

Lavonia Cleveland 1899

Floyd's Creek Rutherford 1870

Holly Springs Rutherford 1887

Bethany Rutherford 1889

Green River Polk 1778-1860 [e]

Shiloh Rutherford 1834

Goode's Creek Rutherford 1908

Broad River Rutherford 1888

Sulphur Springs Rutherford 1910



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. . . .In the death of Rev. Tom C. Harris, Rutherford County, one of the oldest and most highly respected ministers of that section passed away. Interment was at Floyd's Creek in the afternoon of March 25th. He left two sons: J. S. Harris, postmaster at Harris, N. C.; and Milton Harris, a farmer who lives in the community. The Recorder extends sympathy to the family.

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*Lavonia Baptist Church, The First Seventy-
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→ THOMAS CLINGMAN HARRIS

The Reverend T.C. Harris lived in the Island Ford community near Harris in Rutherford County. He maintained a farm of some one hundred fifty acres growing mainly cotton. He was married to Mary Jane Webster also of Rutherford County. They had six children: Milton, Floyd, Clayton, Summey, Lelia Randall, and Floren Padgett.

In addition to farming and preaching at Lavonia, which he served from December, 1911 to September, 1913, Rev. Harris pastored several other churches including: Floyd's Creek, Holly Springs, Bethany, Green River, Shiloh, Goode's Creek, Broad River and Sulphur Springs.

Reverend Harris died in March, 1932. He is buried in an unmarked grave at Floyd's Creek Church.

MELROSE M. HUNTLEY

Melrose Huntley was born in Rutherford County, May 12, 1878, the son of David and Jane Henson Huntley. He married Ida King on December 28, 1898; they had six children: Alpha M. Saine, Ralph K. Huntley (who pastored Lavonia 1942-1952), Ransom L. Huntley, Dorothy H. Hines, Leslie Howard Huntley, and Omega H. Hines. Mr. Huntley was ordained into the ministry November 15, 1912, at Adaville Baptist Church, Spindale. He was elected pastor of Lavonia in September, 1913, and served until September, 1916. During that time the church was remodeled and a new organ was bought; seven people joined the church by letter and twelve were added by baptism.

Reverend Huntley served as pastor of nine churches in addition to Lavonia: Macedonia, Gaffney, S.C.; Mt. View and Pleasant Hill, Rutherfordton; Spindale First and Spencer, Spindale, N.C.; Trinity, Mooresboro; Cherokee Creek, Cherokee County, S.C.; Bethel, McDowell County, N.C.; and Montford Cove near Lake Lure. He died January 14, 1937, and was buried in the Huntley Family Cemetery south of Rutherfordton.

R.G.

The Reverend R.G. Short he was elected in September, preaching until January, 1917, but he resigned in December, 1917. In Lavonia he also preached at churches in Cleveland, Rutherford, and Marion.

N.L.

N.L. Wright was elected in February, 1919. The minutes visiting preachers gave the month.

Reverend Wright, who was of the Shiloh community, also preached at Cane Creek, and his ministry was primarily in Rutherford County.

FRANK

Frank Weathers preached until October, 1923. He preached in Catawba Counties and lived at Rutherfordton. Additional information could not be obtained.

C.D. B.

C.D. Barton preached at Lavonia in January, 1924. During that time he was at the Church near Ellenboro. Other churches he preached at were Leen, Henrietta, and Carpenters Springs and Caroleen and preachers at Run and Kings Mountain Association.