

ROCKY RIVER METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop Francis Asbury came preaching through North Carolina as early as 1780. From his dairy we learn he was in Chatham County on July 22, 1780. Through his influence of the First Methodist Church in this section of the state was organized here on July 22, 1789. Isaac Cox deeded this parcel of land to Bishop Asbury, his successor bishops and the Methodist Church forever. Upon these 4 corners a log meeting house known as Rocky River Methodist Church was erected and stood for more than 100 years.

The frail body of Bishop Asbury long since became dust, but the tremendous influence of his life and the great church he did so much to establish in America live and march triumphantly forward.

"The Good Men Do Live After Them"
Francis Asbury Rocky River Memorial Association
July 22, 1951

This Marker is in the center of the location of the original church. The original church joins land of W. E. Lane, Route 1, Staley, North Carolina, Chatham County. The original corner stones mark each corner.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
✓ Spencer D. Thompson	Aug. 30, 1829	Oct. 10, 1899
✓ E. R. Wrenn	Feb. 10, 1819	Feb. 17, 1892
✓ S. J. Wrenn	Nov. 29, 1832	April 10, 1870
✓ Michael Wrenn	July 23, 1839	Sept. 10, 1863
✓ S. R. Wren	March 4, 1797	
✓ J. G. Wren	March 22, 1770	Feb. 19, 1869
✓ James F. Wren		Feb. 22, 1835
✓ Grenn C. Wren		March 16, 1835
11598 - W. D. Wren son of J. H. Wren	No dates	
✓ Martha C. McMasters daughter of W. R. and S. E.	June 1, 1903	June 24, 1903

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✓ Ivan McMasters son of W. R. and S. E.	June 15, 1837	June 15, 1838
✓ Sarah Adline Pearce wife of Alfred	March 13, 1836	Aug. 5, 1914
✓ Pattie M. Fox	Aug. 27, 1829	July 8, 1908
✓ George Fox wife Sallie	Aug. 20, 1804	June 20, 1885
✓ Sallie Fox	May 28, 1803	Jan. 27, 1873
✓ Rachel Pearce wife of Parris Pearce	July 5, 1803	July 5, 1865
✓ Rosannah McMasters	Dec. 9, 1831	Dec. 31, 1921
✓ Anderson McMasters	Nov. 12, 1812	Oct. 13, 1895
✓ Mary McMasters	Feb. 18, 1778	Oct. 24, 1853
✓ Eliza E. Ferguson Daughter W. H. And E. J.	Nov. 18, 1879	Feb. 17, 1890
✓ Rachel E. Ferguson daughter W. H. and E. J.	Jan 25, 1871	Dec. 1, 1882
✓ J. H. Ferguson	July 18, 1860	April 19, 1863
✓ Infant Marley daughter of W. Y. And E.	Jan. 2, 1860	June 20, 1860
✓ Emeline Marley wife Wm Y. Marley	Aug. 29, 1834	Dec. 19, 1860
✓ Elizabeth J. Marley	Feb. 16, 1854	Nov. 2, 1861
✓ Elizabeth Ferguson Wife of David Ferguson	Feb. 16, 1832	Aug. 25, 1855
✓ Sarah M. Ferguson	Oct. 18, 1831	Sept. 10, 1854
✓ Archibald Ferguson wife Sarah Ferguson	March 3, 1790	June 21, 1848
✓ Sarah Ferguson	Aug. 10, 1801	Dec. 18, 1883
✓ Sary McMasters	July 12, 1761	Nov. 8, 1845
✓ Anna Underwood	July 7, 1822	Sept, 13, 1844
✓ Maranda Madison McMasters	Nov. 31, 1815	Sept. 21, 1861
✓ Daniel McMasters	Oct. 24, 1785	May 12, 1852
✓ Parris Pearce	July 11, 1801	March 24, 1853

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Children of Parris and Rachel Pearce

✓ Elipa no dates

✓ Mary no dates

	<u>Names</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
	✓ Austis E. Dafford daughter of Nicholas and Cornelia Dafford	no dates	
	✓ E. A. M. daughter of A.&A. Pearce	May 14, 1856	Sept. 7, 1856
11590-	W. F. York wife Empire York	Jan. 30, 1823	June 8, 1901
91-	Empire York	Jan. 23, 1828	Feb. 6, 1905
92-	L. R.		June 16, 1897
93-	C. R.		1825
94-	H. Ritsman		April 1826
95-	L. M. Wren	Nov. 1835	not legible
	✓ Nancy E. Hobson	April 19, 1857	Sept. 6, 1863
	✓ David V. Hobson	April 7, 1861	June 11, 1862
	✓ John A. Hobson	May 5, 1852	March 26, 1904
	✓ Louisa Sullivan	April 21, 1833	June 4, 1913
	✓ F. M. Sullivan Age - 77 years		Feb. 14, 1921
	✓ Ann P. Pickett	June 2, 1799	Jan. 25, 1856
	✓ Elizabeth Brower	1798	July 1881
11596-	Elizabeth Campbell		June not legible
97-	Isaac Campbell age- 44 years	1781	Nov. 9, 1855

Forty-eight graves marked with field stones. No inscriptions.

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