

The History Of Benjamin Lynn

- Born In Chester County, Penn.
- 4th Child Of Irish Parents, Andrew Lynn, His Father
- Was A Slender, Dark-Skinned Man, With Blue Eyes, His Height Was 5'10"
- Very Fine Marksman, Lived Among The Shawna & Delaware, Maumee and Kickapoo Indians Four Years – Learned Their Languages
- As A Trapper He Became Aware Of All The French Settlements East And West Of The Mississippi
- Went To Fort Pitt, (Now Pittsburgh) And Became Good Friends With George Rogers Clark
- Served Clark As Spy For His Army Until Clark Came To The Falls Of The Ohio, Where Lynn Was Given The Rank Of Captain.



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- Seventeen Men Placed Under Him, And He Was Sent To Fort Harrod, Kentucky - 1772
- During Revolution Helped The Settlers At Ft. Harrodsburg Against The Indians
- 1779 Married Hannah Soverigns, Then Learned To Read – His Text Was The Bible At Harrod's Station
- To Bardstown, KY, In 1780

Ft. Harrod



Harrodsburg, Kentucky



**1782 Lynn Formed A Separate Baptist Group
- Baptized Seven People In Nolin Creek,
Believed To Be The First Baptisms In
Kentucky**



SOUTH FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

Seven persons baptized in Nolin Creek by Rev. Benjamin Lynn. He and Rev. James Skaggs founded South Fork Church ca. 1782. Organized as Separate Baptist Church with 13 members, it met at Phillips' Fort; later moved to South Fork of Nolin. In the past, church has assumed philosophy of United, Separate, and Regular. Later split on slavery issue. Over.

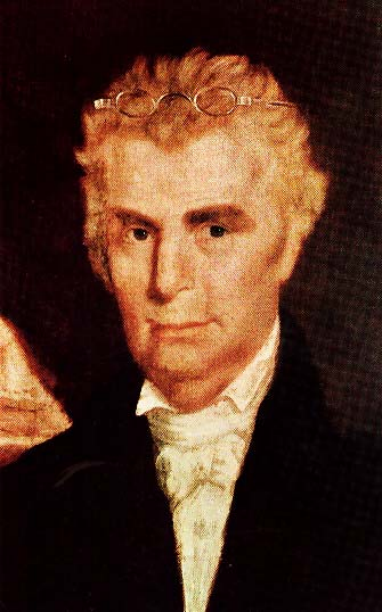
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In 1805 Lynn learned of Barton Stone and his work at Cane Ridge.

- i. Stone was immersing and he was not a Baptist.
- ii. Lynn traveled to Cane Ridge at Stone baptized him.

iii. B.F. Hall reflected in his journal.

In the summer of 1826 I visited Georgetown, and conversed with father Stone respecting baptism for remission of sins. He said it would not do; that he had introduced it early in the present century, that it was like throwing ice water on the people; that it froze all their warmth out, and came well nigh driving vital religion out of the country, and would have done it, if he had not desisted from preaching it. He said he had preached it at different places and to different congregations, and that the same results followed. Finally he abandoned it altogether.

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- Moved To North Alabama With Family – About 1810
- He Was Alabama's First Located Preacher
- That Year Organized A Church In North Part Of What Is Now Huntsville, Alabama
- Wife Died in May, 1814, Huntsville, Alabama
- Died December 23, 1814 – In The Home Of John & Esther (Lynn, 2nd Dau.) Chisholm, Buried On Church Cemetery Ground, Present Location Unmarked On The Campus Of Alabama A&M.



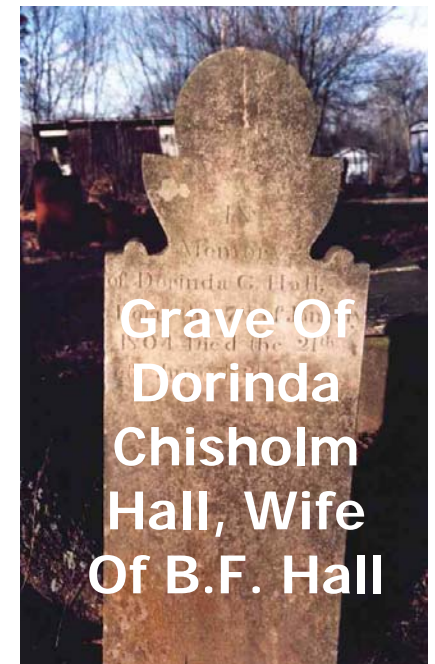
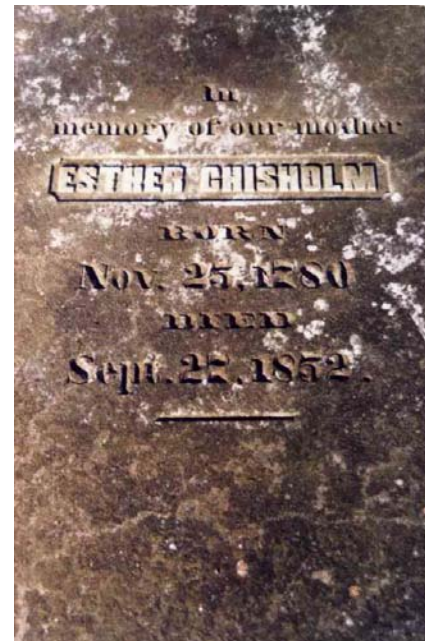
FORT HAMPTON

Approx. 1/4 mile North is the site of Ft. Hampton, built in 1810 and named in honor of Brig. General Wade Hampton of Revolutionary War fame. Two Companies of soldiers were stationed here in log buildings. The purpose of the fort and its garrison was to keep settlers, or "intruders", off Indian land, as this area was not ceded to the United States by the Chickasaw Indians until 1816. This fort was one of few ever built to protect Indian land from white settlers. The soldiers garrisoned here built most of the earliest roads in this area. After 1816 the fort was not needed and was soon abandoned.

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- The Family Without Lynn
- When Legalization Of Settlement In Northwest Alabama Came Open, in 1816, The Chisholms Moved To Florence Area & Began Worshipping In Their Home
- By 1824 A Congregation Was Planted, The Oldest Continuous Church of Christ In N.W. Alabama, Now The Stoney Point Church Of Christ
- The Chisholm Graveyard Is The Oldest Cemetery In N.W. Alabama



Church In Waterloo, Alabama Grows

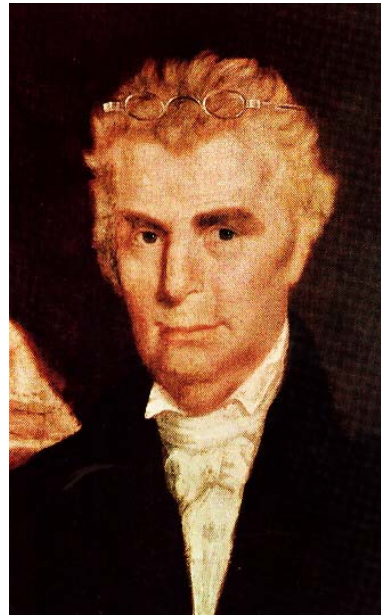
- Another Of Lynn's Daughters, Rachel Married Marshall DeSpain & Moved To Waterloo, Alabama
- In 1826, The Church Of Christ At Waterloo Was Established.
- While In Waterloo, A School Teacher In The Community, Mansil W. Matthews, Taught The Daughter Of The DeSpains, Hetty.
- The DeSpains Taught Him The Gospel & He Was Baptized For The Remission of His Sins, Very Soon Thereafter Began Preaching
- Matthews And Lynn DeSpain, Son Of Marshall & Rachel, Were The Preachers For The Congregation



1806-1891
Buried At
Paradise, Texas

Lynn's Influence In NW Alabama

➤ 1830 The Church Ordered 300 Songbooks From Barton W. Stone's Publishing House. Mentioned In Christian Messenger Vol. 6 #12 Dec. 1832 page. 380



➤ Marshall Died, And Is Buried In Waterloo, Ala.

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rection of Jesus Christ, and the consequent setting up of his kingdom, he has made but one address to the unregenerated and wicked part of mankind, and this in his command to the world through the Apostles. This proclamation of pardon to the rebellious, contains the only principles of conversion, made known by the Lord Jesus, or certainly known by the children of men: though, some people think there are others. But there is a vast difference between *knowing* and *thinking* any thing to be, or not to be. What the Lord has said is not wrong, but what we think may prove to be so. Those that obeyed the counsel of God, or the baptism by John, obtained forgiveness of sins, but had no promise promised them, as consequent on their compliance.

Under the proclamation of pardon to the wicked, they believe and are immersed; remission of sins follows as a consequence, and the Holy Spirit by promise, hereby becoming members of Christ's body, and in course are made, and kept alive by his spirit.—“If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” Here we see, that sinners are admitted to the terms of reconciliation between them and the King, *faith* and *immersion*. Christians have no need of immersion; hence, it is not a Christian duty, and therefore, never repeated. The healthy, need no medicine—the whole need no physician—not to call the *righteous* did Jesus come, but sinners to repentance—and last of all, “this man receives sinners. Upon this, 8 persons came forward, and on the next day 4 more, all of whom, made the apostolic confession, and were immersed in the name of the Lord Jesus for the remission of sins. Since that time I have immersed one more. More are expected before long. May the Lord prosper his work.

May the Lord prosper you in your labors, and then bring us all to himself in Heaven, is the prayer of your brother,

W. D. JOURDAN.

NOTICE.

We inform our brethren and friends in Tennessee and Alabama that we have sent a large box of our last edition of the Christian Hymn Books to Moses Norvell at Nashville, who is authorized to let applicants have them. Our engagements require payment on the delivery of the books—price, 37½ cts. each by the dozen, and 43¼ single.

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Also, we have sent 300 Hymn Books to Waterloo, Alabama, consigned to James Witherspoon for Elders James E. and Man-uel Matthews of Barton's, Lauderdale co. Alabama.

NOTICE.

We must remind our friends, that we think it ungenerous that so many communications are sent us by mail, of no importance, and some of them full of abuse, the postage not paid. Our agents alone are allowed this privilege.

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N.T. Christianity Comes To Texas



**David "Davy" Crockett
(1786-1836)**

- According To 1936 Document Prepared By Jewell Matthews, Descendant of Dr. Mansil Matthews, Cheap Land In Texas Prompted Nearly The Whole Town To Desire To Move To Texas
- The Church Left Waterloo In 1835
- It Was A Church On Foot, On Wheels, & On Horseback
- Leading Them Was David Crockett
- Slow Travel, With Sundays Set Aside For Worship, Crockett Left The Group At The Mississippi River
- Crockett Passed Among The Campers, Greeting Each Man, Woman And Child; Left With Them And Affectionate Farewell, Mounted His Noble Bay Charger, Accoutered For Battle, And Waved His Cap, Halloed, 'Hurrah For Texas,' As He Galloped Away At The Head Of Some Sixty Volunteers For The Texas Army! Off They Went To The Alamo



The Church of Christ In Texas

- Later Dr. Mansil Matthews Would Take Part In The Fight For Texas
- He Joined Sam Houston's Fighters As A Doctor, Administering Medical Aid To Houston When Santa Ana Was Captured at Battle of San Jacinto.
- Still Later, Matthews Served As Member Of The First Congress Of The Republic Of Texas, October, 1836
- The Church Was Established In Clarksville, Texas January 17, 1836
- After A Year The Group Moved South To Nacogdoches County And Planted A Church – 1837
- Here Joseph Addison Clark Met Hetty DeSpain And Found New Testament Christianity As Well.
- Dr. Mansil Walter Matthews Died At Paradise, Texas, Apr. 13, 1891, 86yrs., Having Preached The Day He Died

Dr. Mansil W. Matthews



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Work Of Joseph & Hetty Clark

Joseph Addison Clark



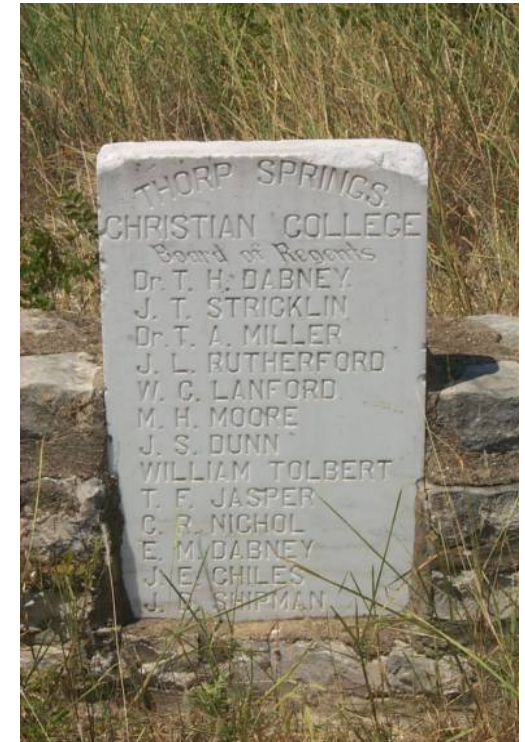
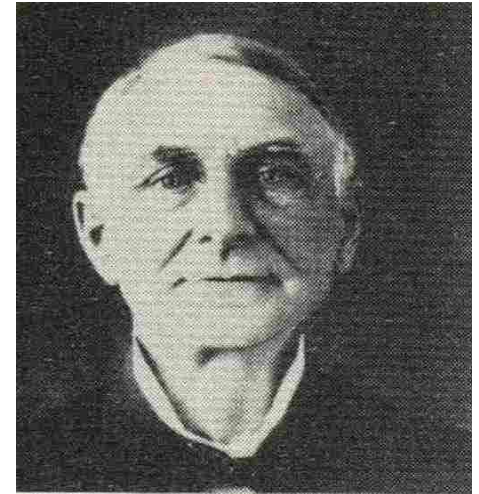
1815-1901

Hetty Clark



1824-1924

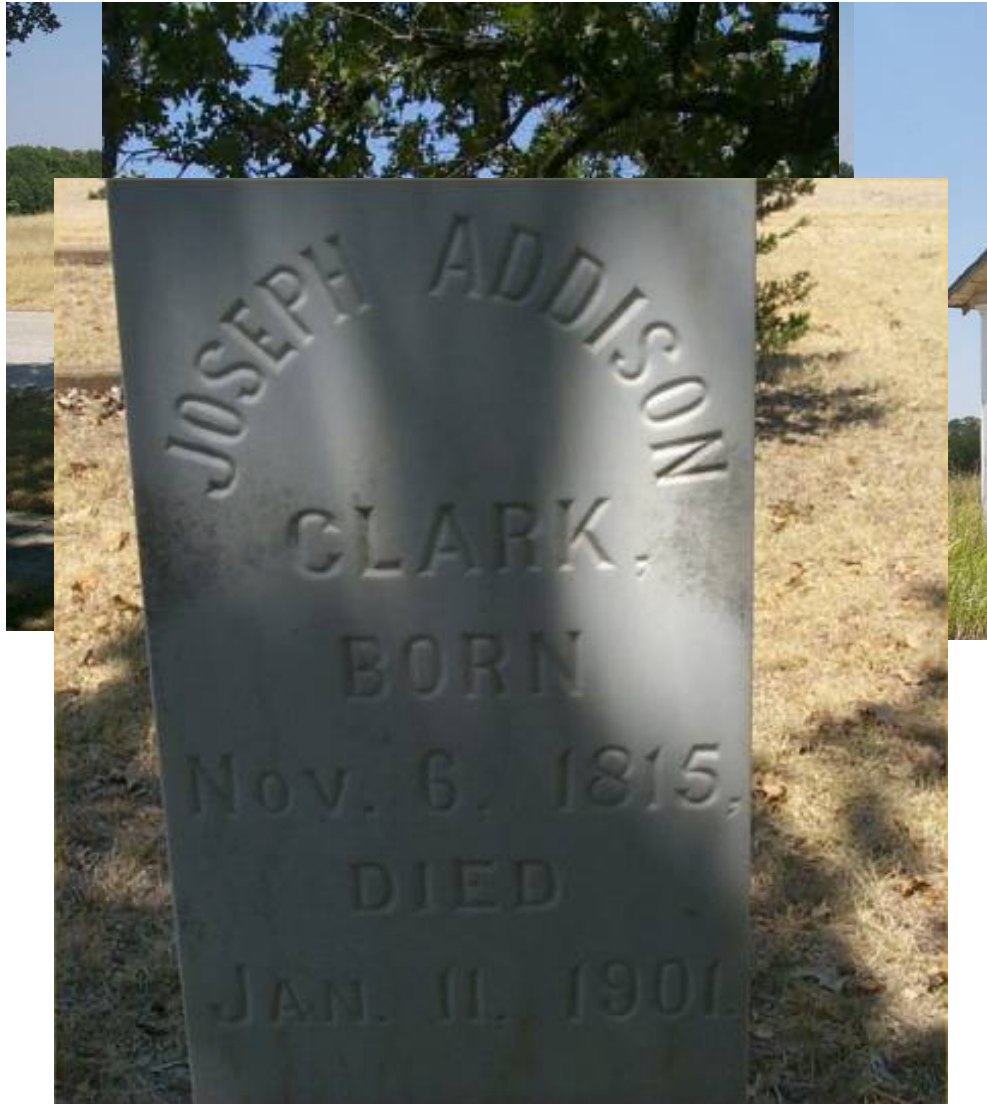
- Moved To Thorpe Spring And Started The Church Of Christ
- Had Two Sons, Addison & Randolph
- Started A School At Thorpe Spring Called AddRan College
- Later Became Known As Texas Christian University



Incident At Thorpe Spring

- The Instrument Of Music Began Entering Worships Assemblies Around 1860
- 1894, The Sons Of Clark Desired To Bring It In At Thorpe Spring Much To The Strong Reservations Of Joseph Clark
- Tuesday Night, February 20, 1894, B.B. Sanders, A Minister Who Favored The Instrument Was Involved In A Gospel Meeting.
- A Petition Was Signed By 139 Members Of The Congregation Saying They Did Not Want It, Even Having The List Read
- Before Meeting Began Joseph Clark Stood And Prayed A Prayer For Unity
- As Addison Clark, Directing The Worship, Said The Students Had Been Promised Instruments And They Were Going To Have Them, Turning He Looked At Miss Bertha Mason, The Pianist, And Said, "Play On, Miss Bertha!"
- When It Was Introduced Brother Clark, Now In His 80s Departed The Assembly With 2/3 Of The Congregation
- The Church Of Christ Was Re-established Across The Street.

The Church Still Survives There Today



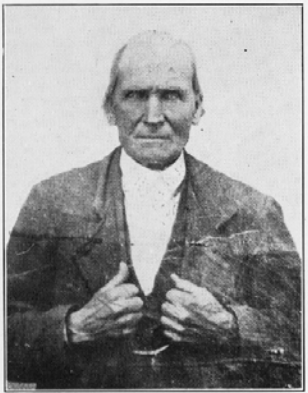
Individual Movements Begin In Many Places

Old Philadelphia
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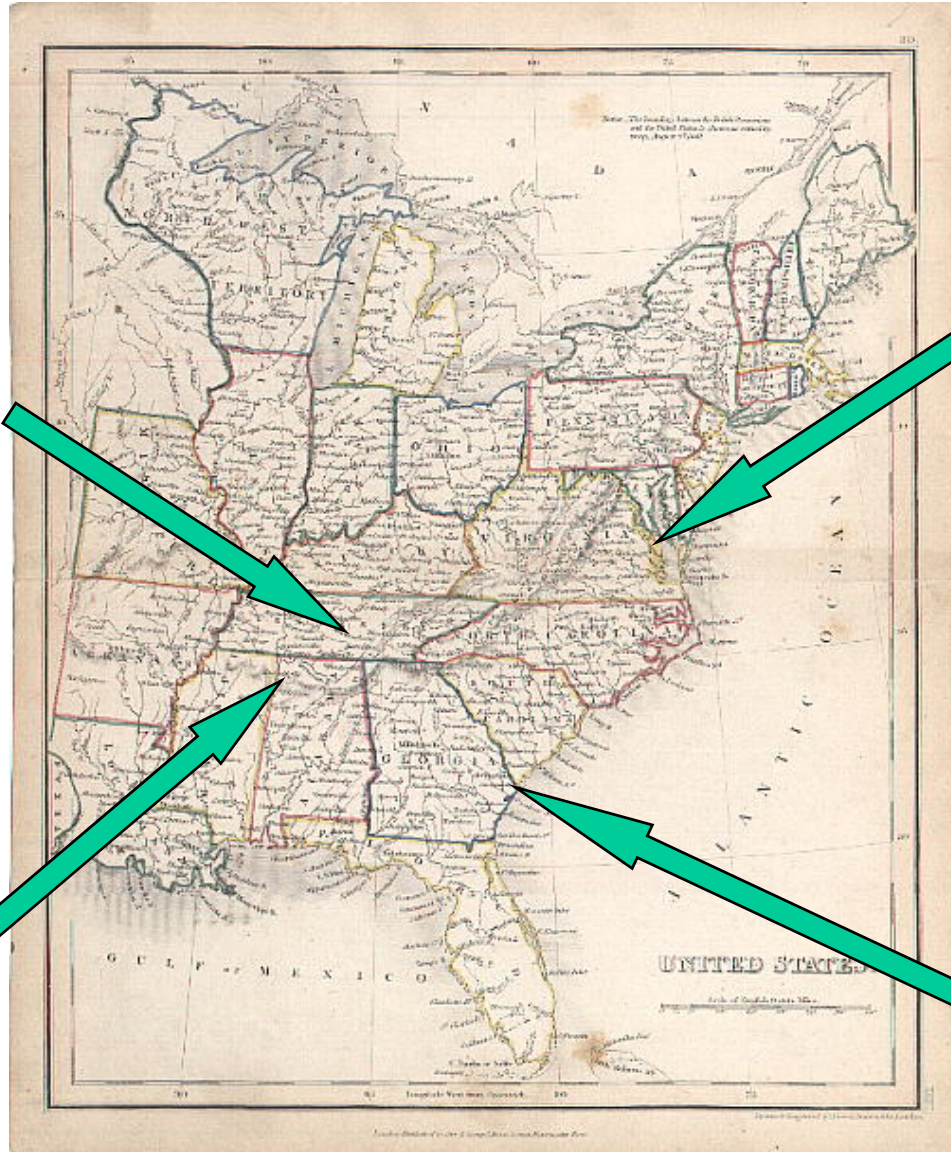
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John Taylor

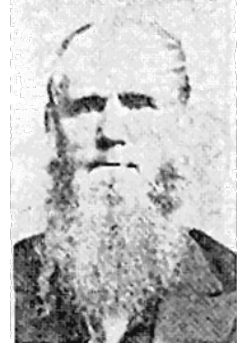


1807—JOHN TAYLOR—1885

1807-1895



Dr. Chester Bullard



1809-1893

Christian H. Dasher



1789-1866