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Date: February 25, 2002
To: Dan K. Utley
Re: First United Methodist Church of Florence, Williamson County

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ADDENDUM

The following information is addressed according to each numbered item specified in the letter dated February 11, 2002 regarding the Official Texas Historical Marker application for the First United Methodist Church of Florence.

1. According to a deed dated April 25, 1851, we feel that this is when our church history began, since this deed showed ownership by the Methodist church.
Vol. 7, page 117 – Deed Record
April 25, 1851 written
March 31, 1857 official seal
April 5, 1857 filed in Georgetown

In an oral history in 1960 from Mrs. Fred Foster (1888-1961) the following information was given. Old records dated 1854, in Brooksville tell of a little Methodist Church constructed of logs with a dirt floor, which was used by other denominations. There was no regular preacher and the sermons were delivered by visiting ministers. The Rev. Everstreet, a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. E.E. McDaniel, a Baptist minister, and the Rev. John Carpenter, a Methodist minister delivered several sermons.

2. The deed referenced on page 7 was a mistake. The following information references the correct deed. The church was sold to B.T. Preslar to be used by Primitive Baptists.
Vol. 217, page 525
May 6, 1924 witnessed
May 7, 1924 sealed
Dec. 5, 1924 filed for record
Dec. 6, 1924 recorded
3. The Methodists removed the second floor, which gave the church a high vaulted ceiling. The walls of the second floor, windows, and roof were not changed. When the Primitive Baptists remodeled, they removed much of the second story walls and added a new roof and porch.
4. In reference to footnote 4, Ralph Dixon Love does not own the deeds but has a copy of them. The deeds do not reference the Methodist congregation but do reference the name of the town as Brooksville.

5. Deed 9 Book 136, page 157 ¼ interest in building
Feb. 26, 1878 written
Feb. 28, 1910 filed for records
Feb. 28, 1910 recorded

Deed 10 Book 32, page 495 ¼ interest in Missionary Baptist
Jan. 1, 1884 written
Feb. 26, 1884 filed
Feb. 28, 1884 recorded

Deed 11 Book 135, page 332 Lodges
Feb. 6, 1906 written
Feb. 25, 1910 filed and recorded
March 9, 1906 official seal

Deed 12 Book 135, page 331 Lodge sold entire interests
May 31, 1906 written
Feb. 25, 1910 filed and recorded

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