

Minutes of the first meeting to organize  
Salem Cemetery into an Association.

## Early Minutes

Salem Church, Monday, Feb. 22, 1904, A.D.

The citizens of Salem and surrounding communities came together in mass meeting Feb. 22, 1904, when the following proceedings were to wit:

Rev. J.F. Harris called the meeting to order and stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of organizing the Salem Cemetery Society, and that nominations were in order for temporary chairman and secretary. On motion Rev. J.F. Harris was elected temporary chairman and J.W. Merrell Secretary.

The chairman then stated that they would now proceed and organize the Salem Society in due form.

A motion prevailed that the chair appoint a committee to select the officers and board of managers for the society and report back to the meeting for adoption or rejection.

The chair thus appointed the following committee to make said selections: Messrs. J.P. Wilson, J.L. White, and W.L. Lowe.

After due consideration the committee to select officers and Board of Managers for the Society made the following report: F.M. Reed-Pres; G.W. Davis, Vice-Pres.; G.G. White, Treasurer; and J.A. Merrell, Secretary.

Board of Managers were as follow: J.L. White, T.C. Gunter, G.S. Melton, Barger Herd, Barger Downey, J.A. Reed, and J.P. Wilson.

On motion the committee's recommendation for permanent officers and Board of Managers for the Society were adopted by the meeting.

The Salem Society was then declared duly organized and all that desired to become members of the Society came forward and register their names with the Secretary. For the names of the members of the Society see pages thirteen (and or to) twenty inclusive.

The Constitution as recorded on pages twenty four and twenty five of this book. The By Laws as recorded on pages twenty-eight and twenty-nine of this book were then read by the Secretary and unanimously adopted.

There appearing no further business the meeting was declared duly closed.

Peace and harmony prevailed.

Jas. A. Merrell, Sec'y.