

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SMICKSBURG.

The first meeting for organizing a church was held at the house of James H. McComb, of Smicksburg, on the 8th of January, 1853. Of this meeting, A. L. McCluskey acted as president and John Baird and Samuel Kerr vice presidents. On motion, Joseph Robinson, Robert Jordon, J. T. Kerr, J. H. McComb, J. A. McCormick and Lysander Barrett was selected a building committee, of which Lysander Barrett was President, J. A. McCormick secretary, and Joseph Robinson treasurer.

This committee procured two lots for the proposed church building of J. Y. Brady and James Work, and subsequently a frame house forty by forty-five feet was built according to a draft made by William Findley. It was framed, weather boarded and roofed by George Condron, seated, &c., by J. H. Jamison, and painted by John McCormick. The first cost of building was fourteen hundred dollars.

The church was organized June 9th, 1854, by a committee from the Blairsville Presbytery, consisting of Rev. C. Forbes, Rev. John Caruthers and William Kirkpatrick, elder, and the original members, numbering thirty. Joseph W. Marshall, David Warner and John McClelland were elected elders.

Rev. Forbes had charge of the congregation to May 12th, 1856, and from that time up to 1863 it was supplied by appointments of presbytery. Rev. J. M. Jones then took charge of the society and continued as pastor till 1869. During the time of the ministry of Mr. Jones, Robert Jordan and W. G. Travis were elected and ordained elders; the congregation prospered and paid the balance of the debt incurred in building the house.

Rev. C. Moore was engaged and installed as pastor in 1869, for one-fourth of his time, and continued his ministry to June, 1873. Since that the church has been supplied by Revs. W. F. Morgan, Lycurgus Mechlin, Harvey McClelland, J. C. McCrackin, C. C. B. Dunkin and J. S. Helm.