

New Hope Cemetery, September 2010



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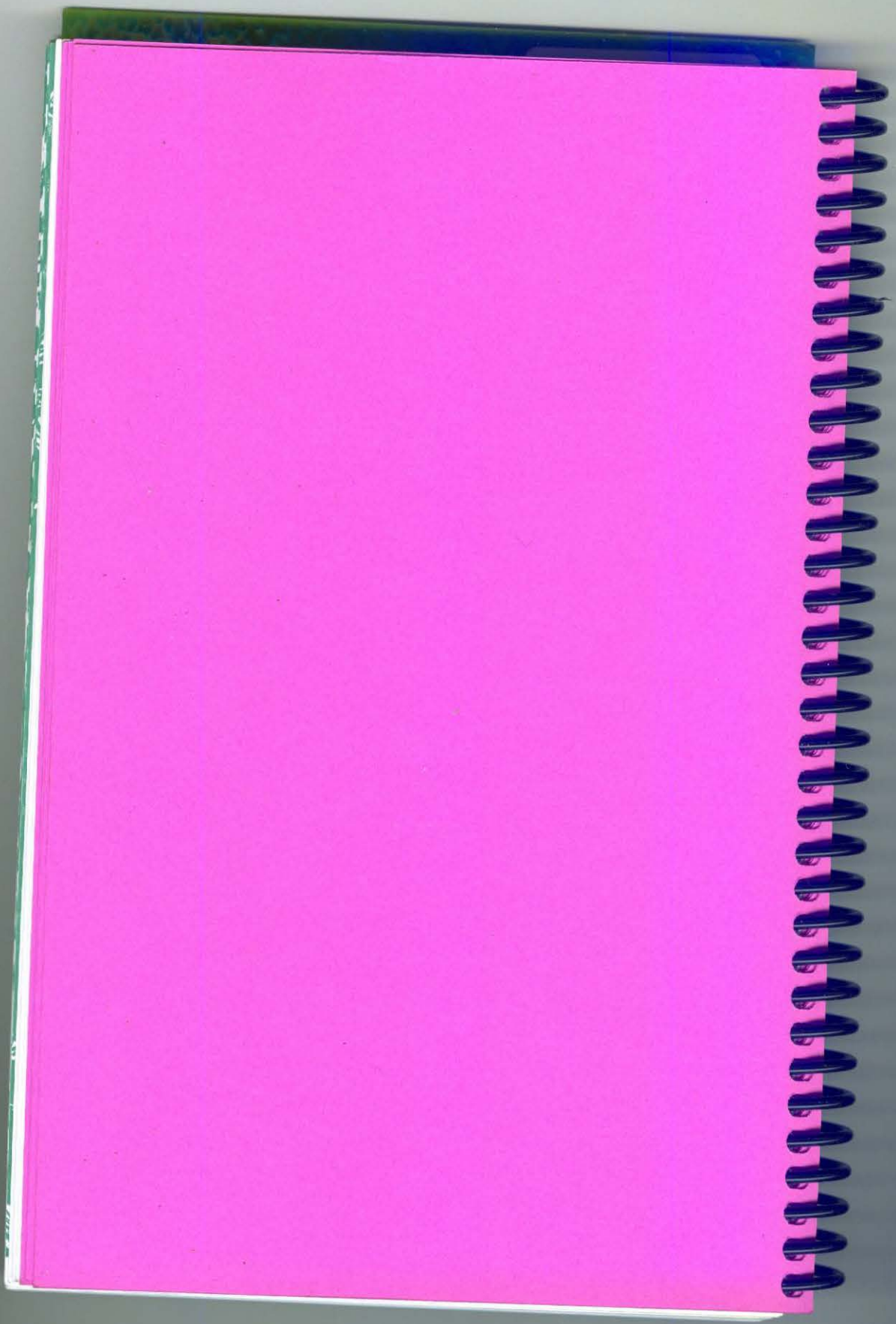
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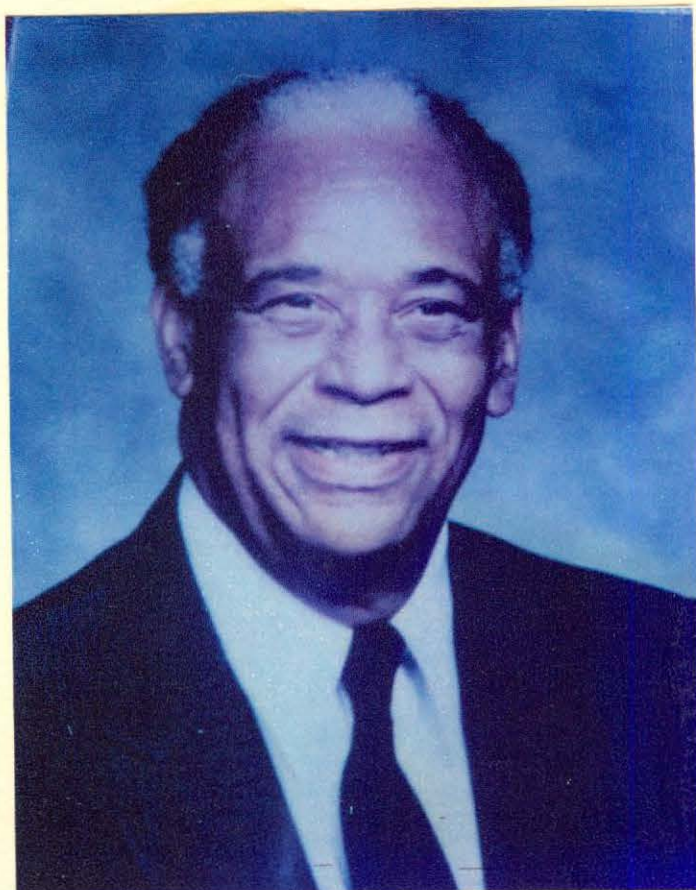
Pictured (left to right) Rev. Mays, Kidwell King, Pastor Greene, Rev. James McGuire



**Descendants of Civil War Veteran, Luther Crum (1849-1908)  
visit the grave of their ancestor during the 2012 *Honoring Our Veterans*  
ceremony that celebrated the installation of new military headstones.**

**Pictured here are Greta Hall (L) Luther's great-great-great granddaughter  
and Jeanette Miller (R) Luther's great-great granddaughter.**





**Rev. C. C. Mills, Sr.**



**Rev. William H. Stokely**



**Congregation**





**Friendship Baptist Church** began in 1894. They originally met to organize in the warehouse of Doughty-Stevens on Depot and Railroad Streets. From there they moved to a little house on Railroad Street, then to the corner of Davis and Wesley Streets. In 1958 the church building was almost destroyed by fire. Church members restored the building. There have been numerous improvements made to the church over the years. Reverends William H. Stokely and C. C. Mills, Sr. were two of the many significant ministers who have served the community as well as their church. The current pastor is the Reverend C. C. Mills, Jr.



**Friendship Baptist Church  
Communion Service  
Benjamin Anderson, Lloyd Gillespie  
Pastor C. C. Marrsell, George Snapp,  
Walter Smith**

## Macedonia Baptist Church

*Congregation in the late 1950s*

**Front Row:** Elizabeth Wagner, Helen Knuckles, Carol Jean Rader, Octavia Dorsey, Carolyn Gudger, Franklin Shipe, Cleveland Sarden and Pearland Sarden.

**Middle Row:** Clarence McLaughlin, Sally Manuel, Louise Mayes, Lizzie Early, Mozelle Charles, Daisey Maddox, Thelma Jordan, Eva Riles, Mamie Anderson, Mary Lee Miller, Pearl Sarden and Bessie Elder.

**Back Row:** A. C. Sarden, John Gudger, Haskell Charles, Walter Maddox, Gene Maddox, Rev. Conley Dorsey, Raymond Miller and J. L. Gudger.



**Macedonia Baptist Church** was organized on May 17, 1945, in an old house on Railroad Street. In 1955, the lot on Davis Street was purchased. The sanctuary and pews were remodeled in 1987 and additions have since been made. The current pastor is the Reverend Albert C. Davis.



**Pastor Connley Dorsey  
Macedonia Baptist Church  
"1962"**



### **Brainard's Chapel**

In the home of Homer Elder's family, on the corner of Wesley and Clem Streets, a Mrs. Biggs moved in with the Elder family and began Bible and health reform studies. Due to these studies the Seventh-Day Adventist Church began in a small building on Wesley Street, in 1949, on the property of Homer Elder. The faithfulness and hard work of this group was rewarded when enough money was raised to build a proper church building on Henry Street. The building was begun in 1953 and completed in 1959. The church was named "Brainard Chapel," in appreciation to Frank Brainard who gave of his time to see that the church was completed. R. C. Brown was the first Elder.

**Brainard Chapel Seventh-Day Adventist Church**





**Mr. and Mrs. Homer Elder**



The oldest Negro church in Greeneville is the **Tabernacle Presbyterian Church**, organized in 1867. It was located on Cutler Street across from the railroad. The first pastor was Reverend Carter who remained for twenty years. Pastor J. H. Fort succeeded him and remained for forty years. In 1952 a new church of river rock was built on the corner of Wesley and Henry Street. Victor Price is currently the Lay Pastor.

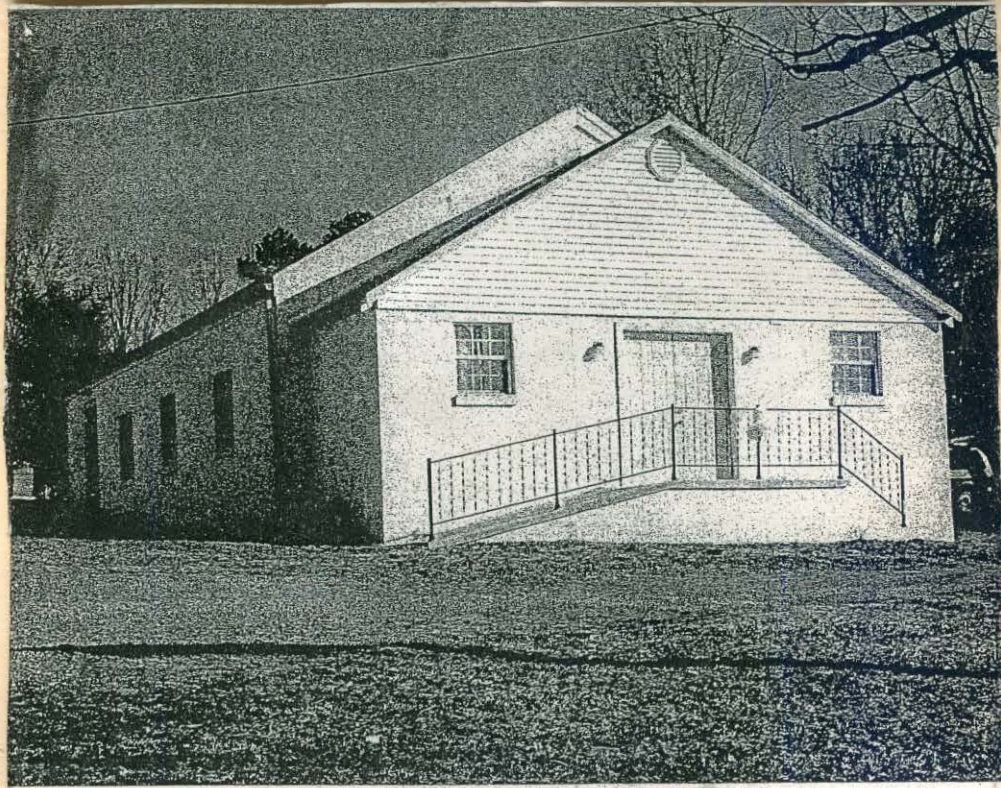


PRUITT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The original church was a large two storey frame building, with pulpit, handmade banches, two windows on each side, and a pot belly wood stove. It is not known how old this church was. The DEED to land and church was not recorded until 1910.

There was also a frame school house about two hundred feet in front of the church.

The current church was built in 1952.





**Full Gospel Mission II**  
Valerie Rogers, Pastor



**ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL, CHUCKEY A.M.E. ZION CHURCH** *This church is located between Chuckey and Rheatown. The black people from both communities attended this church.*

*When the deed was written in 1898 the property was deeded to the church trustees. From Rheatown: Andy Marble, Jim Laughlin, Jim Russell, King Alexander and Butler Taylor. From Chuckey: Jake Campbell, John Earnest, Sam Miller, John Greenway and Abner Johnson.*

*The church was dedicated in 1904 and has been well preserved.*

*In the early 1900's there was a school adjoining the church. Several years ago the children began to attend other schools and the building was demolished.*

**St. Joseph Chapel, Chuckey A.M.E. Zion Church**



## **Millers Chapel**

**The building in the upper picture served as Church and School. The lower picture is as it looks now after being remodeled circa 1990.**



**Divine Temple Church of God in Christ**  
Anderson Street  
Pastor: Johnnie McPhail



Ground for the **Warrensburg Houston Chapel Church and Cemetery** was purchased February 10, 1909. The church also maintained a school. The school dated back to the 1870s. Approximately forty members attended. In 1978, Warrensburg members merged with Tate Chapel Church with approximately 22 members.



Three Generations  
Michael Blue, (Son), Jay Blue, (Father)  
J.B. Blue, (Grandson) July 1996







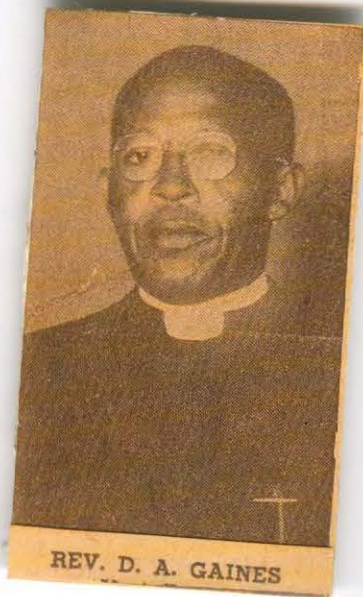
**Warrensburg Houston Chapel Church and Cemetery**



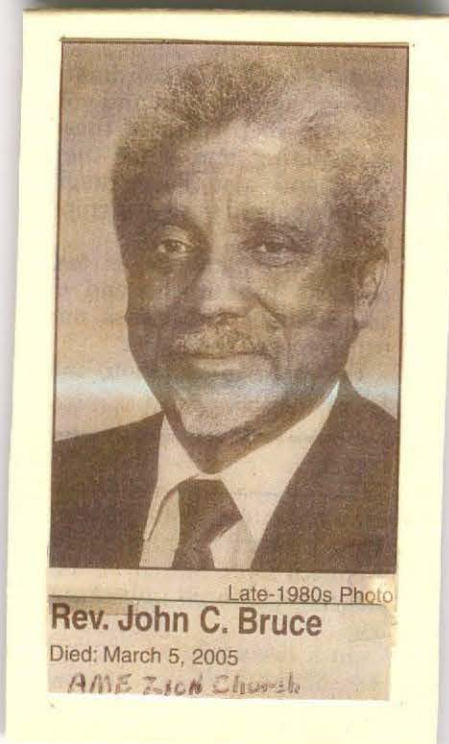
**Tate Chapel United Methodist Church's** first building consisted of a sanctuary and a ladies parlor. The first Tennessee Holston Conference met at Tate Chapel in 1880. Repairs and additions were made to the church in 1910. In 1939, Tate Chapel M.E. Church merged with the Methodist Church. The current pastor is the Reverend Rochelle D. Maxwell.

**Jones Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church** was first organized around 1870 by the Reverend Jones. The original church was a frame building located between Main and Irish Streets. The present building was begun in 1949 and has recently been enlarged. One of the more influential ministers of the church was Reverend L. W. Howard who came to Greeneville in 1937 to become the active pastor of the A.M.E. Zion Church. He also taught school in the Greene County School System, and became Scoutmaster of the first African-American Boy Scout Troop in Greeneville.





REV. D. A. GAINES



Late-1980s Photo

**Rev. John C. Bruce**

Died: March 5, 2005

AME Zion Church



**Jones Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church  
1949**



**MINISTER HONORED** — The Rev. J. J. Campbell was recently honored on his first anniversary as pastor of Harris Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church. He is shown with his wife and their daughter, Christie Campbell.

**Reverend J. J. Campbell**

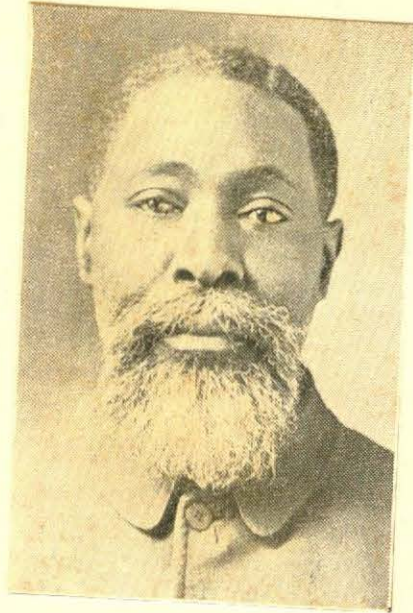


**FORMERLY PRINCIPAL'S HOME** -- This home, now occupied used as the parsonage for the AME Zion minister, is the former home of

the principal of the Greenville College High School, an AME Zion-affiliated school.

*Picture Made Sept 26, 69*





**Rev. G. W. Maize, D.D.**  
Presiding Elder

**WHO'S WHO**  
**In Greeneville Scouting**



**REV. L. W. HOWARD**

Rev. L. W. Howard, Scoutmaster of the first Negro Boy Scout troop in Greeneville, was born in Loudon County, Tennessee. He received his early educational training in Blount and Loudon counties. He did his High School work in the W. J. Hall High School, Maryville, Tennessee. From there he continued his training in the J. L. Cook High School where he was graduated in 1935 with second highest honor.

He began preaching at a very early age while continuing his studies at Swift Memorial College, where he finished in 1937.

Mr. Howard came to Greeneville in late 1937 to become the active pastor of the M. E. Zion Church in which capacity he is still serving. In addition to his church work he has been associated with the Greene County School system as a teacher in the county schools.

While in college Rev. Howard was a member of the track team, student manager and member of the Glee Club and vice-president of his class. In his church conference he has been secretary of the conference and reporter for the conference.

The Greeneville District of Scouting is very fortunate in having such a man to head the negro troop. The people of Greeneville are looking forward to much good from this work under so capable a leader.

**Rev. L. W. Howard**



### **Gospel Melody Kings**

**Front - Michael Gudger**  
**Front Row - L to R Lonnie Gudger**  
**Terry Moore, Raymond Miller**  
**Back - L to R John Gudger**  
**Donald Ripley, J. L. Gudger**

**The Original Buds of Heaven**

A Gospel Group formed from members of various churches.



**Front Row, Left to Right:** Raymond Miller, Terry Moore and Lonnie Gudger. **Back Row, Left to Right:** Daniel Ripley, J. L. Gudger, John Gudger and Clarence McLaughlin.



Gospel Airmen

Front left: Jimmy Davis, Henry Davis, Ramon Miller with guitar.  
Back row: Henry Anderson, Thomas Barkley, Paul Barner, David  
Barner Jr.,



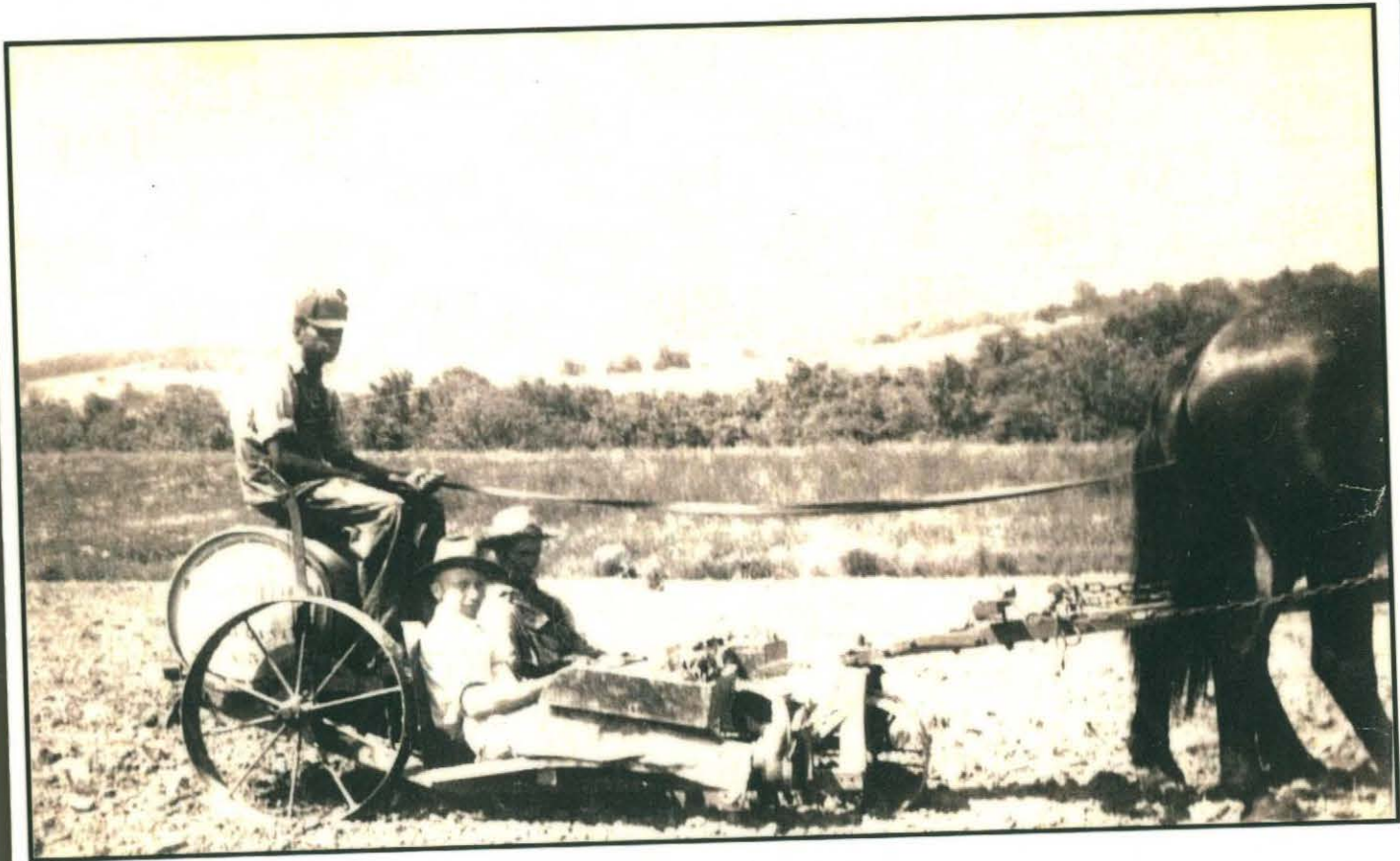
J. L. Gudger Singers  
L to R: Michael Gudger,  
Carolyn Gudger, Aubrey  
Shoemaker, J. L. Gudger



**Happy Gospel Singers**

Walter Story, Herbert Cooper, Essie Anderson,  
Joe Campbell, (in back) Isom Elder, Ben Martin,  
Henry Anderson and A. Y. Bass.





**Seated on Top—Leon Carson**  
**Bottom Right—Lyle "Shorty" Russell**  
**Bottom Left—Charles "Chuck" Jones**

