



Media Release

Burdine Lodge Dedication at Hagood Mill

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“BURDINE LODGE” RESTORATION at HAGOOD MILL

Historic Building Honoring Early Beginnings of Methodist Church Finds Home at Historic Hagood Mill in Pickens County

Pickens County, SC - The Pickens County Cultural Commission will add The Burdine Lodge to the Hagood Mill Historic Site as a tribute to the pioneering work of Bishop Francis Asbury and the influence of early Methodism in South Carolina. Historians recognize the early beginnings of the Methodist Church and Bishop Francis Asbury’s influential role of early Methodism in South Carolina. We are honoring the work of the pioneering bishop of American Methodism, with the reconstructed and restored two story log house known as The Burdine Lodge.

Built in the 1760’s, the house was moved in the 1790’s to Old Vinland School Road in the Dacusville Community of what was known as the Pendleton District. In 1796 the house became home to Samuel Burdine, an early Methodist in the area, and was a preaching and lodging place for Bishop Francis Asbury when he traveled to South Carolina. In his journal, Asbury documented visits with Samuel Burdine in November, 1800, accompanied by Bishop Richard Whatcoat, and again in November, 1802.

The Burdine home also became a meeting place for a Methodist Society which today is known as Antioch United Methodist Church of the North Easley Charge in the Greenville District of the South Carolina Conference.

The log house was donated to the Pickens County Historical Society by Mrs. Nell Davis Patton and her family, who lived in the house when Patton was as a child. The reconstruction project is expected to take at least a year to complete.

The Hagood Mill Historic Site is located at 138 Hagood Mill Road just off of Highway 178. From downtown Pickens take Highway 178 north. Stay on Highway 178 for three (3) miles. Turn left onto Hagood Mill Road (look for the Hagood Mill sign). The site is immediately on the right.

Until now, The Lodge had been professionally “deconstructed”, labeled and stored in a county warehouse. The reconstructed and restored Burdine Lodge and accompanying Methodist exhibits will join other exhibits at the Hagood Mill Historic Site in bearing witness specifically to the work of early Methodism in upper South Carolina.

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