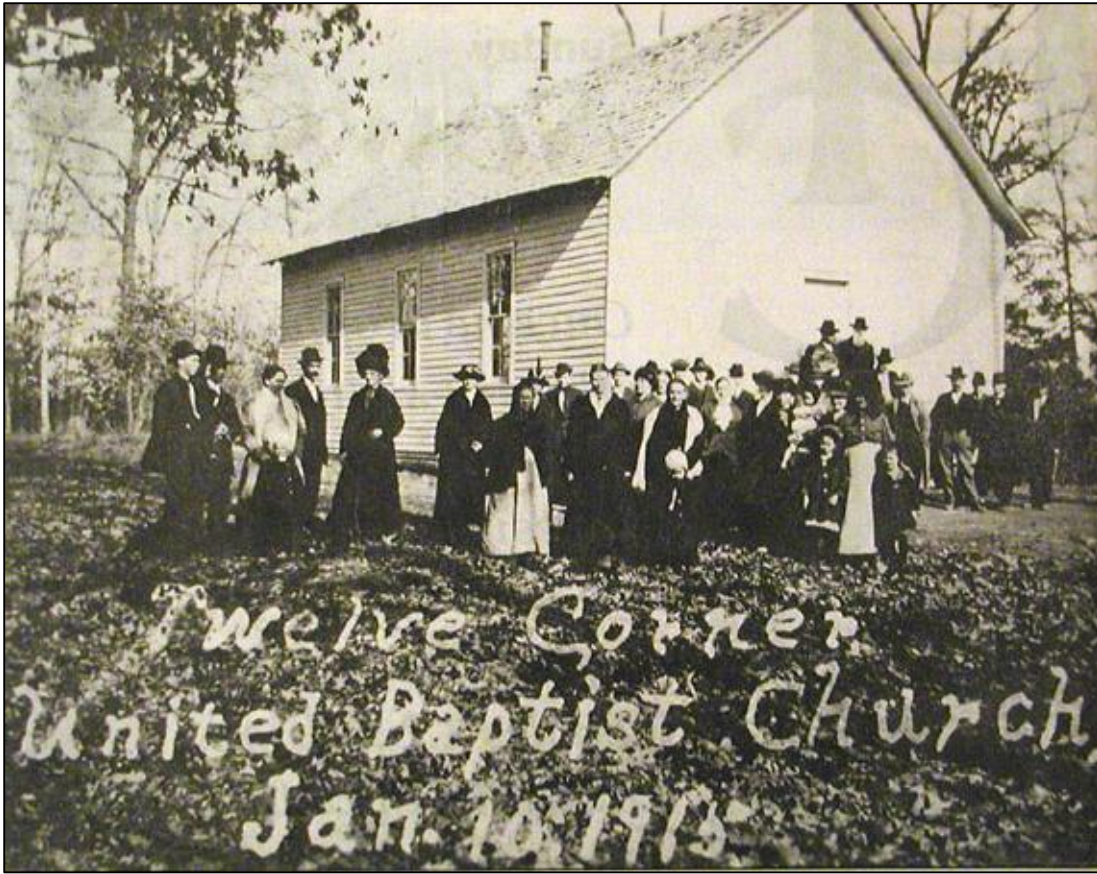
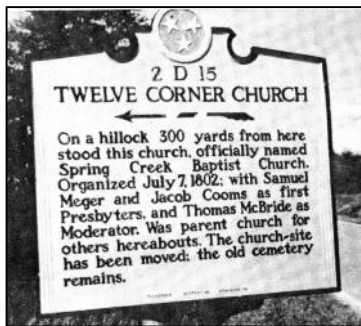


Pictures of the Spring Creek Baptist Church
that used to be called the Twelve Corners United Baptist Church



On what is now the Dodson's Branch Road, the congregation of the Twelve Corners United Baptist Church gathers on a cold January day in 1915 in their bonnets, shawls, hats and coats to pose for the photographer - July 12, 1998 - Herald Citizen newspaper.

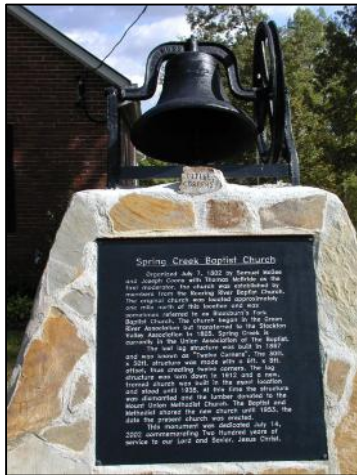


Spring Creek Baptist Church
Marker
Marker located about six to eight miles North of Cookeville, TN on State Hwy. 135, generally known as Dodsons Branch Rd.

Minutes of the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Jackson and Overton Counties Tennessee
1802 – 1868 (excluding the Civil War years)
Transcribed by: Jane K. Wall & J. Hobart Bartlett
Purchase book from: UCGA – Box 575, Cookeville, TN 38503-0575 - \$10.00 postpaid.

There is some possibility that these minutes were originally in the possession of Daniel Morgan Morgan, who was a Clerk and later a Moderator of the Spring Creek Church for 1836 to 1868. The records later fell into the hands of his grandson, Lewis Kerry Smith, whom he helped to raise because of the death of his father. At the death of Lewis Kerry Smith the records remained in the home of his widow, Lenore Byrom Smith. When she died her son, Sanford Byrom Smith, received them, where they are now located at his home in Hockessin, Del. It is the opinion of the transcribers that the “pencil notes” scattered throughout this record were probably made by Austin Hawkins Morgan, a son of Job Morgan, and a brother of Daniel Morgan.

Spring Creek Baptist Church
 Located on Hwy. 135 in Jackson Co., TN just north of the Putnam Co. line.



Spring Creek Baptist Church Organized July 7, 1802 by Samuel McGee and Joseph Coons with Thomas McBride as the first moderator, the church was established by members from the Roaring River Baptist Church. The original church was located approximately one mile north of this location and was sometimes referred to as Blackburn's Fork Baptist Church. The church began in the Green River Association but transferred to the Stockton Valley Association in 1805. Spring Creek is currently in the Union Association of the Baptist.

The last log structure was built in 1867 and was known as "Twelve Corners". The log structure was torn down in 1912 and a new, framed church was built in the exact location and stood until 1938. At this time the structure was dismantled and the lumber donated to the Mount Union Methodist Church. The Baptist and Methodist shared the new church until 1953, the date the present church was erected.

This monument was dedicated July 14, 2002 commemorating Two Hundred years of service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



My ggggrandfather **Thomas Shirley Anderson** who md **Judith Robinson** attended this church when it was the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Jackson and Overton Counties of Tennessee. He is listed on pgs. 19,20,25,28,29,30,31,33,35,38 of the book, Minutes of the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Jackson and Overton Counties Tennessee 1802 – 1868 (excluding the Civil War years) Transcribed by: Jane K. Wall & J. Hobart Bartlett.

My ggggrandfather **Joel Henley** who md **Mary Horne** attended this church when it was the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Jackson and Overton Counties of Tennessee. He was a ordained minister of this church and is listed on pgs. 35 – 45 and 47 – 60 of the book, Minutes of the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Jackson and Overton Counties Tennessee 1802 – 1868 (excluding the Civil War years) Transcribed by: Jane K. Wall & J. Hobart Bartlett.

My ggggrandfather **Laban Loftis** who md **Elizabeth Holcombe** attended this church when it was the the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Jackson and Overton Counties of Tennessee. He is listed on pgs. 52 – 54 and 56 - 61 of the book, Minutes of the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Jackson and Overton Counties Tennessee 1802 – 1868 (excluding the Civil War years) Transcribed by: Jane K. Wall & J. Hobart Bartlett.

*See Chapter 3 for Thomas Shirley Anderson and family.

*See Chapter 7 for Joel Henley and family.

*See Story of Joel Henley – Ordained Baptist Minister.

*See Chapter 12 for Laban Loftis and family.

Ancestors of Audrey June (Denny) Lambert.



Lee Grimsley, 78, Cookeville, carefully measures for final touches to the Twelve Corners Church model he built to preserve the church's history. It was located about six miles from Cookeville. He is assisted by his wife.

Spring Creek Baptist Church was organized July 7, 1802 in Jackson County, TN. According to a letter from Mr. L.K. Smith of Carrollton, GA, written in 1944 "The old church was located near where Rufe Allen sold goods – It was the Sion Johnson place Sallie Morgan and Brother Washington Morgan are buried there." The church was generally know as the TWELVE CORNERS CHURCH and the State of TN has placed an historic marker near the location with the heading TWELVE CORNERS CHURCH. Minutes of the Spring Creek Baptist Church 1802 – 1868 (excluding Civil War years) were transcribed by Jane K. Wall and J. Hobart Bartlett.

Source: <http://www.timbertrux.com>

Alphabetized list of rivers, streams, creeks, roads, caves, cemeteries, towns, landings, hollows, and land marks taken from the 18 USGS Topographical 7.5 minute maps covering Jackson and Clay Counties. Listing also includes land marks from Chancery Court opinions, History of Jackson County by Kim Young, 1832 Map by Matthew Rhea, USGS 1911 Map, and other miscellaneous records as noted.

Twelve Corners Church: Lat: 361647N Long: 0853126W Quad: Dodson Branch Description: Church

Twelve Corners Cemetery: Lat: 361704N Long: 0853134W Quad: Dodson Branch Description: Cemetery

MINUTES OF THE SPRING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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PRINCIPLES OF UNION OF OLD BAPTIST

1st We believe in one true and living God the father the word and Holy ghost And these three are one

2nd We believe in the fall of man And that he has become a depraved Creature in all his parts

3rd We believe in the Salvation of our Souls and bodies only through The merits of our lord and Savoir Jesus Christ

4th We believe that the benefits of Redemption is applied by the Holy ghost

5th We believe that the Scriptures of the old and new testament are the word of god and the only rule of faith and practice

6th We believe that the Saints will persevere through grace and that not one of them Shall be lost

7th We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and one another having agreed to keep up a godly discipline according to the rules of the gospel

8th We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and that the government thereof is with the body

9th We believe that baptism and the Lords supper are ordinances of the Lord and to be continued by his church till his second coming

10th We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism and immersion the only gospel mode

11th We believe that we have no right to admit any but regular Baptist church members to commune with us at the Lords table

12th We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general or universal judgement and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal

Source: Jackson County Tennessee Cemetery Inscriptions 1801 – 2003: Including Some Genealogy
By **Larry Earl Mabry & Reda Knight Bilbrey:** pg. 523

OLD TWELVE CORNER CHURCH CEMETERY SPRING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY
Spring Creek Baptist Church was known as Twelve Corner because the building had 12 corners to it. Located off (Hwy 135) Dodson Branch Road and on McGee Rd. Which is between the Zion Rd and McGee Rd. There is a Historical Plaque on the side of the Dodson Branch Hwy. Cemetery is in the woods. Deed calls for 2 acres. Included is the deed and a church minute published in the UCGA News letter (Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association). I was taken to the cemetery by Devern Rector. Copied March 1999.

We William P. Mabury & Sopheny B. Mabury
Joseph Robbards & Nancy Robbards

Have this day bargained and sold and do transfer and convey unto John P. Mabury and his heirs for ever for the consideration of sixty three dollars to us paid a certain track or parcel of land being in the State of Tennessee Jackson County District No. 10 of said county and name of the Hamon Land on the waters of Blackburns Fork of Roaring River containing by estimation Thirty five acres more or less and bounded as follows. Beginning on a Buckeye on the Spring Branch in Stanton Mabury's line running thence South 123 poles with a conditional line to a stake in J.E. Stults line thence East with said line 58 one half poles to a Chestnut in J.P. Mabury's thence North with Mabury's line 123 poles to a Blackgum the same being Stanton Mabury's East corner thence West with said Mabury's line 58 and one half poles to the beginning to have and to hold the same with the exceptions of two acres where the Spring Creek Church House now stands unto the said John P. Mabury his heirs forever we do covenant with the said John P. Mabury that we are lawfully seized of said land and have a good right to convey it and that the same is unencumbered we do further covenant and bind ourselves our heirs to warrant and defend the title to said land and every part therein with the above exception against the lawful claim of others what ever. This the 18th day January 1882.

Attest:
W.P. Mabury

His
Nathan X Judd

S.B. Mabury
Joseph Robbards

Mark
Nancy X Robbards
Mark
William _____

Only six graves are visible in this cemetery that dates back to the early 1800's. With the baby powder I could see the letters on two of the stones. Must go back with more equipment to clean stone better.

Roberts, Elizabeth - - - - field stone
Memory of
Has writing can't read

Three field marker with no names

(memorial made of wood with a message wrote with screws that say I Love You POWER SLAVE this one could be a pet)

After reading the minutes for the Spring Creek Baptist Church which was published in the Upper Cumberland Genealogical Society Newsletter. Original minutes are in the possession of Harold A. Hawkins, Cookeville, TN. There was a twelve corner church at this location. Also two in Overton Co., TN. There is a twelve corner near Poplar Springs and the other (Overton County) known as Roaring River

Baptist Church. Rather than copy the list of members we have given the list of departed members. Many people are still trying to piece the membership list of these churches. Each church had a cemetery.

Spring Creek Baptist Church Deceased Members for this time. Certainly not a complete list.

Lacy, William Sr. departed this life 25 May 1856 at the age of 78 yrs. & 9 months

Terry, John departed this life 5 May 1859 at the age of 65 yrs.

Matheny, Thomas R. died in the Southern Army in Virginia 18 September 1861

Loftis, Polley departed this life 11 March 1885

Loftis, H. G. departed this life 20 March 1885

Morgan, Aunt Peggy departed this life 24 March 1888

Source: Siftings from Putnam County Tennessee by Mary Hopson, page 56:

At Twelve Corners was the first church to be established in Jackson County that we have any records recorded.

On July 7, 1802, Samuel McGee and Jacob Coons Presbyter, constituted by the signatures of twenty-three persons. They met for service once a month at neighborhood homes. Eight months later, "We as a church agree to pay Daniel Shipman three dollars to hew down our meeting house."

In 1805 the church paid to John Jackson, a blacksmith, ten shillings for shoeing a horse.

The church building at one time had twelve corners hence the name Twelve Corners. There was worship there from 1802 until 1938 when the building was torn down and a new one was erected at another site.

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