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One of the oldest churches in Pendleton County is that of Concord, established in 1849. The pioneer settlers of the vicinity, like those of the present day, were of a religious turn of mind, and there was no public house of worship within four miles of the place, the good people of the place concluded to build a church edifice. As the county was very sparsely settled and but few members of any one branch of the church, they all united and in Concord built a very substantial and commodious (and for the time) fine church. The minister (the Presiding Elder of the M E Church) who delivered the dedicatory sermon, named it Concord.

Those who built the original church (the old one having been replaced by a nice modern one in 1883) have all passed to their reward.

Of the Methodists who were most prominent and active in the work were Mr Thomas Rush, father of our own venerable Daniel Rush, Esq., Robert Purdy, grandfather of our enterprising farmer Robert Purdy; Samuel Nolan, whose family has become extinct in this neighborhood except one daughter, Mrs Margaret Kavanaugh; Harry P Hitch, father of J L Hitch of Falmouth; George J Hitch, father of Mrs G A Houston, Ben H Hitch of this neighborhood, and Mrs W A Mc Ginety of Falmouth; Mr Henry Waggaman, father of Mr Addison Waggaman, of this neighborhood.

Of the Presbyterians, Mr Joseph Hitch, grandfather, great-grandfather &c to all the Hitches in Pendleton county. His sons, L M. and R H Hitch, being the only members of the Presbyterian Church at this time.

Of the Baptist Church, Mr A G Fields, father of the prominent Fields family of the neighborhood, and Mr Wm Ellis, a prominent and wealthy citizen, grandfather &c to our present day Ellises, but a member of no church, gave substantial support to the building of the church.

This place was settled in 1800. The writer's father located here in 1803. It has always been and is now noted for its quietude. There has never been but one tragedy in this neighborhood, and that, the courts declared, was the result of insanity. Our people are very moral.

Our land is fertile and most all in a good state of cultivation. Our famous bluegrass is beautifying many of our hills, and a bountiful supply of vegetables, fruits, grain and grass is grown for man and beast.

The tobacco that has been grown and sold, weighed from 1000 to 1400 pounds per acre. . . . .

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