ance, untiring industry and energy. When at last overcome by a malign-  
ant disease, he was forced to lay down his work and go hence, he met  
death like the Christian he had so long claimed to be, without a murmur.  
The sting of death was somewhat of a terror to him, but "beyond this,"  
said he, "I have no fears; my future is as bright as the nooody sun."  
After a few days' illness he passed quietly and serenely to his reward on  
the 28th day of April, 1824, at the age of 68 years, 7 months and 29 days.  
His remains, beside those of his wife, who died some years later, were  
interred at Bethel church, where the stone that marks their resting  
place may be seen at this day.

**JOHN DALTON** was probably pastor of Mountain Creek church for a  
short time prior to March, 1809, as indicated by the following found on  
the church records at that time: "Bro. Pemisntor Morgan, that some  
months ago ceased to serve here, this day is restored to his former seat  
as pastor, supplying with full consent of brother Dalton and the members  
of this church." We extract the following from the History of the  
Broad River and King's Mountain Associations: "Dalton, Elder John,  
was a member and representative of Bill's Creek church, Rutherford  
county, N. C., as far back as 1802, and consequently was one of the old  
Broad River pioneers. At the sessions of 1808 and 1811 his name appears  
in the minutes of the Association marked with an asterisk (*), denoting  
absence. We suppose he was an old annualed minister, whose name  
was continued in the Minutes, as a delegate, that he might, if able to  
attend the sessions, still serve, which it is known was the practice of  
some churches having old ministers. We are unable to learn anything  
more of the biography of Elder Dalton, but avail ourselves of the oppor-  
tunity we have to transmit his name as a minister of Christ to the  
present and succeeding generation of Baptists." Sorry we cannot give fuller  
particulars.

**DAVID DOYALE** was pastor for a time between 1810 to sometime  
during 1812, for we find a subscription drawn in his favor for 1812. "Doyale,  
Elder David, was a member of New Salem Church, and appears to have  
had an able and prominent minister as early as 1808, and for several  
years afterwards. Our own memory goes so far back as to have heard  
old people speak of him, who knew him well, and represented him as  
one of Broad River's oldest preachers. At the session of 1808 we find it  
recorded that Elders Drury Dobbins, David Doyale and Joel Blackwell  
were appointed a committee to dissolve the Holly Springs church, which  
had been unable to keep house, and dismiss or letter the members  
thereof to other churches, and at the same session Elder Doyale was  
appointed to preach the introductory sermon to the session of 1809, and  
he continued to represent the same church until 1817. When he was  
both here, we have no means of ascertaining now. His name, however, is preserved by several namesakes he has, which is  
some evidence of his being highly esteemed as a minister of Christ." The  
above we take from the History of Broad River and King's Mountain  
Associations, and is the only available information that we can get  
reference to the third pastor of Mountain Creek Church.

**ALFRED WEBB** — The following, taken from the History of the Broad  
River and King's Mountain Associations, constitutes our only available  
information, not given in the records of the church, of which he was  
pastor from 1824 to 1832: "Webb, Elder Alfred, was born in Rutherford  
county about 1802, of wealthy parents, but only enjoyed common school  
advantages, working on a farm until he attained the age of manhood.  
He was doubtless a 'chosen vessel,' and directed by the Spirit to attend  
the ministry of the Word by those eminent servants of God, Dobbins  
and Hicks. The result was he was converted and baptized into the fel-  
lowship of the church at Concord, near the home of his youth. Some  
short time afterwards he felt impressed to speak a word for his Master,  
and the church licensed him to do so about the year 1822. The next year  
he was chosen to represent the church as one of her delegates at the  
session of the Broad River Association, held at Reedy River church,  
Greenville county, S. C., and the Minutes show that he filled the  
appointment and was marked as a licentiate. A short time after the
DALTON, ELDER JOHN was a member and representative of Bill's Creek church, Rutherford county, N. C., as far back as 1802, and was consequently one of the old Broad River pioneers. At the sessions of 1808 to 1811 his name appears in the Minutes of the Association, marked with an asterisk denoting absence. We suppose he was an old superanuated minister, whose name was continued in the Minutes as a delegate; that he might, if able to attend the session, still serve, which it is known was the practice of some churches having the membership of old ministers. We are unable to learn anything more of the biography of Elder Dalton, but avail ourselves of the opportunity we have to transmit his name as a minister of Christ to the present and succeeding generations of Baptists. Doubtless he has some surviving relatives or friends that will take an interest in perpetuating his name, who will be entertained agreeably in the perusal of a sketch of him, although brief and very imperfect in its details.

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