

Jones Cemetery Church

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(Photo by Ortha Green)

The Jones Cemetery Church located in Sec. 1-69-20; South Fork township, was built in 1899 by donation of the people in the community for funeral purposes. The land on which the church is located was granted by Al Carpenter and wife.

It was agreed that all church denominations would have the privilege of holding church services there, but none could make it their church home.

The first funeral service held and conducted in this church was that of John Adams some time in March 1899, by Elder S.B. Jones, a primitive Baptist, at which time the church was not yet complete.

Some of the lumber used in the construction was obtained at a nearby saw mill, and boards from the saw mill were used for seats at this first service.

Some years later, a number of the chairs were stolen from the church and a dashing rain caused the capture of the culprit, who not only returned the chairs, but agreed to give \$50.00 to the church if he was not prosecuted. This money was used to help reshingle the church.

Weddings solemnized in this church include that of Miss Rosa Caster and Walter Jones on Aug. 31, 1901, and Miss Mary O. Jones and James Cate.

The Jones family reunions, an annual event from 1921 to 1941, were held in the church until the war put a stop to most gatherings.

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