

CHURCH HISTORY

William Miller

Henry Clark

Samuel Darby

John Jellison

William Robson

Andrew Littell

John Stitz

William Lyons

William Darby

} Managers

John Lambert

Isaac Manning

Henry Lyons

} Committee

Having built their house of worship, they next proceeded to organize their church, which was accomplished in August, 1747.

A most interesting history of the "Scotch Plains Baptist Church" was prepared by the late Rev. J. H. Parks, D.D. and the late Judge James D. Cleaver, at the time the church celebrated its 150th anniversary, in 1897.

A perusal of the minutes of the Church meetings, especially of the earlier years of its existence, sheds much light on the habits and customs of the times. It, the church, served, in its own way, as a sort of "Court of Domestic Relations." Family quarrels, lapses from the accepted codes of morals, even the case of a too-gossipy housewife, (conditions, which—like the poor—we have with us always) were brought, in those times, not to a Police Court, but to the Church Meeting.

A committee of the Deacons, or other members of approved judgment, was appointed to call upon the erring member, and