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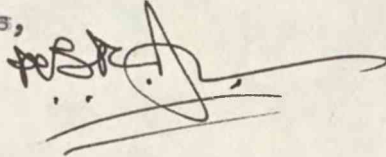
Dear Julien:

Your three letters dated May 20 and received yesterday are full of pertinent information and I am delighted to get photocopies of 1825 deed from Green Mullen to Harris Ricks (probably the father of Jacob Ricks) and of the 1860 deed from Jacob Ricks to Trustees of Tired Creek School. Also your illustrated sketches make everything quite plain.

Papa well remembers Jacob Ricks and his son Horace. He says old man Jacob was accidentally killed at home while mounting a mule to come to town. The mule shied and ran off with Mr. Ricks' foot caught in the stirrup.

I don't think you sent me a copy of 1874 deed to Tired Creek Methodist Church. I have that date as to the time of the new location on Hawthorne Trail and also your date of 1859 or 1860 for the original church near Tired Creek on the Cairo-Stone road. With this information I can write the sketch on Tired Creek Methodist Church. The church sketch will come immediately after the Tired Creek School sketch which I have just written and of which I am sending you copy herewith.

Yours,



I have 1845 as date of establishment
of Long Branch Church

but
I do not have date of establishment
of Trinity Baptist Church.

also
~~I~~ I want to know the denomination
of the other Trinity Church farther west
in land lot 49. Probably Methodist

and it would be more specific if we knew
the denomination (or name) of the Negro church
at corner of Hawthorne Trail + Blairbridge - T. Hill, road.

Churches

April 30, 1965

MEMO TO RSR, JR.:

I am getting something on Tired Creek Methodist Church. Pearl Belcher, who we talked with, has said her parents had a deed made in 1874 by a Mr. R. M. Griffin, who was donating one acre of land for this church. They think it was moved from down around the Poulk place.

Her older brother is more interested in this and he now is at Canal Point, Fla., and I am writing him.

Incidentally, she said the Sunnyside School was torn down about 1955 but it was discontinued before then. She says the Sunnyside School was used as a school until 1925.

Anyway, wait until I hear from Bascom. *Becher*.

I'm going to clean up nearly all of those things you inquired about, except I can't find out when the schoolhouse west of Papa's and Mamma's brick house was built and it must have been 1890 for they were selling stock for that then. Nor can I find out when it was torn down. It couldn't have been earlier than when the Suttons came into ownership of this property. If that would help, I can get that. It wasn't so old, if it was built in 1890, but we are not sure that was the date it was built.

JBR

April 23, 1965

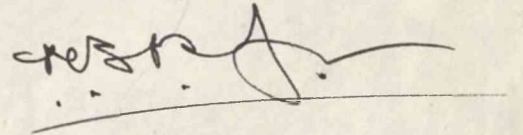
Dear Julien:

I think you will find that the Roddenbery Hdwe. Co. store (concrete block front) was built before 1910, most likely as early as 1907. We moved from Florida to Cairo in 1908, and to Moultrie in October 1910, and it is my recollection that the store was there, as it is today, during all that period of a little more than two years.

Thanks for your drawing which clearly and correctly shows the route of original Hawthorne Trail as it passed west of Cross Roads and west of present day Cairo; also location of Long Branch Church, Tired Creek Methodist, etc.

I, too, made the error of saying "Sunnyside Church", when it should have been "school". Anyway, you say neither church nor school are there now. I noticed (on Grady County Map) Trinity Church farther north on Camilla highway, but you say that is no more.

It remains to be determined when the Tired Cr. Methodist Church now on old Hawthorne Trail was first established at that location, how old the church (not the building) is, and whether it was formerly located elsewhere. I note what you say about W.B.R., Sr. first starting to school in that vicinity—and that jibes with what Papa says about Uncle Walter and Aunt Bertha driving to school in horse and buggy—while the family was living in the Braswell house. Remember that Papa was then 3 and 4 years old and Uncle Walter was 6 years his senior.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W.B.R.', written over a horizontal line.

Scholar

April 22, 1965

MEMO TO RSR, JR.

Referring to your letter just received, the SUNNYSIDE Church that you mentioned in your letter was Sunnyside School. That's the one that per the map wouldn't be but a few hundred yards from the Tired Creek Methodist Church you, I, and Uncle Bob were at. I made the same mistake and called this Sunnyside Church.

Trinity Church is a little farther north, and I will check up on that, and the map you have will show that.

I will find out when Tired Creek Methodist Church was constituted, and also the Long Branch Baptist Church. We made a donation to the Long Branch Baptist Church a couple of years ago and I can get the man's name and have him dig it up, for I liked him as a rural preacher. They were changing, maybe air-conditioning.

I remember at the time I told him that's where my grandparents went.

So we are getting these little things one by one, but not too fast for you, I am sure. I will, after the rush I am in now of a few days, have more time than I have had up to now to ~~bring it to you~~ get what you have already asked for, or other information.

JBR