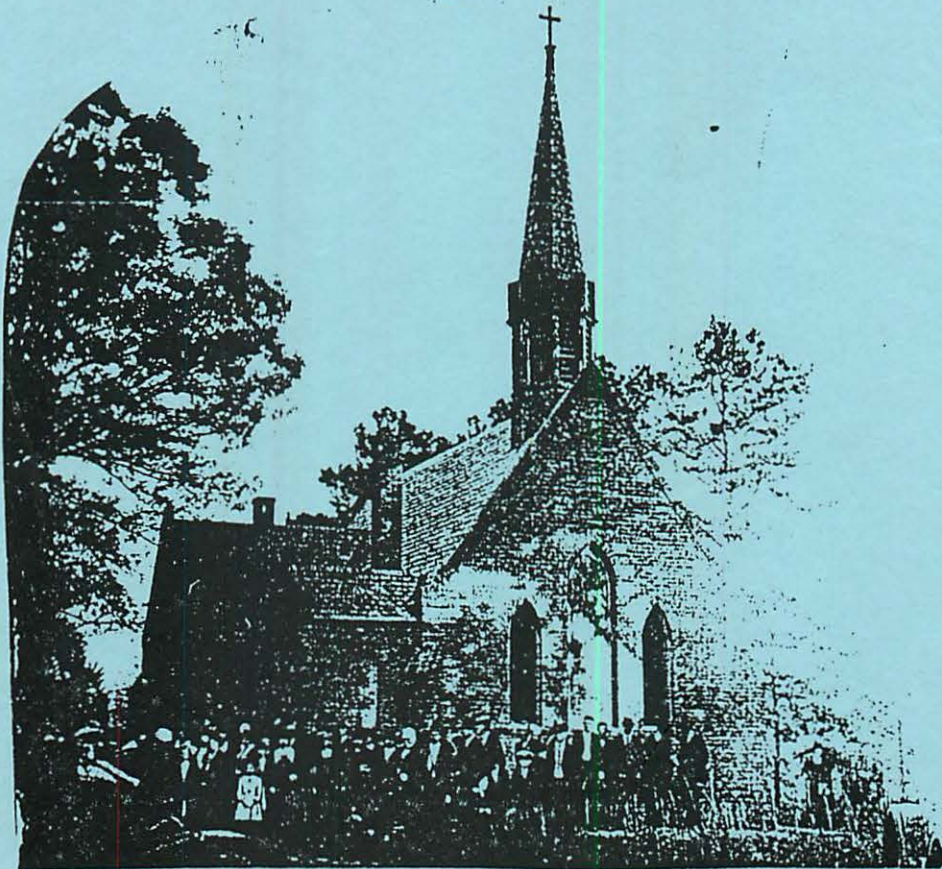


# St. Anne's Mission



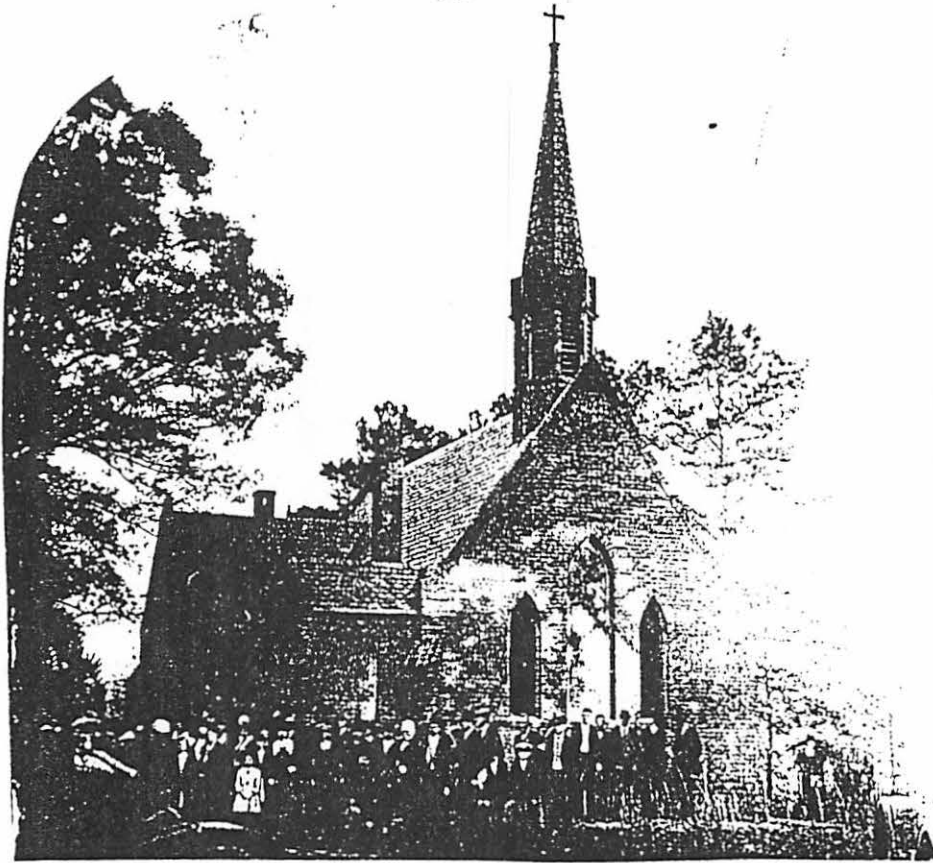
By Betty Hurst Holland

English 152  
Monika Sutherland  
Edgecombe Community College  
February 20, 1995

NC Ref  
283.756  
H734

Source: Records-Early 1900s. Calvary Episcopal Church

# St. Anne's Mission



By Betty Hurst Holland

English 152  
Monika Sutherland  
Edgecombe Community College  
February 20, 1995

Source: Records-Early 1900s. Calvary Episcopal Church

\* The original copy with color photos  
is housed at Edgcombe Community College  
in Monika Sutherland's office.

## CONTENTS

### LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS

1. Church .....	2
2. Rev. Bertram E. Brown .....	3
3. Chapel .....	8
4. Archway .....	9
5. Stained Glass Window .....	10
6. Brick Cross .....	11
7. Inside-St. Anne's Mission .....	12
8. The Chancel, Calvary Church .....	13
9. Front View-Boarded Windows .....	14
10. St. Anne's Mission-1928 .....	17
11. Vandals .....	19
12. Cemetery .....	21
13. Cemetery Fence .....	22
14. Laura Melvina Pender .....	23
15. Captain Josiah Pender .....	24
16. Tombstone-Mary Penelope Gray .....	26
17. Tombstone-Eliza Bond Gray .....	26

### DISCUSSION

St. Anne's Mission .....	1
The Gray's Home: Oak Grove .....	5
Chapel .....	7
St. Anne's Mission Cemetery .....	20

BIBLIOGRAPHY .....	28
--------------------	----

### APPENDIXES

A. Rev. Bertram Brown .....	30
B. Sermons .....	31
C. "An Acrostic" Poem .....	34
D. Additional Pictures .....	35
E. Cemetery List .....	40
F. Baptisms/Communicants .....	45

## St. Anne's Mission

St. Anne's Mission began from the dreams and visions of Calvary Episcopal Church. Several missions were being established in Edgecombe County between the years of 1897 and 1914. William Thomas Gray's Oak Grove home was raised to mission status in 1913 (Fig. 1). Mr. Gray always had an interest in serving the Lord and sharing his grounds to have outdoor Bible studies. Oak Grove is located five miles west of Tarboro. St. Anne's is located on the southwest corner of the Oak Grove Farm. William and his wife, William Anne Gray, and two maiden daughters' love for their church were instrumental in establishing St. Anne's Chapel. The home place was called Oak Grove. The families who lived at Oak Grove, worshipped at St. Anne's and are laid to rest in the family cemetery next to the chapel.

Mrs. Jaquelin Drane Nash, author of several books and the historian for Calvary Episcopal Church shared several stories during our interview. "The Rev. Bertram Brown's name has been closely associated with the mission program of Calvary Church in the early quarter of the Century" (Nash 46). Rev. Brown (Fig. 2) was a man who believed in the importance of missions. He felt that missions began at home and he remarked the reason he came to Tarboro was to increase the mission's field. When Rev. Brown began his service to Calvary Episcopal Church there were only four established missions. During his ministry as Rector nine more missions were established. The Episcopal congregation was influenced by the work of the rector and the lay people who gave of their time each week to travel to the missions. It did not matter what the weather was like they were dedicated to



St. Ann's Mission  
1913



(Fig. 1)

Source: Calvary Episcopal Church Records

## A Sermon for Farmers



(Fig. 2)

By Rev. Bertram E. Brown  
Rector of Calvary Church, Tarboro, N. C.  
1909-1936

Source: "Death Announcement-Rev. Bertram E. Brown". Greensboro Daily. [Greensboro, NC] 10 May 1937

serving the church and took their commitment seriously. "First they traveled by horse and buggy, later by car, and even, on occasions when neither were possible, on foot" (Nash 46). Rev. Brown was a caring man and his concern was those people less fortunate in life. He ministered to the soul as well as the body. His message was simple but effective and all that heard him listened to his words. Examples of his sermons can be found in the appendix.

Rev. Brown loved visiting all the missions and soon saw the need for more in Edgecombe County. He would visit four or five of the missions every Sunday, he would hold a short service and fellowship with the families that were members of the missions. "Enough cannot be said of the devotion and dedication of this good man, or the faithful laymen and women who labored with him to serve the missions, as superintendents, teachers, organists, drivers, lay readers, and in any other capacity that was needed" (Nash 56). Missions continued to grow and building new missions was indeed a wonderful time in the life of Calvary Church.



### The Gray's Home: Oak Grove

Oak Grove was built by William Pender in 1832. "Oak Grove is a representative Federal I-house enlarged over the years. As it names implies, a grove of tall oaks surrounds the house" (Taves 7). The room that is now the kitchen used to be a doctor's office, according to the descendent Mrs. McBryde, who now resides at Oak Grove. The doctor's office was beside the road but later moved to the main house. The porch between the kitchen and main house used to be enclosed and now is a quaint little den. An architectural survey describes the house:

The house has two stories plus an attic under its gable roof. On one of the two double-shouldered end chimneys, laid in Flemish Bond with concave shoulders. The interior is arranged on a hall-and-parlor plan with the enclosed stair rising from a rear shed room. A paneled wainscot in the hall is the most notable woodwork; its chair rail has punched decoration in a lenticular pattern. Refined Federal mantels and a six-panel door on HL hinges provide other representative fitting of the period. The rear of the house displays a variety of additions dating from the 1920s to the 1970 (Taves 7).

The two maiden sisters Miss Eliza and Miss Penelope Gray lived in the home with their bachelor brother Turner Gray. Both of the sisters were teachers and also nurses. "Miss Eliza was in the first nursing graduating class at the University of Maryland" (McBryde). They had family members living in Baltimore and the sisters worked in the hospital until retirement. When they retired, they returned to Oak Grove. Very little information about their

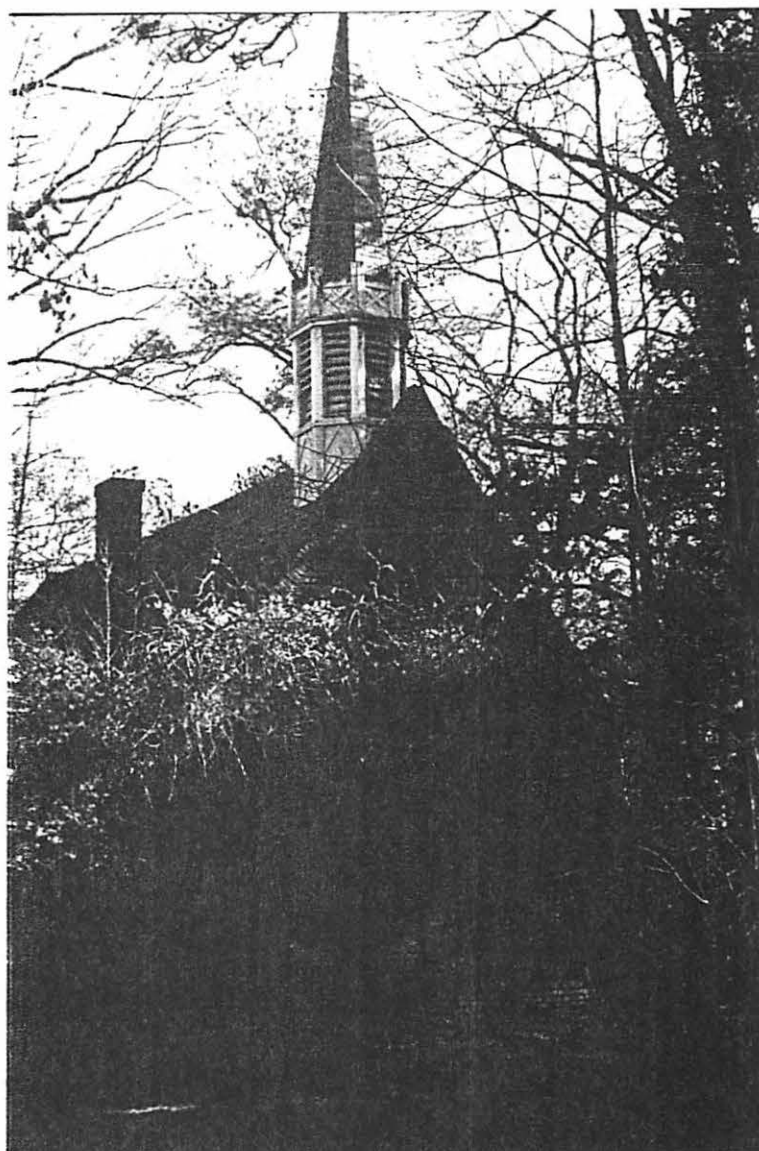
brother Turner Gray is available. Mr. Bud Shook who grew up in Calvary was a lay reader at St. Anne's after World War II. He shared a story with me in our interview:

Turner would walk everywhere he went, he always carried a cane not because he needed it but it was always with him. Once a week, he would walk into town to the Barber Shop and get a shave or a haircut. He would be offered a ride home but always refused. He didn't care for cars and preferred to walk.

## Chapel

Misses Eliza and Penelope Gray built the Chapel in 1925 (Fig. 3), honoring the memory of their mother William Anne Pender Gray. "A German architect, Mr. Koch, built the beautiful chapel, the most pleasing architecturally of the Edgecombe mission chapels" (Nash 56). The front entrance has a curved archway leading into the chapel (Fig. 4) foyer, "the modest brick Gothic church has two side pavilions and an tall central steeple; one of the lancet windows has stained and leaded glass, the rest are amber. The walls are braced with buttresses along the south side and at the corners" (Taves 7). Misses Penelope and Eliza's dream was to leave Oak Grove to the Episcopal Church to be used as a retirement home for the elderly. The Bishop decided the home would be best suited in Southern Pines, not Tarboro. Miss Eliza and Miss Penelope were so disappointed upon hearing the decision. "It broke their hearts as they wanted Oak Grove to be a retirement home and a chapel they could go and worship in whenever they wanted" (McBryde).

Miss Eliza and Miss Penelope were very conservative in the style they lived, but in building the chapel, they wanted only the best. The bell was brass and made in Philadelphia. The stain glass window facing Oak Grove was given by the Gray sisters in memory of their mother (Fig. 5). The raised cross (Fig. 6) in the brick work is above the stained glass window on the outside below the steeple. The inside of the chapel (Fig. 7) is one large room and similar to The Chancel, inside Calvary Church (Fig. 8). St. Anne's ceiling arches are of similar architectural design. The walls are brick with three arched windows at each end. The windows (Fig. 9) have been boarded up to prevent further damage to the inside.



(Fig. 3)

St. Anne's Mission  
January 21, 1995

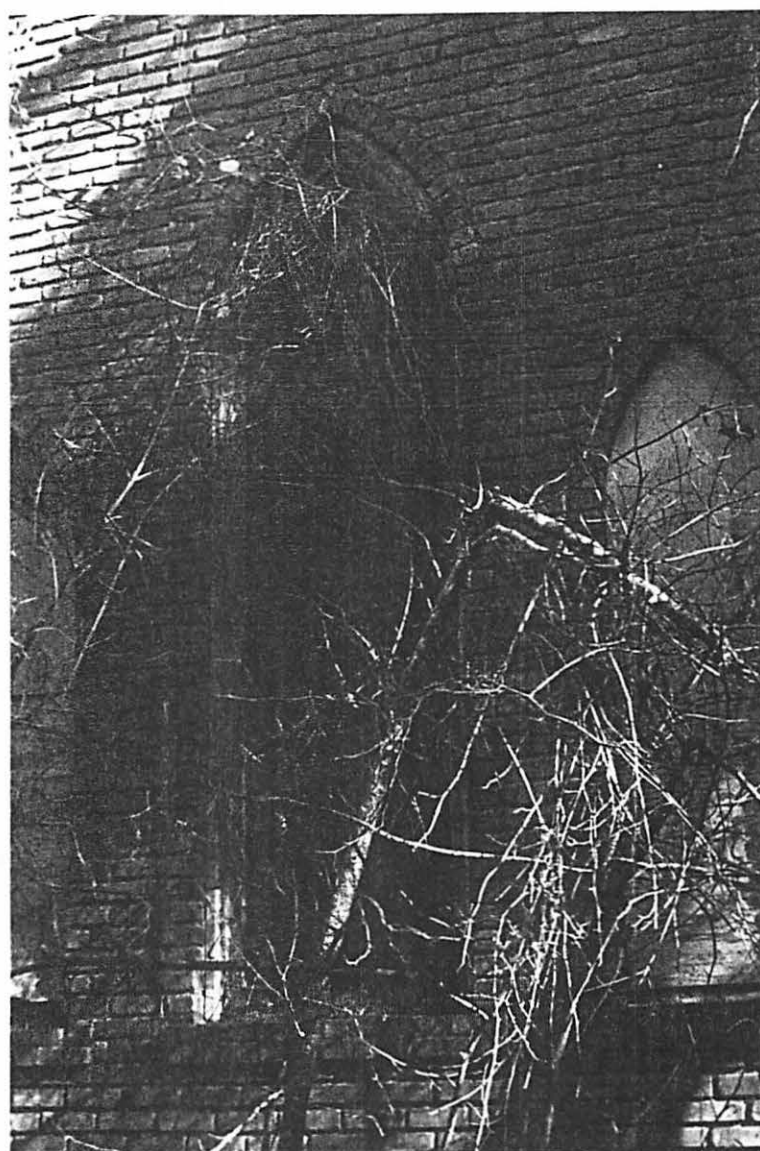


(Fig. 4)

St. Anne's Mission

Archway Over Front Entrance

January 21, 1995



(Fig. 5)

St. Anne's Mission

Stained Glass Window in Memory  
of William Anne Pender Gray

January 21, 1995



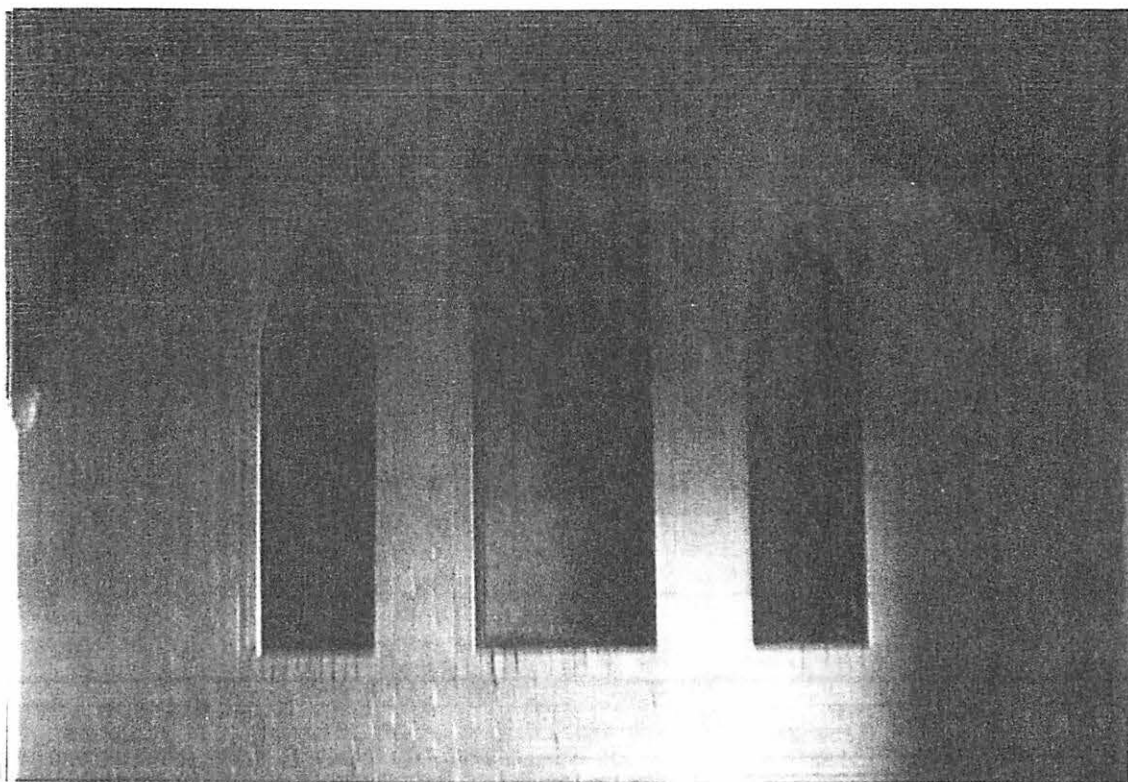


(Fig. 6)

St. Anne's Mission

Brick Cross

January 21, 1995

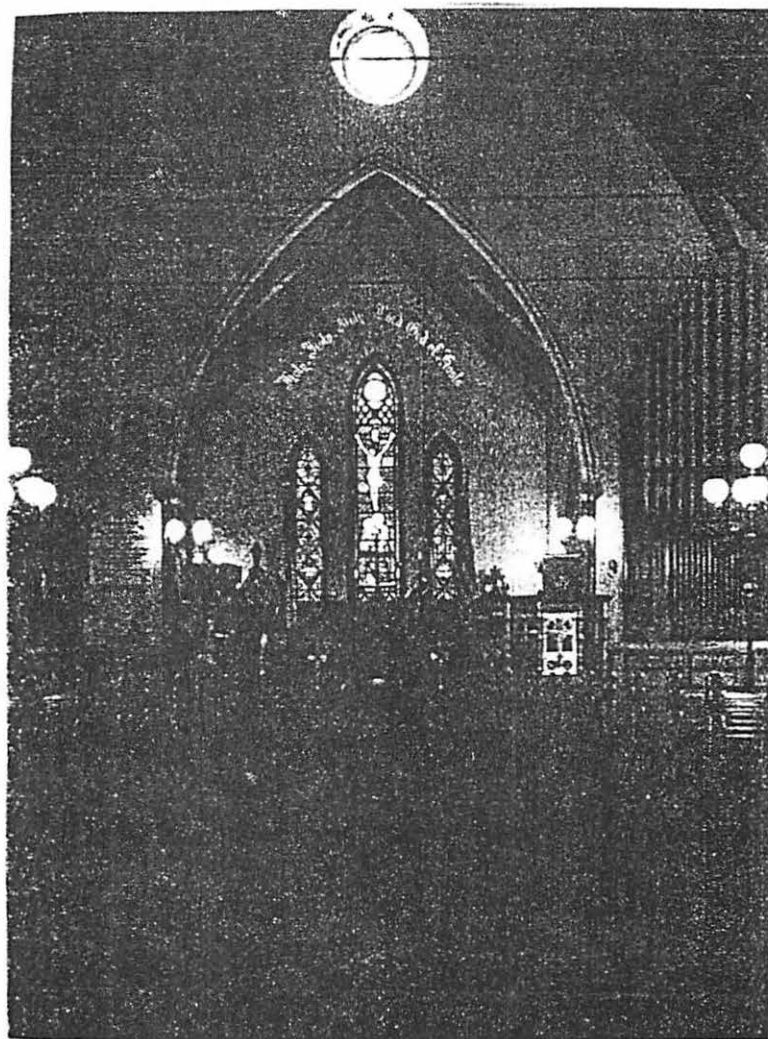


(Fig. 7)

St. Anne's Mission

Inside

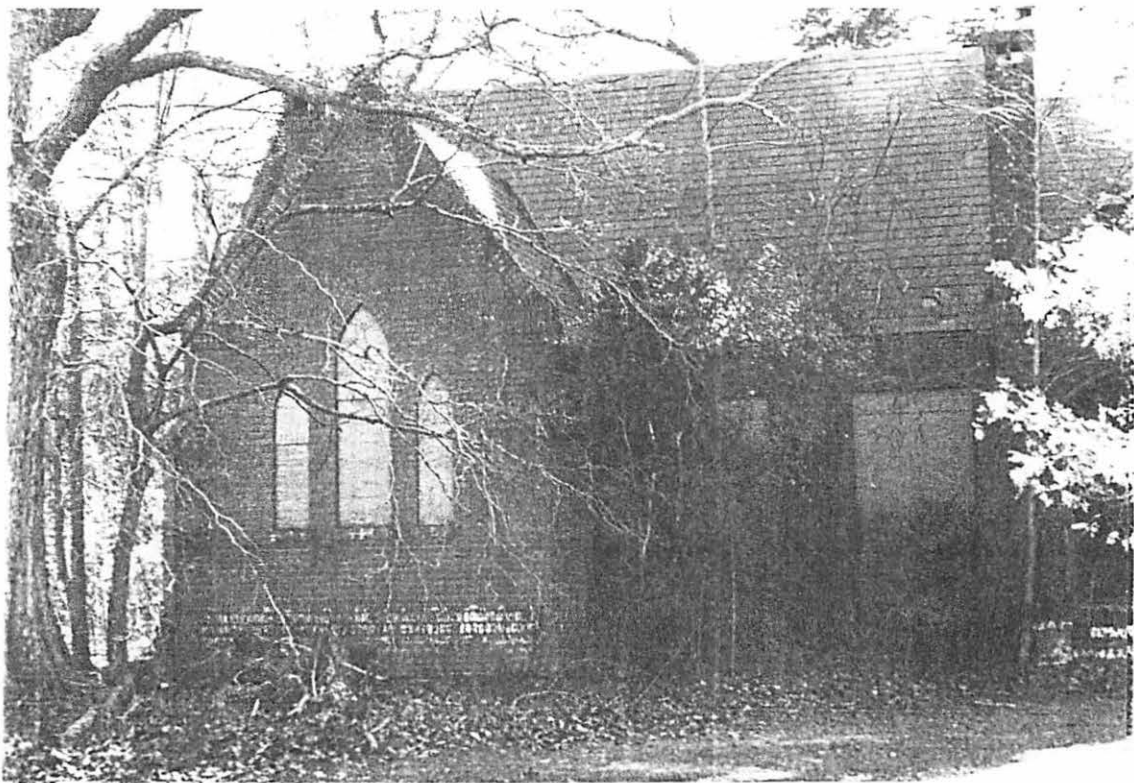
January 21, 1995



(Fig. 8)

## The Chancel, Calvary Church

Source: Nash, Jaquelin Drane. A Goodly Heritage. Tarboro: Calvary Episcopal Church, 1960.



(Fig. 9)

St. Anne's Mission

Front View

January 21, 1995

Mr. Shook told me when he was a young boy, his father, also a lay reader, would take him to St. Anne's on Sunday. His father had a big car and would stop along the way to pick up families to attend the service. Mr. Shook and his friend Mr. Hyman Philips would go out to St. Anne's Mission every Sunday and read the "sermon" that was prepared for them and once a month the rector would come and give Holy Communion. (See Appendix) They later changed to morning services because afternoon services were not well attended. Sunday School classes were taught by Misses Eliza and Penelope Gray.

Miss Emily Putman told me she came to Tarboro in 1948 as organist of Calvary. One of her duties as organist was to play the organ at the missions. She played at St. Anne's for many years. Later as other missions grew in the county, she trained her more talented students to help play the organ at the missions.

The first service was held on November 12, 1922. Calvary Church records describe the service:

The officiating Clergy were Rev. Bertram E. Brown and Rev. Samuel W. Hale. The music was by Calvary Church Choir, consisting of Mrs. George E. Pennington, Organist; George E. Pennington and Paul McCabe, violinists; Joe B. Pennington, Jr., Robb White, Jr., and J. Martin Carstarphen, Jr. Acolytes; Mrs. Bertram E. Brown, Mrs. T. E. Lewis, Mrs. Lena Martin, Mrs. Ella B. Pender Lang, Mrs. Carter Darrow, Miss Mamie Bryan, Mr. Carter Darrow, and Mr. Joseph B. Pennington, Choir Member (Calvary Church Artifacts).

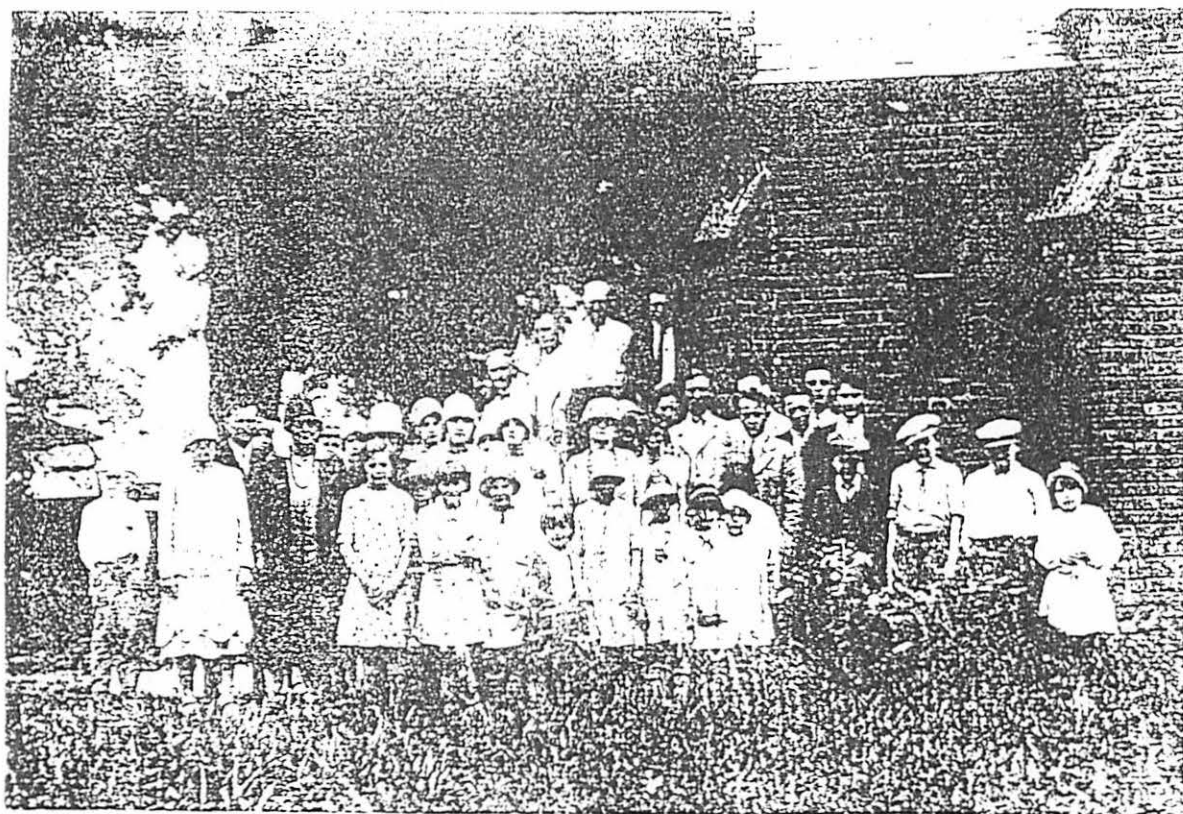
There were two hundred persons in attendance for the opening service.

The service was a great time of rejoicing for the community and Calvary Church.

The first session of the Sunday School was on November 19, 1922, at 10:15 A. M. There were forty people in attendance. The First Celebration of the Holy Communion was at 11:00 A. M., January 28, 1923, Rev. S. W. Hale, Celebrant. The first baptisms took place at 5:00 P. M. April 8, First Sunday after Easter, when Mrs. Garnet Ray Shirley, Shady Lester Messer, aged twelve, Vera Youlene Messer, aged nine, Harvey Harlon Messer, ago five, were baptized by Rev. Bertram E. Brown. The first Confirmation was administered April 8, 1923, at 5:30 P. M. when Mrs. Garnet Ray Shirley and Mr. Thomas Moore were confirmed by Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, D. D. Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese. The first superintendent was Mr. C. F. Clayton in 1915. After him Mr. George Pender was superintendent until his death in 1917; Mr. Frank Castix succeeded him; then Mr. L. P. Spender was Superintendent of the Church School until his ordination. Mr. Leslie Shook is now Superintendent. There have been Baptized here 56 children and 33 adults; Confirmed 25 men and 23 women (Vertical File-EML).

The Mission continued to flourish for many years (Fig. 10). Mr. Hyman Philips shared that during the years he went as a lay reader, the congregation continued to grow. The roads were already being paved because of the late Mr. Henry Gray Shelton of Speed, N. C. Mr. Shelton was Secretary of Agriculture. This was a turning point of the missions as transportation was allowing the members to go into town and attend Calvary or other churches in





*June, 1928.*

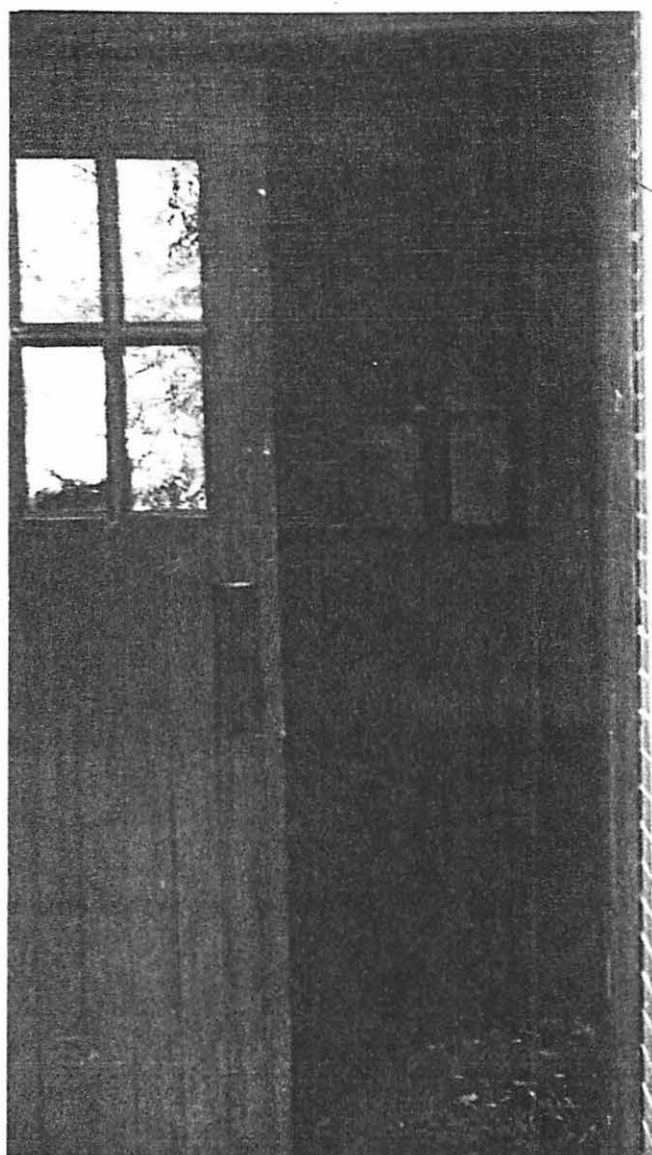
(Fig. 10)

St. Anne's Mission

Congregation Outside Chapel

the community that were beginning to be established. Mr. Shook explained that the Episcopal Church was more structured and some of the members joined Pender's Baptist Chapel when it was built. When St. Anne's was abandoned by the members, as the population moved to other places, the mission was deconsecrated by the Rector in 1965. Deconsecration was performed when the church was no longer being used for church services by the community. The mission has been vandalized and the beautiful chandeliers were all broken by vandals (Fig. 11). The silver cross that was over the arch entrance was stolen. (McBryde)

The beautiful stained glass windows have found a new home at Christ Church in Rocky Mount. Mr. Ward Sutton was instrumental in preserving these windows through Mrs. McBryde's generosity of giving them to Christ Church. The late Mr. A. Hicks, also a faithful member of Christ Church, was responsible for having the windows restored to their original beauty. Mr. Sutton pointed out in our interview his knowledge of the solid brass bell which once was in the bell tower of St. Anne's, hangs proudly in their church. Mr. Sutton told me in our interview that the clapper was broken on the bell and after cleaning up the bell, he found the name of the company in Philadelphia that made the bell. They were able to give him information on the year and value and also replace the clapper on the bell. Ten years ago, Christ Church was remodeled and the stained glass windows were put in shadow boxes and they built a bell tower. A wooden Crucifix and Baptismal were also given by Mrs. McBryde. The pews were given to St. Michael's another of the mission churches in Tarboro.



(Fig. 11)

St. Anne's Mission

Doorway into Chapel

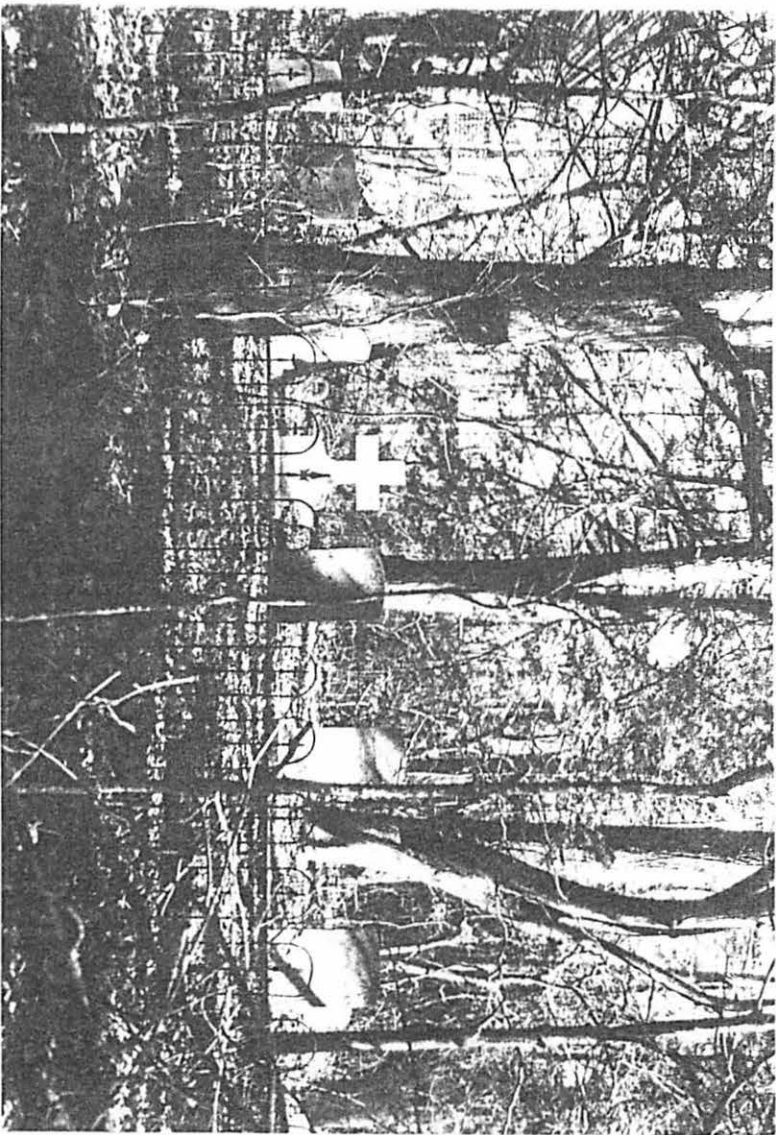
January 21, 1995

### St. Anne's Mission Cemetery

Adjoining the church is a cemetery (Fig. 12) of Pender and Gray Families who once lived at Oak Grove. (See Appendix 2) There are at least 22 graves in the cemetery surrounded by a wrought iron fence (Fig. 13).

Laura Melvina Pender (Fig. 14) was the daughter of Lewis Coe Pender and Mary M. Pender. She married Captain Josiah Pender (Fig. 15), Civil War officer and blockade runner. She called him "cousin." Josiah married Laura and moved his blockade-running operations to Bermuda. Laura was impressed by the culture and customs of the Islands. "Laura's legendary action on the high seas, which earned her a reputation as the South's lady blockade runner. Blockade running also gave birth to historical letters written by Laura to her parents, giving so much information about the war on the bounding main" (Stancil). Captain Pender spent many long months on the sea but always looked forward to returning home to his beloved Laura. Captain Pender and Laura had a son, which she named Keon for the Governor of Bermuda. "Captain Pender contracted yellow fever and died in Beaufort on October 25, 1864, at the age of 45. Laura later remarried, to Captain Charles Betts Cook. Laura died on November 6, 1918, at the age of 78. She is buried in a family graveyard behind St. Anne's Chapel in Tarboro at the family's home" (Stancil). Her epitaph reads "He only is my rock and salvation. He is my defense, I shall not be moved."

The tragic stories are in the J. C. and Kate D. Pender family. J. C. and Kate's infant daughter Amintia died of cholera in September of 1875 while visiting in Virginia. Their six-year old daughter Maude died November 1875 of dipteria. Mother Kate Dunn and unnamed infant died on December 10,



(Fig. 12)

St. Anne's Mission

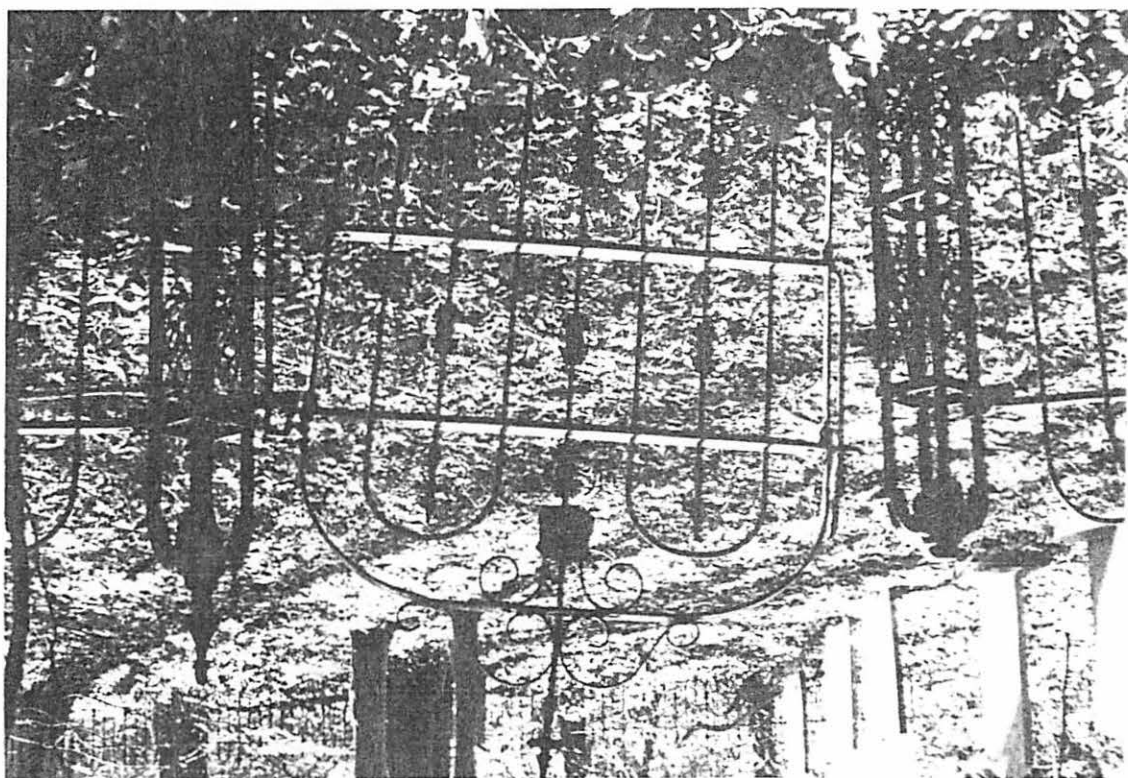
Cemetery

January 21, 1995

January 21, 1995

Cemetery Fence

(Fig. 13) St. Anne's Mission







Laura Melvina Pender

"Laura Melvina Pender as she appeared in the 1800s, photo by Charlie Killebrew is taken from a portrait in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy McBryde of Oak Grove Farm, in Tarboro."

Source: Stancil, Bill. "Suited to Command." The State. Sept. 1974: 12-14+



Captain Josiah Pender

"Captain Josiah Pender, Civil War officer and blockade runner, and first husband of Laura Pender. She called him "cousin."

This photograph was made in Bermuda, 1862 or 1863."

Source: Stancil, Bill. "Suited to Command." The State. Sept. 1974: 12-14+

1875. (Southerner) Kate's husband wrote a poem at her death and it appeared in the Southerner, December 17, 1875.

**Mrs. Kate D. Pender, wife of J. C. Pender, died near Tarboro, Dec. 10th.**

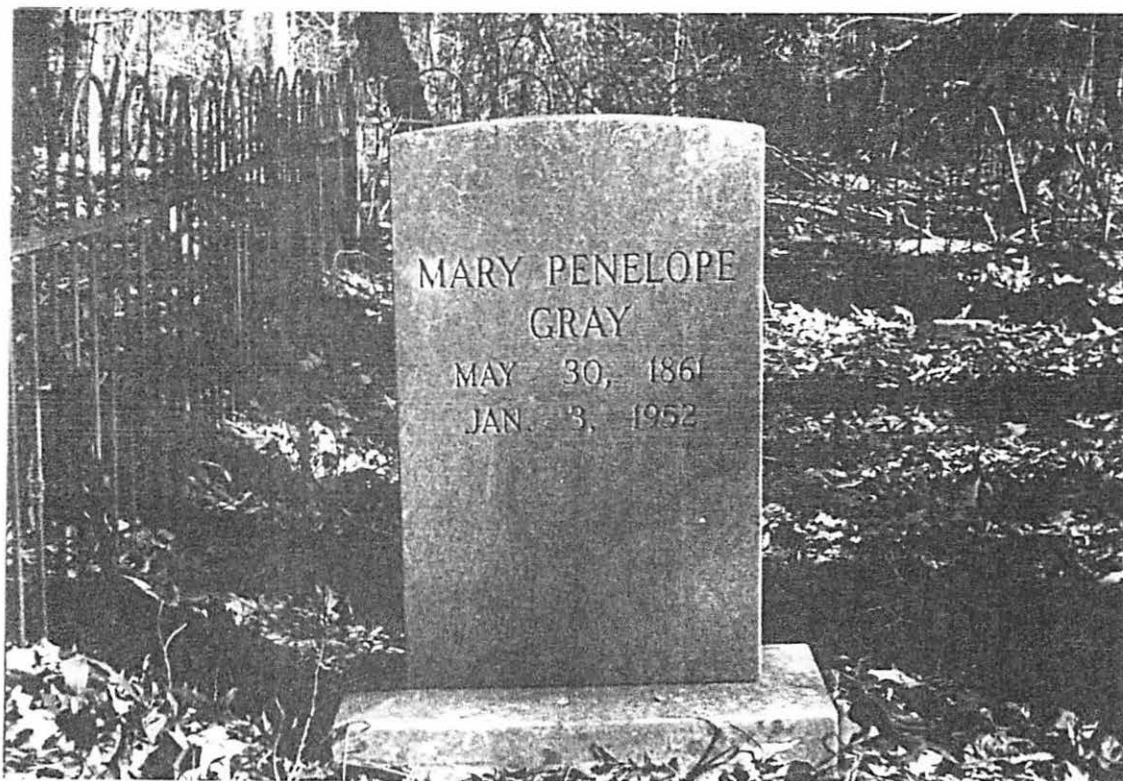
Farewell Katie, darling Katie,  
We scarce can think that you are dead,  
That your form lies in the coffin,  
And your spirit from earth has fled.  
But the truth is forced upon us,  
So cold and dismal, dark and drear,  
For with sad hearts were following  
To the grave your funeral bier.

How I wish it were a fancy—  
Some wild creation of the brain,  
There's your coffin just before me,  
And behind, a funeral train.  
Ere an hour has gone by, Katie,  
Your body in the grave will lie,  
But again, we hope to meet you  
Over the river, bye and bye.

All is o'er—the grave is sounded,  
They throw aside the spade and hoe,  
And the friends are homeward starting.  
O! I do hate to leave you so;  
Alone. No! I forgot dear,  
There lies baby, Minnie and Maud;  
The young mother and her children,  
Meet in the blessed home of God.

S. D. S.

Miss Mary Penelope Gray (Fig. 16) died on January 3, 1952, and Miss Eliza Bond Gray (Fig. 17) died at the age of 98 on April 18, 1964. Miss Eliza was given a birthday party at Mrs. Margaret Lewis' home to celebrate her 98th birthday. (McBryde) The two sisters were loved by all who knew them. Mr. Bud Shook and Mr. Hyman Philips said how much they loved St. Anne's. They were there at every service teaching Sunday School and



(Fig. 16) Daughter: Mary Penelope Gray



(Fig. 17) Daughter: Eliza Bond Gray

attending worship service. Mr. Philips said later in life Miss Eliza became deaf but she would be sitting there acknowledging every word with a smile. (He said she couldn't hear a word he said.)

When Miss Eliza died in 1964, Oak Grove was left to Mr. and Mrs. Lacy McBryde. Mr. McBryde's mother was a Pender. Mr. McBryde retired from his law practice in Fayetteville. Mrs. McBryde has retired from teaching history and English moved to Tarboro. Mr. McBryde died several years ago after battling cancer. Mrs. McBryde continues to live and maintain Oak Grove. Because of vandalism they built the existing white rail fence to keep people from driving on the church property and home.

St. Anne's continues to live on in Christ Church and St. Michael's. The pictures that I have included with my research attest to the fact that this beautiful chapel remains one of the most beautiful missions build during Rev. Brown rectorship. The windows are boarded up, the doors hang on their hinges and the chapel echoes in silence. The beautiful chapel once was filled with singing praises to God. Children and adults in our community were baptized and married. All of this happened because of a caring and loving man named Rev. Bertram Brown. Rev. Brown had a vision for Edgecombe County and the people in and around Tarboro. St. Anne's history continues as others share their memories of this beautiful chapel. Miss Penelope and Miss Eliza gave of their lives to St. Anne's, when the mission closed, they attended Calvary until their deaths when they returned to St. Anne's.

## Works Cited

"Churches". Vertical Files. Edgecombe Memorial Library. North Carolina Room.

"Death Announcement-Rev. Bertham Brown". Greensboro Daily. [Greensboro, NC]. 10 May 1937.

"Death Announcement-Mrs. Kate D. Pender". Southerner. [Tarboro, NC] 17 Dec. 1875.

McBryde, Grace. Personal Interview. 18 Jan. 1995.

Nash, Jaquelin Drane. A Goodly Heritage. Tarboro: Calvary Episcopal Church, 1960.

Nash, Jaquelin Drane. Personal Interview. 26 Jan. 1995.

Philips, Hyman. Personal Interview. 1 Feb. 1995.

Putman, Emily. Personal Interview. 26 Jan. 1995.

Records-Early 1900s. Calvary Episcopal Church. Tarboro, NC.

Register of St. Anne's Mission of Calvary Parish. NC Dept. of Archives and History. Calvary Episcopal Church.

Shook, L. (Bud). Personal Interview. 25 Jan. 1995.

Stancil, Bill. "Suited to Command". The State. Sept. 1974: 12-14+

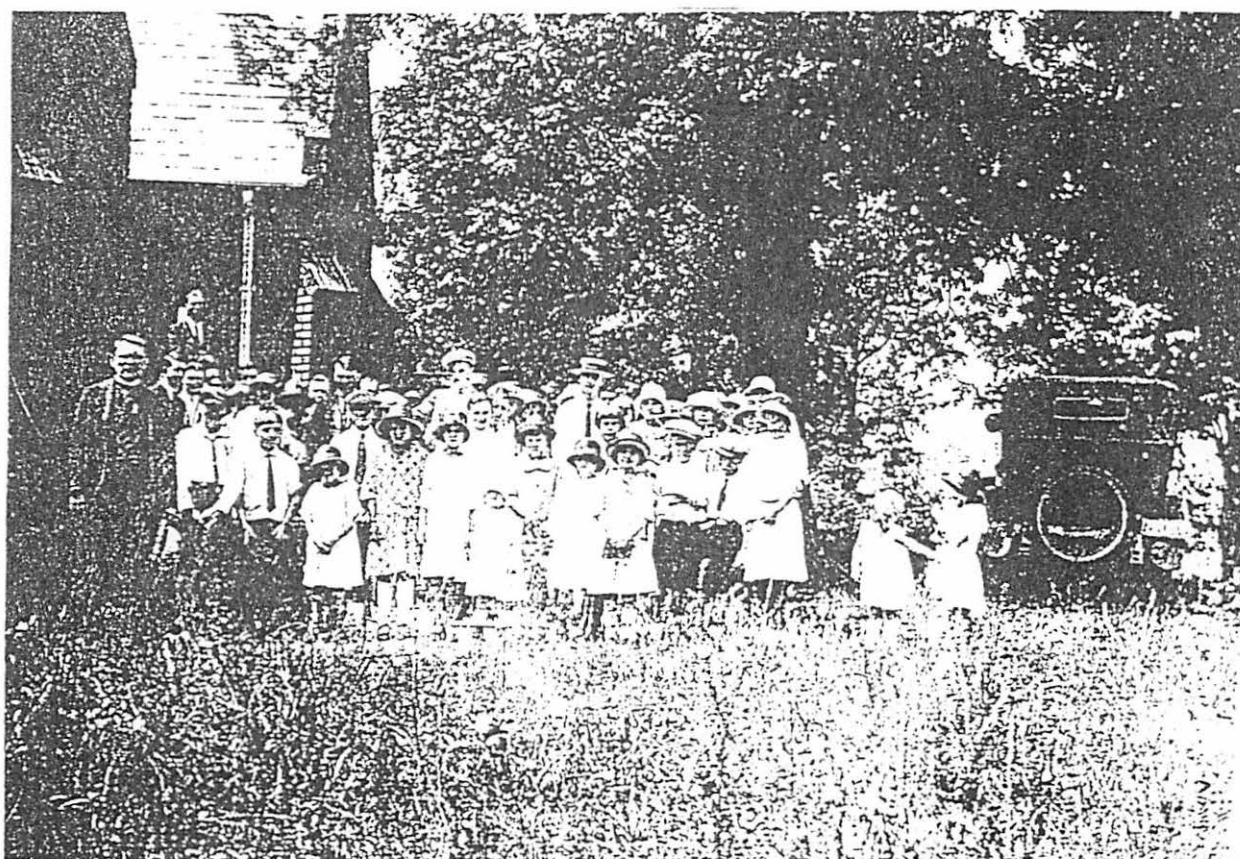
Sutton, Ward. Personal Interview. 2 Feb. 1995.

Taves, Henry V. The Rural Architectural Heritage of Edgecombe County, North Carolina. 1985.

Turner, Kelly J., and Jno. L. Bridgers, Jr. "The Episcopal Church". History of Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Raleigh: Edwards & Broughton Printing Co., 1920. 432-457.

Williams, Ruth Smith, Margarette Glen Griffin, and Hugh Buckner Johnston.  
Tombstone and Census Records of Early Edgecombe. Rocky Mt.,  
NC: 1959.





## St. Anne's Mission

Rev. Bertram Brown  
Episcopal Rector With Congregation

Source: Records-Early 1900s. Calvary Episcopal Church. Tarboro, NC.

## A Sermon for Farmers

By REV. BERTRAM E. BROWN  
[Rector Calvary Church, Tarboro, N. C.]

### BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

This issue is to be on orchards, and so shall the sermon be.

Just think—God made man in His image, and as his greatest blessing put him in an orchard and gave him permission to eat all the fruit there except one kind: and then promised him that he should find in heaven a fruit tree growing on both sides of the river of life. When He led His people into the Promised Land, He specially enjoined them not to cut down any fruit trees: and at Judgment Day, when all other things must be destroyed, the command will be "Hurt not the trees." The Lord Jesus never destroyed but one thing in all His life, a barren fruit tree. The ideal state of happiness in this world was pictured as a man living under his own vine and fig-tree. And even the gifts of the Holy Ghost to the human soul, "Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance", are called the "Fruits of the Spirit."

Grain was given man to live upon, and he must raise it by the sweat of his face: but fruit was given him for his pleasure, and in producing that the tree does the work, and he needs only to pluck and enjoy.

Do not reject God's gift of joy. Plant fruit trees. And be yourself a branch growing on the True Vine, Christ Jesus, bearing His kind of fruit, so that even when He prunes you with hardships, He will do it only to make you bear "more fruit".

## A Sermon for Farmers

By REV. BERTRAM E. BROWN

[Rector Calvary Church, Tarboro, N. C.]

He causeth the grass to grow for the use of cattle, and herb for the service of man: that He may bring forth fruit out of the earth. Psalm 104:14.

Farmers ought to be the most religious men in the world. Maybe they are, but whether they are or not, they certainly ought to be. Other people deal mainly with men, but the farmer in his work deals directly with God.

City people walk on pavements laid by men, but the farmer's foot treads the good ground that God laid when He made the world; city people work under roofs fashioned by men's hands, but the roof over the farmer at his work is the blue sky spread and painted by God Almighty's skill; city people work between walls reared by men, but the green walls that border the farmer's field are swaying trunks and rustling leaves of the sweet woods God raised up by patient labor and loving skill; the sounds the farmer hears are not the shriek of whistles and honk of horns and tramp of feet and grinding of wheels and cries of men, but lowing of cattle, and the songs of birds, and the sighing of the breezes through the tree tops, God's music, played by God on the marvelous instruments of his own making. So how can he help being religious when the pages of God's great Bible of Nature are always open before his eyes, written letters he cannot choose but read, telling him a thousand stories of God's wisdom and love and power and beauty? Every day, through many sights and sounds, God tells the farmer, "I have made the earth, and created man upon it. I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their hosts have I commanded. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways."—Isaiah, 45:12.

Besides this, the farmer has God for a partner in his work. He plows his ground, and plants his seed, and covers it up, and then he must let God take His turn at it. The farmer can't make the seed sprout to save his life. He sits back and waits for God Almighty to send His warm spring rain, and pour down His warm spring sunshine on the ground, till the obedient seed feels its Maker's touch and wakes to life and grows. That tiny little spark of life in the seed so hard and still, was put there by the Lord of Life, and none but He can call it into action. Then the farmer stirs the earth about the plants, and cuts down the harmful weeds, and again stands aside for his good partner, God, to send His summer rain, and heat up the great stove of His summer sun, and nurse the little plants day by day, adding leaf and stalk and bud and blossom, till He ripens the harvest in His own season. So the farmer and God together, like two good team-mates, make a crop at last, and reap a harvest to feed and clothe God's children over all the world. When two men work long together, at the same loom, or the same counter, or at the same desk, or on the same train, they get to be good friends and learn to know each other well. Just think then, how good a friend the farmer ought to be with God, and how well he ought to know God's will and ways.

## A Sermon for Farmers

By REV. BERTRAM E. BROWN  
[Rector Calvary Church, Tarboro, N. C.]

He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and devoured the fruit of their ground.  
—Psalm 105:34-35.

This issue is to be on the boll-weevil. If you cannot find mention of boll-weevils in the Bible, there are plenty of other crop-destroying insects which may serve just as well as a text.

We may note two facts in connection with this plague of locusts which came upon Egypt.

1. God sent them to punish the Egyptians for their sins. Now, if the boll-weevil has been sent on us for the same reason, we ought to be very thankful that so little a thing was sent to punish such big sins as ours. Suppose he had been as large as the sins of some of us. As numerous as he is, just imagine as many boll-weevils as sins, a weevil for every sin—why we could not breathe for boll-weevils! God's punishment is always less heavy than our offences.

2. The result of the plague of locusts was that God's people were set free. That is always the case. No disaster ever comes but that those who deserve a blessing get a blessing out of it. Even death, the supreme disaster, confers on good people the blessing of ever-lasting life. So those who deserve to get a blessing from the boll-weevil will certainly be set free—set free from a one-crop slavery that bound them hand and land, into the glorious liberty of raising upon the fertile soil of our country everything that grows in the temperate zone of the earth.

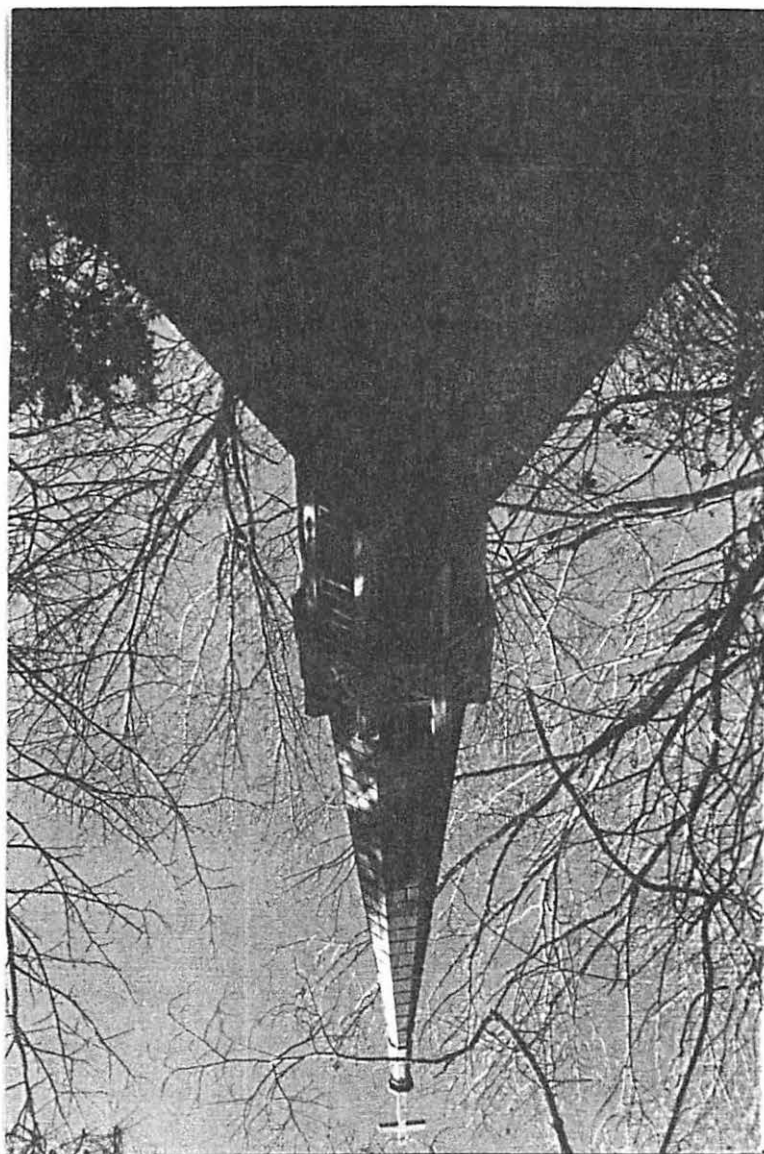
"An Acrostic"

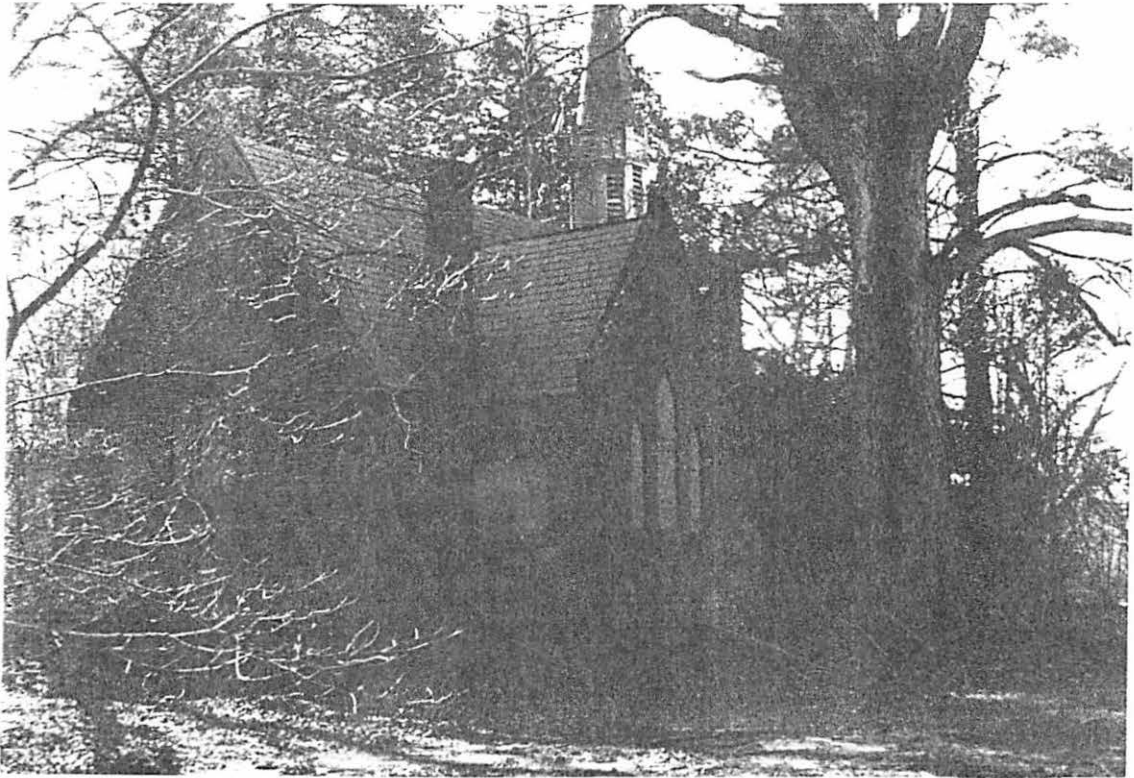
"Lo! an apparition of delight  
As first gleamed upon my sight  
Unblemished women,  
nobly planned,  
Resplendent, suited to command:  
And yet, a spirit still and bright,  
Possessing fine heavenly light.  
Every motion light airy free,  
Not unlike the wavelet o' the sea;  
Delicious one, in whom do meet,  
Everything that's pure, good and  
sweet.  
Really, a seraph, o' the land o' bliss  
Laura Melvina Pender is"

By Captain Josiah Pender

(Captain compared Laura to his beloved sea when he  
pledged his love in a hand-tooled leather-bound volume.)

St. Anne's Mission  
Steeple  
January 21, 1995





St. Anne's Mission

Left Side-Front View

January 21, 1995

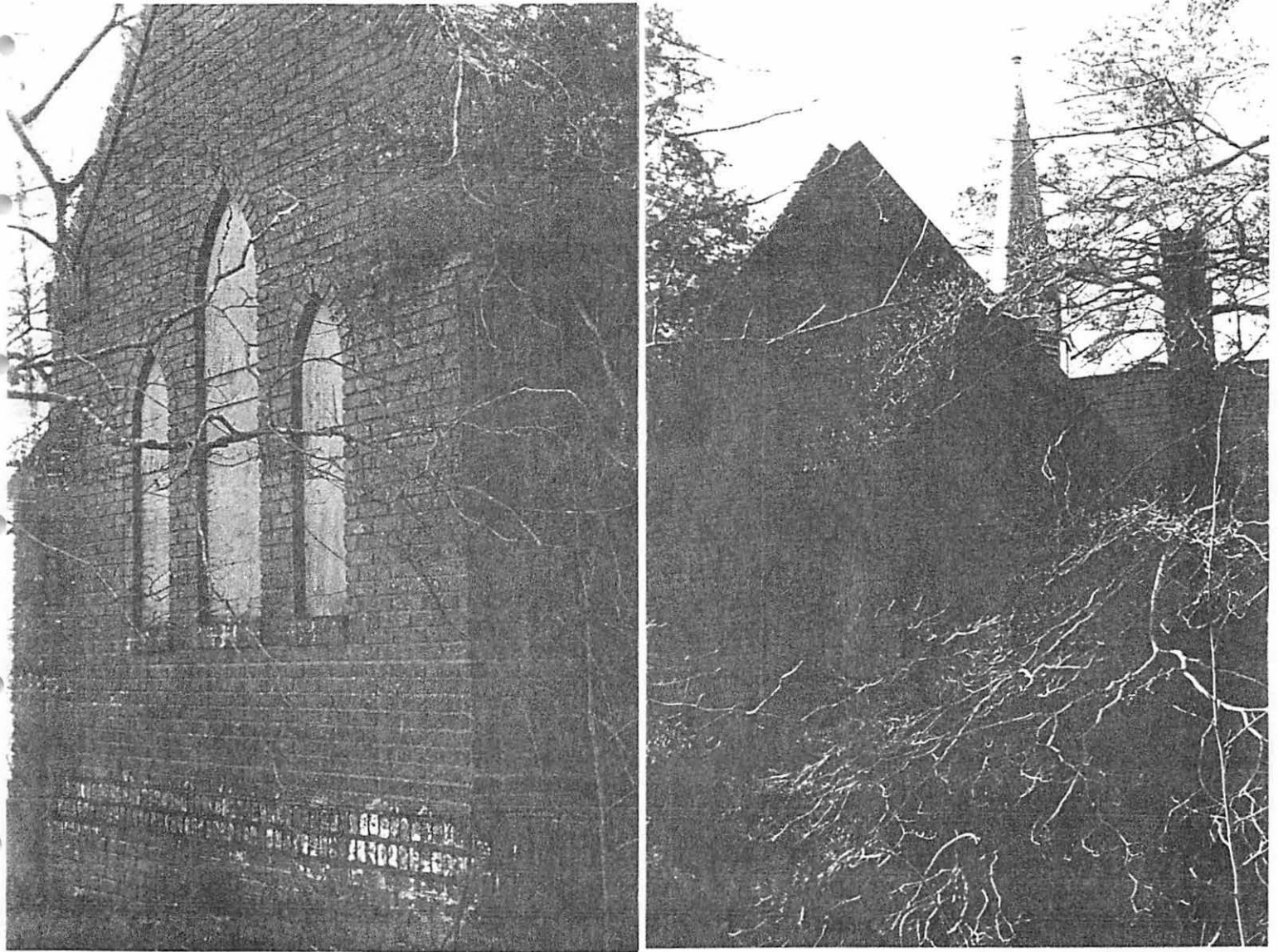




St. Anne's Mission

Slate Roof

January 21, 1995



St. Anne's Mission

Alter Side of Mission

January 21, 1995

Father: William Thomas Gray



Mother: William Anne Pender Gray



A visit to the cemetery by Betty Hurst Holland on January 21, 1995.

William Thomas Gray

Aug. 7, 1859

July 31, 1933

George Pender Gray

April 1, 1872

Jan. 22, 1932

William Anne

Daughter of

William Pender

and

Ellen Britt

His wife

Widow of

William T. Gray

Born

Dec. 27, 1835

Died

June 24, 1914

Ellen Pender

Daughter of

William Pender

and

Ellen Britt

(His Wife)

Born June 6, 1837

Died July 25, 1885

William Pender

Died

June 10, 1852

Aged 61 years

Ellen Britt  
Wife of  
William Pender  
Born  
December 11, 1796  
Died  
June 6, 1871

Capt.  
Solomon Pender  
U. S. A.  
Died at Saltillo, Mexico  
Sept. 21st 1847,  
Aged 25 years

Joshua Pender M.D.  
Oct. 29, 1845  
Aged 79 Years  
(unable to read age)

Mary Penelope  
Gray  
May 30, 1861  
Jan. 3, 1952

Turner Pope  
Gray  
Nov. 30, 1874  
July 17, 1954

Ellen Louisa  
Daughter of  
William Turner Gray  
and  
William Anne Pender  
(His Wife)  
Born  
Apr. 13, 1858  
Died  
Jan. 14, 1864

James Herbert  
Gray  
Dec. 5, 1879  
Jan. 3, 1938  
(1938 maybe 1933)

Annie Elizabeth  
Daughter of  
D.T. and Susan Britt  
Born Feb. 24, 1870  
Died Oct. 3, 1870

Frederick Wiggins  
Son of  
H. E. and H.A. Lewis  
June 5, 1849  
Oct.-1862  
(no day given)

Sylvia Harrell  
Wife of John Pender  
Born  
May 16, 1781

Died  
April 25, 1861

Eliza Bond  
Gray  
Daughter of  
William T. and William  
Anne Pender Gray  
Jan. 10, 1866  
April 18, 1964

Willier F.  
Son of  
Louis and Mary M.  
Pender  
Died June 13  
1845  
aged 13 months

Mother  
Laura M.  
Daughter of  
L.C. and Mary M. Pender  
Wife of  
Charles B. Cook  
Born Sept. 20, 1840  
Died Nov. 6, 1918  
"He only is my rock and  
salvation. He is my  
defence, I shall not  
be moved"

Amintia Thurston  
Pender  
Feb. 27, 1874  
Sept. 22, 1875



Maude Louise  
Pender  
July 19, 1869  
Nov. 14, 1875

Kate Dunn  
Pender  
Oct. 3, 1849  
Dec. 10, 1875

Infant  
Dec. 10, 1875

## - Baptisms -

Date	Place	Christian Name	Family Name
Apr. 8, 1923	Church	Garnet Ray (Mrs)	Shirley
"	"	Shady Lester	Messer
"	"	Vera Youlene	Messer
"	"	Harvey Harlon	Messer
May 13, 1923	"	James Benham	Wells
" " "	"	Emily Elizabeth	Johnson
" " "	"	Haywood Dawson	Gurganus
" " "	"	William Stanley	Harris
" " "	"	Mary Della	Shirley

## - Baptisms -

Parents.	Sponsors.	Birth.	Minister
James Joseph and Lindsey Belle Pullen	Penelope and Eliza Gray	Sep 22, 1899	Bertram E. Brown
William Harvey + Lindsey Murren	D Russell Clark Jacob Gerson, Eliza Gray	Oct. 8, 1911.	Bertram E. Brown
William Harvey + Lorencey Murren	D Russell Clark, Penelope + Eliza Gray	June 9, 1914	Bertram E. Brown
William Harvey + Lorencey Murren	D Russell Clark, Jacob Gerson, Eliza Gray.	May 28, 1918	Bertram E. Brown
Frank W. Old D. W. D. Tipton	James Pender Jacob Gerson, Eliza Gray	March 23, 1923	S. W. Hale
Allen Johnson Maggie Taylor	Miss Penelope Gray Miss Eliza Gray, James Pender	July 14, 1922	S. W. Hale
H. J. Jorgensen H. J. Jorgensen	James Pender, D. R. Clark Miss Eliza Gray	May 15, 1902	S. W. Hale
D. B. Harris Eva Simmons	James Pender, D. R. Clark Miss Penelope Gray	July 19, 1911	S. W. Hale
Jeff Davis Shirley May George	May Betty Hall Eliza Gray, D. R. Clark	July 30, 1900	S. W. Hale

Baptisms

Date	Place	Christian Name	Family Name
May 13 1923	Church	Philip Sousa Harris	Harris
" " "	"	Max Lee	Harris
Apr. 10 1924	Church	Dee B.	Harris
Dec. 22 1924	Church	Joseph Henry	Johnson
" " "	"	Mary Louise	Johnson
" " "	"	Emma	Johnson
" " "	"	Leonora	Johnson
" " "	"	Minnie Ruth	Johnson
" " "	"	Andrew Gordon	Johnson
May 9, 1925	Church	Edna Pearl	Davis
"	"	Doris Estelle	Davis
"	"	Lila Helen	Davis
June 14, 1925	"	Sylvester	Sawyer
		Jewel	Sawyer
		Mary	Sawyer
		Helen Pearl	Sawyer
		Annie	Sawyer
		Catherine	Sawyer
		Sylvester Nicholson	Sawyer

# Baptisms

Parents	Sponsors	Birth	Minister
L. B. Harris Eva Simmons	James Pender, D. R. Clark Miss Pender, Gray	Feb 10 1907	Rev. H. H. H.
"	James Pender, Eliza Gray Pender, Gray	Aug 26, 1908	S. W. H. H.
Emest Henry & Lillie Talitha	Ulla Pender, Jacob Pender, Jacob Pender	Aug. 14, 1876	Benjamin E. Brown
Henry Johnson	Frank L. Carter -	June 13, 1913	Benjamin E. Brown
Minnie Johnson	Eliza Bond Gray	Oct. 22 1915	"
"	Emma Parker	Apr. 29, 1917	"
"	"	July 11, 1918	"
"	"	June 22, 1921	"
"	"	June 11, 1923	"
Albert and Susan Davis	Frank L. Carter Lucy E. Daniels Mrs. Ella Pender	Sep. 27, 1917 July 11, 1919 June 1, 1921	Benjamin E. Brown.
Sylvester and Annie Sawyer	Frank L. Carter, Mrs. Lucy Daniels Mrs. Ella Pender	Oct. 28, 1887 Feb. 24, 1907 March 25, 1915 Apr. 5, 1917 Sep. 29, 1919 June 18, 1922 May 30, 1924	Benjamin E. Brown " " " " " "

# Baptisms.

49

Date	Place	Christian Name	Family Name
June 22 1925.	Church	Robert	Whitley
Dec 7, 1925	Church	Hannah Lathen	Sawyer
May 31, 1926	Church	Eva Addie	King
Oct. 18, 1926	Church	William Isaac	Whitley
March 20, 1927	Home near Church.	Frank	Wells
March 20 1927	Church	Dorothy Thelma	Johnson
"	"	Sarah Elizabeth	Dew
"	"	Thippen Wilson	Dew
"	"	Russell Herman	Dew
"	"	Lily May	Dew

Parents	Sponsors	Date of Birth	Minister
James and Frence Whitley	Der B. Harris, James Johnson, Mary Johnson	Aug. 22, 1901	Bertram Ed Brown
Sylvester and Annie Sawyer	Der B. Harris, Mary Anelope Gray	Aug. 20, 1925	Bertram Ed Brown
John and Lily King	Caswell Sugg, Mrs. Lily King	June 23, 1911	Bertram Ed Brown
Robert and Josephine Whitley	James Johnson, Lilla Mae Shirley	May 31, 1926	Bertram Ed Brown.
Cooper and Mary H. Wells.	B. Brown Queenie Wells	1887	Bertram Ed Brown
Joseph Henry and Minnie Johnson	Ernest Winborne, Miss Emma Parker, Miss Anelope Gray	Nov. 26 1926	Bertram Ed Brown
Jacob and Dora Lee	"	Sep. 23, 1921	Bertram Ed Brown
"	Ernest Winborne,	Sep. 19, 1919	Bertram & Emma
"	Albert Davis, Emma Parker	"	"
"	"	Aug. 24, 1917	Bertram & Emma
"	Emma Parker, Anelope Gray Albert Davis	May 12, 1912	Bertram Ed Brown



Baptisms.

Date	Place	Christian Name	Family Name
Sep. 5 1927	Church	Samuel Benham	Saunders
Dec. 26, 1927	Church	Mary Anne	Robinson
Dec. 11 1927	Parents Home	Spencer Bass	Johnson
June 3, 1928	Church	Mary Lee	Whitley
July 8, 1928	Church	Carl Brady	Messer

Parents	Sponsors	Date of Birth	Maiden Name
Sybil and Earl Lindgren	Earl Lindgren Julia Latta Lindgren - Emmendorf	Dec. 20, 1926	Lindgren Edna
Anne Skaggs	Earl Latta Lindgren	Nov. 18, 1927	CE Latta - Mrs.
Rayton Earl Latta, Jr. Robert Latta, Jr. John Latta, Jr.	Charles Brimble, Mrs. Marion Latta, Mrs. Marion Latta	Apr. 19, 1924	Lindgren Edna
Ruth and Alice Johnson	Olson Johnson, Mrs. Mattie Lee	Nov. 20, 1927	Lindgren Edna
Robert and Josephine Whitley	Mrs. Lusk Gray, Mrs. Lusk Gray, Mrs. Lusk Gray	Apr. 10, 1927	Lindgren Edna
William Harvey and Lila Latta	Lila Latta, Mrs. Latta		

Olin Johnson  
Mrs. Maggie Johnson  
Robert Whitley  
Mrs. Josephine Whitley  
James Johnson  
Mrs. Ray Shirley  
Miss Mary Della Shirley  
Albert Davis  
Mrs. Susan Davis  
James R. Davis  
William Gray Davis  
Miss Penelope Gray  
Miss Eliza Gray  
Henry Johnson  
Mrs. Minnie Johnson  
Henry Johnson, Jr.  
Miss Louisa Johnson  
Buck Johnson  
Mrs. Alice Johnson  
Benjamin Johnson  
Mrs. Mary Johnson  
Miss Alice Starvois  
Mrs. Dora Dew  
Miss Lillie May Dew  
Miss Callie Jones  
Mrs. Lily King  
Mrs. Martha King.

Mrs. Mattie Dew.

Co. Home: Amarial Lynch  
George Jones  
Mrs. Mary Bond  
Mrs. Betty Wallens  
Mrs. Louisa Harris

Co. Hospital Miss Ruth Crickmore

Daniel Price  
Mrs. Louise Dunn  
Miss Nellie Dunn

ECC LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER



3 3167 00028 8488