

Nimrod Lunsford. It is not definitely known, yet reasonably certain, that he emigrated with Jonas White's sons and the Allens to Indiana. The census of 1790 shows that his family consisted of his wife, three sons and six daughters, but their names are not now known.

MORE ABOUT FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

While the manuscript of the last installment was in the hands of the printer, the progression of passing events added another paragraph to the history of Friendship Church as shown by the following clipping from the current issue of The Taylorsville Times.

"Rev. Martin Luther Pence died suddenly in the pulpit of Friendship Lutheran Church, Sunday morning, just as he concluded a most impressive sermon on "Faith". The body was brought to his home in West End, where a brief service was conducted Monday afternoon prior to their leaving at 5 o'clock for Shenandoah County, Virginia, where the funeral and burial services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon. The body was accompanied to Virginia by Mrs. Pence and her son and daughter, Rev. E. Z. Pence, of Chapin, S. C., and Mrs. P. C. Sigmon, of Granite Falls.

"Rev. Mr. Pence came to the pastorates of St. John, Friendship and Shiloh Lutheran Churches in November, 1924, from Orkney Springs, Virginia. He had greatly endeared himself not only to the members of these churches but to the entire community.

"Mr. Pence was a native of Virginia, having been born in Rockingham County, Virginia, on September 22, 1865, and was in his 61st year. He was ordained to the gospel ministry at Chirst Church, in Gaston County, in 1896, and served several pastorates in Lincoln County, Chapin, S. C., and Virginia before coming here 18 months ago."

The incident recalls the similar death of Rev. John Powell, pastor of Lower Creek Baptist Church, in Caldwell County, about forty years ago. He was stricken with paralysis before his sermon was finished, and fell in the pulpit, and died shortly afterward. Also Gov. C. B. Aycock dropped dead just after he had finished a speech on Education.

PISGAH METHODIST CHURCH

The records of this church are not available if indeed they are extant, but I have a vivid recollection of the operations of this church about sixty-four years ago, and will write what I remember of the proceedings then and since that time.

The church is one and a half miles east of the southwest corner of Wittenburg township, three-fourths of a mile north of the Catawba River and immediately on the Barrett road. A pine stump at the entrance of the church cemetery is mentioned in an old record as being on the Barrett road.

In the year 1862 and prior to that date, Pisgah Church had a numbe^{sp?}rically strong membership that was largely composed of influential citizens of three