

#### FLAG 4 – THOMAS BROWN

Thomas Brown served the church in various ways for 40 years. In 1841 he was one of the first three deacons ever elected by the church. He served as a deacon for 12 years and then an elder for 28 years. He was also clerk of the Session for four years. In the mid-1800s, before the church had an organ or hymnals, Mr. Brown led the congregation in singing by use of a tuning fork, followed by his “histing of the tune.” Upon his death, the Sessional Record dated January 9, 1881, stated, “In the death of Brother Brown, the church of Mocksville has lost one of her most faithful and efficient officers.”

#### FLAG 5 – RICHARD STERLING

Richard Sterling came to Mocksville in 1876 to teach a boy’s school in the Episcopal Church. He had previously served two years as mayor of Greensboro and as an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. He served as an elder at Mocksville Presbyterian Church for seven years and was also Davie County’s first Superintendent of Schools, positions he still held at his death in October 1883.

#### FLAG 6 – R.B. SANFORD

R.B. (Rufus Brown) Sanford joined First Presbyterian Church on June 16, 1890, at the age of 13. He was elected a deacon in 1910 and held that office until 1916, at which time he was elected an elder and continued in that capacity until 1962. R.B. was also clerk of the Session from 1937 until 1959. He faithfully served our church as an officer for 52 consecutive years. That remains the second-longest consecutive stint of service in the 250-year history of our Church. R.B. was Lash Sanford’s grandfather.

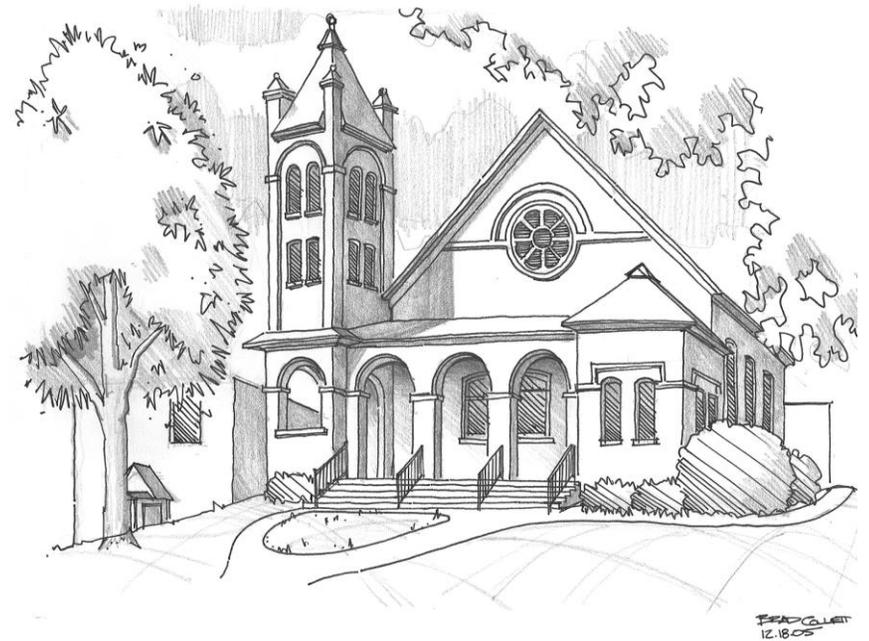
#### FLAG 7 – THE LAREW FAMILY

John and Mary Larew joined First Presbyterian Church in the early 1900s. John served as a deacon and elder from 1926-43. Mary was the church organist, and was also instrumental in the early years of the Women of the Church, serving as president from 1928-30 and 1936-37. Their son Hugh joined the church in 1936 at the age of 11. He followed his parent’s example and served the church faithfully his entire life as a deacon, elder, church trustee and church treasurer. Like his mother, Hugh was the church organist for many years.

# *First Presbyterian Church*

MOCKSVILLE, NC

1767 – 2017



## *250th Anniversary Celebration*

~ MAY 27 & 28, 2017 ~

# Gathering at Joppa

SATURDAY, MAY 27  
10:30 A.M.

WELCOME REV. DANA FRUITS

INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC SCOTLAND THE BRAVE *Traditional*  
*John Hatcher, bagpipes*

GREETINGS FROM N.C. PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
*Sam Martin, publicity chairman*

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF JOPPA CHURCH & CEMETERY

SPECIAL MUSIC PRESBYTERIAN PICKERS

REFLECTIONS "I WONDER IF GOD SINGS ALTO?" ANNETTE GOARD

SPECIAL MUSIC BLUEBELLS OF SCOTLAND *Traditional*  
*John Hatcher, bagpipes*

BENEDICTION REV. DANA FRUITS

# Joppa Grave Locations

FLAG 1 – JOANNA SMITH

Here rests Joanna Smith, who died in 1827. Following the example of her husband, this pious woman left a part of her estate, \$600, to the Church at Joppa. Her bequest made it possible for the church to call the Rev. William A. Hall to serve as its minister. Her marker states, "As a neighbor, Mrs. Smith was kind and generous. As a Christian ardently devoted to her Master's cause, loving well the people and worship of God. Her last end was peace. Great peace have they that love Thy law."

FLAG 2 – NANCY WILLIAMS TRAVILLION

Tradition says that Nancy Travillion offered the church \$1,500 to remain in its original location at Joppa. The church accepted the money and moved to Mocksville anyway, to which some said brought the church bad luck. Her epitaph reads, "A virtuous wife, a mother with philanthropic mind. In duty, friendship, and honor, her charity surpassed by few. Oh mourner, wipe your streaming eyes for such Jehovah sanctifies."

FLAG 3 – COL. WILLIAM KELLY

Tradition says that Col. William Kelly designed the church building used from 1840 until 1905, when it was torn down and replaced by the current sanctuary. His gravestone reads, "Col. Kelly was of Scotch descent, a gentleman of the old school, firm in his purpose, calm, temperate, and conscientious to a remarkable degree. He was an exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church. He loved the Church of his forefathers, revered and practiced her instructions, catechism, his family, daily reading the Scriptures and praying with them. He being dead yet speaketh for his example uniformly said: Come, let us go up to the house of the Lord. Reader, go and do likewise." Fifty-one years after Col. Kelly's death, the Rev. Milton Frost wrote, "Well do I remember Col. Kelly, tall and dignified. Every Sunday he walked into the church with his wife and daughter and six sons."

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