

## Ogden Baptist

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# Yazoo's early churches

## Ogden Paptist Church

Located south of Highway 433 that runs between Satartia and Bentonia, is the present day Ogden Baptist Church. The original building which stood until a few years ago, was on the opposite side of the road, on a hill.

On June 26, 1843, George Ogden and his wife, Lucy P. Ogden deeded three acres to the Regular Union Baptist Church. Described as being in the NW corner of N½ of W½ of NE¼. Section 13, T.9, Range 3 west, the Trustees at that time were William B. Herrin and Z.B. Erwin. In 1954, R.S. Sadler and Amanda M. Sadler gave additional land and the same year Mynel V. Martin deeded another parcel.

The oldest section of the church cemetery is in the area surrounding the original building. A new cemetery has been established adjacent to the present church.

George Ogden, the founder, was the son of William and Ann Nugent Ogden. He was born in North Carolina and died December 31, 1860. Both the Ogden and Nugent families were in Wilkinson County Mississippi by 1820. George Ogden came to Yazoo County in the early 1830's. He married first Miss Lucy Pennington

Walker of Wilkinson County; and second Miss Elizabeth H. Ellis in Yazoo County on May 28th, 1855. A son, Theophilus Ogden married Mary Ann Spiars. They were parents of two daughters, Lucy W. who married John Newbery, and Elizabeth J. who married James M. Mills on May 20, 1861. He was from the Harttown Community and is buried there.

Edmund Ogden's will dated April 18, 1835 named children; William D. Benjamin, Lucy Ann and Catherine Quine. The will of William D. Ogden, dated Jan. 14, 1850 named wife Massa A., and children; Harrison, J.W., Eleanora, William D., Benjamin and a niece Louise Ogden. Louisa Ogden, born July 26, 1838 died in 1859. She married John Stampley in Yazoo County on August 17, 1854 with Isaac F. Williams performing the ceremony. Eleanora Ogden married L.W. Tuttle on January 24, 1855. After the death of William D. Ogden his widow Massa Ann, married James Campbell Bull of the eastern part of the county.

On July 25, 1850 permission was given by Z.B. Erwin, one of the original trustees, for the marriage of Cornelia J. Erwin to John W. Harbin. David Er-

win, whose will was probated in 1840, named wife, Fanny; sons, Hugh, William, Allen and David Erwin and daughters Elizabeth O'Guin, Sarah Herrin and Margaret Erwin, which give an indication of the family ties existing among these families. All have descendants active in all phases of life in Yazoo County today.

During these Bicentennial years, as we pause to reflect on and study our past, we find in the history of Ogden Church and its people another example of the early churches of the continued perpetuation of the religious precepts on which our nation was established.

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