

CHURCHES IN NORTH CAROLINA BEGUN PRIOR TO 1830

As named by Morgan Edwards, John Asplund, G. W. Paschal or others

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2. Name _____ If changed. Date of change _____

3. Location. Name of County when Constituted Cumberland

4. Location. Name of County at present time Cumberland

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6. Type of Church; General Baptist, _____ Particular, _____

Separate, _____ Regular, _____ Other, _____

7. Is the church by either name listed in Convention Annual in 1959 or 1960?

yes

(See Notes Other Side)

Rev. Earl Best
Powell's Point Baptist Church
Spot, North Carolina 27977
July 12, 1967

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Wake Forest College
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

July 25, 1967

To whom it may concern:

The Reverend Mr. Earl Best, Pastor
We as members of Powell's Point Baptist Church are working on the
past history of Powell's Point Baptist Church in Spot, North Carolina 27977. I heard there was a book or books in the
Library there at the College which contained the history of the churches
in North Carolina. The author of the book or either the title is "DELK's".
This is Dear Mr. Best: to me by someone else. We are very much interested
in securing this information for our church to be used the third Sunday
in August. Your letter of July 12, 1967 relative to the organization
date of the Powell's Point Baptist Church has been received
Any information and my delay in answering has been because the information that
dates are your desired was in several sources and took some time to look
We are now compiling. Somehow, the
the church was founded in 1806 and was a member of the Kehukee Association
and later became a member of the Chowan Association.
The volume you mentioned is by James A. Delke, History
of the North Carolina Chowan Baptist Association, 1806-1881,
published in 1882. This was one of the sources I used for
my research.

Would you please try and find this for us as soon as possible
in order that the first minutes of the Chowan Association gives the
Your cooperation founding date of Powell's Point as 1801. The same minutes
members of (1806) mention Powell's Point and three other churches as
having been recently constituted and were received by petition.

The minutes of the Kehukee and Neuse Associations were
checked for the years 1800-1806 without finding mention of
Powell's Point Baptist Church. Therefore, I am inclined to
believe that the 1806 date should be the formation of the
Powell's Point Baptist Church.

Please write if I can be of any further service to you
in the field of preserving our religious heritage.

Cordially yours,

John R. Woodard, Jr., Director
Baptist Historical Collection

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Any information on the history will be more than appreciated. Somehow, the dates are wrong and we would like them corrected here in our Association. We are members of the CHOWAN ASSOCIATION and have been told recently that the church was founded in 1801 and was a member of the Kahukee Association and later became a part of the Chowan Association in 1806 at the Salem Baptist Church. Our association has our founding date as 1825 but this is wrong.

Would you please try and find this for us and write as soon as possible in order that we may get the information printed and ready for homecoming. Your cooperation on this matter will be helpful for all and know the members of the church would all thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Earl Best

Rev. Earl Best
Pastor

*# Nothing in NCCF (and even clippings)
1806 - down under R. Book room*

<i>Delke</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>1286</i>		<i>286</i>
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1830 - ~~Don't plan~~ William Poxey (p) 41 mem. Cont 1804

1831 - admitted to Keturah for CHOWAN B/P (Anti-slavery element)

✓ 1832 - Assoc met with Keturah church (p. 4, 5-6)

1833 -

Barkitt & Read. History of Keturah Baptist Assoc
published in 1803 nothing more later

~~1800-1806 of Powell Point.~~

James E. DeLka, History of West

We find nothing in Keturah until 1805 - 1806
Name 1800-1805

Powell Point is listed as having been sep.

Constitution date is given as 1801 but no evidence

can be found in the Keturah or N. side records

minutes 1800-1806. When Church was formed - 1806

Powell's Point was admitted as a newly constituted

church so I am inclined to take the 1806

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could not find any evidence of its existence in

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7 History of N. C. F. Conference
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DEDICATION

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THE HISTORY OF POWELLS POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

(1801 -

by

Madeline Griffith

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FOR THE

Currituck County Historical Society Journal

POWELL'S POINT - 1761

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HISTORY OF POWELLS POINT BAPTIST CHURCH 1801 - 1979

When the Powells Point Missionary Baptist meeting house was built on the site of the Powells Point Baptist Church today, the old Kehukey Baptist Church, a Primitive Baptist sect, was already flourishing on the present Hodges' property nearby. The first Baptist church in the county was the Kehukey Baptist Church of Coinjock, built in 1783. It lasted 150 years, until it was blown down by a storm in 1933. Mr. Elmer Woodard of Coinjock, a retired Currituck attorney, has put a marker on its location to commemorate it. He and his forbears worshipped in that church, and he knows how Powells Point Missionary Baptist and Coinjock Missionary Baptist Churches became the offsprings of the old Kehukey churches.

A missionary movement of the early 1800's, partially sponsored by the Kehukey Association, in collaboration with the newly organized Chowan Association, built the Powells Point Mission and the Coinjock Mission in this county. When Mr. Will Melson bought the Powells Point Kehukey property and tore the church down about fifty-five years ago, he used some of its lumber and built himself a home in its place. The house is still standing, not far north of the Baptist Church.

The missionary faction of the Chowan-Kehukey Association became stronger with the building of missions and churches; consequently, the Kehukey churches, whose buildings were already the oldest in the county, were eventually replaced by the churches of the missionary trend. Poplar Branch, Coinjock, Rehoboth, and Powells Point comprised a field of churches, all sharing the same parsonage at Powells Point.

But the new churches were still appreciative of their mother churches. People living in the Powells Point community today can remember going to Sunday School at the Missionary Baptist, then stopping at the Kehukey Baptist for the preaching service. They were children then, of course. One of them said she remembers squirming with hunger and fatigue because the sermons were so long.

James A. Delke's History of the North Carolina Chowan Baptist Association, 1806-1881, published in 1882, is now filed in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He has researched the minutes and given us the following information on Powells Point Church:

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In 1801, according to the minutes of 1806, Powells Point and three other churches were received by petition. In 1832, when there were thirty-nine churches in the Association, Powells Point hosted the annual meeting with lunch on the grounds. From the Biblical Recorder of August 2, 1855, page 2:1, we read the account of a dedication held in June of that year:

"We learn from a brother in the Eastern part of the State that on the third Sunday in June a new house of worship for use of the Missionary Baptists was opened at Powell's Point in Currituck county. The meeting continued for several days, and became quite interesting, during which eight persons were baptized on profession of their faith in Christ." In 1878, the Association met at Shiloh Baptist Church in Camden County on May 14, 15, and 16. The delegates from Powells Point were A. J. Etheridge, H. Gregory, and Elder William Askew, from Jarvisburg, who was the pastor. Abner Gibson was Sunday School superintendent at the time. The enrollment was forty, with an average attendance of twenty-five. Alexander Owens was church clerk. Church membership was ninety-two. Preaching was on the fourth Sunday of each month. The pastor's salary for 1878 was \$75. One dollar and ten cents was paid to the Association, making \$76.10 the total expenditure for the year.

Since Mr. Delke's history closes in 1881, the other documentary material of this history had to be gathered from more recent minutes, records, and transactions that the church has been able to save. In January, 1875, the land the missionary meeting house was on was sold to Henre Harreson (Henry Harrison (?)) by Nathan Jordan for twelve dollars. The transaction was witnessed by G. G. Gallop and W. H. Bailey. We do not have the document saying whether Mr. Harreson donated the land to the church, or whether he sold it. The deed states that the property consists of two or three acres, more or less. The survey of 1913, presented to the church with the compliments of W. F. Pritchard, Sr., of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, shows three and one-half acres. In 1946, according to the minutes of the conference of November 3, a parcel of church ground was voted to be sold for \$100 to Janie Harrison and daughter, the money to be used for the improvement of the cemetery grounds.

When the Chowan Association met with the Sandy Cross Church in Gates County, on May 20, 21, 22, in 1890, the Powells Point delegates were L. S. Saunders, W. A. Perry, and A. J. Etheridge. The church pledged five dollars toward ministerial education for that year. John Brock was the Sunday School Superintendent, and the Sunday School enrollment was ninety. Three dollars was pledged to the Association, and the pastor's salary was \$100. Rev. N. P. Stallings was that pastor.

Services were conducted on the first Sunday of each month. There were thirty-nine baptisms in 1890, and the membership went up to 146.

By 1910, the part of the church now designated as the sanctuary was built. Jerry Brown, who was working at that time on Mr. J. A. Melson's present family homeplace, was the contractor. Rough lumber for the church was cut and prepared at the sawmill owned by Mr. Lonnie Perkins, a few yards back of the present church building.

The corners on each side of the pulpit were curtained off to be used as Sunday School classrooms, but during the preaching service, the men used one side as the "A-men" corner, and the mothers with babies used the other side. It was the custom in many churches for men and women to segregate themselves. Whatever the reason might have been, it had the social advantage of giving rural folk the opportunity to converse with members of one's own sex, a very important function in the days when transportation was not easy and "a woman's place was in the home."

In 1914, a cemetery was established with the burial of Mr. John Brock, a deacon, former Sunday School Superintendent, donor of the still usable Seth-Thomas wall clock, and kinsman of many of the people who still belong to the church. The graves of his first wife, Mary Alethea, who had died in 1877, and his son, John Marshall, who had died in 1895, were moved from the old Gallop Cemetery to the church cemetery. In 1918, his second wife, Sallie Alethea, was buried in the Brock plot. The space behind the church could hold only four more graves, so a new section was added across the Spot road back of the parsonage. The first person buried there was Sherwood Midgett, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Harrison Midgett. Mr. Midgett is still living and is an active member of the church.

Wings were built onto the sanctuary in 1953. At some time between 1910 and 1953, a storm had blown down the steeple and upset the position of the church. Could this have been the same storm that tore down the Kehukey Church of Coinjock in 1933? The Powells Point people were able to correct the misaligned sanctuary, and they had the steeple rebuilt. The new wings, added to provide classrooms, were built mostly by the men of the church, with many of the supplies and much of the lumber being contributed by the members and other generous donors.

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Powells Point Baptist Church, 197 years and growing

291 One hundred and ninety-seven years.

That's an inspiring long time.

And that's what the congregation at Powells Point Baptist Church celebrated last year, it's 197th anniversary.

No doubt there were good and lean years during all that time, but what puts the icing on the anniversary cake is that the church is growing, and in many ways.

The annual report shows that membership over the past year increased from 130 to 149 and baptisms doubled. Sunday school attendance increased from 67 to 92, the Brotherhood program was rekindled, membership doubled in the help ministries, and the evening discipleship training went from an enrollment of ten to a high of 70 over the past year.

A look at the church's monthly newsletter entitled, "The Lighthouse," or the weekly bulletin sheds some light on how the congregation is finding its successes, in addition to its faith and prayers that is.

How about all the special attention given to young members - an Easter egg hunt and party, a special Thanksgiving dinner, notes about the youth and their accomplishments and high school and college graduations in the newsletters, trips and camps for kids, hot dog cookouts and picnics, a teen weekend at Kings Dominion, vacation bible school, a hay ride, and the beginnings of youth and children's choirs.

Then there's the other end of the age spectrum, the seniors. Senior Adult Day honored those who have been church members the longest, senior trips and special activities dot the year.

And of course, the congregation hosts occasions for all ages, like the revivals, prayer breakfasts and work days, the 197th homecoming (that was a day of special services, music, testimonials, an afternoon lunch and evening cake and ice cream), potluck suppers, and special Christmas programs.

The church, located on US 158 at the intersection of South Spot Road, also takes its place in the community, hosting an "angel tree" at Christmas, keeping a food pantry stocked for those in need, and members support the missions and make visits to folks in the community.

The Rev. Herbert Hemmingway is the congregation's interim pas-

tor, serving since the former pastor, the Rev. C. Ray Metts, moved to South Carolina this past summer after serving as pastor for 18 months. The Rev. Hemmingway adds a certain cohesion when he steps in since he was pastor at Powells Point Baptist Church, that

is one of 63 members of the Chowan Baptist Association, for 18 years and has often filled in the interim post over the past seven years.

It seems the congregation is well on its way to adding another successful year to its long history.

On June 30, 1940, there was a bi-county Sunday School convention held at the Powells Point Baptist Church in the afternoon, and special services were held that night. A copy of this program was found in an old Bible that was used for years on the pulpit lectern. It was rebound in the spring of 1979 and put on display in the church media center, now housed in the south wing.

On October 24, 1973, according to the Chowan Baptist Bulletin, Volume XIX, number II, Powells Point hosted the second day of the annual Association meeting. When lunch was served on the grounds in 1832, people were still traveling by horse-drawn vehicles or on foot. The two or three day meetings were all held at the same church. Can you visualize the horses tied to the trees and the people in their pre-Civil War dress enjoying their fellowship over home-cooked meals prepared and served by the women of the church on tables set up by the men for the occasion? The time was spring, in the month of May, but in 1973 the time was fall. Automobiles filled every available parking space. A pavilion had been built where food could be prepared and served more conveniently. Just the day before, October 23, the fellowship was meeting at the Salem Baptist Church in Pasquotank County. Some of those same cars and some of those same people were there.

Older members of the church can recall when people brought food and spent the day during protracted meetings. Mr. Alveston Sawyer, born in 1892, who has been going to the church since he was an infant in his mother's arms, can remember when Mr. Alexander Owens, who served as church clerk for several years, and Mr. Josepheus Baum used to come to those meetings and spend the day. Mr. Tom Smith, according to Mr. Sawyer, came from Australia to this country. He was exceptionally good at leading in prayer. Mr. Jesse Sawyer, brother of Mr. Alveston, went to church early on Sunday mornings, as a volunteer, and built a fire in the wood stove.

Mr. Harrison Midgett, ninety years old now, served the church as an active deacon for fifty years, from 1919 to 1969. He reminisces that he and the other youngsters went barefoot to church in the summer. Mrs. Amy Melson, age eighty-nine, remembers the progress from kerosene lamps, to Delco lights, to electricity.

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New pastor comes to Powells Point Baptist Church

Powells Point Baptist Church on Sunday will welcome Eugene McLawhorn as its new pastor.

Pastor McLawhorn and his wife of 31 years, Debbie, have three children: Ronnie, 30; Lora Lee, 28; and John Wayne, 19.

"Everyone is welcome to join the us this Sunday to celebrate what the Lord has done for us, sending us our new pastor," said a spokesman, adding "We look forward to the continual blessings through our savior Jesus Christ."

Dinner and fellowship will be held immediately following the morning worship service.

All are invited to come any time to Sunday School services at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., evening service at 7 p.m., and Wednesday prayer service at 7 p.m.

In 1917, a mortgage deed for \$350 was negotiated with an insurance carried for \$1,000. It was paid in full a year later, as the bargain specified. On July 15, 1929, a note for \$240 was promised, and paid off thirteen months later. It was signed by Mrs. Verna Owens, the treasurer at that time. The trustees signing the mortgage deed were John E. Guard, W. T. Brickhouse, T. M. Guard, Tom E. Evans, G. Andrew Woodard, Charlie H. Brock, and M. D. Guard.

In 1917-18 the parsonage was built by T. M. Guard. Rev. Jim Byrum was the first pastor to live in it. The garage and storm windows were added in 1966.

Much of the church furniture has been obtained by donations. Mrs. Cottie Swain gave the two chairs and sofa, now re-upholstered, that are used in the pulpit area. Her grave is in the new cemetery. The pews, costing \$113 each, were added in 1969 by various church families. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Best gave the communion table and pulpit lectern. Plaques bearing the family names were attached to the pews, and plaques designating the Bests as donors of the two pulpit pieces were also furnished by the church. Kader Harris gave the large chandelier in the center aisle of the sanctuary. Mrs. Ruby Twoford donated the electric wall clock now in use. Many gifts of time, service, materials, and furniture were contributed during the building of the new Educational Annex in 1974. When that building was completed, a dedication service was held in gratitude.

When Powells Point, Coinjock, Rehoboth, and Poplar Branch were in the same field, the minister lived in the Powells Point parsonage and preached in each church one Sunday out of the month. The churches usually gave him the fifth Sunday off. Because of the slow transportation in those days, the minister would sometimes go to the community of his assignment the day before and spend the night in the home of a member. The salaries of the four churches combined made the total salary. It was this decade before Powells Point accepted a full time pastorate that included night services too.

1901
Powell's Point - 1787 Currituck CHOWAN

- 1787 - Const. according to Asplund. No assoc. membership listed.
- 1806 - Char. mem. of Chowan B/A.
- 1831 - Anti-mission element of church admit. to Kehukee PB/A.
- 1842 - Church claimed 1804 const. date.

Askew, Stallings, Byrum, and Best have been mentioned as preachers in the church's past. There have been many others, of course. Incomplete rosters of preachers and deacons are attached to this history. The minister who has stayed the longest and contributed the most is Rev. Herbert Hemingway, the present pastor, who came in 1971. Under his leadership, the building program is continuously ongoing, the educational outreach is expanding, the Association's interests and the State and Southern Baptist Conventions' direction is being better interpreted, so that the Powells Point community may look upon the church as a christian friend.

1979 Committee on Church History

Madeline Griffith, Chairman
 Erleen Snow
 Charlene Dowdy
 Lucy Twiford

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BHC CATALOGING SHEET

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MAIN ENTRY: Powells Point Baptist Church (1801), Currituck Co., N. C.

TYPES/DATES: Records, 1875-1987 [broken series]

PHYS. DESCRP: 20 volumes. 13 folders.

ORIG. FORM: Manuscript and typescript

CONTENTS:

Minutes of church conferences from Nov. 3, 1946 to Jan. 4, 1987, including membership rolls; Executive Committee records, 1968-1987; deacons' records, 1972-1987; and other church records, 1875-1987.

See Descriptive List in BHC.

SIZE: Reels: 1-2. Items: 1-19.

PROVENANCE: Received on loan for microfilming and return to the church from Mr. Henry Tiller, Powells Point, N. C., May 22, 1987.

RESTRICTIONS: Permission of the church must be obtained to photocopy these records in their entirety.

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NCCF CARDS: Powells Point Baptist Church CHOWAN

INDEX ENTRIES: Powells Point Baptist Church (1801), Currituck Co., N. C. Church records.
Chowan Baptist Association (NC). Church records.

DATE: June 18, 1987/JRW

The 1979 Committee on Church History would like to thank the following people for their extra help in making this history possible:

Mr. Elmer Woodard

Mr. Alveston Sawyer

Mr. Harrison Midget

Mrs. Amy Melson

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dzwonek furnished the documents.

It is not known who contributed the facts from James A. Delke's HISTORY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHOWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. The notes were in the church clerk's folder entitled HISTORY OF THE CHURCH. The person who researched the book deserves many thanks.

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		CHURCH MINUTES:	
1	1	<u>Church Minute Book, Vol. 1, 1946-1966</u> Minutes of church conferences from Nov. 3, 1946 to Sept. 22, 1956, including an alphabetical membership roll, and register of officers. This "Convention Church Record" contains ink entries on un-numbered pages.	1 vol.
	2	<u>Church Minute Book, Vol. 2, 1967-1973</u> Minutes of church conferences from Jan. 12, 1967 to June 10, 1973, including an alphabetical membership roll, register of officers, and record of ministers. This "Church Membership Record" contains ink entries on un-numbered pages. Loose items were filmed as they occurred in this volume.	1 vol.
	3	<u>Church Minute Book, Vol. 3, 1973-1978</u> Minutes of church conferences from July 11, 1973 to Oct. 13, 1978, including an alphabetical membership roll; a chronological membership roll; a record of church officers; and a record of ministers. This "Church Membership Record" contains ink entries on un-numbered pages.	1 vol.
1-2	4	<u>Church Minute Book, Vol. 4, 1978-1987</u> Minutes of church conferences from Oct. 18, 1978 to Jan. 4, 1987, including an alphabetical resident membership roll; a chronological membership roll; a summary of the church by years, 1978/79-1985/86; a record of church officers; and a record of ministers. This "Church Membership Record" is on loose pages in a binder with ink entries.	1 vol.
		BOARD RECORDS:	
		Executive Committee:	
2	5	<u>Minute Book, Vol. 1, Oct. 9, 1968-Apr. 16, 1973</u>	1 vol.
	6	<u>Minute Book, Vol. 2, June 6, 1973-May 4, 1987</u>	1 vol.

HISTORY OF POWELLS POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

(continued from 1979)

INTRODUCTION

A committee from the church researched and prepared a church history, taking it from its founding in 1801 to the date of its writing in 1979. This record is an effort to update that history and to keep it current.

BUILDINGS

It was obvious that if the church was to grow and do the work of God that could be done in the Powells Point community, more space for teaching would have to be provided. So the men of the church gave of their time and talent to plans for an Educational Building, which they started in 1974 and completed that same year. The church dedicated that building, known as the Educational Annex, in May 1975. Details of that building and photographs of its progress are compiled in one volume, a book that is shelved in the church library. Erleen Snow, the church clerk who compiled the book, and Francis Hale, the present librarian, will assist anyone wishing to check out that book.

One good work begets another. By the end of 1980, attendance and participation justified extending the building program. Mrs. Mary Sawyer donated the property on which to construct more classrooms, and the team of christian men volunteered themselves again. On April 25, 1981, a structure of classrooms to be called the Adult Building was begun under the direction of Forrest Walker and E. C. Gibbs. That building is going up fast, as if the volunteer workers were being paid by the hour. The dedication service for that structure has not been scheduled at this writing, but it looks now as if it could be not later than the early weeks of 1982.

The building boom brought on some features of interest to the church that challenged more volunteer work. In 1979 a ramp for the handicapped, leading into the sanctuary, was built. E. C. Gibbs made an overhead cross and suspended it above the pulpit at an acute angle against the ceiling. The church bought and installed a baptistry. The purchase was made in February of 1979; it cost \$950; but when the drain, heater, etc., had been bought, the price of the baptistry was \$1,547, in spite of the volunteer service furnished and directed by E. C. Gibbs.

Modeline Griffin
Contemporary church
history, 1 Nov., 1981

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		Deacons' Records:	
2	7	<u>Attendance & recommendations, 1972/73-1986/87</u>	1 folder
		CHURCH RECORDS:	
	8	<u>Articles of Faith, 1973</u>	1 folder
	9	<u>Constitution and By-laws, 1973-1984</u>	1 folder
	10	<u>"The Gospel Gazette" [newsletter], 1980/81-1986/87</u>	6 folders
		Subject Files:	
	11	<u>Cemetery Records, 1946-1986</u>	1 folder
	12	<u>Deeds and Property Records, 1975-1981, n.d.</u>	1 folder
	13	<u>Educational Building, 1975</u>	1 folder
	14	<u>History Album</u>	1 vol.
	15	<u>Newspaper clippings, 1976/77, 1983, 1985</u>	1 folder
	16	<u>Photograph Album, 1974-1983 [broken series]</u>	1 vol.
	17	<u>Treasurer's Record Book, 1937-1948</u>	1 vol.
		ORGANIZATION RECORDS:	
	18	<u>Sunday School Record Books, 1926-1944 [broken series]</u>	8 vols.
	19	<u>Training Union Record Books, 1969/70-1971/72</u>	3 vols.

Another artistic touch to enhance the building program of the church was a gift of craftsmanship from Mr. Harrison Midgett, perhaps the oldest member of the church, who served on the Board of Deacons for fifty years. He gave a sailboat, a product of his own workmanship, to the church. It is on display in a glass case mounted on a wall in the library. Mr. Midgett, now 93 years old, still attends the church services whenever he is able.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

One of the growing church arts is the music program. The piano purchased in 1959 was replaced in 1977 by a new one. In 1979, for \$2,495, the church bought a Hammond organ. Both the organ and the newer piano are in the sanctuary. The old piano is in the Educational Annex.

In addition to the music produced under the direction of the local church, musical groups from other churches or outreach organizations are scheduled to perform in the Powells Point church. An interesting recent group to perform was the Christianaires.

A College Fund was started in July, 1978. As of this writing, three members - Diana Gray, Kathy Sawyer, and Jeffrey Dowdy have benefited from it. The Christian college of their choice was Campbell.

In July, 1980, the first Newsletter was published. The editor of the current publication is Della Perry. Her talent and dedication are recently showing a calendar of events to come, as well as a backward glance at past and present news.

Of special educational interest, this church has voted to give Mr. & Mrs. Hemingway \$3,500 to visit the Holy Land in the near future.

One of the outreach programs of recent years is the athletic activities of the church. Under adult leadership, the youth of the church have played basketball, volleyball, baseball, and softball. Both youngsters and adults have gone skating and bowling. Some of the ball games are played intramural with other churches. The bus ministry, another recent addition to the church's progress, can be thanked for making athletic competition with other churches possible. The bus ministry and ball games boost evangelistic opportunities.

The Church Training program, scheduled for Sunday nights, is becoming an integral force of the church. If its value to the membership continues at the present pace, it may soon equal the Sunday School in strength.

Madeline Griffith
Contemporary church
history, 1 Nov., 1981

DEACONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed/Inactive</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
H. B. Midgett, Sr.	1919/ 7/9/1969 (all between 1919-1969)	
E. H. Banks	4-25-1948	C.S. Waters
Norris Dowdy	12-30-1951/10-11-1972	J.R. Breyly
E. C. Gibbs	12-30-1951	J.R. Breyly
Alvin Aydlett	(no dates known)	
K. H. Waterfield	(no dates known)	
A. H. Begau	9-30-1954/	J.R. Breyly
James Dowdy	9-30-1954/	J.R. Breyly
Rodolph Twiford	9-30-1954/10-23-80	J.R. Breyly
Noah A/ Toler	12-19-1957/12-28-1962 became pastor	H.E. Harden
Jesse Sawyer	12-19-1957/	H.E. Harden
Melvin Gray	6-29-1961/	Bill Pruitt
Henry Stone	9- -1963/	Noah Toler
Lymon Stone	9- -1963/10-8-1973	Noah Toler
Harold Gabbard	9-30-1970/9-30-1978	Lyndell E. Stike
W. N. Dowdy	10-15-1972/	H.A. Hemingway
Forrest Walker	10-5-1975/9-30-1978	H.A. Hemingway
J. A. Melson	10-7-1979/	H.A. Hemingway
Samuel B. Jolly	10-7-1979/	H.A. Hemingway
Jarvis L. Snow	10-5-1980/	H.A. Hemingway
Frank Lorenz	10-15-1980/	H.A. Hemingway
Lyman McDowell	10-15-81/	H.A. Hemingway
Elton Brown	10-03-82/	H. A. Hemingway
Alexander Owens	1919 / 3-15-1958	H. A. Hemingway
Issac Midgett	10-2-83	H. A. Hemingway
James H. Robb	10-2-83	H. A. Hemingway
Henry W. Tiller, Jr.	10-2-85	H. A. Hemingway

Footnote:

Frank Lorenz	1952/ Norfolk, Va.	Melven J. Huges
Lyman McDowell	1956/ Charlottesville, Va.	Dr. Allen
James H. Robb	1951/ Waverly, Ohio	Rev. Robert Fitts

PASTOR'S OF POWELLS POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Elder William Askew	1801 (length of service unknown)
P.S.C. Davis	1886-1891
M.P. Stallings	1891-1892
R.R. Overby	1893-1894
G.G. O'neal	1896-1897
J.E.M. Davenport	1898-1900
C.K. Hobbs	1901-1902
E.S. Pierce	1903-1905
W.P. Jordan	1907-1908
J.E. Willoughby	1908-1910
J.F. Murray	May 1910-Dec. 1912
T.J. Ragland	Feb. 1913-Oct. 1914
W.J. Byrum	May 1915-1918 (in 1917-18 when the new parsonage was built)
J.L. Waldrep	1918-1923
C.A. Vandermeulen	1924-1925
J.E. Sawyer	June 1926-Jan. 1928 (Dec. 9-6-1985)
G.W. Sawyer	1928-1929 (Did not move on field from Norfolk, Va.)
Dr. G.H. Payne	1929-1931
W.S. Tilman	Jan. 1933-1939 (last of year)
J.A. Ruffin	Feb. 1940-Nov. 1940 (left to serve as Chaplain)
H.L. Swain	(gave invocation at bi-county S.S. Convention in 1940. This service is often the prayer of the host pastor)
J.T. Davis	Feb. 23, 1941-June 13, 1941(deceased)
Dr. G.A. Martin	Nov. 20, 1941-Dec. 1944
C.S. Waters	Nov. 3, 1945-April 4, 1948
Caleb Goodwin	April 25, 1948-March 1950

Horrice Jones

March 25, 1951

J.R. Byerly

June 28, 1951-May 15, 1955

H.E. Harden

May 15, 1955

Caleb Goodwin

Nov. 1958-Nov. 1960

Bill Pruitt

Jan. 14, 1961-Oct. 4, 1962

Noah A. Toler

Oct. 4, 1962-Dec. 15, 1965

Earl Best

Feb. 1966-Feb. 12, 1968

Lyndell Stike

June 1, 1968-Aug. 30, 1970

William Martin

Sept. 30, 1970-Aug. 1, 1971

H.A. Hemingway

Oct. 13, 1971-

Horrice Jones

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