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Genevieve Kinney

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APPENDIX.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF
ELDERS JAMES B. BADGETT, ELI CARROLL AND
ALFRED KINNEY; WHOSE WORK WAS MAIN-
LY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY.

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They were blessed with a numerous family of children—six sons and four daughters, namely: Charity, Samuel, Wilson, James B., Jonathan, William H., Priscilla, Jemima, Jincy and Daniel W.

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On March 20th, 1813 he unfolded his mind to the church with reference to exercising his gift in public. He was given permission "to exercise a public gift in the limits of the church or further with his brethren."

December 18th, 1813 "James Badgett privileged to take a text as a foundation to discourse from and that he go into the world at large."

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry on Saturday, Dec. 17th, 1814. He was examined by the presbytery consisting of Elders John Wilson and Nathan Riley, on the day previous Elder Wilson preached the ordination sermon from Col. 1: 18. "He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning" etc. He was installed as pastor of Coggin's Meeting House church (Big Creek) on the first Sunday in May 1817, when he took a letter of dismission from Tom's Creek church. Besides this he served another church below Little river. He also served Tom's Creek, Lick Creek, and Jersey. I am satisfied that he was pastor at Jersey when his affliction retired him from the work there. I learn that he suffered affliction about one year before his death.

He died on the 1st day of October, 1827, in the forty-second year of his useful life: and was laid to rest in a private grave yard on his farm, two and a half miles east of Jackson Hill, Davidson county, N. C. Although he preached funeral sermons when called upon by his friends, yet he was opposed to the custom, in consequence of which, no sermon was preached in his memory. Peace to his ashes.

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There is no record in hand of his having served but one other church. July 19th, 1817, the church at Tom's Creek received "a request from Jersey church for a part of Elder Riley's time, which was granted." It seems that his church first joined the Sandy Creek Association in September, 1812, and that he was a delegate to that meeting. Later on he was sent by his church to aid in the constitution of Liberty church as an arm of Tom's Creek church, October, 1824. He was engaged in ministerial work until the time of his death—some fifteen or sixteen years. His funeral sermon was preached by a Mr. Hodge.

As preachers were scarce in his day, the churches seemed to keep their pastors longer than is customary now. His work is now done, his labors ended, he having passed over the river and resting, as we trust, "under the shade of the trees."

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ELDER ELI CARROLL.

Elder Eli Carroll was born in Orange County, N. C., on the 20th day of December, 1785. He descended from Benjamin and Nancy Carroll. About the year 1810 he wed Miss Catharine Burrage. The Lord blessed them with eight children. Two of them, the second and fifth, were buried in earliest infancy. Those that grew up were, Nancy, Benjamin, Sarah, Rebecca, and Catharine.

Elder A. P. Stoker married Rebecca. There is no record of his conversion. The earliest account we have of his Christian life is that he was a delegate to the Sandy Creek Association, in 1814. The old record of Jersey church, dated July 12th, 1817, says that Lick Creek Church called for help from Jersey to aid in the ordination of Eli Carroll to the

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