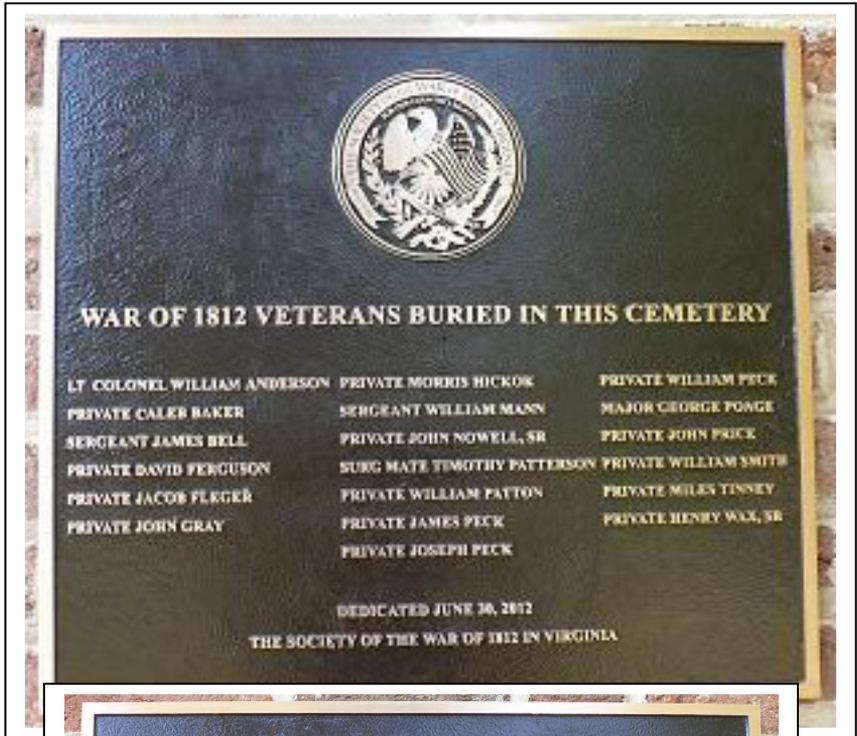
Lynne Bolton says, "All the Boltons in Botetourt are related so this must be one of my relatives."

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



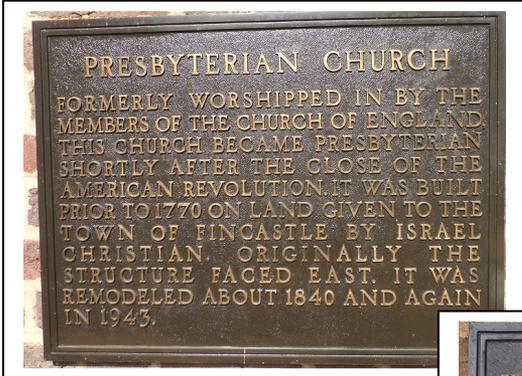
Above: Photo courtesy of Brenda and Willie Simmons. Please notice the stepping stones crossing Back Street. These stones are still there covered by the blacktop. Also, notice the stone mounting-block, just in front of the churchyard, approximately 1770.

Left: Photo courtesy of the Norfolk and Western Historic Photograph Collection, approximately 1946.





In memory of the
Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots
Buried in Fincastle Presbyterian cemetery
Erected by
Botetourt County Chapter NSDAR
Gen. James Breckinridge Chapter NSDAR
June 17, 1973



These plaques are located on each side of the doors to the front entrance of the church.





Pulpit



Sanctuary

Former Location of Mount Union Church

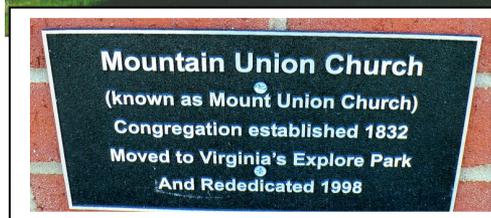
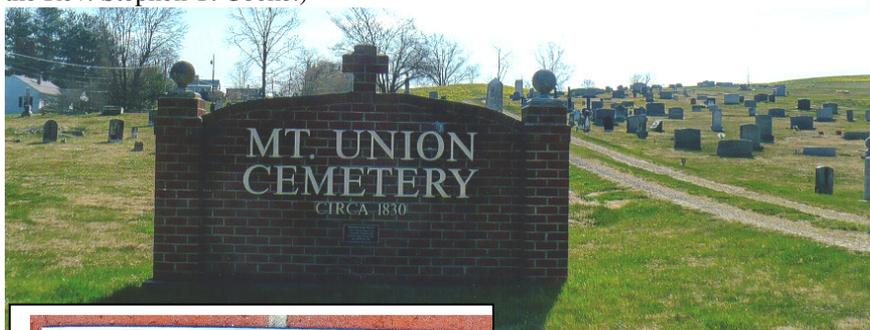
A portion of the "excerpts from the original Session Book of the Mt. Union Presbyterian Church, now located in the Union Seminary library in Richmond, Virginia." follows:

"Agreeableto [sic] a permission granted by the Lexington Presbytery to organize [sic] a church at the Mountain Union Meeting House in February, 1832, a meeting of those members of the Fincastle Congregation, who wished to be formed into a distinct & separate congregation, or church. ...The following ...were then nominated... to fill and discharge the office of Ruling Elders....

1. Geo. McDonate
2. Thomas Wilson
3. Tilghman Snodgrass
4. William McDonate....(No signature of moderator)...

July 25, 1840 - Doctor Michael Hines received on certificate from Bethesda Church, S. F. Cocke, Mod."

(Note: A list of the 24 original members is in the notebook of ministers under the Rev. Stephen T. Cocke.)



Mount Union Church was served by the ministers of
Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Historic Marker in Botetourt County on Route 220 at Fincastle.

"...new ordinances of Jan 4, 1823....Art. 17 A fine not exceeding \$5.00 for injuring the enclosure, locks, etc., of The Presbyterian Church, or anything appertaining thereto; also, a similar fine for hitching horses to the enclosure around said Church." Later in the article: "Those attending concerts or shows were leaving their horses or carriages hitched to the nearest handy fence or tree, thereby creating congestion and a traffic hazard. The Presbyterian Church, particularly, was evidently plagued by horses hitched to their fence, and merry-makers camping or sleeping in the churchyard."

From the Historical Summary of the Government of the Town of Fincastle by Harry Kessler, Jr. - a part of the Kessler Collection of Historic Fincastle, Inc.

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Brief of Deeds - Botetourt County

Deed Book no. 1. ~~Page 121~~;

" page 121. June 13, 1770. Israel Christian and Elizabeth his wife to Andrew Lewis, Richard Woods, Robert Brackening, William Preston, Benjamin Hawkins, David Robinson, William Fleming, George Skillern, William Ingles, John Harad, Phillip Love, James Robinson, William Christian, William Herbert, John Montgomery, Stephen Figg, Robert Dage, Walter Cokett, James Mc Garrah, Francis Smith, Andrew Wood, William Matthews, John Bowman, William Mc Kee, Anthony Shadle, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Botetourt, in consideration of a Court House for said County being established on the real estate herein conveyed, and of 10 shillings paid. 45 acres of land on the east side of Miller's mill. " pages 536-537.

Woods River is same as New River.

same above - (Botetourt Co.)
 "page 142. May 8, 1770. Richard Stanton to William Herbert. 80 pounds. Slaves and personal property. Kenneth McCallumb, William Rose, " page 538.

George W. McCoy Collection, D.H. Ramsey Library, Special Collections, University of North Carolina at Asheville 28804, summarized from Deed Book 1, pages 121 and 122 in the Botetourt County Courthouse, Fincastle.

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“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer”

Romans 12:9-12

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