

at Padgetts Creek meeting house.<sup>152</sup>

*Statistics of Padgetts Creek Church, 1790-1803.1*

Year	Ministers	Other messengers to association	Baptized	Recd. by letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	Total members
1790			....	....	....	....	....	44
1791		William Wilbanks	....	....	....	....	....	....
		Nathaniel Jackson	....	....	1	3	1	49
1792		John Putman	....	....	....	....	....	....
		William Wilbanks	....	....	....	....	....	....
		Thomas Greer	6	13	1	1	....	66
1793		John Putman (L)	....	....	....	....	....	....
		William Wilbanks	1	2	....	4	....	65
1794	John Putman	" "	1	4	1	....	....	69
1795	" "	Spencer Bobo (L)	1	1	3	....	2	65
1796	" " .	" "	....	....	....	....	....	....
1797	" " .	" "	....	....	....	....	....	60
1798	" " .	" "	1	2	3	1	....	57
1799	" " .	" "	....	....	....	....	....	....
		Thomas Greer (L)	1	....	1	....	1	56
				(1 restored)				
1800	" " .		....	....	....	....	....	....
	Spencer Bobo	Nathan Langston	16	14	1	....	....	85
				(4 restored)				
1801	" "	Mordecai Chandler	....	....	....	....	....	....
		William Wilbanks, Sr.	....	....	....	....	....	....
1802	" "		....	....	....	....	....	....
	Thomas Greer		....	....	....	....	....	....
	John Putman*	David Floyd	82	1	5	2	1	259
1803	" "	David Floyd	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Thomas Greer	Jesse Howard	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Spencer Bobo	Mordecai Chandler	338	2	24	10	4	509
		William Wilbanks			(6 restored)			

<sup>1</sup>1790 from *Asplund's Register*. 3. ed.; 1801 from Padgetts Creek Church Book; all other years from *Bethel Association Minutes*.

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Little is known of Catawba Church. It was located between Rock Hill and Catawba, and was also called Ellisons Creek and

<sup>152</sup>Frederick Crowder (Crowther) had a survey of 150 acres on the north side of Tyger River in 1784 in Union County where he was living without slaves in 1790; he was out of fellowship with Padgetts Creek Church for more than six years, during which time he was in Ga., but returned, made confession, and was restored to fellowship in 1796; he served Vans Creek Church, Elbert County, in 1800, and Mt. Gilead Church, Okmulgee Association, Ga., in 1810 (Plats, Iq, 206; *Census*, p. 93; Padgetts Creek CB, 1788-1796; *Sarepta Assoc. Min.*, 1800; Benedict, *Baptist History*, II, 535); Rev. John Putman had two surveys, one of 386 acres in 1784 on Sugar Creek, the other of 84 acres in 1807 on Mitchells Creek waters of Fairforest; he was living in Union County without slaves in 1790; a very active minister, he organized a church called Union Brick Meeting House in the deed by which he conveyed it two acres on the Charleston Road and Fairforest Creek in 1819; his will dated June 5, 1818, and proved Dec. 20, 1820, mentions wife Salley and implies several children (Plats, XVIIq, 290; XLV, 73; *Census*, p. 91; Union County OC,

Catawba River in its early years. Constituted in 1790, it entered the Bethel Association in 1793 without a pastor, but with a licensed preacher, Rev. Davis Collins, who became pastor in 1794 and remained in the office throughout the period under discussion. Rev. John Rooker, of Sugar Creek Church, preached for Catawba occasionally. In May, 1796, he spoke so searchingly on the duty of a church to its min-

*Statistics of Catawba Church, 1793-1803.<sup>1</sup>*

Year	Ministers	Other messengers to association	Baptized	Recd. by letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	Total members
1793		Davis Collins (L) John Robertson	....	....	....	....	....	27
1794	Davis Collins	" "	3	3	2	....	2	29
1795		William Wright Charles Brumfield	....	2	....	....	1	29
1796	" "	" "	....	....	....	....	1	29
1797	" "	" "	4	3	....	....	1	35
1798	" "	William Reeves	8	....	....	1	....	39
1799	" "	Mattox Dyson	1	2	1	....	....	38
1800	" "	" "	2	2	....	2	....	40
1801	" "	" "	....	....	....	....	....	....
1802	" "	Aaron Wood	4?	....	....	2	....	44
1803	" "	" "	11	2	....	....	....	51

(2 restored)

*<sup>1</sup>Bethel Association Minutes.*

Deeds P, p. 319; PC, Wills B, p. 62); Rev. Spencer Bobo was living in Spartanburg County without slaves in 1790 but he owned several at the time of his death; his will dated and probated in 1816, names wife Jane as chief legatee, but the remainder of a considerable estate he left to "the Baptist Churches of Jesus Crist known by the name of New Hope Church and head of Seeder Shole Church of Sd District, and there Successers for ever which I wish tham to apply discretinally to the following use to feed the hungry to supply the wants of poor Ministers of Jesus Crist to teach poore children, or any other use that they deeme Charitable or for the furtherance of the Gospel, excepting teaching men to preach which I think God knows best who to call and will provide for there instruction—I also include the Baptist Church near me by the name of Beathel Church;" he had been active in the service of all the churches named, and organized the first two (Census, p. 86; Spartanburg County PC, Wills A, p. 89); Rev. Thomas Greer or his father had a grant of 250 acres on north side of Tyger River confirmed to him in 1772; he was living in Union County with 5 slaves in 1790 (Memorials, X, 375; Census, p. 93); Nathan Langston was living in Union County without slaves in 1790; his will dated 1832 and proved 1834 mentions a number of religious books, land and slaves (*ibid.*; Spartanburg County PC, Box 17, pkg. 18); Lewis Hunt was living in Union County without slaves in 1790 (Census, p. 91); Thomas Ray was in Abbeville County with one slave in 1790—there was a Baptist preacher of the same name at Cumberland Church, Stocktons Valley Association, Ky., in 1811, but it is claimed that the Thomas Ray of Padgetts Creek Church died in Union County where his will was proved in 1862 (*ibid.*, p. 59; Union County PC, Wills C, p. 281); Jeremiah Burns in 1819 had a survey of 22 acres on South Fork waters of Duncans Creek and Enoree River (Plate, X, 431; XLVI, 17); Hosea Holcombe remained with Padgetts Creek until his removal to N. C. in 1812 (Sprague (ed.), *American Pulpit*, VI, 442).

ister as to cause Brother Bromfield and other Catawba members to complain to his church, but the matter was amicably adjusted. The relations between the two churches were close.<sup>153</sup>

Sugar Creek Church, constituted in 1792 of twelve members "residing in the Catawba Indians' land & the vicinity," between Fort Mill and Sugar Creek, entered the Bethel Association in 1793. Its covenant was drawn and its constitution carried out by Rev. Abraham Marshall, of Georgia, on May 1, 1792. On October 29, 1793, Rev. James Fowler and Rev. Joseph Camp came by request of the church from the Bethel Association and "Set apart by Solemn prayer to God & laying on of hands, John Dinkins Sen<sup>r</sup> & John Smith Deacons, & John Rooker minister . . ." Apparently there were still twelve members at that time, including one slave. Their monthly conferences were held on the Saturday before the second Sabbath in each month and opened with solemn prayer and preaching, or "public worship." They apparently made only occasional provision for "a communion of the Lords Supper," for which they collected money at the preceding conference. In 1797 two rules were adopted requiring strict inquiry into the reasons for abstaining from communion. On January 10, 1795, "Consult the necessity of upholding & supporting the worship of God by pecuniary aid & conclude to Subscribe thereto," but in 1798 this was changed to a general assessment to be placed by the members in the deacons' hands. In the same year the church arranged for a weekly meeting at three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at "Bro. Rooker's." An interesting feature of the church book is the accurate record of the origin of new members, four coming from Virginia, fifteen from North Carolina, and one from Dutchess County, New York, prior to 1804. Two acres of land for the meeting house and burying ground were laid off in March, 1799, Brother Rooker drawing the bond. William McKinney took the place of John Dinkins as deacon on Au-

<sup>153</sup>*Asplund's Reg.*, 5. and 6. ed.; *Bethel Assoc. Mts.*, 1793-1803; Sugar Creek (Flint Hill) CB, 1792-1836, May, 1796, June, 1799; Davis (Davies) Collins, an active minister, was ordained in 1793 and was for a time a beneficiary of the General Committee of Charleston Association, from which he retired in 1803 to study in private owing to domestic concerns; he probably lived in N. C. (*Charleston Assoc. Mts.*, 1794, 1803).

gust 2, 1800. The church seldom recorded the crimes for which members were disciplined, calling them all disobedience to the church except in one case of immorality and published excommunication. William Petties was active in committee work and as delegate to association; Bennett Wood was licensed to preach in February, 1804, and Robert Mursh was permitted to exercise his gift in 1806. Two churches, Catawba and Hopewell, maintained close relations with Sugar Creek, while as early as July, 1802, a branch had developed at Six Mile Creek. In July, 1803, members attended with Brother Rooker for the reception of converts among the Catawba Indians, and the mission thus started was long conducted by Rev. John Rooker with the assistance of the Charleston Association.<sup>154</sup>

*Statistics of Sugar Creek Church, 1793-1803.<sup>1</sup>*

Year	Ministers	Other messengers to association:	Baptized	Recd. by letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	Total members
1793		John Rooker (L) William Petties	....	....	....	....	....	....
1794	John Rooker	" "	....	....	....	....	....	....
1795	" "	John Smith " "	1	3	....	....	....	23
1796	" "	William Petties " "	1	1	....	....	....	25
1797	" "	Richard Lawrence	3	5	1	....	....	32
1798	" "	William Petties	2	2	1	1	....	34
1799	" "	William Petties	2	1	1	....	....	36
1800	" "	Bennett Wood	2	1	3	....	....	36
1801	" "	Bennett Wood	1	1	2	....	1	35
1802	" "	Samuel Hockaday	....	....	....	....	....	....
1803	" "	Bennett Wood	4	6	2	....	....	44
		Bennett Wood	3	....	2	....	....	45

*<sup>1</sup>Bethel Association Minutes.*

<sup>154</sup>Sugar Creek (Flint Hill) CB, 1792-1804; *Asplund's Reg.*, 5. and 6. ed.; *Bethel Assoc. Mts.*, 1793-1803; *Charleston Assoc. Mts.*, 1802-4; the modern name of Sugar Creek is Flint Hill Church; the names of the members with constituents italicized as found in the church book 1792-1804 were: Charity Barnes, Nancy Cheek, Edith Coltharp, Mary Cooper (wife of John), *Mary Cooper* (wife of William), Samuel Council, Sarah Dean, Charity Dickers, Theophilus Dickers, *Margaret Dinkins*, *John Dinkins, Sr.*, Joshua Edwards, Celia Fincher, James Fincher, Mildred Fincher, Mary Forbus, Polly Glover, Nathan Green, John Harris, Mary Harris, Obedience Harris, Mary Hockaday, Samuel Hockaday, John Jackson, James Knox, Mary Ann Knox, Richard Lawrence, Sarah Lewis, William Lewis, Banks Meacham, Charles Morton, Robert Mursh, Sr., and wife Elizabeth, Robert Mursh, Jr., Jane McCorkle, William McGregor, William McKinney, Timothy Orr, Cambridge Osburn, Mary Petties, William Petties (Pettus), Dempsey Reed, Chaplis Riggan, John Rooker, V. D. M., James Sensing, *John Smith*, *Mary Smith*, Thomas B. Smith, *Alley Spears*, *James Spears*, *Alice Weathers*, *Celia Weathers*, *Edith Weathers*, *Polly Williamson*, *Bennett*