NAME  ELS. JOHN PADGETT

Ancestry  Married  Celia Hollyfield

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Ancestry  Revolutionary Soldier

Record  Ordained 1811

Broad River 1819

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The exact date of birth is not known for Elder John Padgett, first pastor of High Shoal Baptist Church. As a young man, possibly in his early of mid twenties, Elder Padgett served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married Celia Hollyfield. John Padgett first appeared at the Broad River Association in 1808. He was ordained to the ministry in 1811. He served the New Hope Church in Rutherford County and the Big Spring Church in the Catawba River Association. By the time High Shoal Baptist Church was organized in 1831, Elder Padgett was advanced in years. He provided thorough and capable leadership to the young church from July, 1831, until September, 1834. Elder John Padgett died in 1838.

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PANNELL, Elder Martin is a member of Beaver Dam church, of the King's Mountain Association. Date of birth unknown to author. A brother, according to flesh, of Elder Dove Pannell, dec'd. He is an humble christian minister, of moderate preaching abilities; was licensed to preach in 1860, and ordained to the full work of the ministry by a presbytery, while he was identified with a seceding party known as the "Constitutional King's Mountain Association." After the reconciliation convention was held at Zoor, the Beaver Dam church, with Elder Pannell, returned to their places as a constituent of the King's Mountain Association, and has ever since proved loyal to the associate body. Elder Pannell, while a lay member, represented his church in the Association several times before the "temperance troubles" disturbed the body, and was always recognized as a pious, well disposed member of the church of Christ. He still lives.

PADGOTT, Elder John appears to have joined the church first at Sandy Run, soon after the organization of the Broad River Association, and continued his membership there until 1819, when he appeared in the Association as a delegate from New Hope church, Rutherford county, N. C. He was afterwards transferred to Big Spring church, where he remained for several years, becoming a member of the Catawba River Association. He afterward became a member of High Shoals church in its organization in 1890. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry in the year 1811, and at the session of the Broad River body in 1838, the following entry was made on the minutes: "It becomes our painful duty to record the death of Elder John Padgett, who departed this life some time during the past associational year."

The services rendered by him in the Gospel ministry, and the faithfulness and zeal with which he discharged the various duties assigned him, while occupying his respective and important station upon the walls of Zion (which he continued to do for more than forty years,) entitle him to the remembrance and respect of all good men; for he not only, in his early life, taught the healthful doctrines of the Gospel with force and with confidence, but he even, in his declining years, had spoken, by discovering death and his approaching doom, to the christian cause. He died great love and regard for his work, and opportunities in life worth of such a good man.

In offering this tribute of departed brother, we earnestly and friends; yet we advise the rest, in a far better land—to those having no hope; for a reason to believe in the restoration of everlasting joys, and harmonious songs to his Ebenezer, with the innumerable companies in glorious splendor around the "Great Jehovah, God."

Elder Padgett had not been in the war of the Revolution, he bore arms in dependence we have all so long and so much appreciated and loved. He was a strength and endurance. To undergo in his early pioneer life the muscular system, a physically speaking. We are of his birth, but learn from the history that he became a member of a venerated ancestor, are most likely. He intermarried with Miss J. Hollyfield.

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with force and with confidence in their correctness and truth, but he, even, in his declining years, ratified the things which he had spoken, by discovering a holy calmness in view of death and his approaching dissolution, which did honor to the christian cause. He died as he had lived, expressing great love and regard for his fellow-men, and beloved by all whose opportunities in life enabled them to appreciate the worth of such a good man.

In offering this tribute of respect to the memory of our departed brother, we earnestly sympathize with his relatives and friends; yet we advise them not to sorrow and grieve as those having no hope; for although we are deprived of the blessings of his usefulness and presence here, yet we have great reason to believe his immortal spirit has gone home to rest in a far better land—to be enriched with the full fruition of everlasting joys, and there to lisp undying praises in harmonious songs to his Eternal King, and ever to mingle with the innumerable company of happy spirits that fly in glorious splendor around the dazzling throne of the Great Jehovah, God.”

Elder Padgett had not only been a soldier of the Cross, but in the war of the Revolution, when men’s souls were well tried, he bore arms in defense of that liberty and independence we have all so long enjoyed, and which we should all so much appreciate and endeavor to perpetuate. As a preacher he ranked amongst the most useful in the discharge of pastoral duties, and where best known was most appreciated and loved. He was a large, raw-boned man, of great strength and endurance. The hardships and toils he had undergone in his early pioneer life had tended greatly to develop his muscular system, and he had become almost a giant, physically speaking. We are not informed, as to the time of his birth, but learn from the minutes of the Association that he became a member of the body in 1808, then an ordained minister, and consequently he must have attained to a great age when he died in 1838, having served at the probable age of twenty-five in the Revolutionary war. He leaves behind him a good many descendants who, like their venerated ancestor, are mostly of the Baptist faith and order. He intermarried with Miss Celia Hollyfield, a sister of Elder J. Hollyfield.

PADGETT, Elder Alanson was born April 10th, 1800, in Rutherford county, N. C. Joined the church at High Shoals, that church then being a member of the Broad River Association. In 1841 the High Shoals church was dismissed,