

**Bethel Presbyterian Circa 1846**  
**Dirt Town, Chattooga GA**

The history of Bethel Presbyterian is the history of the northwest Georgia mountains and the sturdy Scots Irish pioneers who settled so much of it. It is the story of the associated Armuchee Academy and the Reverend T.C. Crawford and the remarkable educational institution he built on the mountain back roads of Dirt Town. And finally it is the story of Bethel Yard, the beautiful and timeless burying ground of the Bethel community and her citizens. Bethel Presbyterian sits in a lovely rural setting in the north Georgia mountains, just as it has since it was built in 1847. In 1846 the local Presbyterians petitioned the Cherokee Presbytery to create their own church since the nearest was Pleasant Green Presbyterian on the other side of Taylor's Ridge and this meant leaving home before daylight and returning after dark.

The petition was approved and a log meeting house was constructed on land in the Dirt Town community that was donated by **AUGUSTUS BRYANT** on lot 183 that he had acquired in the lottery.

Note: A portion of the web page at:

<http://hrcga.org/bethel-presbyterian-chattooga/>