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# Calvary Churches

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Calvary, Ga.  
Feb. 17, 1965

Dear Mr. Roddenberry,

The Calvary Missionary Baptist Church records show that it was constituted in 1884. Services were held for a while in another building before the church was constituted.

I am enclosing the information on the monument to William Hawthorne.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Maxwell



(On one side of monument)

Elder Hawthorne moved here (Early County, now Grady.) from Roberson City, North Carolina in 1818. after a brief stay in Pulaski County, Georgia. The route he blazed on his way here is now known as the Hawthorne Trail. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and received land grants for his services. He helped in the formation of Decatur County and served as one of its senators in 1827. He, along with Elder William McElroy, formed the Presbytery which constituted Fried Creek Primitive Baptist Church on September 2, 1826. He served as the first pastor for 20 years until his death. This memorial erected by members and friends of Fried Creek Church, May 1957.

(On the other side of monument)

In Memory of  
Elder William Hawthorne  
Died May 15, 1846  
Age 84 years



Calvary, Ga.  
February 4, 1965

Mr. R. S. Roddenberry Jr.  
Maultic, Ga.

Dear Mr. Roddenberry:

Please accept my apology for waiting so long to answer your letter.

Dr. Maxwell, my father, could have furnished you with most of the information you wanted, several years ago. He just can't recall now the things that he once knew so well.

As to information concerning the Hawthorne Trail, I believe Mr. Wayne Faircloth, Rt 2, Whigham, Ga, may be able to furnish you with some of this.

The following churches you asked about and the year they were constituted are:

Piedmont (Calvary Primitive Baptist) Church	-	1827
Calvary Methodist Church	-	1908
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church	-	1884
Trind Creek Primitive Baptist Church (formerly at Sofkee)		1826

Sofkee is about 10 or 12 miles southwest of Cairo. Calvary is about 6 or 8 miles southwest of Sofkee.

I hope this information will be of value to you.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Maxwell